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Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge was convened as an emergency meeting on Monday, the 23rd ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. In consequence of the exceedingly inclement weather the attendance was but small. Amongst those present were Bros. Charles Dairy, W.M.; Themans, P.M., acting as S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, &c., acting I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Gladwell, S.D. Old Concord, and Prime, Hemming. The latter brother was, at his request, and by the consent of his W.M., passed to the degree of F.C. There being three candidates in attendance for initiation, viz., Messrs. Weeden, Kendall, and Joy, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers duly inducted those gentlemen to the degree of an E.A. No other business being on the agenda, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren partook of a slight repast. Previously to the meeting being dissolved, the W.M. took occasion to call the attention of the brethren to the fact that he was a Steward at the forthcoming festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped that they would give him their hearty co-operation in that laudable undertaking.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The December meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, for the first time in one of the fine rooms in the new portion of the building. Bro. Isaac Buscall, W.M., presided. There were three raisings, two passings, and one initiation. Bro. Edward White, S.W., was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treasurer. Among the brethren present were Bros. T. Adams, J. R. Foulger, M. Haydon, H. Elmes, J. E. Walford, Ferguson, F. Kent, A. Treadwell, and Jas. Willing. Among the visitors were Bros. Wm. Joyce, W. M. Stiles, McGavin, and Holt (*Daily Telegraph*). Bro. Robert Turnham, a very old member of the lodge, Past Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' School, was also present. A banquet included the proceedings of the day. In the course of the speeches, which were delivered subsequently, the W.M., in reply to the toast of his health, said he was sure that during his year of office he had made many mistakes of omission and commission, but the kindness of the brethren had overlooked them. He had been received with the same kindness as other Masters had been, and he thanked the brethren for their treatment of him, and for the support they had given him during his year. In proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," the W.M. said he was sure Bro. White would perform his duties creditably as he had performed them in the offices to which he had been called. He had been Master of another lodge, and in that position had gained renown. Bro. White, in reply, said he would do his best while Master to promote the interests of the lodge and the comfort of the members. He had had some experience having just vacated the chair in the City of Westminster Lodge. There was a great difference between that lodge and the Domestic, as the City of Westminster had but forty or fifty members; whereas the Domestic numbered 200. The difference in numbers made a great difference in the quietude, and he could not expect the Domestic to be so quiet as the City of Westminster. However, he had no doubt that everything would be very harmonious. This was the first time for many years they had elected a new Treasurer. He had no doubt that they would all get on very well with Bro. Everett. Speaking for himself he owed a great deal to Bro. Everett, as he was the first to discover any Masonic merit in him (Bro. White.) That was the first round of the ladder which he put his foot on, and from being a quiet unobtrusive member he rose by degrees

to the position of W.M. elect. He was but a young man to take charge of so large a lodge, but with the assistance of the P.M.'s, he should get on well. He could inform the brethren that he should appoint his officers in rotation, so that they would all know what to expect. With a new lodge room they would be very comfortable, and he was glad that his year of office would be inaugurated under such promise of personal comfort. Anderton's Hotel was the old home of the Domestic Lodge, and the brethren would not like to leave it. Bro. Clemow had consulted their comforts, and he should look forward to his year of office as a very prosperous and happy one. P.M.'s, Willing, Foulger, Walford, Ferguson, Kent, Everett, and Treadwell replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and Bro. Everett thanked the brethren for electing him Treasurer. Bro. Walter Joyce, Lawrence, Stiles, Brooks, Gilliam, and Baker, replied to the toast of "The Visitors," after which Bros. Everett and Foxcroft responded to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary." The brethren then drank the Tyler's toast and separated.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. Douglas, assisted by Bros. T. A. Adams, P.G.P.; R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; C. J. Scates, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; H. Stiles, I.G.; G. Clarke, D.C.; H. Lovegrove, W.S. and Asst. Sec.; Brumwell, Steward; Daly, Tyler; H. Clark, F. Perks, Edmonds, Tuck, Hatch, Beattie, Gilbert, jun., Cruikshanks, J. Van Camp, E. Van Camp, Tombe, W.B. Clarke, Fortescue, Brooker, H. Dimsdale, F. Dimsdale, Barton, and others, making in all fifty members of the lodge present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. A. Mellon, J. Mackie, L. Hollingsworth, and D. Morgan having been entrusted, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bros. G. W. Pauley, C. Sheath, A. J. Thompson, and F. H. Parker were passed to the Second Degree, and after ballot Mr. John Clarkson was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. It was announced that Bro. Kingham, I.P.M., and the W.M. had undertaken the office of Stewards at the forthcoming festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, respectively, and a sum was voted to head each list. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided in Bro. Clemow's best style. The usual toasts were given and ably responded to, the W.M. gracefully alluding to the bereavement of Her Majesty the Queen. The visitors, Bros. Thompson, 1695; Carter, 1662; Spiller, 217; Jacobs, 1732; Hollidge, 1602; Pearce, 890; and others, who expressed themselves highly pleased with their visit to the lodge.

SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., at Ashley's Hall, Covent Garden. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M., presided; Bros. Sillis, as S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, S.C.; Augustus Holt, Stwd.; F. W. Stiles, James C. Smith, Robt. C. Read, J. H. Bennett, H. Lloyd, J. H. Vaughan, M. Zampf, Hylaud; and visitors: Bro. Henry Stiles, S.D. 1732; B. Kauffmann, 1732; J. Cherry, 19; F. W. Lyon, 19; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); were also present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. H. Bennett, J. C. Smith, J. B. Vaughan, and M. Zampf were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Tomkins was passed to the Second Degree. Lieut. W. R. A. Cole, of Manchester House, South Tottenham, was initiated in Freemasonry. The day on which the lodge met being Christmas Eve, it was expected that scarcely sufficient brethren would be got together to form a lodge; the attendance, however, was very good. The brethren did not banquet, but separated immediately after the work was concluded with the usual seasonable greetings.

CRICHTON LODGE (No. 1641).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday week at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Bro. Andrew Middlemass, W.M., presiding. The following visitors were present at the meeting:—Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M. 1216; Edward Priest, Org. 152; P. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622; R. Isaacson, P.M. 104; Peter Parsons, P.M. 749; Robt. Turner, P.M. 795; H. Stephens, W.M. 754; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. Thomas, jun., W.M. 1446; W. Ough, P.G.P.; John Alexandra, Alfred Allworth, P.M. 1261, 1622; P. G. H. Griffin, 1395; J. H. Hill, 1604; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Thomas W. Bone, W.M. 1185; Charles Wilson, 1329; Thomas Elmonston, 1658; H. Hammond, 1216; J. M. Harrap, 1420; H. C. Reeves, 1381; H. Clemence, 749; Rob. Johnson, 1649; Thomas Cull, 1446; Edward Clarke, P.M. 134; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). Bro. Andrew John Murray having been admitted as a joining member of the lodge, Bro. Middlemass proceeded with the installation of Bro. Thomas Guthrie, S.W., and W.M. elect. This was the first time that Bro. Middlemass had performed the ceremony, and the execution of his work deserved as much praise as his performance of the other Craft ceremonies, of which he is known to be a skilled Master. After the installation the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Andrew Middlemass, I.P.M.; Thomas Gardiner, S.W.; Robert James Voisy, J.W.; D. D. Mercer, Treasurer; Thomas Weeks, Secretary; S. H. Galdschmidt, S.D.; Thomas Edmund Heller, J.D.; Percival A. Nairne, P.M., D.C.; David Mercer, I.G.; Arthur N. L. Byrne and William H. Baker, Stewards; and Robt. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Middlemass then delivered the addresses, after which the W.M. initiated Mr. John Fredric Adams and William Pink in Freemasonry, performing his work in excellent style, and being ably supported by the newly appointed officers. The next ceremony was the presentation to Bro. Middlemass

of a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, and the W.M. in making the presentation paid a very high compliment to Bro. Middlemass for his ruling of the lodge during the past year. His remarks met with frequent interruptions of approval, as it is universally admitted in the Crichton Lodge that Bro. Middlemass has won the esteem and affection of all the brethren, both by his amiability and his good working. Bro. Middlemass made an excellent reply, in acknowledging the gift, to the kind observations of the W.M. and good feelings of the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Middlemass, seconded by the W.M., the brethren afterwards passed the following resolution unanimously, "That the brethren, deeply sympathising with the bereaved widow and children of the late Bro. J. H. Salter, of the Sphinx Lodge, do resolve to vote the sum of five guineas to the fund for their assistance, and that the votes of this lodge be given for the election of Arthur Salter to the Boys' School." Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a bountiful banquet, supplied with much taste and discrimination by Bro. Oliver, jun. The usual toasts followed. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that at the present time the brethren would deeply sympathise with Her Majesty on the sad occurrence of that day week. When such circumstances arose Freemasons cordially joined in the sorrow of their Queen, and felt her grief. The toast was followed by a muffled fire. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that Shakespeare evidently must have been a Freemason, or he could not have used those words in Henry IV.—"The immediate Heir of England, the hope and expectation of our time, it is the Prince of Wales." "Of our time;" by that he presumed Shakespeare must have meant the time of Masons. He was their hope and their expectation, as he had been in times gone by. After alluding to the resignation of the Grand Mastership by the Marquis of Ripon, he said the Prince of Wales's acceptance of the office was hailed with enthusiasm by Freemasons. He was now suffering under a deep calamity in the loss of his beloved sister, who endeared herself to him by her devotion in nursing him when he was on the point of death. Bro. W. Ough, P.G.P., and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., replied to the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Middlemass, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the toasts of the Queen and the M.W.G.M. were; undoubtedly very important toasts; the Queen and the Prince of Wales were very important persons in their way, but their health was looked after several times a week; whereas, the principal person in Masonry, the Master of the Crichton Lodge, had very few opportunities to have his health well drunk and his prosperity well assured. He did not wish to be at all disrespectful to the eminent persons whose names he had mentioned, and who had been so eloquently represented by the two brethren who had preceded him, but he wished to inform them that they had given the chronicles of very small beer to what he was going to say. They had had to speak of eminent persons, whose merits were well known; but he had to speak of an eminent person, whose merits were only beginning to be well known, and who this time twelve months would show that he was equally worthy to have those merits proclaimed to the world at large. Most of the brethren knew the W.M. as he (Bro. Middlemass) did, and those who had become more recently acquainted with him, would not be sorry to learn that the more they knew the better they would like him. He (Bro. Middlemass), had had many occasions of seeing him, and the W.M. had occasionally blown him up and he had blown up the W.M., in the most Masonic way; but they had always separated with the greatest respect for each other. He believed the W.M. would conduct himself in the ensuing year in a way which would certainly secure the brethren's approbation; he not only believed it, but he was certain of it, and, therefore, was going to ask the brethren at the commencement of the W.M.'s troubles to drink his health. It was no light trouble to be the Master of a lodge; but even in the lightness of the troubles of the W.M. of the Crichton Lodge it was no small anxiety to keep all things straight. He would recommend the W.M. to do as he (Bro. Middlemass) had done—let everybody have his own way, and let every man cultivate a good opinion of himself. He had found that a capital specific. He had never for a moment affected to have a difference of opinion with the members of the Crichton Lodge, and it was marvellous to witness the unanimity with which they came to agree with him. If the W.M. did the same he would come out of his year of office with ten times the credit that he (Bro. Middlemass) had, and whether he did or not the brethren would now take him on faith, and drink his very good health. The W.M., in reply, said that while it was confessedly always difficult to respond to the toast of one's health, it was more especially difficult to him on this occasion, because when he entered Masonry he did not think he should ever become the occupant of the W.M.'s chair. It had pleased the brethren to place him there, and they must of course take him for what he was, all in all, his qualities for good and his qualities for bad. He would endeavour to remove the latter qualities from his character as fast as he possibly could; but Masons were but mortal, and although they might feel actuated by the kindest Masonic spirit, yet there might at times be something a Mason might have to regret. He did not know that he could charge his conscience with an unmasonic act in his Masonic life, and he never should be able to do so. If he only filled that chair with the same ability as the I.P.M. he should be satisfied. His ideas of Masonic working were that every Master should be able to go through the ceremonies in a decent manner, and if he could do so, he should. But there was something else underlying this—A Master should impress on the brethren the spirit of Masonry. He knew he was speaking in the presence of some brethren who had attained to higher degrees of Masonry than, perhaps, it

would ever be his fortune to attain to, but even in their presence he would say that a Master should show younger Masons the beauties of Freemasonry as exemplified in the dealings of Masons outside the lodges. It had been his lot, young Mason though he was, to meet men in Masonry that made him wonder how they got there. A W.M. ought to be very guarded in respect to whom he initiated. That evening he had initiated two gentlemen into Masonry, but he must tell the brethren it depended on every Mason, acting in his individual capacity, whether Masonry should be an honoured institution. It was no use to come to a Masonic lodge, it was no use for him as W.M. to go through the ceremonies, it was no use for the officers to perform their duties properly, unless the brethren went outside the lodge and enunciated and practised the teachings they had received therein. It might be that they would find men who did not come up to the brethren's standard of Masonry, but they should remember that they were to view a brother's failings with the greatest amount of charity they could put upon them, and give the most favourable constructions they possibly could. He only hoped that when his year of office ended he should have the good feelings of all the members of the Crichton Lodge. It should not be his fault, or from any want of striving to earn their good will, if he failed. He knew that men did fail to secure the ends for which they strove; however, one could but aim high, and if at the end of his year he went out of the W.M.'s chair with the good wishes of the brethren he would have the satisfaction of knowing that, at least, he had striven to do his duty. The W.M. next gave "The Initiates," to which Bro. Adams and Bro. Pink replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," whose influence on the lodge he trusted would have its effect in causing his successor to follow in his footsteps. He also hoped the ceremony of that evening would leave its mark upon his (Bro. Griffiths') mind. Bro. Middlemass responded and said, there was a good old Scotch maxim, "Claw me, and I'll claw you." That was the case with the Masters and Past Masters of lodges. He had flattered himself that he should hear no more about the I.P.M. When he heard the W.M. speak of him in the lodge as he did, he thought he should have dropped on the floor. "He was very deeply indebted to the brethren, very much more than they were indebted to him. He had said it before, and he should never cease to say so. Some time after the lodge commenced it appeared to him that there were two careers before it: one was to make Masons from among friends; the other was to devote the lodge to the practical cause of benevolence. He believed in Masonry, and he believed in Masons being men whose hands were guided by justice and whose hearts were expanded by benevolence. Not to indulge in vain boastings, this lodge had completed two years of existence, and in that time it had devoted a hundred guineas to the cause of charity. He had the honour of going up as Steward at the Boys' School festival and carrying with him forty guineas. He had also the honour as Master to go up to the Girls' School with fifty guineas, and they had devoted to the sustenance of widows and orphans of members the sum of ten guineas. That spoke much more for the lodge than anything that could be said of its interior arrangements or the number of its members. He hoped that as they had begun so they would go on to the end, and whatever deficiencies might be discovered in the Crichton Lodge, its deficiencies would never be that its members had been backward in the cause of benevolence. He was going to make an appeal to them on behalf of a very intelligent little boy, Salter. The good and true work of the late Bro. John Hall Salter had placed the people of Bermondsey under great obligations to him. The brethren knew how completely he showed himself the friend and benefactor of education. On his dying bed, and with his dying breath, he said, "Perhaps my brother Masons will get Arthur into the Boys' School." Now this Arthur was a remarkable boy. Give him the means of a good education, and he (Bro. Middlemass) did not hesitate to say that under the good providence of the G.A.O.T.U. he would rise to eminence in the world. When he went before the General Committee of the Boys' School that day fortnight, attended by Bro. Mercer, he astonished the brethren on the committee by his accurate reading. The brethren who were present were not numerous but they were certainly critical. The boy was passed. He was a lad of extreme intelligence, and he would ask the brethren to support his candidature. They must elect him in April. That was something practical they had before them. He (Bro. Middlemass) was quite aware of his shortcomings in the lodge, and he repeated now that he never felt timid with regard to what a Master should do except when he was in the chair. When he came to the sticking point, like Bob Acres, his courage oozed out at his fingers' ends. The brethren of the lodge were not like his colleagues in the Camberwell vestry, and he could not bore them. The brethren did not need to be bored, because they were much more intelligent than the vestrymen. The parochial intellect was somewhat dense; the Crichton intellect was somewhat bright. Thanking the brethren again for their kindness, he had no doubt that the present W.M. would fill the chair very much better than he (Bro. Middlemass) had filled it, and when he came to the end of his year he would most probably have the same signs of the brethren's deep and lasting kindness shown to him by the members of the lodge. He would ask the brethren to sustain the W.M. in his position by the same kindness and forbearance as they had always shown towards their late Master; then he would have a happy and successful year. Bro. Edward Clarke, P.M. 134, replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s." Bro. Nairne, he said, was distinguished for the excellence of his work, and for the amazing service he had rendered to different lodges, by the instruction he had given to those who had come on in office. He (Bro. Clarke) would have been

very well content to have been sheltered under Bro. Nairne's experience, and to have heard him respond for the P.M.'s. He hoped it would not be expected of him, at the close of a very fatiguing term, when he was somewhat exhausted by the work of the last few weeks, to say very much on behalf of Masonry. It was sufficient to say of P.M.'s, there as elsewhere, that they had worked through the different stages of Masonic honour, that they had in their way attempted to discharge the high duties of Master of a lodge, and Bro. Middlemass had spoken in not too high terms of the responsibility that fell upon every one who assumed for twelve months the government of a lodge. He (Bro. Clarke) was sure that every Master when he went into the chair felt that it was a precious possession that was entrusted to him in the reputation and the work of a lodge; and he (Bro. Clarke) confessed to a feeling of very great relief, when he had passed from the active duties of the Mastership of the Caledonian Lodge, and took his place in that quieter ground where he was only occasionally called upon to assist younger brethren. He hoped it might be said of those Past Masters who were now standing in response to this toast, and that it might hereafter be said of all the brethren present when they had passed through the chair, that they worthily upheld the highest traditions of Freemasonry. These social gatherings, although they helped to keep Freemasons together, and although they afforded many pretexts for the cultivation of that personal friendship and good will, which was one of the happiest aspects of Masonic life, still they did not constitute the principal object and duty of Freemasons. It was, in his belief, more and more essential that the true meaning of Freemasonry should be learned by and shown in the practice of Freemasons. As time went on, as men were gathered together, in the large assemblies of great towns especially, there was some difficulty in keeping alive the bonds of personal friendship. The residents of the neighbourhood were not sufficient, the connection of men of the same profession was a connection which was apt to degenerate into cliquishness and exclusiveness; and it was in the highest degree desirable that there should be some bond, which, having a good and true meaning for its object, should link together men of different professions, of different neighbourhoods, of different classes, in one common association for objects of good, which were common objects to all; and that was found in Freemasonry. They had been reminded that evening of the labour which this young lodge had already done in the cause of charity; they had had pointed out to them in a way which he hoped would affect the members of this Lodge, a special and particular duty which lay for discharge upon the friends and members of the Crichton Lodge at this time. There could be no better work in Masonry than such work as Bro. Middlemass had pointed out to be done in the next few weeks by the members of the Crichton Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Clarke thanked the W.M. and brethren for the toast, and stated that the P.M.'s were always ready to give their assistance to younger brethren. Bro. Thomas and Bro. P. A. Nairne also replied, and the remaining toasts were afterwards given and the brethren separated.

CHELTHENHAM.—Foundation Lodge (No. 82).—The annual installation meeting of this old and popular lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult. (St. John the Evan.), when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. John Bubb, opened his lodge at 5.30, and after the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when a brother was duly passed. The chair was then assumed by the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Godfrey, P.M., Prov. G.S.W., who, in the most able and impressive manner, installed according to ancient custom, Bro. W. Anslow Sole, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., and who was afterwards proclaimed in the Three Degrees. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Julius Maier, S.W.; the Baron de Ferrieres, J.W.; Colonel Basevi, Sec.; Frederick Ticehurst, S.D.; John Pearson, J.D.; E. Dyer, I.G.; Rev. C. R. N. Lyne, Chaplain; and S. Green, Treas. Upon the proclamations being made by the W.M., he referred to the very able, efficient, and impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by Bro. Godfrey, and concluded by proposing a resolution "That the best thanks of the lodge be accordingly presented to him," which having been seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. Bubb, was carried unanimously. The W.M. then closed his lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, after which the brethren proceeded to the large banqueting-room, where the banquet was subsequently served. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Sole, presided, and was well supported by a large and important muster of P.M.'s and Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers, of which the Foundation Lodge has many upon its roll of members. The W.M. in proposing the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" as also "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales" referred in feeling terms to the great loss Her Majesty, our M.W.G.M., and in fact the whole country, had sustained in the death of the Princess Alice, and observed that as Masons he was sure we all mourned with our Sovereign and our M.W.G.M. in their bereavement. In giving "The Health of the Installing Master" the W.M. referred to the eminent services that had been rendered to the Foundation Lodge by Bro. Godfrey, in his great desire to bring its working as nearly as possible up to the high standard of the Emulation Lodge, in that endeavour sparing himself no trouble or expense. He also referred to the tribute of praise awarded to him by the R.W. Prov. G.M., who, when visiting the lodge during the Mastership of Bro. Godfrey, incidentally stated that he had been much gratified by the way the ceremony of "raising" had been performed, the work being as he considered as nearly correct as it could be. Bro. Godfrey having suitably responded, and thanked the brethren, the I.P.M., Bro. Bubb, then proposed "The Newly-

Installed W.M." who in responding mentioned that it was exactly seven years since he was initiated into Masonry, and that the then I.P.M., Bro. Bubb, was being passed to the Second Degree. That from that time, when filling each office successively in the lodge, he had always been immediately preceded by him, and that any success he may have attained in Freemasonry he could not but attribute in a great measure to the influence of that which he might term his guiding star preceding him. The other usual toasts followed, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. Amongst the visitors and members of the Foundation Lodge present were:—Bros. Geo. Atkins, P.M.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Gwinnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. W. Godfrey, Captain Nelson Foster, C. F. Gale, W. R. Porcher, P.M.; Rev. H. E. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Captain Owen Lloyd, John Walker, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; H. Wilmott, (Mayor of Cheltenham), General Money, P.M.; J. B. Batten, P.M.; J. Brook-Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Treasurer; R. J. Mitford, J. A. Matthews, H. d'Autier, Sir Brook Kay, Bart., L. Winterbotham, P.M., P.P.G.Reg.; E. Williams, P.M.; R. J. Ticehurst, P.M.; T. F. Stoney, No. 246; T. Taynton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., No. 839; W. H. Bruton, P.M. No. 839; A. W. Wheeler, No. 839; A. Lewis, No. 246; W. H. Bloxome, P.M. No. 318; J. Balcomb, P.M., No. 246; J. L. Butler, No. 246; J. H. H. Howard, P.M. No. 246, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Boyce, No. 97; G. Norman, No. 246; E. J. Bryant, W.M., 246, P.G.S.B.; R. B. Lewis W.M. No. 339.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—On Thursday, the 12th ult., the installation of Brother Thomas Millican Watson, W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Taylorson Sharp, and the minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Mr. William Vincent was unanimously elected by ballot, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. T. M. Watson was then duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Thomas Twizell, P.M., in a most eloquent and impressive manner, in the presence of about twenty Masters and Past-Masters. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. T. Sharp, I.P.M.; Henry Tonkinson, S.W.; J. H. Leech, J.W.; T. Twizell, P.M., Treasurer; G. C. Watson, Hon. Secretary; T. E. Hall, S.D.; C. MacNamara, J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M., D. of C.; George Tawse, I.G.; Robert Fairclough, S.S.; John Deans, J.S.; H. Fryer and A. F. Amundsen, Auditors; and John Thompson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed by the W.M. in the usual manner, and the brethren, numbering about forty, adjourned to the Queen's Hotel and partook of a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, "The Health of the newly-installed W.M." was proposed by Bro. F. Sharpe, I.P.M., and responded to in a feeling manner. Other toasts followed, amongst which was "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Robert Hudson, Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer., in which he made an earnest appeal on behalf of those Benevolent Institutions. A most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by some excellent singing by several of the brethren.

BRIDGWATER.—Lodge of Perpetual Friendship, (No. 135).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Friday, 27th ult., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, when the lodge was opened in due form at 1.30 p.m. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John Charles Small, was then re-installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the V.W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. Richard Charles Else. The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. John C. Hunt, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., the I.M.; the Rev. F. Seale, P.P.G.C., S.W.; James Treliving, S.W.; J. C. Lyons, P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Shepherd, S.D.; W. L. Levy, S.D.; and J. J. Trundle, I.G. The banquet took place at 4 p.m. There were many distinguished brethren from neighbouring lodges present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—On Wednesday, the 11th ult., the ceremony of installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year of the above lodge, was held, by kind permission of the Mayor, A. F. Nicholson, Esq., in the Council Chamber of the Ipswich Town Hall, which presented a very imposing appearance, laid out as a lodge. Bro. Thomas J. Wentworth was installed as W.M. by Bro. Joseph Whitehead, P.M. The lodge, on this occasion, was honoured by the presence and assistance of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and P.G. Chaplain of England, and who met with a most cordial reception, being highly esteemed by the province. Bro. Thomas Clement Cobbold, S.D. 114, and M.P. for Ipswich, was prevented by parliamentary duties from being present. During the evening a most pleasing ceremony was very ably and feelingly performed by the Worshipful Master, in the presentation to the worthy Secretary of this lodge (Bro. A. C. Barker, P.M.), of a purse of money and a handsome watch, as a token of the great esteem he is held in, for eighteen years' services, by his brethren. There were nearly sixty members and guests present. The banquet was held in the Golden Lion Hotel, and was a great success; in fact, St. Luke's Lodge now stands first in the province of Suffolk, numerically, and is in a most flourishing condition. Amongst the brethren present were noticed:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk and P.G.C. of England; Rev. R. S. Sanderson, P.M. 956; Dr. W. P. Mills, P.M. 376; Dr. J. H. Staddon, P.M. 376; N. Tracey, P.M. 376; H. Miller, P.M. 114; W. Boby, P.M. 114; H. Casley, W.M. 114; Churchyard, W.M. 376; W. B. Jeffries, W.M. elect 376; J. B. Fraser, P.M. 376; W. T. Westgate, P.M. 225; P. Whitehead, I.P.M. 225; A. C. Barber, Secretary 225; W. Daking, P.M. 225; W. G. Coumold, S.W. 225; Napier, J.W. 225; J. Talbot, S.D.

225; Geo. Abbot, J.D. 225; Daniels, I.G. 225; Cade, P.M. 225; T. Noble, P.M. 225; T. J. Wentworth, W.M. 225; and many others. The evening will long be remembered as a red letter one by the lodge generally. At a special lodge held on the 20th ult., of St. Luke's, No. 225; the W.M. Bro. T. J. Wentworth, was instructed to forward on behalf of the lodge, a vote of condolence to Her Majesty Queen Victoria on the lamented death of the Princess Alice, per the Home Secretary.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by this lodge on Friday, the 27th ult., by the annual banquet in the Masonic Hall. An excellent menu was provided by Bro. J. Toes, of the De Grey Rooms, York, and there was an unusually good muster of the brethren. Bro. A. Buckle, the W.M., presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., and M. Rooke, J.D., both Wardens being absent through indisposition. Amongst those present we also noticed Bros. R. W. Hollon, P.M.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; W. D. Husband, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; F. Rawling, P.M.; W. Valentine, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Geo. Kirby, Sec.; T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Powell, M.C.; T. G. Hodgson, and W. H. Sampson, Stewards; J. Redfan, Tyler; M. Varvill, E. Oates, J. Ward, P.G.P.; A. Hanson, G. Eastwood, E. J. Inman, J. Welburn, S. Border, T. J. Russell, J. S. Rymer, P. Matthews, W. McKay, J. Young, T. Sanderson, H. Aitken, G. Sellar, C. W. Simmons, H. Churchhill, J. Stead, J. Smith, W. Smith, T. S. Brogden, E. Houlden, J. Terry; and amongst the visitors, Bro. J. Hanly, W.M. elect St. Patrick's Lodge, 295 (I.C.); W. Harris, J. Shaw, W. Flint, J. H. Pedley, 295; J. A. White, J. Camidge, 294, Prov. G. Org.; T. Mills Richey, 199; T. Myers, 1605; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 1611; J. M. Meek W.M. 1379; M. Millington, T. Humphries, J. Blenkin, Wm. Hill, and A. T. B. Turner, Eboracum, 1611. The W.M. gave in pleasing terms the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro. Grand Master and Grand Lodge," the latter being responded to by Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.P.G.S.B. England. The W.M. then gave "The Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland" and "The Prov. Grand Lodge," responded to by Bro. J. Todd, Prov. G. Reg. "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was replied to by Bro. Capt. Hanly, (4th Dragoon Guards) and Bro. Capt. W. P. Husband, (1st West York Rifles). Bro. Sir James Meek P.P.S.G.W. gave "The Health of the W.M.," and in his reply the W.M. asked the brethren to join him in drinking prosperity to the York Lodge from the silver Loving Cup, subscribed for by the brethren last year, the centenary year of the lodge, and this handsome cup was accordingly passed round the tables. Bro. Alderman Terry proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G. Chap., Bro. T. B. Whythead, Prov. G.D.C., gave "The Lodges of the Province," to which Bro. J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 1611, responded; Bro. W. D. Husband, P.P.G.W. gave "The Visitors," and Bro. J. M. Meek, W.M., 1379, replied. "The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., and "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bro. Councillor Rymer, and replied to by Bro. G. Kirby, Sec., and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and harmonious evening to a close.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on the 11th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. Jowett, W.M. There was a good attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, with the following results:—For W.M., Bro. Edward Cordwell; for Treasurer, Bro. James Hatch P.M. (re-elected); for Tyler, Bro. A. K. Allinson (re-elected); for Auditors, Bros. Gregson, Bayley, and Johnson. The installation meeting was fixed for the 27th ult., after which the usual proclamation was made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge, (No. 540).—During the more than thirty years that this lodge has been founded, amongst all its important gatherings, no work has ever been done within it so interesting as that which was so well carried out on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, the occasion of the initiation into Masonry of Mr. William Dugald Stuart, a Lieutenant in the 18th Beds. Light Infantry Militia, of which his father, Colonel William Stuart, of Tempsford Hall, is Honorary Colonel. Colonel Stuart is, himself, a Past Master of the Lodge, which was founded by and named after his father and uncle, the late Bros. William Stuart, of Aldenham Abbey, and Henry Stuart, of Kempston. Mr. William Dugald Stuart, who is thus the grandson and great nephew of the founder of the lodge that bears his honoured name, is a minor, but being a Lewis, obtained the dispensation of the M.W. the Grand Master. Many members of the lodge and visitors assembled to assist in the ceremony, many, too sending letters of regret at their enforced absence. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the recently installed W.M. Captain Colborne, who worked remarkably well, as did his officers, Bros. Coombes, S.W.; Thody, J.W.; Rev. Canon Brereton, R.D., Chap.; Dr. Prior (P.M.), Sec. Sergeant (P.M.), Treasurer; Alderman Bull, J.P. (P.M.), Steward; Carter, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Capt. Verey, I.G.; Piper, Organist; and Reynolds, Tyler. There were also present:—P.M.'s Bros. Colonel Stuart, Cuthbert, Captain Nash, Whyly, Captain Green, Billson, and Lester; and Bros. Thompson, Warren, Pick, Forster, Kilpin, Roberts, Alexander, Jarvis, Bosanquet, Page, &c. Whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. Barfield, P.M., Zetland, 511, and W.M. elect of Medina Lodge, Cowes, 35; Lieutenant Higgins, St. Aubyn, Devonport, 954; and Tudball, I.P.M., Truth, Bombay, 944. After the minutes had been read and confirmed Bro. Bosan-

quet was duly passed by the W.M. to the Second Degree. The Secretary then read the dispensation of the M.W. Grand Master, upon which a ballot was taken for Mr. Stuart, which proved unanimous. The candidate's father, Col. Stuart, then took the chair, and duly initiated his son into the mysteries of the Craft. Lodge having been closed, about thirty brethren sat down to supper, and during the toasts that followed, the W.M. most feelingly alluded to the recent sad bereavement experienced by the Queen and Prince of Wales by the death of the Princess Alice. Of course no singing took place. Before the close of the evening, as is usual on nights of initiation, a collection was made for the Masonic Charities, and thus was brought to an end an evening ever to be remembered and looked back upon by the members of this deservedly honoured lodge. It is almost superfluous to add that the arduous duties of the Steward were carried out, as usual, heartily and excellently.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—On Wednesday, the 18th ult., the members of this lodge met to celebrate the festival of St. John, and install the W.M. elect, Bro. John Bedford, S.W. At 3:15 o'clock, Bro. Henry Darbyshire, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., opened the lodge in the First Degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and unanimously confirmed, the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect was presented to Bro. John Parker, P.M., Installing Master, by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, I.P.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with in a very able manner, to the great delight of a number of the visiting P.M.'s. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and all Master Masons being admitted, the Installing Master for the first time, and in the East, declared Bro. John Bedford duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and all F.C.'s admitted, when the Installing Master again made the usual declaration from the W., and by virtue of the power invested in him, declared the F.C. Lodge closed and open in the First Degree, and from the South again made the usual declaration. Bro. T. Tyers, P.M., presented the working tools in each degree, Bro. J. T. Richardson gave the address to the W.M. in a very eloquent style, and the address to the Wardens and Brethren was given by Bro. John Parker, P.M., Installing Master. The following brethren were then duly invested, Bro. J. Greenup, as S.W.; F. Hickson, as J.W., by the Installing Master, and the remaining officers were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, I.P.M., viz., Bros. T. Walker, as S.D.; W. H. Brougham, J.D.; John Parker, P.M., Installing Master, as Treas.; Lee Speakman, as Sec.; T. Tyers, P.M., as D.C.; J. M. Johnson, as I.G.; C. Beswick (for the ninth time), as Tyler; W. Swift, J. Swift, and J. Bosustow, as Stwds.; Pettitt, as Org.; and Walter Mabon, as Std. Br. In investing the Standard Bearer, Bro. Darbyshire congratulated the W.M. on his having appointed Bro. Mabon to that office, for several reasons, some of which were, that Bro. Mabon being a fine, handsome fellow and a good brother, and having a beautiful banner (presented to the lodge by a lady) he would be able to lead the processions with splendour and dignity, and shed lustre to the proceedings. The office was gratefully accepted by Bro. Mabon. The installation ceremony was brought to a close by Bro. Darbyshire repeating the prayer. The Installing Master then called upon Bro. H. Darbyshire to make a presentation to Bro. Lee Speakman, Secretary, which consisted of a very handsome gold jewel, on which was neatly engraved, "Presented to Bro. Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Faith, No. 581, by the W.M. and brethren, as a token of respect and with feelings of gratitude for the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties for the past three years; December 18th, 1878." Bro. Darbyshire, P.M., said: Dear Bro. Speakman, it is with feelings of very great joy that I, in the name of the W.M. and brethren, place this jewel on your breast, we feel that the very able manner in which you have always performed your duties is deserving of some tangible mark of esteem, and we feel that this jewel will be prized by you, your dear wife and family, not for its intrinsic value, but from the fact that it has been presented by the brethren generally as a mark of their personal esteem, dear Bro. Speakman, I am instructed by the P.M.'s, and the brethren to say that we are heartily proud of you, and we consider that the Faith Lodge has now a Secretary second to none in the province, nay even the Grand Lodge. It is a source of great satisfaction to the lodge to hear from the Auditors that your books are patterns of good order and regularity, and personally I hope you may long be spared to fill that office, and that your domestic happiness may increase in the sincere wish of every member of the Faith Lodge. Bro. Speakman simply bowed his acknowledgement, it being apparent that his feelings were such he could not give utterance to more words than, W.M. and brethren I thank you. The banquet was prepared for 6 p.m., and the tables presented a very beautiful sight by a floral decoration arranged and very kindly lent by Bro. J. C. Brown. The catering of Bro. Aldred, the host, was of a very satisfactory character, and the wines supplied of the first vintage. After the banquet the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and in a very feeling manner the W.M. referred to the sad loss their Grand Master and the Royal Family had sustained in having removed from their number a daughter, the fairest of all, a sister the most affectionate, a mother the most loving and endearing, and a wife a pattern for the world. He hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would visit and console the Royal Family in the hour of their affliction, and would cause our Grand Master to feel that his great loss would be his dear sister's eternal gain. At 10.30 the most enjoyable meeting in the history of the Lodge of Faith was brought to a close, and the brethren took their seats in an omnibus (which is always pro-

vided) and proceeded to Manchester, in its route dropping the brethren in their respective districts.

SHEFFIELD.—Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).—The annual festival of this well-known lodge was held on the 2nd inst., when Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., installed his successor, Bro. John Clark, in a very able manner. The new appointments were as follows:—Bros. Dr. W. R. Thomas, I.P.M.; Chas. Hill, S.W.; J. E. Darling, J.W.; H. J. Garnett, Treas.; J. Broadhead, S.D.; H. Nixon, J.D.; Bennett, P.M., M.C.; T. Blair, I.G.; Unwin and Hewitt, Stewards; Leighton, Tyler. Amongst those present, in addition to the foregoing, we noticed Bro. Westenholm, Scargill, Tindall, White, and S. B. Ellis, P.M.'s 1239; Hay, P.M. 139, W.M. 1779; Drury, P.M. 296; Nicholson, W.M. 296; Schott, W.M. elect 296; Webster, W.M. 139; Bromley, W.M. elect 139; Roome, W.M. 904; Harvey, S.W. 904, Prov. G. Orgt.; Gamble, of Grantham; W. H. Brittain, P.M., &c. (the Master Cutler of Hallamshire); S. H. Gatty, S.W. 1779; and many others. The business of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was also a great success. For several years Wentworth Lodge has been noted for its menu cards; this time it was in the antique style (Chaucerian English), and gave great satisfaction, a copy of which will be found in another column. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Thomas, the outgoing Master, received well deserved encomiums for the ability with which he had rendered all the ceremonies during the past year, and Bro. Clark, the W.M. was warmly congratulated and well supported on his accession to the chair of K.S.; and taking this meeting as a criterion we feel certain that the Wentworth Lodge has another bright, prosperous, and happy year before it under Bro. Clark's genial rule, indeed of this we are assured for all who know our Bro. Clark have found in him the right material of which W.M.'s are made, and that is suavit in modo happily blended with the fortiter in re. We take this opportunity of personally congratulating Bro. Clark on this, the first time that he has presided over his mother lodge, and more particularly so as it meets in the beautiful Masonic Hall, of which he was the architect. Of this, his handiwork, he may well feel proud, for the lodge and banqueting-rooms are "perfection," both from Masonic and acoustic points of view.

LEWES.—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—On Friday, the 27th ult., the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Sir Walter W. Burrell Bart., M.P.), paid an official visit to Pelham Lodge, most of his Provincial Grand Officers being in attendance. Bro. W. W. Turner, P.M., was the acting Master, and very efficiently discharged his duties. In response to a vote of thanks for his attendance, the Prov. G. M. expressed the great pleasure which his visit had afforded, and in seeing the admirable working on the occasion. The visitors included Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G. Master; Bro. W. Sergison, Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. J. St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Rev. E. Cave-Browne-Cave, Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; Bro. W. Hale, P.G.S.D.; Bro. A. King, P.G. Organist; Bro. J. Farncombe, P.G.S.B.; Bro. W. Nell, P.G.P.; Bro. C. Tomkinson, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. M. Kidd, P.G.D.C.; Bro. F. Holford, Bro. A. J. Hawkes, Bro. Ed. Bright, and Bro. G. McWhinnie, P.G. Stewards; Bro. T. Hughes, P.G. Tyler; Bro. R. Blaker, S.D. 311; Bro. H. Davey, W.M. 732. The members of Pelham Lodge present were Bro. W. Kraeutler, W.M.; Bro. H. Hauxwell, J.W.; Bro. R. Crosskey, Treasurer; Bro. T. R. White, Sec.; Bro. F. Noakes, P.M.; Bro. W. W. Turner, P.M.; Bro. R. H. Ellman, P.M.; Bro. H. F. Mackay, P.M.; Bro. G. Stone, P.M.; Bro. J. Stedman, S.D.; Bro. H. Hall, Tyler. Refreshments were provided at the Bear Hotel, in Bro. Whitcomb's best style, for which he was deservedly complimented.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. Robert Wolfenden occupied the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, a goodly number of the Craft being present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. It was resolved to send an address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, expressing the sympathy of the members on the bereavement Her Majesty and the Royal Family have sustained in the death of the Princess Alice. The motion was proposed by the W.M. (Bro. R. Wolfendale), and seconded by the senior P.M. present (Bro. J. Bell), and supported by the I.P.M. (Bro. F. G. Dale), and adopted in solemn silence. The Organist (Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe), played "The Dead March in Saul." The lodge closed with the usual formalities.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—The brethren connected with this admirably-governed lodge assembled in their handsome Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, on Tuesday afternoon, the 17th ult., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Hikins. There was a good gathering of members and visitors, and the whole arrangements were of a most satisfactory character. At the opening of the proceedings, shortly after 3 o'clock, the chair in the East was occupied by Bro. Archibald Morrison, W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Evans, I.P.M.; H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec., P.M.; S. Hikins, S.W.; R. Roberts, J.W.; R. Webster, S.D.; W. W. Thomas, J.D.; W. P. Vines, I.G.; Thomas Walters, W. Benn, I. Turner, D. Morris, J. Webster, J. Seeley, J. Kenwright, C. Colcroft, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Pughe, W.M. 1620; E. Paul, Treasurer, 1356; J. L. Houghton, W.M. 594; J. W.

Williams, W.M. 1356; J. H. Gregory, J.W. 667; Lindo Courtenay, W.M. 1609; T. Nickson, P.M. 1356; J. T. Amson, 1393; W. Roberts, 1356; A. Woolrich, Treasurer 1609; E. George, S.D. 1356; W. Parry, 1505; J. G. Hartley, 594; T. Boswell, S.W. 594; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. Morrison) closed his year's work by performing the ceremony of initiation in a remarkably able manner. The chair of Installing Master was afterwards taken by Bro. Thomas Evans, P.M., of the Prince Arthur, whose Masonic zeal and ability are so well known in Liverpool, and in a most excellent and highly impressive manner he placed Bro. Samuel Hinkins in the chair of K.S. The following were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bro. A. Morrison, I.P.M. Thomas Evans, P.M., Treasurer; Robert Roberts, S.W.; Henry Worthington, J.W. (by proxy); Ralph Webster, Secretary; Walter W. Thomas, S.D.; William P. Vines, J.D.; David Morris, I.G.; and Peter M. Larsen, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together in the lodge room, the banquet being served by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., in a manner which left literally nothing to be desired. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Queen," said that on the recent death of the Princess Alice, which had come so unexpectedly, Her Majesty would have no more wide-spread and heartfelt sympathy exhibited amongst any of her subjects than in the body of Masonry. (Hear, hear.) While Queen and subjects alike must submit to the will of the G.A.O.T.U., Her Majesty would, doubtless, feel the consolation of having the sympathies of a loyal and loving people. The W.M. next proposed the toasts, "The M.W.G.M. Bro. H.B.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," and "The Right W. Dep. G.M., and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. H. S. Alpass responded to the last toast, and in doing so he said that as a P.M. of the Prince Arthur Lodge he naturally took a great interest in it. He was very glad to say that they had hitherto gone on very quietly, and he was quite sure his lordship would be quite satisfied with the manner in which the W.M.s. and all their officers had invariably performed their duties. The I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M." in highly eulogistic terms, and the toast, received with much enthusiasm, was most suitably acknowledged by Bro. Hinkins. "The I.P.M.'s" health was next on the list, and, in proposing it, the W.M. presented Bro. Morrison, the I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren during his connection with the lodge since its consecration. The toast and presentation were very feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Morrison, and the other toasts given during the evening were "The Installing Master," Bro. P.M. Evans (most cordially received), "The Officers," "The Visitors," "The Press," &c. Several capital songs were given during the pleasant evening's proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge, (No. 1611).—A meeting for instruction was held on Monday evening by this lodge at the Queen's Hotel. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the W.M., worked the First Degree ceremony, and the meeting was very interesting, several matters being discussed relative to the lodge affairs. Bro. J. Hanly, W.M. elect of the St. Patrick's Lodge, was present by special invitation. A supper followed the closing of the lodge and a social evening was passed in all harmony and good will. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., presented to the lodge a copy of Dr. Oliver's "Twelve Lectures on Freemasonry" and some photographs of American brethren for the Lodge Album.

Mark Masonry.

BURY ST EDMUNDS.—Freeman Lodge (No. 105).—This lodge held its quarterly meeting on the 12th ult., and the business on the agenda paper was to install Bro. William H. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and, if elected, to advance thirteen brethren. The ballot being taken, a unanimous voting was declared for all the candidates. Past Master Bro. R. N. Sanderson, of the Victor Albert Lodge, Ipswich, assisted by P.M. Bro. T. W. Westgate, of the same lodge, then advanced the following brethren:—Bros. J. Hedley Bevan, 1008; J. T. Hassall, 1008; H. Thompson, 1008; J. D. Perrott, 1008; E. Sparke, 1592; N. Tracey, 376. The installation ceremony was performed by Past Master Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. and Secretary 139; assisted by Bro. George Lilly, P.M. and Treasurer 139. The newly installed Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. I. N. York, S.W.; B. Chennell, J.W.; C. T. Oakes, S.D.; E. King, J.D.; T. F. Lucia, M.O.; J. Hedley Bevan, S.O.; W. J. Nunn, J.O.; R. Thompson, I.G., Wm. Armstrong was appointed Secretary, and T. J. Huddleston, elected Treasurer. The whole of the work was admirably done, and thanks were given and recorded on the minutes to the four brethren who had so kindly made special journeys to carry out the duties of the evening. At the close of the business, the addresses were delivered to the officers and brethren by the Installing Master, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. Loyal and Masonic complimentary toasts followed, intermixed with harmony, and it was acknowledged that the evening was a most enjoyable one, not only in sociability but from the satisfaction that Mark Masonry was now firmly established in the town.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 19th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. There were present:—Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; T. Maudie, I.P.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson,

J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. Quay, as S.O.; G. D' Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamouby, W.M. 229, Chaplain (Freemason); Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treasurer, a S.D.; J. Adair, Secretary; J. W. Robinson, S.O., as J.D.; J. S. Gardiner, P.M. as I.G.; and J. Smith, Oig. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the advancement of Bros. John Elliot, S.W. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, and John Wilson, of the same lodge. Both ballots were unanimously clear, and Bro. Elliot, being in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed in harmony.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 16th ult. The conclave was opened by Sir Kt. G. A. Green, M.P.S., at 6.30 p.m. The meeting was honoured with the attendance of Sir Kt. M. A. Bolton, M.P.S. Thanet Conclave, No. 121. The minutes of the September Conclave were adopted. Bros. E. Good, P.M. 804; A. Wendover, 1069; and G. F. Brown, 342, were balloted for and unanimously elected. Bros. Brown and G. Whitehall being present, were entrusted, admitted, installed, and proclaimed. The M.P.S. delivered the Historical Oration. The Recorder informed the members that he had received letters from Lady Williams and Mrs. Little, acknowledging their receipt of addresses of condolence from the Rec. in the name of the officers and members generally. The Sir Kts. adjourned to the George Hotel, High-street, where a banquet had been provided by Bro. Kemp, but some twenty only attended, the weather being unpropitious. The Sanctuary K.H.S. was held early in the evening, when Sir Kts. Clay, Triggs, Hall, and Health were received into this exalted Order.

Obituary.

BRO. B. HEAD, P.G.D.

We are sorry to have to record the departure from this world of a good and kind brother who was much esteemed and valued by all who knew him, Bro. Benjamin Head, who died quite peacefully at his residence 12, Earl's terrace, Kensington, on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult. He was interred in the grave of his late wife at Arnot's Vale, Bristol, on Monday the 30th ult. Bro. Head was born at Ipswich, September 28th, 1801, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the Doric Lodge, Woodbridge, 5th October, 1826, raised to the Third Degree 7th December, 1826, and remained a member till death. He was a Past Grand Junior Warden of Suffolk; he joined the Cornerstone Lodge, No. 37, (previous to its amalgamation with the St. George's Lodge, No. 5,) remaining a member till death, and served as Grand Steward in 1856; he joined a lodge at Bristol, and one or two at Ipswich, he was also a member of the Caveac Lodge, No. 176, for many years, and an old member of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Head was appointed Grand Deacon in 1863 by the late M.W.G.M. the Earl of Zetland, he was exalted in the Doric Chapter, Woodbridge, joined the St. George Chapter, No. 5, served the office of M.E.Z. in 1856, and that of Treasurer from 1859 till he resigned the office in the early part of 1878 on account of advancing years, to the great regret of the members by whom he was much respected and loved as a brother and a friend. He was appointed Sword Bearer of Grand Chapter in 1863. Bro. Head was a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Aged, a member of the House Committees of each, and for some years Chairman of the House Committee of the Boys' School. Not only have the Masonic Charities lost a good supporter, but various charities outside Masonry will miss him very much, particularly some of our hospitals.

BRO. JOHN BOYD P.G.P.

It is our painful duty also to record the death of Bro. John Boyd, which sad event took place suddenly on Monday last, the 30th ult. The following brief account of his Masonic career will be read with interest by his numerous friends and admirers:—

Bro. John Boyd was initiated on the 3rd January, 1848, in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25; joined the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, 2nd March, 1853; and the Globe Lodge, No. 23, 14th April, 1869; Polish National Lodge No. 534, in 1854; appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant in 1871, Grand Pursuivant in 1872; exalted in Polish National Chapter, No. 534, on the 25th October, 1849; was First Z. of Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, in 1869; one of the Founders of Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, Hampton Court, and was at the time of his death G.N. in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex. Bro. Boyd took great interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and worked the ceremony and lectures with great taste from his thorough knowledge and meaning of the Ritual. He also took great interest in, and rendered very valuable aid at, the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, which was established by the Prudent Brethren Chapter. He consecrated several lodges and chapters, he was one of the committee of the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund. It was only a few days ago that he paid over to the Treasurer several sums for that Fund, and said he hoped to do much more yet. Bro. Boyd was a Knight Templar, and also took great interest with Bro. Little in the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

The funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at Brompton Cemetery, at 2 o'clock.

BRO. BRYAN WORMALD.

On Thursday, the 19th ult. a number of the York brethren met at the York Cemetery to see the last of the remains of their late Bro. Bryan Wormald, who died on

the previous Tuesday after an illness of five years. Bro. Wormald was initiated, in 1866, in the York Lodge (No. 236), and was always an ardent admirer and supporter of the Craft. He was a member of the Zetland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the York Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Time Immemorial), and of the Hilda Chapter Rose Croix. His long illness prevented him from undertaking the chair of the York Lodge, but he served the office of Preceptor in the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templar, and cherished a very warm regard for that Order. According to his express wish the pall was supported by six members of the Preceptory, E. Sir Knts. N. B. Whythead and G. Cooper and Sir Knts. J. S. Cumberland, J. Keswick, C. Palliser and F. Rawling. A beautiful cross formed of camellias and chrysanthemums, sent by the Preceptory, bearing the motto of the Order, "In Hoc Signo Vincas" was placed upon the coffin.

FREEMASONRY IN THE CITY.

It appears from the calendar of the United Grand Lodge of England that there are now 1,785 lodges of Freemasons on the register of Grand Lodge, of which 59 have been registered in 1878, and warrants have been granted for three new lodges in the City during the year, viz.: No. 1,743, the Perseverance, held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct; No. 1,745, the Farrington, held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn; and No. 1769, the Clarendon, held at the Guildhall Tavern; making the total number of lodges held in the City, 79 of which 15 are held at the Albion, and one at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street; 16 are held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and three at the London, in the same street; 10 at the Cannon-street Hotel; 10 at the Guildhall Tavern; nine at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street; five at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and one at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct; four at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street; three at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street; one at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars; and one at the New Market Hotel, Smithfield. Fourteen Lodges of Instruction are held in the City, viz.: At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street (2); Railway Tavern, London-street; Bell Tavern, Carter-lane; the Whittington, Moor-lane; the White Hart, Bishopsgate-street; the Guildhall Tavern; the London Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street; the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street; the Jamaica Coffee-house, Cornhill; the White Hart, Abchurch-lane; the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Punch's Hotel, Fleet-street; and at Masons' Hall Tavern. In the City there are also 27 Royal Arch Chapters, of which seven are held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street; five at the Ship and Turtle, five at the Albion; three at the Cannon-street Hotel; two at the Guildhall Tavern; two at the Masons' Hall; one at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars; one at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane; and one at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Chapters of Instruction are held at the White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate-street and at the Jamaica Coffee-house, St. Michael's-alley Cornhill.—City Press.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave two more performances at the Freemasons' Hall there, on the 21st and 22nd ult., when "Friend Waggle," "An Ugly Customer," "Delicate Ground," "Fish out of Water," and "Rosebud of Stinging-nettle Farm," were successfully produced. Bro. Gatty was again to the fore; good service was also rendered by Bros. Capt. Mills, Garnett, Reaney, Middleton, Brailsford, Townsend, Hoyland, Scargill, Holiday, B. M. Renton, S. B. Ellis, J. W. White, and Leighton, in their various parts.

Bros. Blair and Bennett were efficient prompters, and the band, under Bro. Webster, was all that could be desired. Last, but not least, these brethren were most ably assisted by two lady professionals, Miss Marie Montgomery and Miss Frederica Taylor, of London. These ladies received a hearty welcome, which the impression they made on their former visit fairly justified, and they fully sustained the reputation they had gained.

The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society is a great success; we hope it may be our lot to chronicle many more such pleasant and clever entertainments as those given in its first season, which certainly surprised us and many others, showing that if brethren work together much may be done, especially where there is such a manager at hand as our hardworking Bro. Reaney.

MUSIC.

Hearts yield easily when under the divine influence of music. Its soothing, thrilling, and softening effect on us tender-hearted mortals is really charming, enchanting, sublime! It gives rise to emotions which steal over and lift us completely above our common-place existence. The new pleasures that are born within us, by the harmonious strains of soul-inspiring melody, are often seraphic. The soul seems to expand and to quit the body, to be wafted heavenward with the ascending sounds. Nature hath no greater or sweeter joy to give unto man than that which is conveyed to him by music; the gift of which must be, in some degree, a compensation for that beautiful, that benign, and blissful paradise—the Garden of Eden; the loss of which is a curse to the human race, and a cause of its utter degradation and souls' bondage. The first ray of bliss, of hope, and even of piety, may be, may is often let in to the sleeping soul by the sweet sounds and heart touching chords of refined, classical, and sacred music. The love of it grows apace, it fills our hearts with joy, and those whose souls are not enraptured by its celestial strains, have hearts that cannot feel all the sublimity of the heaven-bestowed gift. Music cheers the heart, smooths the rough path of life, and makes the world bright and gay. Without it the earth would be dreary, and man less happy.—SAVARIUS.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual New Year's Entertainment to the annuitants resident in the Institution at Croydon, was given on Wednesday last, and notwithstanding the great success of all the entertainments of former years, a programme was arranged which put previous New Year's celebrations, at the same place, in the shade. The weather was very inclement, the rain falling fast and furious, but it can hardly be said that it was unfortunate that it did so, as it considerably enhanced the warmth of the hospitality which greeted the brethren and ladies who journeyed to Croydon to assist in making the old people once more happy for a few hours.

On entering the building the visitors were met by Bro. Terry (Secretary), Bro. Norris (Warden), and Miss Norris (Matron), and welcomed with the best wishes for the New Year in the hall, which was decorated with elegant cards, tastefully arranged on the walls, and interspersed with branches of holly. Everywhere was to be seen an indication that the day was to be a happy one, and glorious fires were in the grates to keep out the damp and cold. No time was lost in beginning the enjoyments of the day, for as soon as the company had assembled the bell was rung to summon the old brethren and ladies from their different residences to partake of the liberal fare which had been provided for them in the hall, which, by the way, although of sufficient dimensions in former times for the requirements of the Institution, affords, at the present time, totally inadequate accommodation for such entertainments as are given twice a year. The hall where the dinner took place was profusely adorned with seasonable symbols, the arrangement of which had occupied the attention of Bro. Terry and assistants for the best part of two days. The three large tables, which were placed on as many sides of the room, were loaded with good things, and every available seat was soon occupied. The arrangements were excellent, for although there was no room to spare, every inmate of the Institution was studiously attended to. The visiting brethren volunteered their services to look after the annuitants and the lady visitors, and, with an admirable corps of waiters, left no one any occasion for complaining of neglect.

Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, took the chair, having on his right Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Institution, and on his left Mrs. Terry. Bro. Terry occupied the Vice-Chair.

The visitors present were:—Bros. Dr. Strong, James Terry, G. S. Becknell, R. F. Cheesebrough, George Everett, and Mrs. Everett, H. Massey, Miss Annie Massey, Master H. W. Massey, W. H. Main, Mrs. Notson, Mr. J. E. Terry, George Knill, W. H. Wallington, A. H. Tattershall, C. J. Perceval, F. R. W. Hedges, (Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls), Mrs. Hedges, Bro. Joseph Stock, Mrs. Stock, Mr. Aug. E. Perceval, Bro. John Newton, Mrs. Newton, Bro. Charles Daniel, Mr. Thomas S. Oborn, Bro. Bowyer, Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, Mrs. W. Culmer, Bro. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Halford, Bro. Richard Piercy, Mrs. Piercy, Thomas Goode, Bro. Edwin Legge, Mrs. Legge, C. H. Webb, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Oborn, Bro. J. Tickell, Mrs. Tickell, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Miss Jessie Terry, Bro. G. J. Hilliard, Mrs. Wallington, Miss Wallington, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Mrs. Morgan, and Bro. C. Stewart.

A Christmas card of the prettiest pattern and choicest workmanship, was provided for every one, and after dinner each female annuitant was presented with a packet of tea, and every male annuitant with a packet of tobacco, the gift of Bro. W. Hale.

Bro. Perceval also presented every male annuitant with a handsome snuff-box, and every female annuitant, with a scented packet.

Dr. Strong proposed the three usual toasts, "The Queen," "The Founders of the Feast," and "Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Institution." In proposing "The Founders of the Feast," he said that the entertainment was not provided at the expense of the funds of the Institution, but by a few brethren and ladies who took a great interest in the welfare of the annuitants, and were never tired of doing something, which would promote their happiness. These brethren and ladies were always pleased to see their aged friends happy, and came down to Croydon, periodically, to assist in making them so. In giving "The Health of Bro. Norris," he said that this toast would be as pleasing to all the visitors as well as to the residents in the Institution, as Bro. Norris looked carefully after their welfare. Bro. Norris, who was the oldest Mason in England, was within a week or two of eighty-nine years of age. Bro. Norris was very proud of being the Warden of the Institution. He was ably assisted by his daughter, Miss Norris, who had been appointed Matron, and in such entertainments as the present she took a very important part, seeing to the dinner, the cooking, and the arrangements for refreshments and tea. In this way a very heavy burden necessarily fell upon Miss Norris, but the duties she had to discharge were performed most efficiently. The residents in the Institution would testify how solicitous she was for their welfare, and no one was more qualified than he (Dr. Strong), to give testimony to her unremitting care and attention to those who were sick or infirm.

Bro. Terry here announced that he had received a telegram from Bro. J. L. Hime, of Manchester, who, with some other brethren there, had contributed one-sixth to the expenses of the entertainment, trusting that the entertainment was being enjoyed and wishing every one a "Happy New Year." Bro. Terry said he had sent a telegram in reply, thanking Bro. Hime and the Manchester brethren, and wishing them also a "Happy New Year."

Bro. Norris, in reply to the toast proposed by Dr. Strong, said it would not surprise the company if he said

he felt completely overwhelmed by the compliments which had been paid to himself and daughter. He hailed the compliment to his daughter with peculiar satisfaction, and as to himself, the less he said, perhaps, the better. Brevity was said to be the soul of wit, and he should, therefore, say very little. He most heartily returned thanks for the compliment paid to him and his daughter, and most earnestly wished every one a Happy New Year, and that every succeeding year might be happier than its predecessor.

The company then retired, and those brethren who had been busy attending to the wants of the diners then partook of dinner.

Bro. C. J. Perceval proposed "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," to which Bro. Terry, in replying said that happily the brethren never liked to meet at their social gatherings without remembering this toast. No doubt they had all seen in that morning's newspapers the grand success that had attended all the Masonic Institutions in the year 1878. In the year 1877 these Institutions totalled up £42,300; but in the year which had just passed, despite all the failures, the dreadful calamities which had overtaken the country, and the fearful depression of trade, the three Institutions had totalled more than £40,000. Of that sum the Benevolent Institution for the second time had the honour of taking the lead, totalling the amount of £14,880. The Girls' School was regaining its old position, which it unfortunately lost, of being at the head of the poll; this, last year, stood second on the list, with £12,866. The Boys' School, for the first time during the past sixteen years, stood at the far-end of the list with £12,566, less by £300 than the Girls'. Looking at these figures it appeared that although there had been great disasters in trade, the Freemasons of England had not been affected by them, and, therefore, they might be congratulated upon having a greater amount of success than other branches of the community. As regarded the Benevolent Institution, while he desired most heartily to see the Girls' and Boys' Schools progressing, if should never be his fault if the Benevolent Institution did not retain its present proud position—not for his own sake, but for the sake of the Institution. He looked upon the matter in this light:—The Girls' School was established ninety-one years ago; the Boys' School was established eighty-one years ago. These were established by the old Masons, and the old Masons worked to support them. This continued for a long period, and it was not till 1842, or thirty-six years ago, that the poor old people were worthy of any recognition at all. Since the establishment of the Benevolent Institution it had grown, notwithstanding the opposition of the then Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, and the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, who would only allow the Institution to have a festival once in three years. It had, however, been able to hold its own and to show itself worthy of the brethren's confidence. He could only say that since he had had the honour of being the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution he had had the pleasure of having around him, as he had now, a number of representative men—men coming up from their lodges, from different localities, entertaining different opinions—yet all agreed in one thing, that the Benevolent Institution was worthy of their support, and worthy of introducing to these social gatherings these ladies they had now with them. Thanking Bro. Perceval very much for proposing this toast, he hoped and trusted, that as years went by, they might be enabled to see this Institution go on and prosper; and pre-eminently as it had taken a position in, and highly as it was thought of by the Craft, yet that, like the electric light, it might only be in its infancy, and instead of having one year £16,000, and another year £14,000, in years to come it might add a nought to those figures, and cause surprise among the outside world at where the Masons got their money from. If health and strength were continued to him he would never flag in his efforts to uphold the Institution. If he could not get help for the Institution he should still be pleased to get it for the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. He was now looking forward to the festival of this Institution, and already he had attained 210 Stewards for that festival. That number was twenty-one in excess of the number he had this day last year when he first summoned a meeting of the Board of Stewards. If each of those 21 Stewards brought up £50 he would have a thousand guineas. He looked forward to a bright future in 1879. Col. Starkie would take the chair at the festival, and Col. Starkie was Grand Master of a province which had 89 lodges and 37 chapters, or nearly 130 collective Masonic bodies. The Board of Stewards numbered some 50 or 60 brethren from that province, and he thought it likely he should be able to say he had never had such a list announced as they would bear at the next festival on the 12th of February. He hoped Bro. Hedges would be successful in obtaining an equally prominent chairman for his festival in May. No doubt he had his eye upon some distinguished brother, for he was ambitious. The late Secretary obtained the Prince of Wales; perhaps the present Secretary would obtain the Duke of Connaught. At all events he hoped Bro. Hedges would be successful and get a better festival even than he had yet had. He was worthy of it. His friends had made him Secretary, and it was their bounden duty to support him. He would be thrown on his own resources in 1880, but never mind that; he had good friends round him for 1879. He hoped also that Bro. Binckes would have a bumper festival for the Boys' School. Bro. Terry then made a strong appeal for support for the Benevolent Institution, and concluded by again thanking the brethren for remembering the toast.

Afterwards the company paid visits to the abodes of the aged brethren and widows, and then partook of tea. In the evening a delightful Drawing-Room Entertainment was given by the celebrated Pickwick Historic Club, of which the following is the programme:—Pianoforte Selection Mr. G. S. Graham; "Nine Points of the Law," Joseph

Ironside, Mr. E. Johnson; Cunningham (an Attorney), Mr. G. J. King; Rodomont Rollingstone (a gentleman at large), Mr. Dupree; John Britton, Mr. E. Baker; Mrs. Smylic, Miss Lizzie Henderson; Katie Mapleson (her niece), Miss Fanny Perfit.

After which Mr. G. S. Graham presented his Musical Olio, introducing:—Descriptive Song, "The Fisherman's Daughter," Anon; Buffo Song, "The British Lion," Anon; Organophonic Piccolo Song, "Il Trovatore," Verdi (with natural whistle accompaniment); Buffo Song, "The Adventures of Little Mr. Binks," Walker; and "The Muddle Puddle Porter."

The performance concluded with the Comic Drama, written by Mr. J. B. Buckstone, entitled "A Rough Diamond"—Lord Plato, Mr. E. Johnson; Sir William Evergreen, Mr. Dupree; Captain Augustus Blenheim, Mr. E. Baker; Cousin Joe, Mr. G. J. King; Lady Plato, Miss Fanny Perfit; Margery, Miss Lizzie Henderson.

When the performances were concluded, votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Terry, and also to the Pickwick Historic Club, on whose behalf Bro. E. Johnson replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave his company, and himself particularly as an old Mason and supporter of the Institution, to do anything they could on its behalf. Speaking for himself he looked upon it as a duty. The visitors then shook hands individually with all the annuitants, wishing them "A Happy New Year," and returned to town in the special saloon carriage, kindly provided for the party by the South Eastern Railway Company.

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The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the festival of 1879 was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. J. L. Mather, P.M., 1471; Charles Dairy, W.M., 141; Thos. Cubitt, William Stephens, George Newman, J. B. Dodson, George Jeffery, 7; H. H. Smith, 25 Chapter; W. Norris, S.D. Sir Hugh Myddelton; R. R. Davis, P.M., 256; J. Tanner, P.M. 1707; Dick Radclyffe, J.W. 742; W. Henry Farnfield, P.M. and Sec. 907; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, D.M. No. 2; P.G.C., Joseph Clever, P.M., 12, P.M. 171, P.Z. 12; W. Maple, P.M. 657; George Blythe, 1348; Joseph Driscoll, 30; C. P. Mills, 898; H. Massey (Freemason); H. C. Levander, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. Terry, said before a Chairman of the Board of Stewards was selected, he had to inform the brethren that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had appointed Wednesday, the 12th of February, for the next festival of the Institution. He had also to inform the brethren that Lieut.-Gen. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, had consented to be Chairman of that festival. In accordance with the usual custom he (Bro. Terry) had sent round notices to all the lodges and chapters under the English constitution, with the exception of those in the colonies, and he had received responses from 209, which had agreed to send Stewards for the festival; that number was an increase of twenty over the number he had that day last year. He thought this seemed to augur well for the success of the festival, and considering all present circumstances—the depression of trade—it was a great achievement for the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. William Stephens, seconded by Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, was elected Chairman of Board of Stewards, and therefore took his seat as Chairman of the meeting, and thanked the brethren for the compliment paid to him.

On the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. George Newman, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., was elected Treasurer, and on the motion of Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. J. L. Mather, Bro. Terry was elected as Honorary Secretary.

Bro. Terry said he hoped when the festival came round they would be able to say it was the most successful festival the Institution had ever had.

The price of tickets and other usual preliminaries were then arranged.

Bros. Tanner, W. Stephens, W. H. Farnfield, Charles Dairy, and H. H. Smith, were chosen as Musical Committee.

The toast list and the arrangements to be conformed to by the Stewards were then read over.

The Stewards' fee having been arranged to be two guineas, Bro. Terry read a letter from a brother of Woodbridge, Suffolk, suggesting that if a country Steward found that he was unable to attend at the festival, he should, on giving notice of such inability a fortnight before the festival, be charged only a guinea and a-half instead of two guineas. The proposition was then put to the meeting and negatived.

Some minor details were then settled, and the meeting was adjourned till the 25th inst., at four o'clock.

At the conclusion of the above meeting the Musical Committee assembled and proceeded to make arrangements for the music to be performed at the festival.

STOKES ON MEMORY.—Some very interesting and valuable proofs of the extent to which the memory may be strengthened by skilful training are given by Bro. Stokes, at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, and it is to be hoped his untiring efforts made for many years to assist teachers and students will be productive of great good to the public. This system is based upon the association of ideas, and is suited for classical studies, and for every phase of thought.

Bro. Henry Garrod announces the termination of his partnership with the firm of Postons and Garrod. He will for the future carry on his Wine and Spirit business at 44, Eastcheap.

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Edwards, W., Paris, ...	0	12	0
Fitch, G., Canada, ...	0	12	0
Goldsmith, L. R., Panama, ...	1	15	2
Gutteridge, E. J., ...	1	3	10
Hill, T. J., South Africa, ...	0	12	0
Jackson, F., Jamaica, ...	0	12	0
Lisle, F. J., New Zealand, ...	0	12	0
Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar, ...	0	12	0
" Meridian, The Cape ...	0	12	0
" Victoria, British Burmah, ...	0	12	0
Robertson, T. N., Ceylon, ...	0	12	0
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Answers to Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c. RECEIVED.

"The Civilian;" "The Liverpool Mercury;" "The Boot and Shoemaker;" "Der Triangel;" "Corner stone;" "Australian Freemason;" "Masonic Review;" "Kalender fur Freimaurer" (Bro. C. van Dalen); "Brief;" "Night and Day;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "Our Home, a Masonic and Family Journal;" "The Scottish Freemason;" "Hull Packet;" "The Garden Oracle;" "The Masonic Newspaper;" "The Liberal Freemason;" "The Masonic Record of Western India;" "Broad Arrow;" "Voice of Masonry;" "The Masonic Herald;" "The London Express;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Keystone;" "Design and Work;" "The Colonies and India;" "A Pastoral for the Year 1879."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

PRESTON.—On the 26th ult., at Stafford-villas, Brixton, the wife of H. W. Preston, of a son.

DEATHS.

BOYD.—On the 30th ult., suddenly at 94, Buckingham Palace-road, John Boyd, aged 69 years.

DUFF.—On the 23rd ult., Col. Duff, M.P., P.G. Supt designate Norfolk.

FARWIG.—On the 20th ult., at her residence, 208, Brixton-road, S.W., Christina Elizabeth, widow of Frederick William Farwig, late of Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, in her 72nd year.

HEAD.—On the 24th ult., at 12, Earl's Terrace, Kensington, Benjamin Head, aged 78 years.

RINGROSE.—On the 28th ult., at his residence, Wood-green, John Ringrose, Surgeon, in practice for 37 years at Potter's Bar, Barnet, in the 75th year of his age.

STONE.—On the 24th ult., at Ventnor, Bro. William Stone, of Myddleton-square; many years with Messrs. Vyse, Sons, and Co., Wood-street, aged 53.

WORMALD.—On the 17th ult., Bryan Wormald, after five years' illness.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1879.

THE NEW YEAR.

With the new year which has now dawned upon us all when this has met the eyes of our many and kind readers in all parts of the world, the *Freemason* in all sincerity of heart begs to offer to them one and all, heartfelt good wishes for 1879. May it be of undimmed happiness to all our zealous patrons, to our good old Order everywhere, and to mankind. It is indeed impossible for us to shut our ears or close our eyes to the sounds and sights of much anxiety, depression, and suffering all around us, and no thoughtful Freemason, much less any English patriot, will wish or think it right to be insensible to what is patent just now, as alike painful and sorrowful, or to what is possible, or even probable, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. in the twelve-months, (unknown and untrod), which now lie before us. We end 1878, as we begin 1879, with national affliction, (in which the hearts of the people is bowed down as one man), for the premature loss of the lamented and gifted Princess Alice. Only let us believe reverently that what is our "loss" is, no doubt, her "gain," in the, to us, "inscrutable counsels of the Most High." We leave 1878, and we begin 1879, with much of local suffering, as well as a serious extension of mercantile embarrassment, and, in addition to this, we have also to realize a vast amount of personal distress. To none of these things can we, as loyal citizens, or zealous Freemasons, be indifferent, and we trust earnestly that 1879 may witness a speedy amelioration of a state of affairs, alike affecting and distressing for all who have capacity to think or hearts to feel. The charity of our Order, ever liberal and discriminating, may well be aroused at the sight of so much suffering among our fellow citizens and fellow creatures. Indeed, it may be a question whether some of our leading brethren might not form a committee to assist similar committees elsewhere. And thus the new year meets us, let us trust neither insensible to duty or insensible to responsibility. What 1879 will bring to any of us we cannot tell to-day. Its dark or sunny hours are still parted from us in the veiled and distant recesses of the mysterious future of an all-controlling Providence. But as Freemasons we leave an old year and hail a new one in a spirit of becoming hope, trust, and resignation. With the great American poet we can say, and should say—

"Look not scornfully into the past
It comes not back again;
Wisely improve the present—it is thine.
Go forth to meet the shadowy future
Without fear, and with a manly heart."

FOREIGN FREEMASONRY
IN 1878.

The immense length to which our "Summary" of the yearly record of the *Freemason* extended on December 21st, excluded from any proper treatment necessarily, the history of non-Britannic Freemasonry, unless, indeed, we had wished to exhaust utterly the courteous attention of our readers. Many of our friends dislike long leaders as much as they disapprove of long sermons, and as we are not anxious to weary others, and admit freely that patience has its limits, alike with sermons as with leaders, we always seek to make a proper and charitable allowance for the amiable weakness of our good readers as men and Masons. Accordingly, we supplement to-day our yearly summary, with the following brief recapitulation:—In France and Belgium the situation is as bad as can be, in fact it cannot be worse, and as it neither deserves the sympathy of the patriot, nor calls for the consideration of the Mason, we may well leave these two insubordinate jurisdictions without further heed or notice to that *non-masonry* to which they are rapidly drifting. It is very doubtful whether they can

justly be considered offshoots of the one great and true Masonic family. They are altering their rituals to please positivist Masons and nihilist professors, and propose to erase from all their circulars their solitary recognition of T.G.A.O.T.U. It is quite clear from the mournful and insane proceedings of the last "Convent" of the French Grand Orient that such erasure is only a question of time. In addition to this, they have "taken power" to establish lodges in "hostile jurisdictions," so that we may soon hear of French lodges in England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and America. Not being Masons, we shall simply not recognize them: and, of course, the moment such a fact is a "fait accompli" all relations between French and English and American Masonry will "ipso facto" cease, and French Masons will be inadmissible in Anglo-Saxon lodges. We leave them to-day with feelings of commiseration and unmitigated regret. In Germany Freemasonry, under the wise patronage of our august brother, the Emperor of Germany, and of the Crown Prince, pursues its peaceful course. The meeting of the Grand Masters seem practically to have taken the view of the *Freemason*, of the "position," and to have condemned, (by implication at any rate), the proceedings of the French Grand Orient. In Spain and Portugal Freemasonry is in activity, though in Spain a divided body under great disadvantages. In Italy the Grand Orient of Italy seems to be acting with prudence and discretion, though we feel bound to admit that we have received from most reliable sources, complaints of political, and even revolutionary tendencies in Italian Freemasonry. All we can say is, if that be so, that their practice belies their profession. Our worthy Bro. J. C. Parkinson can best enlighten English Masons on the subject. Freemasonry seems also to be flourishing truly in Denmark and Sweden and Hungary, (though again here with divided authority), in Switzerland and Holland, and to be springing into life again in Austria. In Russia it is still absolutely prohibited, though it was once highly favoured by the upper classes, and even patronized by the Empress Catherine. In Canada, Freemasonry is moving on, though the Grand Lodge of Quebec has in the heat of controversy put forward pretensions of jurisdiction which are inadmissible. Many of the professing Masonic jurists in Canada (of more than doubtful authority) confound the rights of a sectional, or provincial, or district Grand Lodge with that of a National Grand Lodge. The analogy of the American Grand Lodges is fallacious, as the States of America are Sovereign States, upon an equality with one another, and claim a quasi national jurisdiction. But the Grand Lodge of Quebec only represents a portion of a nationality and is practically an "Imperium" in an "Imperio." Assuming that it is legally formed, it can only claim to exercise the rights the Grand Lodge of Canada claimed to exercise and did exercise; it cannot by self asserting resolutions extend its powers beyond Masonic precedent, or "international comity." We are very sorry thus to express our opinions, but feel bound to speak out clearly on the subject, whether we please or displease others. We confess that we feel very proud of the position of the American Freemasons. 700,000 brethren seem to be acting with most commendable zeal and correctness in the maintenance of our great principles, and we rejoice to think that we are entirely one with them, alike in the assertion of Masonic truths and the "outcome" of Masonic practice. The American Masons have some difficulties to contend with of which we know nothing, and as in their national life so in their Masonic progress, they demand and deserve the admiration of the reflecting, and the sympathy of the intelligent. In South America Freemasonry is working on under many drawbacks, but we hear of its progress alike in Mexico, Brazil, La Plata, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, New Grenada. Freemasonry is at work in Liberia, and the Island of Cuba. Freemasonry is also apparently progressing in Turkey, Greece, and Egypt, as well as in Hayti and St. Domingo. Indeed, as Bro. Kenning's Cosmopolitan Calendar tells us,

"In every land we find a friend,
In every port a lodge."

So sang Dibdin of old, and so say we in 1879. May the old Craft keep still to the fore in this year of grace and light, 1879.

ULTRAMONTANISM AND FREEMASONRY.

The restless spirit of Ultramontanism just now cannot leave Freemasonry alone. It is, to use a French expression, its "bête noire," or, as we should put it, its "bit of red rag." The mere mention of its name suffices to make its Popes, its cardinals, archbishops, bishops, to say nothing of its "seminary priests," lose their heads, their reason, and their charity. The last deliverance of this kind, which 1878 has witnessed, is the very foolish, and we may add, mendacious "mandement" of the Bishop of Nismes, Monseigneur Besson, in which he reproduces, and repeats all the calumnies, all the shameful libels, which Ultramontane traducers and Jesuit accusers have so industriously circulated and heaped upon Freemasons. According to this most charitable and correct Bishop Besson, Freemasonry is a vast secret political body, an aggregation of assassins and revolutionists, whose one mission is to destroy the Roman Catholic Church and to uproot society, the law, and all social organization. Therefore in the words of previous Jesuit calumniators for whose lying words there is not the slightest pretence or even excuse, he proceeds gravely to assert—in an episcopal charge—that since 1785 Freemasonry has been a combination to destroy society and religion, to murder monarchs, and to revolutionize nations. The extraordinary jumble of accusations, with which he "piles up the agony," is alike amusing and absurd in the highest degree. At the Convent of Wilhelmsbad, in 1785, he declares the Freemasons decided to destroy Louis XVI.; the Freemasons were the cause of the death of Gustavus the III. of Sweden, at the masked ball, the Freemasons imprisoned Pope Pius VII. at Valence, and made Napoleon III. go to war with Italy. Freemasonry has recently poisoned, (so says this good man), the Archbishop of Quito, and the President of Equador, and has driven Brazilian and German bishops into exile and plundered them. Can any one believe that a Roman Catholic Bishop could talk such nonsense, such absolute rubbish, in a so-called serious charge? Yet, there it is, as you can see, in *La Semaine Française*, and page 581 of the *Freemason*. Without taking the trouble, (for it would be an insult to our readers), to wade through this tissue of "malice and mendacity," we will take two points, as facts of history, to shew how utterly ignorant Bishop Besson is of what he so complacently chatters. The Convent of Wilhelmsbad in 1782, was a purely Christian movement of the so-called Strict Observance, presided over by the well-known Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick, at which a large number of noblemen and gentlemen assembled, most anti-revolutionary. At this convent the Templar Order of the Strict Observance and the Clerical Observance, which Von Hund and Starck had founded, was changed into "Knights of Benevolence," but purely Christian, and having nothing in common with Freemasonry. Starck some say was a Jesuit, at any rate eventually a Roman Catholic, and died one, and Von Hund died in the odour of Roman Catholic sanctity and is buried before the high altar of Melrichstadt. Be it also remembered that the "Illuminati," with whom Freemasonry is confounded, were not Freemasons, but were established by a Roman Catholic professor, who died at Gotha, a Roman Catholic, an exile from his native land. In this sense, to Roman Catholicism as the origin rather than to Freemasonry, (which has ever ignored them), must fairly be attributed the creation of those pernicious secret societies, like the Illuminati with their countless ramifications and developments, which, in former days brought such evil on society and on the world, and which as "Lothair" tells us, are still at work, and potent for evils many and great. It is no concern of ours, (neither does it affect the argument, let us observe,) that in some countries, just now, Freemasonry seems to be laying itself open to the charge of becoming a secret society. That is a very deplorable fact, per se, but it is one which does not affect Freemasonry in general, however

it may disgrace it in particular. Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, we repeat, knows nothing of such teaching or such revolutionary ideas. It is a religious, benevolent, God-fearing, law-observing, Order, and is always to be found, where it is faithful to its abiding principles, on the side of peace, order, and equality, and an opponent of social anarchy, and intestine commotion. It is a loyal, genial, tolerant, friendly, brotherhood, and thus goes on its way, heedless alike of the curses or the praise of men, disregarding Ultramontane impertinences, and laughing heartily at such puerile opponents as Monseigneur Besson.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Craft at large, and the metropolitan brethren in particular, will hear with deep regret, the lamented departure from amongst us of our worthy Bro. Benjamin Head, who died on the 24th December, in his 78th year. Bro. Head, whose services to Masonry, to Grand Lodge, and the Charities, above all, are well known, will be a very "missed man" amongst us. When many read these lines of ours they will sincerely regret to think, that they no more shall greet the "pleasant presence" or clasp the warm hand of Bro. Head, that it will be theirs no longer to profit by the singularly matured wisdom and kindly moderation of his energetic mind and warm heart. Bro. Benjamin Head has, we understand, been for some time ailing, and had not long ago recovered from a severe illness, but though he leaves us in a "green old age," his place will be hard to fill, and his loss will be long sincerely mourned and felt by all who knew him, all who valued him, and all who loved him. Thus the close of 1878 will ever appeal to all London brethren especially, with regretful memories, in the realization of the loss of so wise a counsellor, so true a friend, and so sincere a brother Mason, as Bro. Benjamin Head. We have also to mention another name, as added to the list of our Masonic worthies departed, which will be a name most familiar to London Masons, and well known to the Craft. We have to announce with sincere regret the death of our lamented Bro. John Boyd. His services as a Masonic Preceptor, especially in the Royal Arch Grade, are too well known to need comment or encomium, but we feel sure that we express the feeling of our entire fraternity and of our London brethren in particular, when we say, that his valuable labours for Masonry will long be gratefully remembered by his friends and companions and that his memory will always be endeared to them, as a true, a honoured, a most worthy and kindly brother.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Though I think your Editor is quite right in leaving the "Grand Orient" to itself, as it seems doubtful whether it is really any longer a true Masonic jurisdiction, I am of opinion that it is equally proper in your cosmopolitan and impartial pages to call attention to what I deem a most melancholy proof of the real decadence of French Freemasonry.

This, according to my view, (though unlike the Grand Orient and the Pope, I do not profess to claim infallibility), is to be found in the last "Budget," and anything more absolutely unsatisfactory, I have never perused, or more suggestive of its present abasement, more symptomatic of its future fall.

Its accounts have long since been pointed out as most peculiar and dubious, and I will defy anyone to tell me on the present statement, whether the Grand Orient is in a state of solvency or insolvency. The Grand Orient began with a balance, in March, 1877, of 1167.50 francs, or £46 19s. 8d. The receipts from all sources for the 12 months amounted to 133,954.65 francs, or £5414 15s. in round numbers; its expenses to 131,782.50 francs, or £5320, in round numbers. The balance on the 28th February, 1878, was 2175.15 francs, or £87 3s., in round numbers. Of this amount £5414 15s., the only sum devoted to charity that I can find, is 12,822.75 francs, or £518, 15s. in round numbers, and this is paid by collections, special

gifts, temporary special payments, and £300 interest on certain funds. The "cours gratuits" of instruction cost £160, towards which the Grand Orient receives 5,898.125 francs, or £237 10d. The travelling expenses swallow up 16,000 francs, or £640. The office expenses cost 28,000 francs in round numbers, or £1120.

But I cannot understand what is the exact position of the Grand Orient and the Société Civile. The Grand Orient lets out lodge rooms for 20,092.15 francs, £802 16s. but it also pays for "loyer," or rent, in 1878, and will pay the same in 1879, 15,000 francs, or £600. I can only suppose that the Grand Orient "sublets" to the lodges from the "Société Civile." Perhaps some French brother can explain this fact. I fear that French Freemasonry under the Grand Orient has many troubles to contend with, owing to its suicidal policy and dark days before it, under the patronage of political partisans; but I think it well to point out to your readers, as the moral of this letter, that a great body which spends £640 on the travelling expenses of its members, and only gives for all purposes of Masonic relief £518 10s., seems to the reflecting mind a burlesque on the name of Freemasonry. For it will be then seen that the travelling expenses and the office expenses cost £1760, as against charity £518. There is a payment to the Société Civile, in addition, of 24,000.60 francs, £960.

I have put these figures as clearly before your readers as I can, but they still seem to me very obscure, and if any French brother can throw light upon them, simply as a matter of fact, I shall be greatly obliged, and I have no doubt your readers will too.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,
MASKELYNE.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it may safely be affirmed that there are few members of our Order better acquainted with Masonic statistics than my esteemed friend, Bro. James Terry, and those who, like myself, have long enjoyed the pleasure of knowing him, will readily concede that from the ingenuous frankness of his character, he would not make any statement incapable of proof.

These premises being granted, it follows as a natural corollary that any serious utterance of Bro. Terry commands and deserves attention.

In the interesting report, given in your issue of the 28th ult., of the consecration of the Kennington Chapter (vide *Freemason*, vol. XI., page 60r). Bro. Terry is reported to have made a statement which ought to be printed in letters of gold and be placed in the hands of every brother throughout the length and breadth of the land. The statement was as follows:—"If every Mason gave five shillings a year to each Institution, the Institutions would never require a festival or an election, as they would be able to meet every demand made upon them."

Consider, for one moment, what this short sentence implies. Five shillings to each Institution means fifteen shillings a year—in other words, one half-penny per day!

Can it be supposed that anyone among us is unable to afford this trifle? If so, I venture to think that it would be well for himself, as also for his family, if he withdrew from our Order.

Bro. Terry tells us that, if every member of the Craft made this small contribution, no festivals would be required. Now it will, I think, be universally admitted that we can well dispense with the festivals, provided the object of them (raising funds) be attained by other means.

The festivals entail a vast amount of labour to the several Secretaries; to a certain extent they bring, I fear, discredit to the Craft, as the outside world naturally imagines the £10,000 or £12,000 collected is in some way or other due to the festivity, than which a greater error cannot exist, the fact being that the Stewards' lists are made up and handed in before the banquet. Therefore, if the income of the Institutions be otherwise secured, the abolition of the festivals will be a loss to no one excepting to the tavern-keeper.

But it is Bro. Terry's second point to which I would especially draw attention. Fifteen shillings a year from every Mason would obviate the necessity of elections!

What does this not mean?

A brother dies—his widow, in straitened circumstances, seeks the election of her child to one of our Schools—or, a poor widow is a candidate for the Benevolent Institution. How many weary journeys do they take? How many ill-afforded postage stamps do they employ? How many anxious hours do they spend in their endeavour to secure the election?

If all this can be avoided, by so small a sacrifice from each of us, surely it ought to be done; and if Bro. Terry's speech be the means of accomplishing it, he will gain the gratitude of hundreds of present and future applicants for the benefits of our noble Institutions.

Bro. Terry has touched upon a weak point in our system. We need only look at the several lists of subscribers to see that the Institutions are supported by a comparatively few. What is wanted is not only the guineas of the few, but the crowns from all. Let it be remembered that "unity is strength," and every Mason should feel it a duty incumbent upon him to make, at least, a small annual contribution to each of the Institutions. If the whole Craft were to co-operate as Bro. Terry suggests, the lists of the subscribers would form three portly volumes.

In concluding this letter (for the length of which I apologize) I venture to hope that means may be devised for bringing this subject prominently before every lodge under the English Constitution. If every W.M. were to use his influence how much might be done!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
P.M. OF A LONDON LODGE.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my correspondence to you by last mail I promised to acquaint you with the result of the meeting of the members of the "Peace and Harmony," working under the G.E. of the Netherlands, regarding the contemplated introduction of new rituals for the Symbolic Degree, which make a "clean sweep" from the lodges of the Bible and immortality of the soul. After a long discussion, which lasted two evenings, in which the W.M., all the P.M.'s, and prominent members took part, it was unanimously decided to reject the rituals in toto, and that notice thereof be immediately sent to the Prov. G. Lodge in Cape Town. Should the G.E. insist upon the removal of these landmarks, the "Peace and Harmony" will return its warrant of constitution.

Yours fraternally,

J. J. WILSON, P.M.

Du Toit's Pan,
Cape Town West,
South Africa.

A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE PRINCESS ALICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All that is best and noblest in our nature has been stirred to its very depths by the death of the Princess Alice, so devoted as a daughter, a wife, a mother. By every means that could be devised, the nation has sought to prove its respect, its esteem, its love for that pure, noble, self-sacrificing life that has just passed into the world where "the weary are at rest;" has endeavoured, too, by its respectful sympathy, to soften the bereavement that has fallen upon the Royal Mother, whose wise counsels and careful training have moulded such a daughter.

Let us, sir, by a National Memorial to the Princess Alice, perpetuate the name of this Royal lady, this peerless woman.

I feel convinced that this suggestion—which I have offered to several journals—needs only to be made in order to be eagerly adopted by all creeds, all parties, all classes, not only in this country, but throughout our great empire.

Believe me to be, yours fraternally,

J. KINGSTON, LL.D.,
P. Prov. G. C. for Dorset, &c.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

PATRON:—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., K.T., K.P.

Officers of Grand Lodge, for the year 1879:—

His Grace The Most Noble The Duke of Abercorn, K.G.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master.
Robert William Shekleton, G.C., Right Worshipful
Deputy Grand Master.
Most Hon. The Marquess of Headfort, D.L., Right
Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, D.L., Right Worshipful
Junior Grand Warden.
Robert Warren, D.L., Right Worshipful G. Treasurer.
Right Hon. the Earl of Bandon, Right Worshipful G.
Secretary.
The Rev. John James MacDonley, and Right Hon. and
Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, Right Wor-
shipful Grand Chaplains.
Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P., Worshipful Senior
Grand Deacon.
Theophilus E. St. George, Worshipful Junior Grand
Deacon.
George A. Stephens, J.P., Worshipful Grand Superin-
tendent of Works.
George Moyers, LL.D., J.P., Worshipful Grand Director
of Ceremonies.
Harry Hodges, Worshipful Grand Steward.
Humphrey Minchin, M.B., Worshipful Grand Sword
Bearer.
Charles Ogilvie Grandison, Worshipful Grand Organist.
James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Worshipful Grand Inner
Guard.
Samuel B. Oldham, Worshipful Deputy Grand Secre-
tary and Treasurer.
Brother Archibald St. George, Assistant Secretary.
Brothers Richard L. Stevens and William Townley,
Tyler to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IRELAND.

Grand officers for the year 1879:—

Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., King.
Charles Capel Macnamara, LL.D., Deputy King.
Charles A. Cameron, M.D., High Priest.
John Fox Goodman, Chief Scribe.
George Hill Major, Captain of Host.
Rev. J. A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D., Sup. of Tab.
George J. Norman de Arcy, J.P., Royal Arch Capt.
Rev. Benjamin Gibson, A.M., Capt. of Sect. Veil.
John Hodges, Capt. of Purple Veil.
Robert W. Griffin, LL.D., Capt. of Blue Veil.
Rev. Thomas J. Welland, A.M., Chaplain.
Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., Treasurer.
Samuel B. Oldham, Registrar.
Charles Foot, Janitor.
Richard L. Stevens and William Townley, External
Janitors.

The Queen has approved of a proposal of the British residents at Darmstadt, which has obtained the sanction of the Grand Duke of Hesse, for raising a fund for a memorial in the Grand Duchy of Hesse, in furtherance of the benevolent desires of the lamented Grand Duchess.

FREEMASONRY IN CEYLON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon held a meeting on the 14th November, at the New Freemasons' Hall, Colombo. Present, R. W. Capt. Gorman, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. Maitland, D.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. Symons, P.G.S.W. V.W. Bro. Bailey, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bro. Greig, P.G.T.; V.W. Bro. Guthrie, P.G.S.; W. Bro. Joseph, P.G.S.D.; W. Bro. Tilly, P.G.J.D.; W. Bro. Ohlmus, (acting) P.G.J.G.; W. Bro. Hegarty, P.G.D.C.; and the following brethren, Van Dort, S.W. 107; H. Robertson, J.W. 107; Hudson, S.W.; Watson, J.W. 115; Thwaites, S.W.; Willistord, J.W. 112; Home, P.M.; and Cantrell, W.M. 115. The P.G.M. announced that the first business before the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Considering the short time that the Provincial Grand Lodge had been in existence, and the necessarily limited opportunity that had been afforded of judging of the working, it was suggested that the same officers should be re-elected for next year. This proposal was so much in harmony with the wishes of the brethren, that it was carried by acclamation, and thus all the office-bearers of the present year remain in statu quo.

The next business was that most tedious but important one, the consideration of bye-laws, which, of course, necessitated a lengthy sitting and protracted discussion, so that it was late before the meeting broke up, having happily concluded the whole matter.

The Leinster Lodge, (No. 115, I.C.), met on the 16th November, in the New Masonic Hall, when a large number (for Ceylon) of brethren were present. After balloting for Mr. James Smith for initiation, and Bro. E. C. Davies for affiliation, the W.M. raised Bro. Hassenauer to the high and sublime degree of M.M. The next business was the election of officers, and the result of the ballot was as follows: W. Bro. Cantrell, W.M. (re-elected); Bro. Watson, S.W.; Bro. S. Davis, J.W.; W. Bro. J. Guthrie, P.M., Sec. and Treasurer; Bro. H. S. Campbell, S.D.; Bro. D. Macmillan, J.D.; Bro. E. C. Davies, I.G.; and Bro. Hudson, D.C., and Hassenauer, Steward. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren departed. The office of Tyler was left vacant, there being some difficulty in selecting a brother for this duty. After the election the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room where W. Bro. J. Maitland, P.D.G.M. 30, in eloquent words, proposed the health of the W.M. elect, congratulating the lodge on its choice, which he was convinced would prove a wise one. The healths of the other officers elect were successively proposed and drunk with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated in peace, love, and harmony.

FREEMASONRY IN COLOMBO.

The Sphinx Lodge, (No. 107, I.C.), met at a stated communication on Friday, 8th November, at the New Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of electing the Master and officers for the ensuing year. The result of the ballot was that most of the present officers moved up in regular rotation, a gratifying proof, as was remarked at the time, of the confidence placed in them by the members of the lodge. The following are the officers elect for the year 1879:—Bros. J. L. K. Van Dort, W.M.; H. Robertson, S.W.; J. W. Ebert, J.W.; and P. F. Ohlmus, Secretary; W. Bro. John Guthrie, P.M., Treasurer; Bros. O. G. Joseph, S.D.; J. W. Vanderstraaten, J.D.; and E. F. Perera, I.G.; W. Bro. J. G. L. Ohlmus (present W.M.), J.P.M.; W. Bro. A. O. Joseph, P.M., Director of Ceremonies.

FREEMASONRY IN LIBERIA.

The following prospectus has been forwarded to us for publication:—

"A Masonic Hall and a Masonic Hospital in the town of Edina:

"In order to promote some usefulness and good among and for all men of our institution, we propose, in connection with our contemplated Masonic Hall, to erect a Masonic Hospital upon the same grounds for the care of all indigent sick and afflicted brother Masons, their wives and little children that may arrive at this place from any part of the world, and need the care and nursing of friends. This building we propose to locate on the end of an acre of land in the town of Edina, and on the opposite end will be erected the Masonic Hall, the whole constituting and to be known as Masonic-square. The dimensions of the hospital is proposed to be as follows:—60 feet long, 40 feet wide, situated on a 4-feet rock foundation, and 3 stories high of brick, each story 10 feet; to be in every respect adapted for the comfort of the sick. In order to accomplish this great end, about 20,000 dollars, or £4,000 is necessary. We, therefore, solicit your aid in such amounts as you may feel justified in contributing to so good a cause.

"Contributions will be cheerfully received in London through Bro. George Kenning; and in Liverpool through Bro. James W. Shaw.

"H. WILLIAMS, W.M.,
"Rising Sun Lodge (No. 5.)

"Address—

"Secretary, Rising Sun Lodge (No. 5),
"Grand Bassa,
"Liberia, W.C. Africa."

A Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in April next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, and to receive and consider the report of the sub-committee on the revision of the laws.

A MENU CARD IN CHAUCERIAN ENGLISH.

The following is a copy (as near as the space in our columns will permit) of the menu card used at the installation banquet of the Wentworth Lodge, Sheffield, reported in another column.—

F A M O U S E T T E

Atte ye Installation of ye Master of ye
Lodge vcept ye Wentworth

No. 1239,

On Monday, ye 2nd day of December,
Anno Domini, m^occclxxviii.Atte ye
Halle of ye Free-Masons
inne Sheffield.

Bro. John Clark, W.M.

BILLE OF YE FARE,

YE SOUPE. Soupe mayd from ye Turtle (wych
is a mockerie.)
YE FVSH. Soupe mayd from ye cleare juice of ye flesh.
Ye Coddre crymped with sauce of ye Oyster.
Ye littel Soles fryed.
YE FLESH. Cuttelettes of Lambe with Tomato Sauce.
Kidneyes stewed after their use &
manner.
Ye Muttonne hys saddle.
Ye antient Hamme & ye moderne Tongue.

Ye Bille of ye Fare is drawne in playne Englysh, without
any cloake of Frenche or other foreyngne tongue,
for ye sadder and sobere comforte of ye brethren, and that
ye maye knowe what ye are asked to accept.

A conyng bande will playen on ye Virginals, and Laye
and Virelayes will be songe.

FOWLE, ETC. Ye Turkeyes.
Geese.
Chikenes.
Ye younge Faisants.
Partridges.
Ye Grouse from ye wyld moores.
Maraschino Jellies.
YE SWETES, ETC. Toaste with ye Anchovey paste.
Ye Cheese from ye famous presses of
Cheshire, &c.
Celerey.
Creames, &c.
YE FRUITES, ETC. Divers Fruytes wh are yr Desettes,
such as
ye Grapes, Appels, Pares, ye swete Aumonds
ye Raisins of Muscatel,
ye Filberts from ye county of Kent,
&c., &c.
Ye Wines of Champagne & other outlandlysh
countries.

Ye dishes are mayde in homelye fashyonge (for lodyiis
sustynance) & will be served after ye manere of ye
French people.

Ye guesstes are bydden to eate after ye Hungarie manere.

Ye Weede nicotine, Saake, and Strong ale, will be
purveyed righte pleynte.

A NOBLE MASONIC EXAMPLE.

On account of the great distress at present prevailing in
Bootle, near Liverpool, the brethren of Bootle Lodge of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1473 (of which
Bro. Duncan is the present W.M.), have resolved not to hold
the annual Masonic ball this year, but have decided to sub-
scribe with the view of giving needed help to the starving
poor. Bro. Councillor S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer of
the Bootle Lodge, had already received about £30 towards
the end of last week as the result of a few days' efforts, and it
is fully expected that upwards of £50 will be raised by the
Freemasons of Bootle for the relief of the distressed, with-
out reference to glass or creed. The total will be handed
to Bro. J. Newell, the Mayor of Bootle, to augment the
General Relief Fund. The example thus set is worthy
of general imitation in these trying times.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual Twelfth Night Entertainment to the pupils
of this Institution, who, to the number of forty-two, have
not gone home for the holidays, will be given on Monday
evening. The entertainment this year will be different to
that of former years, the celebrated Eickwick Historic
Club having been engaged to perform. The programme,
with which we have been favoured, gives Mr. Craven's do-
mestic drama of "The Chimney Corner," "A Musical
Olio," and Morton's farce of "Whitebait at Greenwich."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The pupils of this Institution remaining at the school
during the Christmas holidays visited the Alexandra
Palace on New Year's day, and witnessed the performance
of the pantomime as well as the amusements in the Circus
and the other entertainments. Thirty-four of the boys
have spent their Christmas in the Institution, where they
will have an evening's entertainment next Wednesday, con-
sisting of lecture, dissolving-views, comic pictures, and
music.

MARRIAGE OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

On Monday last the marriage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and Miss Elizabeth Catherine Howard, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Howard, of Greystoke Castle, was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, Greystoke, Cumberland. A large family party had met at Greystoke Castle for the wedding, which excited much interest in that part of Cumberland where the bride and her family are so well known and respected for their benevolence. From the Castle to the church, about a mile distant, several arches, composed of evergreens and decorated with flags, were erected, bearing mottoes expressive of the joyous feelings of the inhabitants; among others, "Every blessing attend thee, Elsie," "God bless the happy pair," "Look to the Houses of Howard and Herbert," "Canny auld Cumberland wishes them weel," and others. The pathway from the carriage road to the church was covered by an awning and carpeted with crimson cloth, as was also the aisle of the church. The fine old collegiate church of Greystoke was handsomely decorated. The wedding party came from the Castle at half-past eleven o'clock, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was attended by the Hon. Alan Herbert, his brother, arriving just before the bride, who was received by her brother, Mr. H. Howard, on her arrival, and at once proceeded to the Communion table, attended by four bridesmaids, namely, Miss Maud Howard, her sister; Lady Camilla Wallop, niece of the bridegroom; Miss Macan, cousin of the bride; and Lady Caroline McDonnell. The bride's dress was of ivory white satin trimmed with Brussels point lace; a wreath of orange blossoms and myrtle, covered by a tulle veil. Her jewels were a diamond necklace and bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, and a gold and diamond locket, the gift of the tenants at Greystoke. The bridesmaids' dresses were of pale pink cashmere, trimmed with dark ruby satin, ruby satin hats turned up with velvet to match, and pink feathers. Each lady wore a gold bracelet set with pearls and lapis lazuli, Lord Carnarvon's gift. The marriage was solemnised by the Rev. Norman Ogilvy, M.A., Rector of Hanbury-near-Bromsgrove, assisted by the Rev. Edmund Askew, B.A., Rector of Greystoke. The bride was given away by her brother. The ceremony concluded, the wedding party returned to Greystoke Castle to breakfast. The déjeuner was served in the great hall of the Castle, which has been recently restored after the fire which partially destroyed the Castle a few years ago. Among the relatives and friends who met on the happy occasion were Mr. and Lady Mabel Howard, Mrs. Howard and Miss Maud Howard, Mr. Stafford and Lady Rachel Howard, Lady Gwendolen Herbert and Hon. Alan Herbert, Lord Porchester and Lady Winifred Herbert, Lady Camilla Wallop, Lady Caroline McDonnell, Sir John Ogilvy, Sir Richard and Lady Musgrave, Sir Wilfrid and Lady Lawson, General and Mrs. Brougham, Colonel and Mrs. Wybergh, Captain and Mrs. Markham, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Howard of Corby, Mr. Mowbray Howard, Mr. Esme Howard, Miss Macan, the Rev. Edmund and Mrs. Askew, Mr. Tompaine Buller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fetherstonbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. Senhouse, Miss Hayell, and others. Early in the afternoon the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon left the Castle for his lordship's residence in Bruton-street, Berkeley-square, on their way to Pixton Park, Somersetshire. Her ladyship's travelling dress was of dove-coloured cashmere, with jacket and muff trimmed with fur to match, and plush hat and feathers to correspond.—*Daily Telegraph.*

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1878.

During the year 1878 the income of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions from donations, subscriptions, and all other sources, amounted to £40,312 4s. 3d. Out of this sum the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution obtained the largest amount—namely, £14,880 2s. 7d., for the second year in succession heading the list. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took the second place with £12,866 1s. 8d., while the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took the third place with £12,566. The total amount for the three institutions for 1878 was about £4,000 less than was contributed in 1877, but it was very much larger than was expected, when at the beginning of the year public charity was extensively diverted to other channels. The Masonic body, however, although giving liberally to non-Masonic appeals, strongly supported their own charities, which in 1878 only fell short by £2,000 of the most successful year on record, 1872. The Benevolent Institution has between 300 and 400 applicants on its books; the Boys' School maintains, and educates about 220 boys; and the Girls' School over 200 girls. In the year 1878 the Lodge of Benevolence, connected with Grand Lodge, contributed £4,984 to distressed Freemasons, and the widows and orphans of deceased members. This lodge meets every month. The largest amount dispensed at any one meeting in 1878 was at the December meeting, when £765 was granted, and the smallest at the August meeting, when the sum voted was £203. The Fund of Benevolence now amounts to some £45,000, and it has for some years been a proposition of Mr. J. M. Clabon that a portion of the annual surplus should be set apart towards apprenticing or otherwise advancing in life the children when they leave the schools.—*Times.*

Bro. J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55 and 1589, has been elected, by a large majority, Guardian of the Poor for the Ward of Farringdon Without. The funeral of Bro. John Boyd takes place at Brompton Cemetery this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following reports have been received, but unavoidably stand over, 1002, 1051, 1536, 1609.

GRAND MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT IN LIVERPOOL.

The vitality of Freemasonry in the province of West Lancashire, (notwithstanding the silly sneers and ignorant denunciations of those who know little about the Order) was most significantly shown on Friday evening, the 20th ult., at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, where an entertainment of a novel and singularly attractive nature, almost without a parallel in the history of dramatic performances, was given by the members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in aid of the Masonic Hall Fund of No. 1609. The whole of the arrangements which were of the most elaborate kind, were entirely carried out under the direction of the members of this lodge, which has deservedly secured a prominent place in the Masonic roll of West Lancashire.

It may be explained that since its erection the principal rooms of the Masonic Hall in Hope-street, solely devoted to Masonic purposes, have remained without any permanent decoration, and the object of the performance on this occasion was to secure sufficient funds to decorate and furnish the banqueting room in an effective manner. The enterprising spirit thus displayed by the brethren of the Dramatic Lodge elicited the admiration and cordial support of the brethren in every lodge in this district, and the immense gathering at the Amphitheatre on Friday, the 20th ult., not only demonstrated that Masonry is something more than the mere fiction which ignorant person, delight to call it, but will certainly result in enabling this Dramatic Lodge to carry out their excellent intention to the full extent.

The performance was under the patronage of his Worship the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. T. B. Royden), Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire; and his Worship the Mayor of Bootle (Bro. J. Newell), Bros. Alderman J. G. Livingston, E. Samuelson, J. Pearson, A. Boyd, and Sir A. B. Walker, Knight; Bros. Councillors J. A. Forrest, G. Fowler, G. Peet, E. Grindley, T. H. Sheen, and W. J. Lunt, the P.G. Officers Past and Present, and the W.Ms. and P.Ms., Wardens, and brethren of West Lancashire and other provinces. So great was the demand for seats at extra prices that seven rows of orchestra stalls had to be provided; the dress circle was fully booked a fortnight ago, and, as the tickets for all the other parts of the theatre sold well, the audience was one of the most brilliant and crowded which has been seen for a long time, even with the dense fog which prevailed.

The free use of the theatre was generously given by Bros. Leslie and Courtenay, the lessees, the latter of whom is the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge for the current year. The programme furnished was about as attractive as could be conceived, and all the arrangements both before and behind the curtain were most complete and admirable. By permission of Mr. Tom Taylor, the ever-welcome comedy "Still Waters Run Deep" was the chief dramatic item of the bill, the different male characters being principally represented by members of the lodge, assisted *con amore* by ladies whose husbands are both worthy Masons. Miss Rachel Sanger (wife of Bro. J. C. Scranlan, of Lodge 1609), travelled all the way from London for the special purpose of giving her valuable help on the occasion, and the splendid manner in which she played Mrs. Mildmay elicited frequent and hearty applause from every part of the crowded house.

Mrs. Lindo Courtenay (wife of the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge), also most kindly gave her services, appearing as Mrs. Hector Sternhold, whom she represented with telling spirit.

Bro. John Dewhurst, belonging to a Southport Lodge, who also gave his services, very pointedly hit his mark as the Still-water, Mildmay, and Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M. proved to demonstration that he is an actor of a very high order by his representation of the amorous and unprincipled Hawkesley. Bro. Frank Emery, J.D. 1609, gave a portrait of Mr. Potter, which, while free from exaggeration, was singularly forcible, artistic and intelligent. Dunbilk was played with remarkable raciness by Bro. R. J. Roberts, 1609, and minor parts were well filled by Bro. Constantine I.P.M. (Gimlet), Bro. H. P. Squire, J.S. (Mr. Markham), Bro. C. Courtenay, 1609 (Mr. Langford), Bro. J. Pyer, I.G. (Richwood), Bro. J. A. Mercer, 1609 (Jessop), and Bro. Henry Leslie, 1609 (*aide* to Captain Hawkesley). The comedy was staged with exquisite taste, and calls were given to the chiefs in the cast at the close of each act. The stage management was under the able direction of Bro. J. A. Mercer. A vocal and dramatic entertainment, in connection with which an almost unequalled array of talent was brought into requisition, under the able and skilled management of Bro. D. Saunders, 1609, followed the comedy, and this was as thoroughly appreciated as any section of the performance.

A specially written Masonic overture, composed and conducted by Bro. H. Round, a work of much merit, was capably played by the excellent orchestra, chiefly composed of brethren, and gave additional value to the evening's entertainment. Mrs. F. R. Phillips opened the second section of the entertainment with much effect, and the others who appeared during the evening were Bro. J. Bushfield, 216; Miss L. Price; Bro. J. Hill, 1609; Mr. and Mrs. Charles; Bro. E. Saker, 1609; Bro. H. Walsham; Bro. H. Gill, 2086; Bro. Walton, 1609; Bro. Hemming; Bro. J. Webster Williams, 1609; Bro. W. J. Ashcroft (who came from Manchester for the purpose of assisting, with his usual success), and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. (accompanyist). The National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung at the close with an enthusiasm which clearly showed the essence of Masonry is loyalty, the solos being given by Bro. Webster Williams, whom the public must be glad to welcome back to Liverpool in connection with the Hague Minstrels. The success of the performance is largely attributable to Bro.

J. Atkinson, 1609, the Honorary Secretary, and Bro. P. Lownes, 1609, the Honorary Treasurer; while all the officers and the principal members of the Lodge contributed their services most willingly to secure complete success. An efficient band of stewards did their best to contribute to the comfort of the patrons of the Masonic entertainment, and they wore elegant badges.

The theatre was performed with Rimmell's Patent Va-pouriser, supplied by the eminent photographers Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, all connected with the Dramatic Lodge, and an admirable Shakespearean programme was also got up by them for the occasion.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

Bro. Hughan's new work, "A Numismatical and Numerical Register of the United Grand Lodge of England," is now printing, and may be expected early in the new year. It will be handsomely printed and illustrated, and be the best of the books he has brought out for the benefit of the Craft, as well as the most valuable, Masonically.

It is to be dedicated to the R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) G.D.C. of England, especially as the heraldic part of the work has been partly prepared under the superintendence of that worthy brother. The frontispiece will consist of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England, beautifully lithographed in appropriate colours, and the other plates will comprise drawings of several important medals, such as the Royal medals of the "Anti-queen," and "Prince of Wales" Lodges, the Freemasons' Hall medal of 1780, the Charity, Inauguration, and Royal Installation medals, special jewels of the "Grand Master's" "Royal Somerset House and Inverness," "Westminster and Keystone," "Royal Alpha," "Royal York of Perseverance," &c., Lodges, also particulars of many other lodges, lists of Centenary Lodges, Roll of "Union" Lodges, &c. Intending subscribers should remit at once, half-a-guinea for each copy, direct to the author Bro. W. J. Hughan, Truro, as after publication this cost will be twelve and sixpence.

THE FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION OF THE DUBLIN ROYAL ACADEMY.

The exhibition of the present year, we are informed, promises to be a brilliant one, and we have fortunately been allowed a private view of some of the pictures that are going from England.

Amongst them we cannot refrain from noticing three works of a rising young artist—Mr. William Bennett, jun.—who has adopted, as his abode, one of the most beautiful spots in Surrey, and therefore in all England, Caterham Valley.

The pictures to which we refer are beautifully executed in water-colours, and are respectively:—"May in the Surrey Laues," a view near Wurlingham, an exquisite piece of rural scenery in Spring; "The Day before the In-gathering," an old gateway opening upon a cornfield at Tilling-down, a lovely Autumn picture, which we are glad but not surprised to see, bears the magic word "Sold;" and "The Coming October," a finely executed Summer view of a hop-garden, with Godstone in the middle distance, and the downs beyond. All are contiguous to the charming valley we have mentioned. The artist kindly showed us other works in progress for the Dudley Gallery, the Royal Academy, and the Bristol exhibition, all of which we hope to speak of in due course. All who have seen this artist's pictures at the Crystal Palace and other galleries, will gladly welcome his works again wherever and whenever they may be exhibited.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creation, V.P. and Trustee, presided. There were also present Bros. Thos. F. Peacock, Arthur E. Gladwell, John Faulkner, L. H. Webb, C. Harcourt, Griffiths Smith, Thos. W. White, R. B. Webster, H. A. Dobois, E. H. Finney, S. Rawson, Thomas J. White, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary; and M. Massey (*Freemason*). The House Committee minutes, which were read for information, recorded that notices had been served by the Brighton Railway of their intention to apply for a bill next session, which would require a portion of the grounds of the Masonic Girls' School, to be taken for the new works to be carried out if that bill was successful. These minutes also notified the steps that had been taken with regard to the cookery class which had been established at the School. It was also recorded that the Pickwick Historic Club had been engaged to give a dramatic entertainment at the Twelfth Night treat to the children remaining at the School during the Christmas holidays.

Six petitions were received, and the candidates placed on the list for next election in April. Eighteen vacancies were declared for that election, for which there are forty-eight candidates.

The Committee then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This purifying and regulating Medicine should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet weather. These Pills are the best preventive of hoarseness, sore throat, pleurisy, and asthma, and are sure remedies for congestion, bronchitis, and inflammation. A moderate attention to the directions folded round each box will enable every invalid to take the pills in the most advantageous manner; they will there be taught the proper doses, and the circumstances under which they must be increased or diminished. Holloway's Pills act as alteratives, aperients, and tonics. Whenever these Pills have been taken as the last resource, the result has always been gratifying. Even when they fail to cure, they always assuage the severity of the symptoms and diminish the danger.—[Adv't.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. George Kenning has, following the spirit of the times, published a Christmas number of his excellent *Masonic Magazine*, which contains quite a large collection of literary attractions. Chief amongst these, especially to the brethren of West Lancashire, will be found a capital portrait of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., of this division; and the picture is enhanced by a carefully written biographical sketch of his lordship. Mr. Anthony Trollope contributes a story called "Catherine Carmichael," which shows the author's unabated literary power; and amongst the other contributors are the editor, Rev. M. Gordon, Rev. W. Tebbs, Bro. Emra Holmes, Mrs. Tweddell, &c. The contents are exceedingly varied in their character, and, as the number is most attractively got up, Bro. Kenning ought to "score a success."—*Liverpool Mercury*.

The annual installation meeting of the Walton Lodge (No. 1086), was held on New Year's Day, at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, when Bro. G. J. Townsend, W.M., was again placed in the chair for the second consecutive year. A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

The annual ball given jointly by the Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1572), and the Mizpah Lodge (No. 1671), will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the evening of the 7th of February. The committee will be pleased to have the company of brethren from other lodges. Application for tickets—ladies, 15s.; gentlemen, 17s. 6d.; or double ticket for lady and gentleman, 30s.—should be made to the committee through Bro. Nelson Reed, hon. sec., St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E.

The marriage of the Duke of Connaught will, it is understood, take place at Windsor Castle on the 13th of March, the ceremony, originally fixed for February, having been postponed a month in consequence of the death of the Princess Alice (Grand Duchess of Hesse). The preparations commenced at the Castle for the nuptials are at present in abeyance, but it is expected that these will be completed previous to the return of her Majesty from the Isle of Wight.

Bro. Herbert Rymill, of the Barbican Repository, has, according to the *City Press*, made his customary distribution of coals and other gifts to the poor in the neighbourhood of Barbican.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has received kind messages from the Queen and the Empress Eugenie, and an autograph letter from the King of the Belgians, expressing their sympathy with her in the loss of her much loved and valued friend, Mrs. Hannah Brown.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. Lodge 1657, has forwarded £125 for distribution among his former workmen at Messrs. Dent and Co.'s Worcester factory, in consideration of their loss of time during the Christmas holidays and the annual stocktaking.

The directors of the London General Omnibus Company (Limited) are desirous of receiving tenders for lighting their omnibuses for three years from February 1st.

Bro. H. B. Marshall has forwarded to the Lord Mayor a donation of ten guineas for the Surgical Aid Society.

His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief will hold a levee at one o'clock on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, the number being limited to 158.

With the expiration of the year 1878 the custom of awarding good conduct gratuities to soldiers has been abolished.

The funeral of the late Bro. Colonel Duff, member for North Norfolk, Prov. Grand Superintendent designate for Norfolk, took place on Tuesday last, at Westwick, Norfolk, and was attended by Lord Rendlesham, M.P., Lord Tollemache, Lord Suffield, Sir E. Lacon, M.P., Sir Robert Buxton, M.P., Mr. Clare Sewell Read, M.P., the Hon. Harbord Harbord, and hundreds of gentlemen from distant parts of the county.

A supper and entertainment to the employes of Bro. J. H. Spencer, proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge, took place on Tuesday evening at that establishment. Mr. John Hainsworth occupied the chair. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman gave, "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer," wishing them in every sense a prosperous new year. The toast was drunk with much applause, and Bro. Spencer replied, wishing all present "the complements of the season." At the conclusion of the supper, the remainder of the evening—which was a thoroughly enjoyable one—was spent in dancing.

At a recent meeting of the Town Council of Leeds it was resolved to purchase Hunslet Moor from the lords of the manor for the purposes of a recreation ground for the people.

The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors have granted a donation of twenty guineas to the North-West Hospital for Diseases of Women and Children, Kentish Town-road, N.W.

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple and the greatest novice may soon be a good gardener, by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsmen, Reading, for 15 stamps, or for 11. at all Railway Bookstalls.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 10, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.

Funeral of Bro. Boyd, at Brompton Cemetery, at 2 p.m.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westmr. Chmbrs., Victoria-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, W.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge, 159, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge, 1, St. Mark's, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-dale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrook Ha. Notting Hl.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's Globe Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Rose Croix Chap., 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 11, 1879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY JANUARY, 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, Athensum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Crostheth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of the paper, 108, Fleet-street, London.

J.W.; Thos. Grime, J.D.; Arthur Peake, I.G.; John Armstrong, P.M., Treasurer; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Hon. Sec.; John Harding, P.M.; S. E. Johnson, Charles Skinner, F. Walter, Thos. Jones, Dr. Mackie, Dr. Joseph, Thos. Morris, Christoph. Ekkert, R. W. Francomb, W. Burn, Domville, Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed, Bros. J. S. Crapper, P.M., Prov. G.A.D.C., Staffordshire; D. W. Finney, W.M. 1250; Prov. G. Steward, Jas. Kenworthy, J.D. 1565; D. Gabrielson, 1502; Morris Flatau, 1502; Charles Petty, 477; J. H. Evans, W.M. 1565; J. H. Wilson, 384; J. H. Galloway, Treas. 1250; and others. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced the receipt of a letter of request from Bro. S. Schonstadt, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, to pass Bro. M. Flatau, of Hamburg, to the degree of a F.C. Bro. Sec. having read the communication from the W.M. and Sec. of 1502, and Bro. Flatau having proved his claim to preferment, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Flatau re-admitted and passed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. D. W. Finney, W.M. 1250. The chair of K.S. was now assumed by Bro. Bowes at the request of the W.M., who presented his successor, Bro. John Rymer Young, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The presentation was duly attended to, and the first part of the ceremony being completed the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Past Masters Armstrong and Finney were placed respectively in the West and South. All below the degree of Installed Masters having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted and retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, not "declared" as the manner of some is, the W.M. elect admitted and placed in the chair of K.S. according to the ancient custom. Having been saluted, proclaimed and greeted in the usual form, the W.M. requested the Installing Master to call off for a brief space, and during this interval the "cement" was judiciously applied, and then labour was resumed. The Board having been closed, the brethren in the several degrees were re-admitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in each degree. The Installing Master requested Bro. Crapper to deliver and explain the working tools, which he did in a most able manner. The W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Joseph Pickthall, I.P.M.; C. E. Hindley, S.W.; A. H. Young, J.W.; Jno. Armstrong, P.M., Treas.; John Bowes, P.M. &c., Sec.; James Paterson, S.D.; Thos. Grime, J.D.; Thos. M. Pattison, Org.; Arthur Peake, I.G.; and Thos. Domville, Tyler. Bro. Bowes having addressed each of the officers with respect to the teaching of their emblems of office, situation, and duty, then delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The Auditors' report was then read, which showed that after a very expensive year there was in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of nearly £70. The W.M. then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to Bro. Joseph Pickthall, I.P.M., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge. The inscription on the back of the jewel so fully expressed the feelings that prompted the presentation that he would add nothing to it, and concluded by placing the jewel on Bro. Pickthall's breast. Bro. Pickthall, who was evidently much moved by this token of esteem, said: "Worshipful Master, Past-Masters, officers, and brethren all, the presentation of this beautiful jewel, which has been awarded to me by you, conveys along with it a value of far greater worth than any words of mine can express. You must bear with me if words fail to express all I feel at the present moment, as nothing is more embarrassing than to return thanks in suitable terms. This much I must say, that in accepting this jewel, I bear with me into the future a trophy of brotherly love. I never can forget your kind regard, and never can I look upon this jewel without the happy feeling again springing up, which now well-nigh overpowered me. The "esteem" which you say it conveys specially merits my warmest thanks; I am proud of such regard, and to my dying day the association with the brethren of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, will be remembered by me as among the happiest days of my existence. With regard to any worth of mine, as late Worshipful Master of this lodge. I cannot lay any claim to, for whatever responsibilities are attached to that high office, such responsibilities have been shared in by my Wardens and other officers, by them my year of office has been made pleasant, and the duties of Worshipful Master considerably lightened by their knowledge of the ritual, their general urbanity of manner, and strictly regular attendance at lodge. Allow me here to tender my best thanks to each of them, and also to each of you, my brethren, for the respect you ever manifest to the Worshipful Master of our lodge, and without unnecessarily trespassing on your time, allow me a further indulgence in expressing a hope that the same harmony which characterised my year of office may be extended to you, sir, our worthy brother, and now Worshipful Master of this lodge—John Rymer Young. With my precious jewel I now retire and join the rank of Past Masters, where, with them, I trust I may be more useful than during the limited period of my office experience. To be associated with Masonry, we all know, is a privilege only appreciated by Masons. The sacred tie which binds us all in one common brotherhood, is but a type of the Grand Lodge above, and to be gathered there as one family with the G.A.O.T.U. is the aspiration of every true and loyal Mason. Brethren, I thank you all again and again, and may the Lodge of Lights ever continue to be united, prosperous, and happy, and God be with us all." A gentleman having been proposed as a fit and proper person, and some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel for the banquet. This was served in excellent style by mine host, Bro. Speakman. Grace after meat having been said, the usual

loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was enlivened by the musical talent of Bros. Crapper, Petty, Francomb, Skinner, and Ekkert.

BRIXHAM.—True Love and Unity Lodge (No. 248).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brixham. Bro. W. C. Gregory, the W.M. elect, was installed by W. Bro. J. McLean, P.M.; supported by the following Board of I.Ms.:—W. Bros. S. Colstone, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Johnson, J. Howard, H. Brown, P.M.; and J. Hammick. The following officers were invested and appointed:—Bros. J. Hammick, I.P.M.; H. Cowell, S.W.; G. Searle, J.W.; W. Woolley, Treasurer; J. Cranford, Secretary; E. Barter, S.D.; R. Stevens, J.D.; C. Janes, I.G.; and S. Clarke, Tyler. The brethren dined at the Bolton Hotel.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. Buckle, the W.M., presiding, and working the ceremony of the Third Degree. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Bryan Wormald, was moved by Bro. J. Todd, P.M. and Treas., seconded by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., and passed unanimously. A vote of thanks, moved by Bro. T. S. Camidge, P.P.S.O., to Bro. W. B. Richardson, P.M., through whose liberality principally it was that the lodge organ was now in its efficient condition.

ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 298).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, at three o'clock on New Year's Day. The W.M., Bro. Hudson, was supported by Bros. R. R. Grey, S.W., W.M. elect; Dodds, J.W., W. Roberts, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; Holdroyd, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B., W. Yorks; Butterworth, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.P.; Green, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Parker, I.G.; Matley, Sec.; Taylor and Collingwood, Stewards; Hoyle; Duckworth and Fielden, visitors; Bros. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Schofield, W.M., 367; Fletcher, W.M., 1129; and Schuler. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect was then presented and installed in the usual manner in a Board of Installed Masters duly opened in ample form. Bro. Roberts, P.M., &c., acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout. The W.M. appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hudson, I.P.M.; Dodds, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Matley, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Parker, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Collingwood, Steward, &c. The addresses to the various officers, as well as the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and members generally were all given by the Installing Master. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services that day. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Bowes said it had afforded him very great pleasure to come to Rochdale to instal his old friend, Bro. R. R. Grey, the esteemed Head Master of their Grammar School, and if the manner in which he had worked the degree had met with their approval his pleasure was enhanced, and he was amply repaid for any little trouble and inconvenience he may have experienced in visiting them that day. The remainder of the business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the room transformed into a banqueting-hall. In the degree which followed, ample justice was done by all present, and the various loyal and Masonic toasts were very heartily considered, and a pleasant evening spent. We cannot close this brief notice of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, without congratulating the members on their possession of such a comfortable, well-furnished, and convenient lodge room, and also on their wisdom in electing a gentleman of position and education to fill the chair of the lodge. Our ritual always merits consideration at the hands of brethren of Bro. Grey's social position and attainments.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).—This old and popular lodge held its annual St. John's Festival on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The brethren assembled at five o'clock p.m., and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. Donbarand. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been ratified, and other routine business disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. J. R. Lever in the chair of K.S., the P.M.'s of the lodge ably assisting him. After the brethren had saluted and greeted the newly-installed W.M. in the Three Degrees, the following officers were invested by Bro. Lever, W.M., viz.:—Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; John Church, Sec.; J. Tomlins, S.D.; J. Halliday, J.D.; Jas. Dawson (P.M.), Reg.; Jno. Bladon (P.M.), D.C.; Cunliffe, Org.; E. Cohen, I.G.; P. Holmes, W. Wilson, and R. Forshaw, Stewards. The Treasurer (Bro. Smethurst) was absent through ill-health. As is customary on this annual gathering, grants were voted for the Masonic Charities, and the lodge was closed in due form. In consequence of so many claims for charity (Masonic and otherwise) which are now presented to the brethren, it was decided to dispense with the usual banquet, and tea was substituted. The absence of the expensive luxuries did not, however, interfere with the enjoyment of the evening. Toasts, songs, and recitations were heartily given, and Bro. Bladon, P.M., collected a good round sum on behalf of the Aged Freemasons, which will be added to Bro. J. H. Sillitoe's Steward's list for the next festival.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., when W. Bro. W. Rowe, in an able and impressive manner, in-

stalled Bro. R. Adams as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. afterwards distributed the various collars as follows:—W. Bros. W. Rowe, I.P.M.; J. G. Vincent, S.W.; R. Vercoe, J.W.; J. Crang, P.G.S.D., Treasurer; W. Angwin, Secretary; J. Treverton, S.D.; S. Trevail, J.D.; T. Spear, D.C.; H. Jacobs, O.; B. G. Derry, and S. G. Bake, Stewards; J. Gatty, I.G.; and P. Carroll, Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at Sandoe's Royal Hotel. In proposing the toast of "The Royal Family," the W.M. spoke of the recent bereavement which had befallen them in the death of the Princess Alice, a devoted wife and mother so suddenly taken from those for whom she had laboured so indefatigably and with such anxiety to restore to health. The toast was drunk in silence, as was also that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England."

OXFORD.—Alfred Lodge (No. 340).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday, 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street. The Worshipful Master (Bro. F. W. Ansell, P.P.G.S.W.) presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. R. Bird, M.A.), and the Masters of the Bertie, Bowyer (Chipping-Norton), and St. Mary's (Thame) Lodges. Opportunity was taken to present Bro. W. R. Hobbs, the retiring Secretary, with a testimonial from the brethren for his services for the past 25 years. In making the presentation the Worshipful Master spoke of the very efficient manner in which the duties of Secretary had been performed, and the length of time (a quarter of a century) during which they had had the benefit of Bro. Hobbs's services. The testimonial consisted of a handsome Masonic jewel and a purse. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"This jewel, with a purse containing fifty guineas, was presented to Bro. W. R. Hobbs by the brethren of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, on St. John's Day, 1878, as a small token of esteem and appreciation of his services for a quarter of a century as Secretary." Bro. Hobbs expressed his thanks in suitable terms for the kind compliment paid to him, and assured the lodge that it was only increasing infirmities that induced him to relinquish the office, but he hoped to be with them as often as possible. Bro. James Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B., was then installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very masterly manner by the retiring Worshipful Master. The new Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—F. W. Ansell, Immediate Past Master; F. Ryman Hall, Senior Warden; J. J. Hughes, Junior Warden; H. Houghton, Treasurer; P. M. W. G. Emberlin, Secretary; R. Payne, Assistant-Secretary; W. E. Knowles, Senior Deacon; J. M. Dornier, Junior Deacon; Senior Master of Ceremonies, A. Wheeler; Junior ditto, J. H. Robson; Organist, W. R. Bowden; Inner Guard, T. Eley; Stewards, E. Horn and S. Harris; Tyler, W. Stephens; Assistant-Tyler, G. Norwood. On the proposition of the Secretary (Bro. Emberlin), seconded by the Worshipful Master, it was resolved that a Past-Master's jewel should be presented at the next meeting to Bro. Ansell, in recognition of his services to the lodge. At the termination of the business, the anniversary banquet was held in the hall, the new Worshipful Master occupying the chair, and discharging the duties with much genial ability. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and several excellent speeches were delivered. About 40 brethren, including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, sat down. The banquet, which was of a very recherché character, was well served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SWINDON.—Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation (No. 355).—On Friday, the 27th ult., the annual festival of St. John was celebrated by the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, Victoria-street. A large number of brethren attended the lodge to take part in the installation of Bro. William Jenkins, the W.M. elect. The customary preliminary business having been gone through Bro. Jenkins was regularly installed in the chair of K.S.; and he then having invested the late W.M., Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, P.G.J.D., Wilts, as the I.P.M., the loving cup was passed round in a massive crystal goblet, handsomely engraved with Masonic devices, and the health of the newly-installed W.M. was duly honoured. The following brethren were next invested as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. E. J. Hollings, as S.W.; J. Green, J.W.; H. Bevir, S.D.; J. Bryant, J.D.; Rev. A. Law, Chaplain; Geo. Whitehead, Organist; B. Colbron, I.G.; J. Savory, Tyler. The indefatigable Treasurer, W. Bro. John Chandler, P.G.D.C., Wilts, having been re-elected, and the likewise energetic Secretary, W. Bro. Joseph J. New, having been re-appointed, both zealous and experienced Past Masters, they were again invested with the badges of their respective offices. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the late I.P.M., W. Bro. T. E. Liddiard, P.G.S.B. Wilts, who acted as the Installing Master. The meeting was well supported by the former Past Masters and officers of the lodge, amongst those present being W. Bros. John Toomer, P.S.G.W. Wilts; W. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, and P.G. Sec. Wilts; W. W. Affleck, P.G.A.P., Wilts; W. E. R. Ing, P.P.S.G.W., Wilts; W. R. Bradford, P.P.G. Treas., Wilts; W. R. Tarrant, P.P.G.D.C., Wilts; W. Alf. Plummer, P.P.G.A.D.C., Wilts; W. J. Godwin, P.P.G.S.D., Wilts; and as visitors, the W.M. the I.P.M. and the Sec. of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295; W. Wm. H. Ludgate, and Jos. Goudge, also F. C. Kent, S.W., and Thos. Turner, J.W.; W. J. C. Milbourne, P.D.J.G.W., Egypt. The brethren adjourned to the Goddard Arms, where about forty sat down to an excellent banquet, the newly-installed Master presiding. The first toast from the chair was received with the usual feelings of loyalty, the brethren singing "God save the Queen," and after the next to the M.W. Grand Master, that of "God bless the Prince of Wales;" the subsequent toasts being also duly given and responded to, and

interspersed with some excellent songs, accompanied to music by the Organist, Bro. Whitehead, who presided at the pianoforte, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 451).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. William Husband, presided, and there was a good attendance, including W. Bros. H. S. Hill, W.M., No. 223, Plymouth; J. Jeffery, W.M., 318, Helston; John Thomas, P.G.S.B., 589; William Rowe, W.M., 1544; John Pool, J. P. Smith, P.P.G.D.; John Coombe, P.P.G.D.; F. Harvey, P.P.G.S.W.; N. J. West, P.P.G.R.; F. H. Pool, P.G.S.B.; William Huthnance, James Pool, and George Stevens. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. H. Trevithick, was installed by Bro. G. B. Pearce, and he invested and appointed the following officers:—Bros. W. Husband, I.P.M.; B. Spray, S.W.; Rev. G. Kennedy, J.W.; F. Harvey, Treasurer; N. J. West, Chaplain; J. P. Smith, Secretary; W. J. Jordan, S.D.; W. Bawden, J.D.; F. J. Vivian, I.G.; H. J. Warren, D.C.; and J. Bray, Tyler. Bro. John Coombe was appointed Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The subject of a Williams' Memorial Fund was brought before the lodge by Bro. W. Husband previous to the installation, and after a discussion it was resolved that £10 10s. should be voted from the funds of the lodge, and that the brethren should be solicited individually to contribute. Some of the brethren at once put down their names for various sums, and in a short time nearly £30 was promised. The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel. A speech on the Williams Memorial Fund was made by Bro. John Thomas, who warmly supported the movement, but expressed a desire to see the fund made available for educational purposes in the Province of Cornwall, instead of, as the letter Bro. W. Husband, sent to the various lodges, suggested, obtaining voting powers in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, &c. It was explained by Bro. Husband that his proposal was merely a suggestion, and that it would be for the P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Lodge to determine upon the form the memorial should take.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.—Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).—The installation meeting of this celebrated Hertfordshire Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Town Hall. The lodge, which was very fully attended, was opened by Bro. Henry Hollis, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, W.M., at which time there were present the following brethren:—Bros. W. C. Maddever, S.W.; J. T. Rowe, J.W.; John C. Lane, P.M. and Treasurer; W. Wilson, P.M., A.G.P. Sec.; W. H. Hobson, S.D.; J. J. Hatton, J.D.; H. C. Lambert, I.G.; Wm. H. Rowe, P.M.; Robt. A. Wright, D. C. Foster, Fredk. Harvey, P.P.G.C.; Charles Bullock, J. M. Lockwood, W. Evans, Henry Monet, Z. Cartwright, John Greig, T. Harvey Hill, William Abbott, F. L. Lane, Thos. F. Peacock, A. Dennis, F. Graham Robinson, J. Edward Wilkin, 1241; George Gromley, 176; T. S. Waits, P.M. 916; R. Barclay Brown, George Brooks, 902; J. Tickle, P.M. 1196; W. Bristow, 861; W. T. Buck, 1196; J. K. Stead, G.S. 21; G. A. Rein, P.M. 1364; Henry Balderson, G. P. Bernard, Thos. E. Taylor, H. J. Foster, Wm. Field, A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; Ernest Wright, P.M. 1364; James C. Howell, C.C., 715; Edward Stuart Pugh, W. C. Mulligan, P.M. 305; Edward H. Smith, 404; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; B. B. Fitzgerald, 1364; G. Young, 13; John Faulkner, 1423; Wm. Randall, 1470; Alfd. Thos. Parkes, Edwin Legge, W.M., 1196; David Stevenson (Wolverton), Henry Prince, 1309; H. D. Martin, 1309; Jas. Kift, 749; Lewis Poulton, S.D., 591. As a great number of these brethren went down from London, special arrangements were considerably made for them by the lodge with the London and North Western Railway Company. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wilson read the Audit Committee's report and the report of the Benevolent Fund, both of which showed large balances in hand. The W.M. then resigned his chair to Bro. W. H. Rowe, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works, P.M., who had engaged to instal the new W.M. Bro. W. C. Maddever, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Rowe by Bro. Hollis, W.M., and formally installed as Master of the lodge, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-one. The officers for the ensuing year who were invested were Bros. Henry Hollis, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Hobson, J.W.; Lane, P.M., Treas.; W. Wilson, Assistant G. Pursuivant, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Hatten, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; H. C. Lambert, I.G.; Wright, P.M., W.S.; and Thomas, Tyler, who, in thanking the W.M. and the lodge for his re-election and investiture said that the present was the thirty-fourth year he had held his jewel of office. After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. W. H. Rowe, the lodge, on the motion of the Installing Master, seconded by Bro. Foster, P.M., unanimously voted a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Henry Hollis, the P.M. Bro. Wilson, Sec., then drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Maddever would represent the lodge as its Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 12th of February. As there was a balance of £12 2s. 6d. to the credit of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, and as it had always been the custom of the lodge to vote sums of money to the Masonic Charities he would move that the sum of ten guineas be taken from the Benevolent Fund and placed on the list of Bro. Maddever for the Benevolent Institution. The motion was seconded by Bro. Laxton, P.M., and carried unanimously. This completed the business of the lodge, which was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to that excellent hotel, the King's Arms, to banquet. This was served in the very best style of a fine old English hotel, all the viands being of the first quality, and the wines of good old standing. The musical brethren were Bros. Martin, No. 1309; Upstone, No. 1309; and James Kift,

No. 749; who, after dinner, sang some excellent songs. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts, and in giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," said he was sure that the toast would be well received, as all Freemasons were loyal men. Bro. W. Wilson, A.G.P., responded to the toast of "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Officers," and said he, of course, felt it a great honour to be in a position to reply to the toast of the Grand Officers of England, and he appreciated the compliment that had been paid to him very highly. The other Grand Officers if they had been present would have been delighted with the warm reception given to the toast. For the information of the brethren who might not be aware of the fact, he would say that Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale were constant attendants at the Grand Lodge, and were always ready to do their duty. The Hertfordshire Freemasons, as well as other Freemasons, were ever ready to uphold the Grand Officers in the high positions to which they had been appointed, and it was a great satisfaction to the Grand Officers to feel that they had the support of the Craft in general. The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," who, he very much regretted, was unable to be present at this meeting on account of ill-health. The Prov. G.M. was a member of the Berkhamstead Lodge, and all the brethren knew how well he did his work, as they had had an opportunity of seeing it several times. In giving the next toast, "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers," the W.M. said the brethren were all well acquainted with the Deputy Prov. G.M., and to tell the brethren how well he performed his work, would be only to tell them what they had no need to be reminded of. He was an old and well-tryed Mason, and a first-class worker. With this toast he would couple the name of the Rev. Bro. Harvey, who was a member of the lodge, and was giving infinite pleasure to the brethren by being present at this meeting. He (the W.M.) hoped that during his year of office, he should always have the pleasure of Bro. Harvey's presence at the meetings of the lodge. The Rev. Bro. Harvey, in reply to the toast, said the brethren were all so well acquainted with what he might say that he really had nothing to talk about. The Prov. G. Officers were worthy of the brethren's esteem and admiration, and this the brethren very well knew. From the Prov. G.M. downwards the Prov. G. Officers were as good Masons as could be wished. Therefore, as far as they were concerned, the brethren had done well to acknowledge their merits, and the Prov. G. Officers were much obliged for the recognition. When his name was coupled with the toast he did not really expect that, particularly when he found there were so many Grand Officers present who were senior to him, and nearly all of them holding higher office. But as the honour of replying had been conferred upon him he must say that he thanked the brethren very much for the compliment. The W.M. had not seen his work, but he hoped that would be remedied. It made him feel warm again, coming to this lodge, when there was a meeting like this. He had never sat down in it when there was such a crowded meeting, and he had not expected to meet such a distinguished company. As far as he was concerned he felt wonderfully pleased, and yet when he went back to former times when he first joined the lodge, and compared that period with the present and saw how the lodge had grown, he felt he must compliment the brethren. When the lodge was 742 he and the other brethren then in it thought they did their duty, and that they were a happy and good body of Masons; but to-day he saw before him a body of Masons who altogether eclipsed them. When he looked that day at the little leather case which held his apron, he saw on it the date of 1853, and now the year was 1879. This was more than a quarter of a century, and it was then that he first came to the lodge. It was many years since he had the honour of filling the Master's chair. When he looked forward to what the lodge would be, and backward at what the lodge had been, as well as on it as it now was, he felt proud to "stick up," to use a common phrase, for the Berkhamstead Lodge. He hoped to continue a member of it, for he never felt more happy than when he came among the brethren and heard his health drunk by such a distinguished body of Freemasons as formed this lodge. He felt then that he was higher in the Craft than ever he was before, and he should always have pleasure in meeting the brethren and passing such a delightful time with them as he had passed that night. Bro. Henry Hollis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had seen the way in which Bro. Maddever had performed all the offices in the lodge. He had always discharged his duties creditably to himself and pleasurable to the brethren, and they had displayed their good taste and sense in electing him as their W.M. He was sure that Bro. Maddever would fill the chair of the lodge with honour, and carry out all the tenets of Freemasonry with his usual good feeling and urbanity of manner, and in so doing he would obtain the best feelings of the brethren. He (Bro. Hollis) wished the W.M. most sincerely a very pleasant year of office, and he would call upon the brethren to do the same. The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Maddever, in reply, said that four years ago when he came into the lodge Bro. Wilson suggested that it would be a great pleasure to see him sitting in the W.M.'s chair. He had now the greatest possible delight in occupying that seat. It had been his ambition to achieve that distinction, and now that he had achieved it, he hoped that the way in which he would discharge his duties would give the greatest satisfaction to the brethren. He also trusted that the interests of the lodge or of Masonry would never suffer at his hands, and that the lodge when he left the chair would stand even higher, if it were possible, than it stood at present. Bro. Maddever then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," who, he hoped, had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He had the pleasure of knowing a great number of those visitors who were then present, but there

were some whom he did not know. He was, however, equally pleased to see those he did not know. Bros. Stead, Smith, Bristo, and Tickle replied very briefly, acknowledging the hearty reception they had met with, and expressing the great pleasure it had given them to visit the lodge and witness not only the ceremony of installation ably performed, but the new W.M., when investing his officers, keep closely to Masonic ritual. "The P.M.'s," was the next toast, and the W.M., in proposing it, acknowledged the great assistance the Masters of the lodge always received from these brethren. Bros. Hollis, Lane, Laxton, and Wright, replied, and spoke with pride and satisfaction of the gradual improvement in the lodge during the time they had been acquainted with it. It was now in the first position among the Hertfordshire lodges, and it would always be their greatest ambition to maintain for it that position. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Rowe." Ever since he (the W.M.) had been in the lodge he had always received from that worthy brother the utmost extent of kindness in every possible way, and to-day it had reached its climax. Bro. Rowe had that day installed him in the chair of the lodge, and he supposed this was the utmost he could do for him. He (the W.M.) knew the metal Bro. Rowe was made of, and he was sure that when he called upon Bro. Rowe for any assistance it would never be refused. Bro. Rowe's kindness had been shown in every way, and he (the W.M.) trusted that the brethren would for many years have the happiness of seeing him among them and greeting him with the same cordiality that they did now. Bro. W. H. Rowe, P.M., in reply, said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure and gratification to return thanks for the kind manner in which this toast had been proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the brethren. He certainly did not think he deserved so much kindness as the W.M. had expressed, but he would ask the brethren to make some allowance for any deficiencies they might have observed in the ceremony of installation, as it was now twelve months since he went through it. It had given him very great pleasure to instal Bro. Maddever, and at all times he would be very much pleased to instal any Master of the lodge. Nevertheless, he hoped that at next installation meeting he would have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Maddever perform the ceremony himself. He looked upon it as the duty of the W.M. to instal his successor, especially London brethren, who had more opportunities for learning the ceremony than country brethren. He trusted that the W.M. would have a successful year of office, and that all the brethren would be happy under his rule. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." The Treasurer was a most important officer, and a most essential man in a lodge. He was happy to say that Bro. Lane, the Treasurer, was father of the lodge, and he performed his duties most satisfactorily, and took great care of the bullion. He hoped that Bro. Lane would long be in the position of Treasurer. The Secretary, Bro. Wilson, was another most important and indefatigable officer, and the brethren knew well how ably he discharged his duties, more especially in his arrangements for the lodge's summer outing, which were entirely in his hands. Bro. Lane in reply, said that his duties were not so arduous as Bro. Wilson's who had always a great number of letters to answer, besides having the books to keep, and the summonses to issue, and in the Berkhamstead Lodge this was no light matter. Bro. Wilson, in replying as Secretary, said that ever since he became an initiate in this lodge he had had the interest of the lodge in view. He had always tried to promote good feeling among the brethren, and create the harmony and enjoyment of every member. So long as he was spared he should endeavour to follow the same course. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, which having been replied to by those brethren, the proceedings were brought to a close, and the company returned to town by the last train, after spending a most happy and harmonious evening.

LISKEARD.—St. Martin's Lodge (No. 510).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 3rd inst., the Bro. John Beaglehole, W.M., presiding. W. Bro. William Nettle, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Beaglehole, assisted by W. Bro. J. F. Childs, P.P.G.R., and supported by the following board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. John Ough, P.P.G.D.; Thomas White, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. Tonkin, P.G.S., Wks.; R. A. Courtney P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Chegwidden, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Barnes, P.P.G.P.; R. Coath, P.G., S.; W. George, P.M.; S. Seccombe, P.M., 510; J. Rawlings, P.M., 1071; and N. H. Lamb, P.M., 977. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—W. Bro. J. Beaglehole, I.P.M.; Bros. J. Harris, S.W.; O. Colmer, J.W.; and the Rev. W. Fookes, Chaplain; W. Bros. T. White, Treasurer, and R. A. Courtney, Secretary; Bros. W. Sargent, S.D.; J. U. Hill, J. D.; C. F. C. Hole, Organist; J. Moon, D.C.; W. Hocken, I.G.; P. B. Henwood, and W. Huddy, Stewards; and R. Penwarden, Tyler. Bro. E. Venning was unanimously elected Steward for the C.M.A. Fund. The brethren dined together at Webb's Hotel, where they were joined by additional brethren, including Bros. J. Baxter, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Maynard, P.M., 1164; A. P. Davis, W.M., 977; and T. H. Gibbons, J.W. 1272.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., Bro. A. C. Woodley, W.M., in the chair. The following officers were present:—Bros. Past Masters, W. Graham, E. Bowles, G. Crawford, J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treasurer; C. Norman, P.M. and Secretary; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver

I.G.; H. Roberts, D.C.; and B. Norman, O.G. Among the visitors were Bros. T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; J. S. Mutch, W.M. 706; W. B. Lloyd, 213; A. Saunders, 1536; R. J. Warren, 1437; T. Green, 1076; T. Hassell, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The work before the lodge consisted of the balloting for and initiation of Mr. S. E. Southgate, which was satisfactorily accomplished. Bro. Fenn was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Reed and Swanson were raised to the Sublime Degree. Twenty guineas was then voted to the Boys' School as an instalment, for the purpose of making the lodge at some early date a vice-president of that institution; and three guineas to the Woolwich Soup Society. The lodge was closed, and after supper re-assembled in the hall, where the social board was spread. The usual toasts were drunk, and in responding to his health, which was given and responded to heartily by the assembly, Bro. Woodley thanked them. He had been, and he supposed most new Masters were for the first time or so, rather nervous in going through the ceremonies of the evening. He supposed he must attribute it in a great measure to the—well to the "fog" (Cheers and laughter.) He trusted, however, before his year of office was up to show that the name of the lodge for good working had not suffered at his hands. (Hear, hear.) He should like to say a few words about the Masonic Charities. They had that night resolved to present the sum of twenty guineas to the Boys' School—a course that had the fullest sanction of every member of the lodge. Considering the immense good the Charities of the Craft were doing, and the large amount of money necessary for their maintenance, that sum was undoubtedly a small one; but if every lodge in the kingdom did the same, or even gave five guineas to each, or either of the three great Charities, it would amount to £8,800, taking the number of the lodges as only 1600—an excellent nucleus around which to gather private subscriptions, and might, he considered, be easily appropriated from the funds of almost every lodge. They meant to give another twenty guineas next year, and he trusted they would so prosper as to be able to go on and make the lodge vice-president of all those grand charities that were so noble and so honourable to Freemasonry. (Applause.) He then proposed the Past Masters of and belonging to the lodge, and Bros. Bowles and Butt responded. The "Initiate" was honoured, and modestly replied. The next toast was that of the "Visitors," which the W.M. characterised as a most important one. They knew how gratifying it was to the lodge to see visitors attend their meetings, not only from neighbouring lodges, but from distant ones. He tendered them in the name of the Nelson Lodge a hearty welcome. Bro. Hayes after thanking them for the toast, expressed his sorrow that he was unable to attend the working of the lodge on account of unfavourable circumstances, but he had hastened there to show how much he appreciated both the lodge and its friendship. That regret was, however, modified by hearing the Master promise to work better next time, for then he should certainly attend if only for the purpose of hearing something from him that might be of benefit to himself. (Cheers.) He hoped at the next meeting of his lodge, the Pattison, on the first Thursday in January next, to see the W.M. of the Nelson, and as many of his officers and brethren as could possibly come, and there he, as W.M., would try and imitate the good work he had upon so many occasions seen done in the Nelson Lodge. He always attended that lodge with a great deal of pleasure, and left it with pleasant memories, not the least was on account of the singing of Bro. Butt, whose "Yoicks, Yoicks, Hark Away" was an institution among them. (Laughter and cheers.) He had read the other day of an old huntsman who died at the age of eighty years. He hoped they would have Bro. Butt with them to sing "Old Towler" till he was eighty-five. (Applause.) Bros. Jolly, Green, and Hassell, also briefly responded. "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the business of the meeting.

WOOLWICH.—*Florence Nightingale Lodge* (No. 706).—The regular monthly meeting of the above select and pretty little lodge took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. J. Scott Mutch, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and visitors:—Bros. W. Gamble, P.M.; J. Donally, S.W.; Eugene Sweeney, J.W.; Sydney Clark, P.M.; Treasurer; E. Denton, P.M., Secretary; J. Black, S.D.; H. Eves, Tyler; C. H. S. Solbe, Hon. Chaplain, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913, (*Freemason*). The only work before the lodge was the initiation of Mr. Mathews, Solicitor, into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and well did the W.M. sustain the prestige of the lodge, not only by the excellent style of his working the ceremonial, but by the eloquent and impressive rendering of the charge so seldom given in most lodges. Two guineas were then voted for the poor of the town, to be placed in the hands of the Rector, the Rev. and Hon. A. Anson, and one guinea to the "Woolwich Soup Society." The lodge was then closed and the brethren then adjourned to Bro. De Grey's House, The Freemasons' Tavern and Hotel, opposite the Dockyard Railway Station, where one of the recherché and unique diners that the worthy host is so well able to give awaited them. One of the peculiarities of this lodge is that, except upon such occasions as the Installation meetings, no toasts are given with the exception of "The Initiate," and upon this occasion Bro. Mutch gave "The Health of the Initiate" in such choice and appropriate language, that we could not help regretting the strict observance of the custom above mentioned. However, he now welcomed Bro. Mathews as a valuable addition to the roll of the lodge, and hoped he would so make himself acquainted with their mystic lore, that he might be able at some future time to take the highest offices in the lodge. Bro. Mathews, in returning thanks, said he had attained that night one grand object of his am-

bition, in becoming a Mason in the first place, and in the next in being admitted a member of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. He should always remember the occasion with pride and pleasure, and trusted to be worthy of the position he now held as a member of their grand and distinguished Order. Some excellent harmony enlivened the evening.

LEVENSHULME.—*Alexandra Lodge* (No. 993).—The festival of St John and the installation of Bro. Wm. Parker, W.M. elect, was celebrated on the 28th ult., at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, the regular meeting being held on the preceding evening. Bro. G. Sharp, W.M., in the chair, assisted by his able officers, initiated Messrs. Cheetham, Mason, and Stoveld, then closed the lodge and adjourned the usual festive board until the afternoon of the following day. A very pleasing and rare circumstance in connection with this installation was that the Installing Master, Bro. John Parker, P.M. of the Faith Lodge (No. 581), and also P.M. of this lodge, is natural brother to the W.M. elect, who performed the ceremony in more than his usual very effective manner, assisted by Bro. Hind, P.M., who gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. Timperley, P.M., who gave the address to the Wardens. All the officers were invested by the Installing Master, viz.: Bros. Owen, S.W.; Peak, J.W.; Wright, Treas.; Cheeseman, Sec.; Robberds, P.M., as D.C.; Nelson, S.D.; Bridges as J.D., by proxy for Bro. Ellis, whom the Installing Master said, with much feeling, was absent owing to a severe illness, and desired the prayers of the brethren for his safe and speedy recovery. Bro. Robberds, P.M., for the thirteenth year as Org., and Bro. Nall for the ninth year as S.S., Bros. Rycroft and Lingard as Assistant Stewards. The brethren sat down at 5.30 to a very sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Davison; the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., who made a very feeling reference to the death of our deeply beloved late Princess Alice. The patriotic toasts followed in due order, after each of which appropriate songs were sung by visiting Bros. Greenwood, N. Dumville, Lister, Pearson, and Prestwich. After the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Robberds, P.M., D.C., sang with much enthusiasm, "Here's to His Health," the W.M. responded, concluding by giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," and presenting that brother with a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, which was very gratefully received, and very feelingly acknowledged by Bro. George Sharp, I.P.M., in a few appropriate remarks. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by P.M. Timperley in a very welcome manner, coupling with the toast the names of the W.M. of the Egerton Lodge, and P.M. Darbyshire, of the Faith Lodge, both of whom were called upon to respond on behalf of the visiting brethren. The worthy W.M. of the Egerton Lodge, in a very able speech, returned thanks for the very kind reception and sumptuous repast given to the visiting brethren, and concluded by calling the attention of the brethren to the approaching charity festival, asking them, in a very enthusiastic manner, to give their individual support to that charity. Bro. P.M. Darbyshire concurred in all that had been said about the very kind reception given that day to the visitors, and took the opportunity, with the permission of the W.M., to propose a toast which was not in the programme, being that of "Installing Master." He said that the members of the Faith Lodge of which he had the honour to belong, held the Installing Master in high estimation, and as Bro. John Parker was first initiated into Freemasonry in the Alexandra Lodge the brethren ought and no doubt did think equally as much of their Installing Master as did the brethren of the Faith Lodge. The very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony that day, and the way which he had always performed every ceremony of Craft Masonry had very properly called forth and was truly deserving the praise of old and distinguished Past Masters, who it was well known never did give praise where it was not due, but were always very happy to give praise to any brother who showed such ability as had that day been shown by the Installing Master. He had a very pleasing recollection of the willing assistance that Bro. Parker gave him, when preparing for the high and important office of W.M., and he reminded the brethren, particularly the officers, that in Bro. Parker they would always find a very willing and able coach for any office connected with the work in Craft or Royal Arch Masonry, and called upon the brethren to rise and join with him in wishing good health, long life and prosperity to Bro. John Parker, P.M., Installing Master. The toast was responded to in a very able speech, which was received with rapturous applause and musical honours. The "Masonic Charities" was next proposed by Bro. Brocklehurst, P.M.; and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Hind, P.M. The toast of "The Officers" was next given, followed by "To all poor and distressed Masons," which brought the proceedings to a very pleasant close at 10.45.

CORNWALL.—*St. Anne's Lodge* (No. 970).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the lodge-rooms, East Looe. There was a large attendance of members. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. G. Henwood, was installed by Bro. G. Roseveare, P.P.G.S. Wks., supported by the following board of I.M.'s: Bros. J. Hill P.P.G. Std.; John Walters, J. Crossman, J. Johns, J. Dawe, W. Fenwick, James Walters, and J. S. Tucker. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers:—Bros. J. S. Tucker, I.P.M.; T. Harding, S.W.; J. H. Dawe, J.W.; G. Kerswill, Treas.; G. W. Martin, Sec.; R. Oliver, S.D.; R. Solt, J.D.; T. Cook, I.G.; A. Hunter, and J. Marshall, Stds. The brethren afterwards dined together at Bro. T. Cook's Ship Hotel.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Skiddaw Lodge* (No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on

Friday, the 20th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present:—Bros. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., in the chair, in the temporary absence of the W.M. Bro. James Black, who entered the lodge at a later period of the evening; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W., and W.M. elect; T. Bird, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (*Freemason*); T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; R. W. Robinson, Isaac Evening, E. L. Waugh, J. Pearson, J. Borrowscare, R. Harrison, J. Tedron, H. Ritson, Stephen Thwaite, J. Nicholson, W. Paisley, and A. Taylor, P.M. 310 (Carlisle), as a visiting brother. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bros. Nicholson and Paisley, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. in the chair; after which, on the motion of Bro. Lamonby, seconded by Bro. R. W. Robinson, it was resolved not to hold a concert and ball in connection with Faithful Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 229, and Dyke's Conclave of Red Cross Knights, No. 36, as had previously been agreed by the two latter bodies, in deference to the isolated position of two or three brethren of the Skiddaw Lodge. This was all the business, and the lodge was closed in form.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., in the Masonic rooms, Athenæum, Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M. in the chair of K.S. There was a fair attendance. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then opened in the Second, when Bro. J. C. Curtis having given proof of his skill as a Fellow Craft, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Curtis being re-admitted was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the working being gone through in an admirable manner. The working tools were presented by the S.W. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Edward Hannah, C.E., and proving unanimous he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken. Bro. N. Helme, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. W. J. Sly, P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer (re-elected); and Bro. A. K. Allman, Tyler (re-elected). The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed with the usual formalities of the Craft.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Lodge* (No. 1086).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this highly prosperous and influential lodge, which comprises several brethren who have made their name and fame in the Craft, took place on New Year's Day at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool; and the peculiarity of this particular installation ceremony was the fact that the W.M. of 1878 was, owing to certain unforeseen circumstances, again installed in the same position for the year 1879. The Walton Lodge thus conferred an honour of a very special kind on a brother who well merits the "compliment of the season," and there is little doubt that Bro. G. J. Townsend, the brother who has been thus distinguished, has well merited the honour of unanimous re-election. The vitality of Freemasonry at this part of Liverpool has more than once been recently exhibited—conspicuously so by the erection of a new Masonic Hall, named after our respected D.G.M. and P.G.M. for West Lancashire, and also by the consecration of a new lodge a few weeks ago,—and the Walton is the oldest as well as the most prosperous of the group of Masonic combinations which exist at the north-end of the "good old town." Business on New Year's Day commenced at four o'clock, when the lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. J. Townsend, W.M., who was supported by the following principal brethren: Bros. G. E. Hanmer, I.P.M.; J. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Abrahams, P.M.; W. Sephton, P.M.; J. Ellis, P.M.; W. Walker, S.W.; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, J.W.; W. Archer, P.M., Treasurer, P.G.J.D.; J. Leece, Secretary; G. Ryley, J.D.; R. Beckett, I.G.; H. Gee, S.S.; W. G. Veale, Hon. Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The private members present included Bros. J. J. Savage, W. Wilkinson, H. Walker, H. Spencer, J. Macbeth, W. J. West, R. E. Roberts, J. H. Sterling, C. E. Laington, E. Outsell, H. Worthington, J.W. 1570; G. W. Baron, H. Woodend, W.W. Thomas, J. D. Reader, F. S. Halpin, Dr. Parry, J. Parry, W. Roberts, W. Smith, J. E. Beer, W. P. Vines, R. Parry, G. Smith, and others. The Tylers' Book showed the following visitors as being present:—Bros. G. Read, 673; Rev. R. T. Leslie, J.W. 1713; J. Wells, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Burgess, P.M. Treasurer 1325; J. W. McWan, S.W. 1035; W. Lawson, 1035; J. H. Seales, 1756; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 220 and 1299; J. Latta, S.D. 241; T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire), P.M. and Treasurer 724. J. C. Corris, 823; R. Williams, 1350; H. H. Smith, S.D. 1505; Dr. Wallace Smith, S.W. 1713; T. C. Fish, 1264; J. McKenzie, S.W. 1609; and Henry Alexander, 203, I.G. 1756. After the transaction of the usual introductory business, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Archer, P.G.J.D., Treas., who proceeded to install Bro. G. J. Townsend, P.M., as the W.M. for the second consecutive year—an honour which is secured very rarely indeed in the Masonic world. The latter portion of the ceremony was performed by Bro. John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C. and the following were the other officers invested for 1879:—Bro. G. E. Hanmer, I.P.M.; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; Isaac Leece, S.W.; James Casey, J.W.; W. Archer, P.G.J.D., Treasurer; Hugh Spencer, Secretary; John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., Dir. Cer.; G. Ryley, S.D.; Richard Beckett, J.D.; J. J. Savage, I.G.; J. D. Reader, S.S.; Dr. D. L. Parry, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Hon. Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a splendid dinner was served most admirably by Bro. J. Casey, J.W. After the usual loyal and principal Masonic

toasts, the W.M. gave the toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of Eng., P.G.M. of W.L.; Bro. the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, D.P.G.M. W.L., and the P.G.L. Officers, Past and Present," the toast being acknowledged in felicitous and well chosen terms by Bro. W. Archer, P.G.J.D., Treas.; Bro. J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; and Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., who referred to the enthusiasm which Lord Skelmersdale had shown in connection with the Craft. Many would recollect that at Southport, about two years ago, his lordship said there had been some talk of dividing the province, as it then contained seventy-six lodges and was, therefore, too large; but he rightly answered this by saying that he could rule the province even with seventy-six more so long as they were worked so harmoniously and well. That was good evidence of the true fellowship which existed amongst the brethren, and at which he (Bro. Vines) thought they should all greatly rejoice. The toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master," was given by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain, who said it was to him a source of real enjoyment to have the privilege of proposing that toast, which embodied a sincere wish for the health and happiness of Bro. Townsend during the coming year. The Walton Lodge had been particularly fortunate in its P.M.'s from the beginning, and he was sure their present Master, who had been elected for the second time, would add lustre to the long list. He could assure the brethren that the reelection was not of Bro. Townsend's seeking, but was the result of certain circumstances which need not then be explained. The past year had been one of considerable difficulty, and of an uphill nature in connection with the lodge, as they had had to open and inaugurate their new hall, but by the W.M.'s guidance they found themselves in a good position at the close of the year. After speaking of the many excellent qualities of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hyde went on to speak at considerable length of the silly and contemptible article which had recently appeared in what is styled a "leading local journal," but only by courtesy, and said as Masons they could afford to laugh at such vile vituperation, and strive to walk with that caution and circumspection which would be the best answer to such an unprovoked and unwarranted attack. What, after all, was Freemasonry? Our so-called secrets were but of small value when compared with the grand object of their institution—to try to do good to their fellow-men; to succour the widow and the fatherless; and to assist a distressed brother in the hour of his need. It would not do for them to throw their meetings open to the world, because they would then have all kinds of men mixing in their society, and weakening its influences for good. He could not mention in the admission of members and the appointment of officers, and concluded by presenting Bro. Townsend, W.M., with an exquisitely designed P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. The W.M., in reply, said that when he was first elected to the chair of the Walton Lodge he considered it the highest honour which he could receive at the hands of his brethren; but having been elected a second time to the distinguished position, he could hardly find words to express how deeply he felt and realised the honour. He had had a most happy year in the chair, thanks to the help and kindness of every member of the lodge, particularly the P.M.'s and officers. He thanked the brethren for the very handsome P.M.'s jewel, with which he had been presented, and assured them it would be an incentive to him to endeavour to secure even greater prosperity to the Walton Lodge. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. H. Gill, 1086 (who had the distinguished honour last year of playing before Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., when on a visit to Lord Selton) again charmed every one by the lovely music of his "Fairy Bells," and capital songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. W. G. Veale, Hon. Org.; John Latto (whose "Bellman" was as humorous as ever) and various other brethren.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, Anglesea Hill, Bro. Garbett's house, a large number of the brethren and visitors assembling to witness the generally plentiful and admirable working of this excellent lodge. Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Past Masters G. Spinks, I.P.M., and W. Weston; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Holliman, I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; C. Buckland, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Major G. Hare, 706; H. De Gray, 706; J. Holloway, 706; W. Robinson, 1434; W. A. Tucker, 913; C. Clarke, 184; R. Goddin, 273; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The work done by the lodge was the initiation of Sergt. R. Anderson, of the mounted R.A. band, and the raising of Bros. Hickey and Griffin. Bros. A. Penfold and C. Jolly then severally returned thanks for the great honour paid them by unanimously electing them honorary members of the lodge. After Bro. Weston had spoken for the widow of Bro. Benn, who died at his duty in India, and her petition to Grand Lodge had been signed for presentation, the lodge closed, and the brethren sat down to refreshment. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that, perhaps, at no time of late had their hearts been drawn to their beloved Queen more than now—when her life had been threatened by a madman (no sane man would ever think of such a thing), and her heart torn with the loss of one of her family, one who was especially and affectionately held in the hearts of every Englishman and Englishwoman wherever the language was spoken—he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would comfort her in her great affliction, and grant her long to live and reign over them. The other loyal and Masonic toasts followed in due course. In giving that of "The Grand

Officers of the Province of Kent," the name of Bro. Col. King, R.A., G.S.W., and who is a member of the lodge, was most enthusiastically cheered. The W.M. trusted soon to have that distinguished brother as a visitor to the lodge. Bro. P.M. Spinks then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and pointed out how he kept to the course laid down by his predecessors, and worked the degrees well; nothing but that would satisfy them in their W.M.'s. Bro. Picken briefly replied. The Initiate responded to the toast of his name. Bro. Major Hare, in replying for "The Visitors," said he had been a Mason twenty years, and had never seen the ceremonies better carried out than he had that night. He thanked them as well for the gratifying reception the lodge had that night given its visitors. He certainly should do himself the honour of visiting them again. Bro. De Grey said he had been twenty-three years a Mason, and remembered with pride the consecration of that lodge. From that day to now he believed it had been one of the most successful lodges in the district. Its working was always admirable. It gave both pleasure and satisfaction to old Masons to see the young ones doing so well, and while thanking them for the toast he wished them every success. Bros. Holloway, Hassell, and Gooding as well responded. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Spinks, in reply, said it was now about four years ago since he first stood up in that lodge to respond to the toast of his health, and up to the present time it had continued, and he wanted to know when he should have finished doing so. The Past Masters always had done, and always would do their best for the prosperity of the lodge, and the support of the W.M. in carrying out the duties of its affairs. He wished them all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Bro. Weston as well replied. Bro. Penfold expressed the pride he felt in having his name enrolled among the Past Masters of the United Military Lodge, it was one of the greatest honours ever paid him, and he was proud of it. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the meeting. The proceeds of the charity box, amounting to £1 5s., was devoted to the temporary needs of Mrs. Benn, the widow of a military Mason, although not a member of the lodge; that, with £2 8s. collected in the Excelsior Mark Lodge, has since been placed at the disposal of Bro. Weston, P.M.

PLYMOUTH.—Lodge of Prudence, (No. 1550).—The fourth annual winter meeting of the Masonic Craft was held on Saturday, 4th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Princess-place. Among the officers present were:—W. Bros. J. G. Keverne, W.M.; J. Y. Avery, P.M. and Treasurer; L. D. Westcot, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O., Cornwall; J. T. Browning, W.M. 105; W. Marsh, W.M.; E. Manley, P.M., 156; T. Goodall, P.M., 954; T. Searle, W.M., 1091; G. J. Firks, W.M.; James Rendle, P.M., 1247; T. J. Smith, W.M.; John Pearce, P.M., 1255; Bros. R. G. Tippet, Dr. Pearce, of Holworthy, and Burden, of Callington. The working of this new lodge was found to have proved very satisfactory under the new arrangements adopted. The news of the suspension of Messrs. Tweedy's bank at Truro caused much regret, and warm sympathy was expressed for Bros. Tweedy, of whom W. Bro. William Tweedy has been the active P.G. Treas. of the Province of Cornwall for several years, also Treas. for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, Treas. for the Committee of Relief, and a member of the Masonic Hall Board, Truro. In the evening the members of the lodge and visiting brethren supped together at Chubb's Commercial Hotel, where they passed a pleasant evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—Although the usual monthly meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held on Christmas Eve, when the majority of the professional brethren were otherwise busy with pantomimic and other specialties for the festive season, there was a good attendance of members and visitors at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the above date, to assist in the ordinary business transactions of the day. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; John Atkinson, Secretary; J. Pyer, I.G.; R. Burgess and J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organists; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Leslie, C. Courtenay, H. Round, A. Duncanson, W. Annand, J. S. Macbeth, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, M. P. Tueski, C. Campion, J. G. Gough, Boyd, Shrapnell, P. Lowndes, Heap, Keet, W. Martin, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Bro. Captain W. J. Newman, P.M. 786, P.G.S.; Bro. Captain D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, and others. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot, which proved unanimous, was taken for Mr. John Wainwright, comedian, Prince's Theatre, Manchester; Mr. Hemming, comedian and pantomimist, Prince of Wales Theatre, Liverpool; and Mr. Charles Burby, of the Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool. Singularly enough, however, since their proposition a month before, Messrs. Wainwright and Hemming had each sustained a severe domestic affliction—the one having lost his mother, and the other a charming child—and their initiation was therefore, delayed till the February meeting. Mr. C. Burby being in attendance he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. J. A. Mercer and Charnock (the latter coming with a note from the W.M. of 1356) were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The work in both degrees was done faultlessly and with remarkable impressiveness by the W.M. (Bro. Courtenay). On the motion of Bro. M. P. Tueski, seconded by Bro. Dr. Johnson, it was unanimously, and by acclamation, resolved, "That a most cordial vote of thanks should be passed and recorded on the minutes to Bros. Leslie and Courtenay, lessees of

the Royal Amphitheatre, for granting the use of that place on the occasion of the recent performance by the members of the Dramatic Lodge for the purpose of raising funds to decorate the Masonic Hall, and to Miss Rachel Sanger, Mrs. L. Courtenay, Bro. John Dewhurst, and the other artists who had so kindly given their valuable services on the occasion." Bro. Lindo Courtenay acknowledged the vote of thanks in an excellent speech, expressing the great pleasure which it had given Bro. Leslie and himself to afford assistance in connection with so interesting an event. The brethren, after several propositions for initiation had been made, adjourned to the old lodge room for substantial refreshments, and during the evening the mirth was unconfined, toasts, jokes, and songs following each other in rapid succession. Bro. Alpass, in responding for "The P.G.M. and his Officers," referred to the pleasure which it afforded him to find the Dramatic Lodge so prosperous; and Bro. Captain D. W. Winstanley, P.M., replying for "The Visitors," also spoke of the intellectual treat which he had experienced that afternoon in witnessing the admirable working of the W.M. and all his officers. Great pleasure was also derived from the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bros. H. Leslie, Dr. Johnson, M. P. Tueski, A. Woolrich, and others.

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Chapter (No. 80).—A general convocation of this chapter was held on the 17th ult. at Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, when the following companions were duly installed officers for the ensuing year in an able and efficient manner by Past Ex. Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C. &c., viz.: Ex. Comps. F. Maddison, Z.; M. Douglas, H.; H. J. Turnbull, J.; Comps. J. Mitchinson, E.; J. S. Nicholson, N.; R. Kinmond, P.S.; W. H. Craven, Treas.; Curry and J. Brown, Asst. Secs.; J. Thompson, Janitor; after which the companions voted several sums of money to the charities, including the Soup Kitchen, the Local Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Shipwrecked Mariners, &c. The companions then adjourned to the banquetting room, and partook of an excellent dinner, and after the usual Masonic toasts, Ex. Comp. Maddison, in a neat and feeling speech, referring to the many excellent qualities of Comp. W. H. Craven, proposed his health in the loving cup, which was passed round, and presented him on behalf of the companions with a pair of beautiful gold spectacles and a silver case, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Companion W. H. Craven by the members of St. John's Chapter, No. 80, in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer since the formation of the chapter in 1867, 17th December, 1878." Comp. Craven responded in a feeling manner, thanking the companions for their kind appreciation of his services.

EZRA CHAPTER (No. 1489).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Metropolitan Hall, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, Present: Comps. J. E. Walford, C.C., M.E.Z.; William, Stephens, H.; Thos. H. Miller, J.; Jno. High, N.; Jas. Glaskin, P. Soj. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. Elam, of the Fitzroy Lodge, and Bro. Marsh, of the Lebanon Lodge, which being unanimous in their favour, they were, with due and proper solemnity, exalted to this degree. Comp. Dr. Jno. Symons was admitted a joining member. This being the regular meeting for election of Principals and officers, they were selected as follows: Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., 1st Principal; T. Hastings Miller, 2nd Principal; John Dixon, 3rd Principal; John High, Scribe E.; Jas. Glaskin, Scribe N.; William Grist, P. Soj.; Gilchrist, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z., and three Auditors appointed at the dinner which followed. The usual toasts were honoured. Comp. Elam returned thanks to the companions for exalting him and his colleague to this Sublime Degree, the very essence of Freemasonry. Comps. Goddard and Soper responded for "The Visitors," and the Janitor's toast concluded the business at ten o'clock.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BARNETT.—On the 3rd inst., at Hoddesdon, Herts, the wife of E. M. Barnett, of a daughter.

WILKINSON.—On the 2nd inst., at Ashford, Kent, the wife of J. C. Wilkinson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SMITHS—BUCKSTONE.—On the 6th inst., at St. James's Piccadilly, by the Rev. T. Dyer Tovey, Henry Edward Smiths, Esq., to Lucy Isabella, daughter of John Baldwin Buckstone, Esq., of Bell-green Lodge, Sydenham, Kent.

DEATHS.

BUSH.—On the 3rd inst., at 10, Danvers-street, Chelsea, Mr. Thomas Bush, aged 37, butcher, of 1, Fernica terrace, Bedford-hill, Balham.

MARSHALL.—On the 1st, at Barrowstounness, Scotland, John Marshall, J.P.

PHILBRICK.—On the 1st inst., at Bournemouth, Minnie Caroline, wife of F. A. Philbrick, Esq., Q.C., of Avenue-road, Regent's-park.

SERGEANT.—On the 2nd inst., at his residence, Apsley Villa, 320, Camden-road, N., Cornelius Serjeant, of the firm of C. Serjeant and Co., aged 61 years. New Zealand papers please copy.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1879.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES IN 1878.

Our contemporary, the Times, has called attention to the results of Masonic benevolence for the year of light and grace, 1878, and very striking are the figures which it sets before its readers. It gives us as one result of Masonic benevolence in 1878, namely, £40,312 4s. 3d., collected by our three great Metropolitan Charities. But even this statement, startling and remarkable as it is, and most creditable to Freemasons, does not exhaust the subject, and we refer to it in a subsequent leader. By the kind aid of our brethren, the Secretaries of the Institutions, we are enabled to set before our readers the following detailed items, which are, in truth, most gratifying and most creditable to our Masonic Fraternity. The Girls' School has received up to December 31st, 1878, £12,866 1s. 8d.; which sum is composed of the following items—

Subscriptions and Donations	£11,033 9 8
Donation by Grand Lodge	150 0 0
" " Chapter	10 10 0
Dividends	1170 0 0
Purchased into the School	357 0 0
Miscellaneous	145 1 0
In all	£12,866 1 8

Grand Chapter also voted £500 to the Girls' School last year. It may be well to remember here that the amount capitalized for the Girls' School reaches to £39,000, and that so skilful has been its management, and so large its receipts in 1878, that it will be enabled to pay off its building debts, we believe, without further recourse to its capital. This is a most satisfactory state of things, and reflects the highest credit on the Committee and Bro. Hedges. The receipts for 1878 are considerably in excess of 1877, for whereas in the latter case they reached £11,854 10s. 5d. in the former they amount, as we have said before, to £12,866 1s. 8d., a difference of over £1000. We doubt not, nay, we feel sure, that the festival of the Girls' School in 1879 will be a great success, and remembering that it requires at least £10,000 per annum to keep it in full efficiency and educate its 200 happy inmates, we leave the support of so needful and admirable an institution confidently in the hands of the Craft. The Boys' School has also a very good financial statement to make for 1878. It has received—

For Subscriptions and Donations	£11,100 0 0
Dividends	296 0 0
Purchased Admissions	535 0 0
Life Presentations	525 0 0
Musical Fees	85 0 0
In all	£12,541 0 0

in round numbers, and by approximate calculation. It will be remarked that the capital of the Boys' School, owing to its large and prolonged building expenditure, is reduced to a comparatively small amount, and we feel that we shall only be doing our duty to this much needed and important Institution, if we press upon our readers the advisability of giving to it a large and a liberal support in 1879. The good work so laudably began must be carried on, and the Boys' School has every claim upon us as a great and useful Educational Institution for the orphan sons of our deceased brethren. The Boys' School will soon be educating 211 boys, and its financial requirements cannot possibly be rated at less than £10,000. We feel sure that this sum will be forthcoming, and an effort made to increase its capital. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution supplies us with a most satisfactory balance-sheet. The receipts, up to the close of 1878, amount to the large sum of £14,824 17s. 7d. Its approximate expenditure, including a purchase of £3000 consols, is £12,281 8s. 11d., so that the balance will be comparatively small to bring forward. It has now 145 male annuitants receiving £40 each,

and 134 widows receiving £32 each, and twelve widows receiving £20 each. Thus we see it has a pledged expenditure of £10,360. There are between sixty and seventy candidates for the male and female annuitants in May. We need hardly, we think, commend this excellent and true charity of which, as English Masons, we may well be proud, to the sympathy and patronage of our brethren, though we feel bound to point out in simple words its undeniable claims for support and aid. Its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry, has already announced 200 Stewards for its festival in February, and we have no doubt but that the gathering will be a complete success in every sense. We feel sure that there will be no difficulty either in raising for it its needful annual return of £11,000. Thus it will be seen that the returns are as follows:—

The Boys' School	£12,541 0 0
The Girls' School	12,866 1 8
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	14,824 17 7
In all	£40,231 19 3

We leave these figures to-day to tell their own tale, merely premising that we shall next week call the attention of our readers to one or two points in which, we venture to think, we can make our support of our great Charities more universal and more effective.

WHAT IS MASONIC CHARITY?

We are often asked what is Masonic charity, and wherein it consists? and as we gather from conversation, and note from correspondence, that very different and fallacious views exist respecting it, we think it well to point out in these pages, both what, in our opinion, is charity and what is not. In the first place, there is a special paradox growing up amongst us, and often vehemently insisted on in postprandial orations, neither the most lucid, nor the most logical, which seems to confound, by some obliquity of the mental vision, all Masonic charity, with giving simply to the Metropolitan Charities. Now, this is a grave fallacy, and may do a great deal of harm to the Charities themselves, unless met and confuted. Masonic charity is alike multifarious and diversified in its operations and outcome. It begins with the old lodge "pedestal" in the provinces, it goes on in the Provincial Grand Lodge, it continues in the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and, often diverting to Provincial Educational, or Benevolent Institutions, culminating in the Metropolitan Masonic Charities. In the metropolis Masonic charity is simply threefold—beginning in the lodge, continuing in the Grand Lodge, and developed in the support of our great central institutions. It is impossible to give the figures here of what is voted in lodges, or by Provincial Grand Lodges for charity; but we know that the Grand Lodge has voted in round numbers £5,000, the highest amount in any one monthly Lodge of Benevolence being £765, the lowest being £203. If we could put together the whole amount given from all these sources of benevolence in 1878, the total would sum up to large figures; and as Freemasons, we should always seek to extend, as far as we can, the benevolent tendency and work of our excellent fraternity. It is undoubtedly true that too many lodges do but little for charity, and care too much for number one, but let us hope that we shall see a great improvement in this respect in 1879, and that many of our lodges and chapters may be awakened up, both to the sense of their own duty and the "excelling claims of charity." But having said this we think it well to put in a word of warning. We must not forget to say that any claim by any to concentrate Masonic charity on our Metropolitan charities, must end in a regrettable reaction, inasmuch as our Provincial brethren have several very useful educational and benevolent institutions that are now accumulating considerable sums, and if they are told that they ought to devote all their efforts to the London charities alone, they may be induced to become still more local and provincial in their support of their own special institutions. The central charities have such real and lasting claims on all thinking Masons, that they need neither "high falutin" nor "fantastic theories," nor "sentimental treatment," nor "exaggerated claims," to commend them to the support and

sympathy of the Craft, to attract admiration, or to invoke the "fostering hand." They are bound up with the truest principles and most living practice of Freemasonry. They constitute the best of answers to the gainsayer or the scoffer; they exemplify in a remarkable degree the warm hearts and unselfish aims of English Masonry and they form a valid defence against rabid assailants, petulant objectors, and ignorant calumniators. What can fairly be said by way of complaint of an Order, which on the lowest calculation spends £50,000 annually in benevolence and charity? As Bro. Terry has put it, we may safely leave the value of Freemasonry to be tested by its many deeds of munificent and yet unostentatious charity. Avoiding any unreasonable positions or "hyperbolic arguments," let us endeavour to develop a true spirit of Masonic Charity in our well meaning and kindly Order, in all our lodges and chapters especially, and let it ever be distinguished by those characteristics which alone safely mark, in our humble opinion, true charity, namely, spontaneous gifts, sympathetic labours, cheerful almsgiving, and unostentatious doing good.

LITERARY PROGRESS.

We call attention to the announcement made in our columns last week, that Bro. W. J. Hughan, well known to us all, is just about to produce a valuable work called "Numismatical and Numerical Register of the United Grand Lodge of England." We heartily welcome this fresh addition to our Masonic literature, from the correct and able pen of Bro. Hughan, and we desiderate for it, and we feel sure it will receive, large patronage and universal support. Masonic History and Archæology, and above all "Lodge Life" in England past and present, owe a great deal to Bro. Hughan. He began his labours at a time when, in common with a small band of zealous students, (some now silent in their graves), the pathway of Masonic research and criticism was alike dim and dubious. He has laboured untiringly with others we could name, and "other men have entered" into his "labours," not always acknowledging the source from whence their "original facts" were derived! We who claim to be of the number of Bro. Hughan's fellow students, have better reason than most, nay, better opportunities certainly than any, to know his correctness of detail, his accuracy of research, and we admire sincerely both his remarkable clearness and his unselfish desire to communicate his knowledge to others. We shall await his promised work with interest, for we know we shall read it with pleasure and profit to ourselves.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under this head I notice a paragraph in your paper from your "Special Correspondent," stating that "some brethren hailing from New Zealand lodges, who are now in Sydney, having made every inquiry, are fully enlightened as to the correct modus operandi to be pursued, and so have decided to use every endeavour to ensure the erection of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand." I have no wish to throw any doubt upon the reliable character of your correspondent's information, but in the latter portion of the paragraph in question, he says, "the brethren throughout that Colony are unanimous in their desire for a Grand Lodge for New Zealand;" and this, I think, can hardly be the case, seeing that within the last two months two Past Masters of English lodges in New Zealand, have in writing to me, expressed a decided opinion against such a step being taken, one urging that it would be premature, and the other that the condition of the Craft would thereby be lowered in character. When I left New Zealand five years ago, the question of a Grand Lodge for that colony was being very generally discussed, and opinions were much divided; and I scarcely can think things have very much altered, from what I have heard, and I am in constant communication with several experienced Masons, resident in New Zealand. The statement that the movers in this matter have obtained their enlightenment in Sydney is, I submit, at this time, somewhat suspicious, and I can only express a hope that our New Zealand friends do not regard the "modus operandi" now being pursued by some of the New South Wales brethren as "correct." I take it that

the great difficulty in the establishment of a Grand Lodge for New Zealand would be the selection of a Grand Master, and from what I know of the Craft there, I fear that this question alone would prove a stumbling-block at the outset. If our Bro. Sir George Grey (the present Premier), could be induced to accept the office he would probably be the best man available, and he is just now so popular in the colony that, perhaps, he might be acceptable to an immense majority of the brethren there; but every one acquainted with New Zealand is well aware of the rivalry existing between North and South, and between the various cities and settlements, and knows the almost insuperable difficulties at present standing in the way of any unanimous movement in the direction indicated. For my own part, as an individual Mason, I believe that the successful formation of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, could be successfully achieved, would have a very beneficial effect on Masonry in that colony.

I am, yours fraternally,
T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M. 1611.
Prince of Wales, 1338, Auckland, N.Z.
York, Jan. 7, 1879.

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VANITY FAIR (Christmas Number.) Tavistock-street, Covent-garden.

We have read the Winter Number of "Vanity Fair" with considerable interest, as not only a new "phasis" in our hebdomadal and Christmas literature, but as alike calling for some notice from its many special characteristics. On the whole we confess to a feeling of disappointment, though some of the papers are sure to find readers, and, we think, justly so. One great mistake in policy we feel will strike all critical readers, namely, the error of allowing both those well-known writers, Bret Harte and Lord Desart, to make their stories turn upon a nightmare, or "siesta-scare." And if, in one case, this uncomfortable state of things is brought about by the "Pork Chops" of a T.G., in the other it is equally caused by the "qualifying liqueur" of a "Free Vintner." In neither case do we find, we hope we shall be pardoned for saying so, the element of the "high or heroic," the "sympathetic or pathetic." Indeed, both dreams are as prosy and pointless as dreams can be. Bret Harte amusingly describes, however, the sacred laws of German "Mittagsessen." Jehu Junior, writes "selon nous" a very vapid and foolish tirade, and puts us in mind of an older "Jehu," with this difference, that whereas Jehu Senior drove, Jehu Junior writeth "furiously." We think his remarks neither connected nor patriotic. How true it is, still as ever, "Scrilimus docti, indoctique." "Li Jingolletti" appears to be marked by simple "batbos," and to be a piece of unmitigated "traah" from beginning to end. Who could have taken the trouble to put together such vapid nonsense and such pretentious childishness? The writer, to parody a famous dictum of Lord Beaconsfield in the greater strife of old, "mistakes personality for wit, and puerility for point." We like Lord Londonderry's honest and artless narrative, and the Meltonian reminiscences of Lady Florence Dixie, as well as the "Famous Runs" of the Duke of Beaufort. Lord Ronald Gower's paper is very true and affecting, and we venture to think useful even in the horrors it evokes, and the lessons it proclaims.

The Duke of Manchester might well give us a longer article on so interesting a subject, and Lady Stradbroke, and Countess Bathyan's suggestions are worth reading. We wish Lord Winchelsea would turn his happy gift of verse to a better purpose and another subject. We always remember gratefully his verses on the Duke of Wellington at Oxford, and sigh over a promise of high power and merit, so far not realized. Let us soon welcome something better from his "facile pen." We cannot profess to admire the special portrait of our Royal Grand Master.

SUTTON'S AMATEUR GUIDE.—Sutton and Sons, Reading.

We have been much struck with this goodly "Guide" and with its noble illustrations. It reflects great credit on Messrs. Sutton, alike for lucidity of detail and artistic excellence. We have turned over its pages with pleasure and astonishment and can only call the attention of all our readers to this last "deliverance" of a well-known firm, whose seeds and fame go everywhere. To all who interest themselves in gardens this Guide and Catalogue are simply invaluable.

THE GARDEN ORACLE. Edited by Shirley Hibberd, 11, Ave Maria Lane.

We have received and read with pleasure an old and valued friend. It is a "Vade mecum" for professional and amateur gardeners, and few there are who cannot profit by its contents or learn a lesson from its lore. We commend it confidently and conscientiously to the notice of all our Craft.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Committee of this Association took place at 1, Clifford's Inn, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when several new members were elected, and other business was transacted. It was decided to hold a special general meeting of members at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, January 21st, at 4.15.

Any brother, having been previously elected a member of the Association, (the Committee meets at four for that purpose), can recommend the case of any London candidate.

Bro. Viscount Mandeville was installed W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 105, Tandaragee on Friday the 27th ult.

TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Twelfth Night Entertainment given annually by the House Committee of this Institution to the children who do not go home for the Christmas holidays was given on Monday evening, the old-fashioned Christmas, when snow was on the ground, and hard-pinched poverty felt none of the enjoyments that tale and legend rejoice in relating to have been the accompaniments of the season being revived again. Twelfth Night followed on the same tack, and a severe white frost taking the place of snow brought out all the furs and warm wraps which were necessary to shield the visitors against the ill effects of a keen northerly wind. A heavy black fog all day got frozen as it hung over the metropolis, and covered everything out of doors with a thick coating of white which had all the appearance of a snow fall. The common in front of the Masonic Girls' School, at St. John's Hill, as well as the gardens in front of the establishment recalled the memory of the before-mentioned old-fashioned Christmases, and the building itself might very well have been mistaken for one of the old baronial halls where warm fires and reasonable cheer gave a hearty greeting to all who entered the doors. The building was lighted up early, and the fires were all aglow, and it was plain long before visitors entered the vestibule that a very pleasant evening was before them. The impression was strengthened on entering when the first objects to meet the eye were "Welcome," "A Merry Christmas," and "A Happy New Year," arranged amongst festoons of holly and other evergreens, and some forty little girls with as bright and sunny faces as any Mason who had assisted in placing them there could wish to see. The Matron, Governesses, and domestics were also looking as well as they themselves could have desired to be, and if any visitor had chanced not to be in the best of health, his ailments must speedily have taken wing when confronted with such universal signs of vigour and happiness. No visitor, however, appeared to be suffering from any bodily or mental malady, and every one seemed to have resolved to realise all the historical pleasures of Christmas and Twelfth Night. Bro. Joshua Nunn was the leading spirit among the hosts, and was exceedingly active in seeing that nothing was wanting that could add to the pleasure of the company. In the performance of his functions he was ably assisted by the other members of the House Committee, and it is due also to the Misses Chancellor, the daughters of Bro. J. G. Chancellor, to say that they most cheerfully rendered material aid by giving musical performances, and making every one feel perfectly at home. One little occurrence which happened was very amusing, and the more amusing because it was spontaneous and unstudied. Bro. Joshua Nunn, who is well known to all London Masons as the possessor of a long white beard and a healthy, cheerful face, was receiving visitors in the hall, when among one of the incoming parties of visitors was a very little child, who immediately she saw him exclaimed, "Oh, here's Old Father Christmas!" The little lady was more truthful than polite, for though Bro. Nunn's beard is grey, like the beads in the pictures of Old Father Christmas, Bro. Nunn, does not happen to be old. If the little lady had been older than she was she would have seen that at the beard and the cheerfulness of the countenance the resemblance stopped. We may add that though several brethren heard and enjoyed the joke, no one enjoyed it more than Bro. Nunn himself.

The entertainments of the evening commenced with tea at five o'clock, after which there was dancing, and then at seven o'clock the excellent dramatic performances of the Pickwick Histrionic Club, who performed the previous Wednesday with so much talent at the New Year's entertainment at the Benevolent Institution at Croydon. The following is the programme:—Pianofort: selection by Mr. G. S. Graham; this was followed by Craven's domestic drama, "The Chimney Corner," in which the characters were sustained as follows, Solomon Probity, Mr. E. Johnson; Peter Probity, Mr. Dupree; John Probity, Mr. E. Baker; Mr. Charles Chetty, Jun., Mr. Upton; Sifter, Mr. G. J. King; Grace Emery, Miss Fanny Perfit; Patty, Miss Lizzie Henderson. When this piece, which was thoroughly enjoyed both by the children and the visitors, was concluded, the children had their twelfth cake and other refreshments, together with bon-bons, in the centre, (annually presented by Bro. and Mrs. Hirsch) which is always a marked feature of this entertainment. A good half-hour having been devoted to this portion of the treat, the company again assembled in the schoolroom for the second part of the dramatic performance.

Mr. G. S. Graham then presented his "Musical Olio," Song, "Give me the Man of Honest Heart;" "The Muddle-Puddle Porter;" Organophonic Piccolo Solo (Selection), "Lucretia Borgia" (natural whistle and pianoforte accompaniment); "Adventures of Little Mr. Binks."

The performances concluded with Morton's farce, "Whitebait at Greenwich," Mr. Benjamin Buzzard, Mr. E. Johnson; Mr. Glimmer, Mr. Dupree; John Small, Mr. G. J. King; Miss Lucretia Buzzard, Miss Lizzie Henderson; Sally, Miss Fanny Perfit.

Supper and dancing wound up the evening, which from beginning to end was a complete success.

Among the company present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Mrs. Tattershall, Geo. Everett, Mrs. and Miss Everett, Thos. Cubitt, Mrs. and Miss Massey, Col. Burdett, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.); H. C. Levander, Thos. W. White, and Miss White, Thomas Kingston, John A. Rucker, Henry Muggerridge, Miss Muggerridge, Mrs. Sack, Master Charlie Sack, R. B. Webster, J. G. Chancellor, Joshua Nunn, Miss Nunn, Miss Bennyfield, Frederick G. Rucker, John A. Rucker, jun., W. J. Weber, Col. Peters, Herbert Dickets

and family, Louis Hirsch and Mrs. Hirsch, H. A. Dubois, two Masters and two Misses Dubois, John Faulkner, E. Letchworth, Mrs. Levander, the Misses Levander, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creation presided, and there were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, C. A. Cottebrune, John M. Stedwell, Wm. Hale, Hyde Pullen, Wm. Hilton, James Brett, John G. Stevens, W. Clarke, Thomas Cubitt, James Willing, jun., G. Ward Verry, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, Raynham W. Stewart and James Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the December meeting Bro. Terry reported the death of Bro. Benjamin Head, on the 24th of December.

The brethren then passed a vote of condolence with the family of the deceased, and a copy with a letter was directed to be forwarded by the Secretary.

Bro. Terry also reported the death of Bro. Quelch, (annuitant in the Asylum at Croydon, on the 4th inst.), Bro. J. H. Snell, (annuitant, Paignton, on the 22nd Decr. 1878), and Mrs. Emily Sturges, (annuitant, London, on the 12th Dec. 1878).

The Report of the Warden, and of the Finance Committee, were then read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques.

The Committee then examined the petitions of 12 poor brethren and 11 widows, seeking election in May next, all of which petitions were found to be in order, and the petitions were placed on the list.

In consequence of the next meeting day of the Committee falling on the 12th of February, the day set apart for the festival of the Institution, the next meeting was fixed for Thursday, the 13th prox.

The list of candidates for next election was settled, when it appeared that there will then be 35 widows and 43 brethren seeking the benefits of the Institution.

The Committee then adjourned till the 13th of February.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall: Bro. W. Roebuck presided. There were likewise present Bros. Don. M. Dewar, Henry Dearsley, H. Muggeridge, A. Tisley, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., (Head Master), F. Adlard, D. R. Still, W. Mann, C. F. Matier, J. M. Dosell, S. Rosenthal, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Young, H. T. Thompson, J. H. Cox, J. G. Chancellor, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

A letter was read by the Secretary, which he had received from Bro. John Symonds, acknowledging the vote of thanks to him, passed at the last Quarterly Court, on his resignation of the office of Trustee, for his numerous past services to the Institution, and his able discharge of the duties of Trustee. The letter assured the brethren of the deep interest he still took in the welfare of the institution.

A very long list of petitions to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election were then examined, and by the close of the meeting fourteen were accepted. The list approved was as follows:—46 brought forward from last election, 8 new cases accepted at subsequent general committees, 14 accepted at this meeting, making 68; but to this number may have to be added three others which are accepted on the performance of some uncompleted-with conditions. There will be sixteen to be elected.

The Committee, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Laws, as amended by Special Joint Committee appointed at the Quarterly Courts respectively, Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th October, 1878, at meetings held on Monday, 11th and 25th November, and 9th December, to be submitted for consideration to the Quarterly General Courts on Saturday, 11th, and Monday, 13th January, 1879, at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, after the transaction of the ordinary business of the Courts.

The chair at each Court will be taken at twelve o'clock, at noon, precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary, R.M.I. Boys.
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary, R.M.I. Girls.

VERBAL ALTERATIONS, OR RE-ARRANGEMENT.

Laws 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 53, 72 to 75.

SUBSTANTIVE ALTERATIONS: ADDITIONS: OMISSIONS.
Law 8, sect. 2. After "a Lady," add "or a Lewis, being a Minor."

" 12, Ditto ditto.
" 13, line 1. After "Ten Guineas," insert "in one sum, or in two payments of not less than Five Guineas each."
" 20, sect. 3. In lines 3, 5, 7, erase "Fifty," and insert "Twenty-five."
" 24, " 3. In lines 3, 6, erase "Fifty," and insert "Twenty-five."

Law 30, line 2. After "Patrons," insert "Vice-Patrons."
" 4. Before "Vice-Presidents," insert "Vice-Patrons."
" 31, " 4. After "Three," insert "Vice-Patrons, or."
" 34, " 2. After "grant of money," insert "or for an expenditure exceeding £500."
" 8. After "Provincial Grand Secretary," insert "the minutes of such proceedings as are specified in this Law shall not take effect unless confirmed at a subsequent General Court."
" 35, " 3. After "Governors," insert "not being Minors."
" 4. After "Annual Subscribers," insert "being Freemasons."
" 14. After "elect," insert "suspend."
" 36, " 3. After "Chairman," insert "being a Freemason."
" 37, " 2. After "Life Governors," insert "being Freemasons."
" 47, " 2. After "Life Governors," insert "being Freemasons and;" after "not," erase "more than two of whom shall be."
" 48, " 2. After "October," insert "at the Office of the Institution;" after "at such hour," erase "and place."
" 55, " 3. Before "consecutive," erase "five," and insert "seven;" after "consecutive years," insert "and have been a subscriber to at least one of the Masonic Institutions."
" 60, sect. 2, line 3. After "must be made," insert "in writing."
" 64, line 3. Erase "fifteen," "sixteen," insert "fourteen," "fifteen."
" 66, " 2. Erase "sixteen," insert "fifteen."

NEW LAWS.

Law 48. "No Member of this Committee shall supply the Institution with any commodity in the way of business."
" 55. "No petition shall be received on behalf of any Boy who has a Brother in the Institution, unless the number of Vacancies is in excess of the number of Candidates."
N.B.—The Alterations as above apply to the Girls School also, with the exception of those as to age in Laws 63 and 65, which extend to Boys only.

ALTERATIONS OF DAYS OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

QUARTERLY GENERAL COURTS ... FROM MONDAY.
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ... FROM SATURDAY.
TO FRIDAY IN EACH CASE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

QUARTERLY GENERAL COURTS, FROM SATURDAY TO THURSDAY.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. JOHN BOYD, P.G.P.

The remains of Bro. John Boyd (a notice of whose sudden death appeared in the *Freemason* last week), were interred on Saturday last, at Brompton Cemetery. Following the hearse were five mourning coaches and several carriages. The brethren in the mourning coaches were arranged as follows: First coach, Jermyn Boyd, Esq., William Boyd, Esq.,—Leuty, Esq., and A. Glendinning, Esq.; second coach, Bros. H. Dicketts, J. Hervey, Col. Peters, and H. Venn; third coach, Bros. H. Dawson, C. A. Long, Thos. Bull, and Robt. Douglas; fourth coach, Bros. Hyde Pullen, D. Haslett, and Rev. W. H. Frazer; fifth coach, Bros. J. Cox, G. States, and William Gelder.

Among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; S. Rawson, Past Dist. G.M. China; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. Paas, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. M. Stedwell, W. Platt, H. Norman, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec. Girls' School); Jas. Brett, P.G.P.; M. Haydon, H. Massey (*Freemason*), T. Murlis, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; B. H. Swallow, J. Hervey, George Kenning, H. Reed, 733; Robinson, 201; C. F. Hogard, C. Woods, E. Moody, 145, Chapter; J. C. Cox, E. J. Scott, C. Hunt, 194; W. Stephens, J. Hughes, 1257; F. De Leliva, 1426; R. J. Brand, 25; E. Stearnwitz, P.M. 435; J. G. Marsh, Elliott, Ireton, J. Coutts, P.G.P.; Gulliford, Limebeer, 1446; W. Mann, G. R. Sherrill, W. Ough, P.G.P.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, H. A. Dubois, George Clarke, jun., H. C. Levander, W. W. Morgan, Charles Lacey, J. W. M. Dosell, George Newman, and D. W. Pearce.

The Rev. W. H. Frazer, St. Jude's, Gray's Inn, read the service in the chapel most impressively, after which the brethren re-formed, and followed the funeral cortege to the grave. On the coffin were placed several immortelles, among which was one brought by Bro. Scott, formed into the Royal Arch emblem, the Royal Arch in Freemasonry being Bro. Boyd's strong feature. At the grave, after the body had been lowered and the sprig of acacia reverently dropped upon it, the Rev. W. H. Frazer completed the service in the same feeling and impressive way in which he had read the portions in the chapel, and the mourners heartily echoing the "sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life" for their dear Bro. Boyd, "drew a long, long sigh, and wept a last adieu."

The London correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post*, telegraphing his letter on Sunday evening, says:—
"There was buried on Saturday at Brompton Cemetery a Freemason whose name, face, and figure have long been familiar to Yorkshire brethren. Their acquaintance with him has been made by their frequent attendance at the Masonic charity festivals and elections, at all of which he was a regular visitor. Leeds, particularly, may claim this

acquaintance, as nothing takes place in London at the large Masonic meetings when Captain J. Wordsworth and Mr. Henry Smith, the provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, are not among the brethren. To mention the name of John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant, will be only to mention the name of an intimate friend. This brother died suddenly on Monday last of heart disease, at the age of 69, and the deepest sorrow is felt by his brother Masons for his loss. The respect in which he was held was manifested by the largest gathering I have ever witnessed at the grave of a Freemason. The service was read by a brother Mason, the Rev. W. H. Frazer, of St. Jude's, Gray's Inn."

The London correspondent of the *Liverpool Courier* on the same night also telegraphed.

"A distinguished Freemason was buried at Brompton Cemetery yesterday. Mr. John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, who died suddenly on Monday last, was laid to his rest amidst the largest assemblage of Freemasons I have ever witnessed at the funeral of a brother. The Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, a Past District Grand Master of China, and other Masonic notabilities followed the deceased brother's remains. But knowing the man's character well after an acquaintanceship of many years, I can honestly say that no respect paid to his memory could be too great. The Masons of Liverpool knew him well, and they know what little volumes to hold up when speaking of John Boyd, they may say, 'Si monumentum quaeris circumspice.'"

The *Daily Chronicle* (London), on Monday, speaking on the same theme, says:—

"The remains of Mr. John Boyd, a Past Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, were interred on Saturday in Brompton Cemetery. The deceased gentleman, who had for many years belonged to the brotherhood, took a leading part in all Masonic affairs, was a strong supporter of the Charities of the Order, and a highly skilled interpreter of the Masonic ceremonies, more especially those of the Holy Royal Arch. His great services to Freemasonry obtained for him at the hands of the Grand Master what is known in the Craft as the 'purple,' or, in other words, the distinguishing badges and insignia of a Grand Officer. Mr. Boyd, who was sixty-nine years of age, expired suddenly on Monday, the 30th ult., from heart disease. The funeral was attended by a very large number of Freemasons, and some beautiful Royal Arch emblems were deposited on the coffin.

BRO. P. W. BENHAM.

The Masonic fraternity has again suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. P. W. Benham, who expired on Thursday, the 2nd inst., from an incurable malady, in the presence of an attached circle of friends. Deceased was one of the most active members of the Masonic Craft in Jersey, and until lately had carried on the business of a wine merchant, in which capacity he was also well-known. The mortal remains of deceased, who was a Past Master, laid in state at the Masonic Temple, Stortford-road, on Monday last, and the public were admitted to view the body from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. The funeral took place on Tuesday, Jan. 7, with full Masonic honours, and the following was the order of procession:—

Two Tylers with drawn swords.
Band.
Brethren who are not members of Jersey Lodges
Banner of St. Aubin's Lodge, 958.
Members in pairs.
Tyler with drawn sword.
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Treasurer and Secretary.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Master.
Immediate Past Master.
Worshipful Master.
Banner of Royal Alfred Lodge, 877.
Members in pairs.
Banner of La Césarée Lodge, 590.
Members in pairs.
Banner of Royal Sussex Lodge, 491.
Members in pairs.
Banner of Mechanics' Lodge, 245.
Members in pairs.
Banner of Yarborough Lodge, 244, covered with Black Crape.
Members in pairs bearing wands and sprigs of acacia.
Banner of Prince of Wales' Lodge, 1003, covered with Black Crape.
Members in pairs bearing sprigs of acacia; the Officers bearing bouquets of flowers instead of acacia.
Corinthian Light borne by a Master Mason.
Junior Warden's Column.
Junior Warden, bearing Plumb Rule.
Doric Light, borne by a Master Mason.
Senior Warden's Column.
Senior Warden, bearing Level.
Ionic Light, borne by a Master Mason.
Terrestrial and Celestial Globes, borne by two Master Masons.
Past Masters.
Immediate Past Master.
Senior Deacon. Master. Junior Deacon.
Banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge.
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. E. C. Malet De Carteret.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Organist.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Deacons.

Steward.	Grand Past Junior Wardens. Grand Junior Warden bearing Plumb Rule.	Steward.
Steward.	Grand Past Senior Warden Grand Senior Warden bearing Level.	Steward.
Director of Ceremonies.	The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master.	Director of Ceremonies.
Steward.	An Installed Master, bearing Jewels of Deceased.	Steward.
	Holy Bible, covered with crape, and borne by an Installed Master.	
	The Right Worshipful the Rev. R. S. Paterson, Past Pro- vincial Grand Master of Manitoba, acting as Grand Chaplain.	
	Bro. Dr. E. A. Briggs.	
Bearers :	BODY,	Bearers :
Bro. J. T. Du	with Jewels of	Bro. Adams.
Jardin.	Deceased, Bouquets	Bro. C. Kings-
Bro. Binet.	of Flowers, and two	north.
Bro. Jewell	Cross Swords	Bro. J. Oatley.
	Mourners and Friends of Deceased.	
	Grand Provincial Tyler.	

The cortege left the Temple at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, passing through Stopford-road, David-place, Bath-street, Beresford-street, Halkett-place, Morier-lane, Royal Square, thence to the Town Church. The procession was reformed in Bond-street, and then proceeded through Broad-street, Charing Cross, York-street, Parade, Cheapside, St. John's-road, to the Cemetery. The return was made by way of St. John's-road, Rouge Bouillon, Midvale-road, David-place, Stopford-road, to the Temple.

BRO. W. JENKIN THOMAS.

The funeral of W. Bro. Jenkin Thomas, P.P.G.S.W., took place on Saturday last at the Plymouth Cemetery. Several of the P.M.'s of the lodges St. John and Charity, of which he had been a member, attended; also several brother tradesmen of his craft, of which he was the senior in the town, who had known him as a prominent tradesman when they were serving their apprenticeships.

Ireland.

TANDARAGEE.—Union Lodge (No. 105).—This lodge met at the Union Masonic Hall upon St. John's Day, 27th December, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year, and conferring degrees in the Royal Arch Chapter. The attendance was unusually large, including visiting brethren from Belfast, Portadown, Lurgan, Banbridge, and Newry. Bro. Viscount Mandeville, who had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master at a previous communication, was installed in the presence of Bro. M. C. Close, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The other officers elected were Bros. Dr. James Taylor, S.W.; R. A. Johnston, J.W. and Sec.; Thomas Cousins, S.D.; Joseph J. Shannon, J.D.; James S. Burnett, P.M., J.G.; and J. Hardy, Treas. The degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter were conferred upon Bros. Taylor, Johnston, Burnett, and Gilpin in a most impressive manner by Bros. Lutton, Falloon, and Darragh. The business of the lodge being completed, the brethren repaired to the Manchester Hall, where they partook of a most sumptuous dinner.—Bro. Viscount Mandeville, M.P., occupying the chair. Amongst the visiting brethren present were—Bros. M. C. Close, M.P., P.G.M. for Armagh; Colonel M'Donald, Rothsay Castle; F. C. Crossle, M.D., Newry; Dr. S. Herron, W. J. Guy, Robert M'Clatchie, Robert Darragh, William Kilpatrick, Hugh Wallace, James Fordyce and Matthew Wilson, Portadown; William MacCormac and Joseph Anderson, Banbridge; Falloon and Maxwell, Lurgan; John Moody, Poyntzpass; Joseph Abbott, Tandragee; and Alex. A. Lutton, Belfast. Ample justice having been done to the dinner, Bro. Macauley made a most eloquent appeal on behalf of destitute brethren and their families, which was heartily responded to. After the toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Masters," and "The Provincial Grand Master" had been duly honoured, Bro. Close rose, and having thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received his health in the latter capacity, proceeded to propose the health of Bro. Viscount Mandeville, the W.M. of 105, which was received most enthusiastically, and who, having thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had welcomed him amongst them and received his health, asked them to join with him in toasting "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Colonel M'Donald responded on behalf of the visitors in an appropriate speech. The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Northern Masonic Mutual Benevolent Assurance Association," and expressed his satisfaction with its principles. In responding to this toast, Bro. Anderson explained very clearly the working of the society and the benefits which had resulted from similar institutions in America, and which he hoped would follow here. He expressed his conviction that the principles of this organisation would reach the entire Masonic system of Great Britain and Ireland, as it had in the U.S. of America; the plan was simple, cheap, and safe, and would infuse new life and energy into Masonry in these lands. The last toast of the evening was "The Health of the Dinner Committee," coupled with the names of Bros. Hardy, Macauley, and Taylor, which was responded to by Bro. Macauley in a concise, but graceful, manner. Upon the motion of Bro. Dr. Taylor, the second chair was taken by Bro. J. Hardy, who thanked Bro. Lord Mandeville for the manner in which he had conducted the meeting, after which the proceedings of the evening were brought to a close. At the conclusion, Bro. Viscount Mandeville asked Bro. Anderson to accept him as a member of the Northern Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association; subsequently his lordship expressed the pleasure it

would give him to become one of its patrons. The headquarters of the Northern Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association is at Banbridge; the Secretary is Bro. Wm. MacCormac, Banbridge.

Masonic and General Tidings.

OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT.—Bro. J. B. Monckton, President Bd. G.P., in announcing his intention to close the subscription for the above benevolent object, and publishing a statement of the amount received in our next issue, asks for a few additions to the list of donations, "which, though liberal and most serviceable, is capable of a little extension without exceeding the object in view." Bro. Monckton's letter reached us unfortunately too late for insertion.

We have received, and we acknowledge with fraternal regards and good wishes, felicitations for the New Year from Bros. Hubert, of Paris; Merkel, of Nurnberg; R. Mucklé, of Philadelphia; and the Grand Orient of Spain.

Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh have graciously accepted copies of "In Memoriam," written by Bro. John Saffery.

We are informed that Bro. Emra Holmes's new book, "Amabel Vaughan," is now nearly complete. The publishers state that in consequence of there being so much more "copy" than was originally agreed upon, the publication will be necessarily delayed at least a fortnight.—Bro. Holmes is anxious that the subscribers shall have their money's worth—and will contain his tales and poems contributed to the "Masonic Magazine"; "Penny Post"; "South Wilts Express"; "South Durham and Cleveland Mercury"; "Sunderland Times"; "Western Daily Mercury"; "Royal Cornwall Gazette"; "Civil Service Review"; "West Briton"; "Lincolnshire Herald," and others, as well as Masonic Papers originally appearing in our own columns. Subscribers names may still be received at the office of this journal, and when we add that the object of the publication is not gain, but simply to benefit a well-known literary brother Mason who needs assistance, we think we have said enough to induce the charitably disposed in our fraternity to invest a half-crown in the little work and so help the unfortunate.

The installation meeting of the Eclectic Lodge was held on Friday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

R. W. Baxter and Co., of Australian-avenue, Barbican, E.C., announce that they are opening up a branch house, in Cape Town, South Africa, and will be pleased to receive orders for Masonic Jewellery, Masonic Stationery, and Masonic Literature. Messrs. Baxter and Co., are the special agents for the *Freemason*, the "Masonic Magazine," the "Rosicrucian, and Masonic Record," and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket-Book."

The election of Professor Charles Darwin and Richard Owen, as foreign members of the Berlin Academy of Science have been confirmed by the Emperor of Germany.

A morning performance of Rossini's "Moses in Egypt," conducted by Bro. Sir Michael Costa, will be given by the Sacred Harmonic Society, at Exeter Hall, this (Saturday) afternoon.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 225, IPSWICH.—The following reply to a vote of condolence to the Queen, on the death of the Princess Alice, forwarded to the Home Secretary, on behalf of the above lodge, by Bro. T. J. Wentworth, W.M., a few days ago, has just been received.—"Whitehall, January 3rd, 1879. To T. Wentworth, Esq., Sir,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the St. Luke's Lodge of Freemasons, 225, on the occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland, and Grand Duchess of Hesse. I have the satisfaction to inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, R. ASHETON Cross."

BRO. R. R. MORRIS, formerly of Norwich, Norfolk, England, has been re-elected Master of Webb Lodge, No. 24, Richmond, Indiana, U.S. Bro. Morris is Assistant Auditor of the P.C. and St. L.R.R. (Pan Handle), and by strict attention to business, and his genial manners, has won a host of friends, both in and out of the Order, in the land of his adoption.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.—A report of the meeting of this lodge, which was held on Thursday last, will appear in our next.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR. At a meeting of the Ebor Lodge, held at York on Thursday, the 2nd inst., Bro. G. Simpson, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. The installation has been fixed for the 15th inst.

CHRISTMAS AT THE POST OFFICE.—"So great," says the *City Press*, "was the pressure caused by the dispatch of the seasonable missives which passed through the Post Office at Christmas, that the whole of the sorting staff were engaged on the duty, and most, if not all, were at their posts from three o'clock on Monday afternoon until nine the next morning, and even then letter bags came in so fast that it was found necessary to leave quantities of letters over for later forwarding. The cheap registration system seems to have been largely taken advantage of, as on the morning of the day before Christmas 40,000 more packets passed through the office than usual."

The Lord Mayor, with Bro. Sheriff Burt and Bro. Sheriff Bevan, will attend in state on Sunday, the 19th January next, at the church of St. Pancras. The Rev. Canon Spence is to preach a sermon on behalf of the parish Scripture readers.

MAILS BETWEEN QUEENSTOWN AND HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.—The following notification has been issued by the Post Office:—The line of packets hitherto employed in conveying mails between Queenstown and Halifax having been withdrawn for the winter, the mails for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, &c., will, in future, be made up in London every Thursday evening for conveyance by Canadian packet for Londonderry.

On Tuesday evening last, in the presence of the Duke of Saxony and Prince William of Wurtemberg as witnesses, the marriage of the King of Holland with the Princess Emma of Waldeck-Prymont was celebrated with great solemnity at Arolsen.

The annual ball in aid of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, will take place at St. James's Hall on Thursday next.

"The Marquis of Lorne and H.R.H. the Princess Louise have decided to remain at Ottawa until the spring, when they contemplate a visit to Western Ontario. The statement that the Marquis intends to visit Quebec shortly is without foundation. Lord Lorne and the Princess will doubtless accept the hospitality of the citizens of Quebec during the summer, but not before."—*Whitehall Review*.

CAUSING A "RUN" UPON A BANK.—The *Daily Chronicle* states that it is understood that the directors of an important banking company of London and the provinces are about to try a very interesting case at law. A newly-appointed manager to one of their branches quite unintentionally hurt the feelings of a customer who was a brewer, and who as such received from dozens of public-houses in the surrounding country cheques and other means of making payments which are well-known to accumulate in the publican's till. With the view of punishing the offending bank manager, the brewer is represented to have sent a circular to all publicans concerned with him in business, cautioning them against taking the cheques on the bank concerned. The communication soon got known to the customers of the bank. A "run" ensued, and not much less than a quarter of a million of money was withdrawn at that one branch in consequence. The bank was prepared, and had nothing to fear; but the injury is very clear, and the directors are said to be resolved to see if they can get damages out of their mischievous enemy. The amount is placed at £10,000.

The Berkshampstead Lodge, No. 504, at its installation meeting on Wednesday, voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. C. Maddever, W.M., Steward for the next festival of 12th February.

The Thirtieth Annual Grand Masonic Ball, to which the public will be admitted, takes place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. Tickets may be obtained at the Masonic Depot, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

A Grand Masonic Ball will be held in the Town Hall, Congleton, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., under the banner of the Eaton Lodge (No. 533).

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple and the greatest novice may soon be a good gardener, by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsmen, Reading, for 15 stamps, or for 2s. at all Railway Bookstalls.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday next, for the transaction of the business of the Institution. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.—We rejoice to have to announce the publication for 1879, of the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*, edited, &c., by George Kenning. We have already had occasion in preceding years to offer our best compliments, and to express our best thanks both to Author and Editor, for presenting Freemasonry such a *Vade-mecum*, which unites with its convenience the greatest utility! It is almost marvellous to be able to include in so few pages, of such a size and with typographic characters so correct and readable, so much and such universal information on the Masonic jurisdictions of the world, their rites, their dignitaries, their lodges, and other supplementary details! The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* is a book which ought to be found in all Masonic Libraries, and which all Masons, especially those who travel, should have in their pocket. The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* is in English, but if even everybody only reads their own language, and though there may be some lines which are embarrassing, a brother is always to be found who will translate them. Therefore, it is not absolutely necessary to understand the English language, to furnish oneself with a *Vade-mecum*, which gives you the names of all existing Masonic Lodges and their respective Grand Lodges, points out to you the various Masonic "Obediences," known and regular, and their dignitaries, &c. We often receive letters asking us to name a Masonic Annual which can tell him who needs or desires to know it, in what town he is certain to find a working lodge; in what county he is sure of finding brethren. Dear brethren who thus write to me, obtain the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* of Bro. George Kenning, and you will have always under your hand every facility for such information.—*Translated from the "Chaine D'Union" for January, 1879.*—See page 24.

The following stand over;— "Lodges and Charity," by P.M. 163; "Old Lodges" by T.W.F.; Reports of Lodges, 57, 164, 417, 1550; Chapter 1507; Mark Lodge, 69.

A Grand Masonic Ball, by special dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master, will be held in the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on Wednesday week, the 22nd inst. Full particulars may be obtained of Bro. Samuel Jones, 31, P.G.J.W. (Devon), 12, Longbrook-street, Exeter.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—[ADVT.]

BRO. JENKIN THOMAS.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., the mortal remains of Bro. Jenkin Thomas, printer and stationer, of Cornwall-street, Plymouth, were consigned to their last resting place at the Cemetery. The funeral was of a private character, but there were present representatives of St. John's and Charity of Freemasons.

The *Freemason* Card Almanack for 1879, with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, is now ready, and may be obtained on application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. Post free 2d.

An amateur evening concert will be given in the Langham Hall, Great Portland-street, London, W., on Monday, January the 27th.

Bro. Edmund Yates announces for April, No. 1 of "Time," a monthly miscellany of interesting and amusing literature.

Bro. W. H. Bickerton has been appointed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, representative of the Grand Lodge of Hayti.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 17, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12. (See advt.)
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

Quar. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12 (See advt.)
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner-stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
Chap. 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., W.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
R.C. Con., 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1158, Southern Star, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, W.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-gdn.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge Grand Stewards.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
Lodge 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
K. T. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Ct. Hot., Lincoln's Inn
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1305, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1728, Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-st.
Chap. 834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., W. Kensington.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs., 1st. Surrey Rifles.
Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row, W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 18, 1879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.

" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY JANUARY, 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Red Cross Liverpool Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
" 1493, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urnston.
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawliason's Hot., West Derby.
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (72).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, on Monday 6th inst. There were present Bros. W. Carr W.M.; F. Dunn, S.W.; J. Dunn, P.M., as J.W.; C. Chesterton, S.D.; A. Darch, J.D.; F. Thurston, I.G.; H. Webb, P.M.; Treasurer, J. Nunn, P.M. Sec.; E. Dodson, P.M.D.C.; J. N. Bate, W.S.; C. Rhodes, P.M.; J. Laskey, P.M.; T. Durkin, P.M.; T. Hines, P.M.; also a large gathering of the members. The lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Chalk, J.W.; 1558, was elected a rejoicing member. There were five gentlemen for initiation viz:—Messrs. J. Morris, J. James, J. Shephard, J. Brand, and D. Woolf. The ceremony which was very ably performed by the W.M., was rendered still more effective by solemn and appropriate music. The lodge was opened in the second degree by the installing Master Bro. J. Nunn, P.M.; and Bro. F. Dunn, S.W.; W.M.; elect was presented, and the ceremony of installation was performed. The brethren below the degree of installed Master having been requested to withdraw, a board consisting of twenty-six installed Masters was formed, when Bro. F. Dunn was duly, and solemnly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted and most cordially greeted by the Past Masters, the brethren were then admitted and saluted the W.M. in the several degrees. The installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a masterly and feeling manner which the brethren acknowledged with applause. The officers were then appointed for the ensuing year. The W.M., in a few appropriate sentences addressed each officer as he was invested as follows.—Bros. W. Carr, I.P.M.; C. Chesterton, S.W.; A. Darch, J.W.; F. Thurston, S.D.; J. N. Bate, J.D.; T. Brevortor, I.G.; E. Dodson, P.M.; D. C. W. Murray, A.D.C.; H. Webb, P.M.; W. S. and Treasurer; E. Walker, A.W.S. and J. Nunn P.M.; Sec. There were over forty visitors present, among whom we observed Bro. J. B. Atkinson, P.M. and Sec., Henglat, 195, P.P.G.S.D. Hants; D. Forbes, 948, P.M. 65; J. W. Cobham, P.M. 141; W. Dunn, 195; P. Vickery, J.W. 1475; J. Ebbelwhite, 11; H. Hammond, P.M. 1216; J. S. Lean, 1119; J. Ellis, S.D. 917; G. W. Wigglesworth, W.M. 975; J. Close, 463, and P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. Canton, P.M. 1269, 1475; J. Bourdelaine, 624; A. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; J. Greenway, 174; W. S. Larlbam, P.M. 1216; J. Garner, I.P.M. 1632; J. Biddle, W.M. 193; T. Foxall, P.M. 742, 1349; W. S. Cackett, P.M. 1558; C. Hampton, P.M. 179. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." wishing him a prosperous and harmonious year of office, to which the W.M. replied in a few appropriate remarks, at the conclusion of which he gave "The Health of I.P.M." and in a feeling manner said what pleasure it give him to place the splendid jewel on his breast, which the lodge had presented to him in recognition of his services. Bro. Carr briefly returned thanks. The W.M. then gave "The Initiates," which was responded to by each of the initiates. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.G.S.D. Hants, D. Forbes, 948, P.M. 65, and several other brethren. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by various brethren of the lodge, accompanied by a professional brother.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at Anderson's Hotel. Bro. Isaac Buscall, W.M., opened the lodge, and raised Bro. Barker, Johnson, and Moseley; and passed Bro. Edwards. The Past Masters who attended were Bros. Ferguson, Foulger, Walford, Haydon, Elmes, and Everett. Bro. Ferguson, P.M., at the W.M.'s request, installed Bro. E. White, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. H. B. Spink, S.W.; Capt. Harris, J.W.;

George Everett, P.M., Treas.; Morris, Sec.; McLean, S.D.; Herbage, J.D.; Kent, jun., I.G.; Pierpoint, W.S.; Foxcraft, D.C.; and John Daly, Tyler. When the ceremony of installation had been completed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ferguson for his kindness. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of ninety, sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Buscall, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so, he said he congratulated the brethren on their having placed in the chair that evening Bro. Edward White, as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren who had attended the lodge regularly had seen the way in which Bro. White had done his work in the various offices he had filled. He had now attained the highest position they could give him, and he was sure the brethren would join with him (Bro. Buscall) in congratulating Bro. White on having reached the chair. Bro. White was a child of the Domatic; he was initiated, passed, and raised in that lodge, and it was with peculiar pride and pleasure that he would occupy the chair. These were the sentiments which he (Bro. Buscall) felt, and the brethren would reciprocate what he expressed when he said he wished Bro. White a happy and successful year of office. When Bro. White left the chair in a twelve month's time he hoped he would succeed to the brethren's good wishes. The W.M., in reply, said these flattering terms were more than he deserved; but Bro. Buscall had said one thing which was perfectly true, and that was that the Domatic was his (the W.M.'s) mother lodge. He was initiated and passed in it, and raised that very night seven years ago. He had, therefore, served his apprenticeship before getting to the chair. He was very proud to be in that position, for the Domatic was one of the largest lodges in the Craft. It was a responsible position to hold, but he hoped with the brethren's assistance to be able to get through his work satisfactorily to the lodge and with credit to himself. The Domatic Lodge had a long and noble history, and he hoped he should do nothing to tarnish it. But in order to do the work with satisfaction all round he must have the brethren's assistance. He must look to the officers to attend to do their work and assist in keeping order in the lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. W. Stephens replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and in the course of his remarks, which were but brief, he said he had frequently enjoyed the hospitality of the Domatic Lodge. He wished the W.M. every success during his year, and he hoped the lodge would always have the repute of being one of the most hospitable lodges in the City of London. Bro. Draper also replied, and complimented Bro. Ferguson on the admirable manner in which he had delivered the addresses. He had never heard them delivered much better, for they were delivered in that kind tone and with that good feeling which made every word valuable. He had known Bro. White for some years. They belonged to the lodge which he (Bro. Draper) was now Master of, and he was indebted to Bro. White for bringing him to the Domatic, for he could not disguise the fact that it was an excellent lodge, not only numerous but distinguished. The brethren might congratulate themselves on having elected Bro. White as their W.M.; he was thoroughly proficient in the duties of a W.M., and there was nothing in Freemasonry that he was not acquainted with. He had the energy and ability to carry out the work, and he would do it to the brethren's satisfaction. The officers who had been appointed to serve under Bro. White were excellent officers, and there was a good prospect of the lodge having excellent Masters for several years to come. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Ferguson, the Installing Master," and complimented him on the performance of the ceremony. Bro. Ferguson replied, and said the complimentary remarks the W.M. had been pleased to make about him were rather more than he deserved, though he could not say the W.M. had said anything that was not correct. The duty of a P.M. was to fill any vacancy that might occur in a lodge, from Inner Guard to Installing Master. Even if necessary to take the post of Outer Guard; and the duty of Deacons or Wardens he should always be ready to take on himself, and feel honoured by being asked to take them. It was, no doubt, a great honour to be called upon to instal the W.M. If he had performed that duty to the satisfaction of the brethren, even if it had been in a humble, halting way, it showed that he had tried to do credit to his position as a P.M. of the Domatic Lodge. He trusted that whenever he might be called upon to fill any vacant office he should do so, and whenever he was so called upon he would discharge his duty to the best of his ability. He took no credit to himself for what he had done, but he felt proud to find that the brethren were pleased, and he sincerely thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him, by passing the vote of thanks to him for his humble efforts. In conclusion, he said he should always be pleased to be a member of the Domatic Lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Domatic Lodge." The P.M.'s, he said, were a very useful body in any lodge, and they were always willing, as Bro. Ferguson had proved, to do anything that was required of them. They had been very useful that evening, and had assisted to do the work of the Deacons. The I.P.M. had given entire satisfaction during his year of office, and had brought great credit on the Domatic Lodge. At the last meeting the brethren were pleased to testify their appreciation of his services by voting to him a Past Master's jewel. It was a very handsome jewel, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in decorating Bro. Buscall with it. He hoped that Bro. Buscall would long be spared to appear in the lodge with that jewel on his breast. (The W.M. here fastened a very handsome Past Masters' jewel on Bro. Buscall's left breast.) Bro. Buscall, I.P.M., in replying said

that many persons had before that evening spoken of certain periods of their existence as the happiest moments of their lives, but he had never experienced what it was to have that feeling till now. The jewel which the brethren had voted, and the W.M. had presented to him was a very handsome jewel, and for that mark of the brethren's esteem he thanked the brethren most cordially. He should ever consider that gift as the greatest honour he had ever had conferred on him. As Bro. Ferguson had indicated what the duties of a P.M. were, he should have the greatest pleasure in carrying them out in his own person. His best endeavours would be used in promoting the interest of the lodge, and in contributing to its good working. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the hearty good way in which they had received the toast proposed by the W.M. and he also felt very grateful to the W.M. for the very complimentary terms he had employed in proposing the toast. As it was customary in the Domatic Lodge for all the Past Masters to reply to the toast he should leave it to those very able colleagues of his to add any observations which might supply deficiencies that might have occurred in the few remarks he had made. Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., also replied. He observed that while the Past Masters were always ready to perform any duties in the lodge, the brethren at all times appreciated them, and were ever ready to acknowledge them. The brethren in a true Masonic spirit rallied round the Past Masters, and looked upon them as a body of brethren who having performed their duties in the chair, were not, when they had passed the chair tired of their work, but were ready again to enter the lists and work for the true interests of the lodge. Bro. George Everett, P.M., and Treasurer, said that having been promoted to a distinguished office in the lodge by the kindness of the brethren, he should reserve his observations for the time when his health in that capacity would be proposed. Bro. Frederick Smith, P.M., reiterated all that had been said by Bro. Walford, whose remarks he considered as a full and ample reply to the toast. He hoped that the Past Masters would continue to perform their duties to the lodge as they had performed them hitherto. Bro. Foulger, P.M., thought that if all the Past Masters replied it was a waste of time; but as a Past Master of the Domatic Lodge he felt it a great kindness for the brethren to remember the Past Masters. As a P.M., who felt very desirous for the prosperity of the lodge, it was a great gratification at any time to be called upon to perform the duties of any office which, from unavoidable circumstances might be vacant. Bro. M. Haydon, P.M. would simply say "ditto" to the observations made by the preceding P.M.s. Bro. Ferguson, P.M. congratulated Bro. White on being the first W.M. at whose installation Bro. Haydon had made a speech. (Laughter.) This must be a red letter day for the Domatic Lodge, as it was the only day on which such a distinguished Past Master as Bro. Haydon had favoured the brethren with any eulogium. (Cheers.) If the brethren appreciated the qualifications of the P.M.s, any officer, however low down on the rounds of the ladder, should endeavour so to discharge his duties that he might afterwards say to himself, when he arrived at that happy, quiet oasis in the desert, he had done his duty in every office he had filled. The brethren had complimented him very much that evening. He scarcely knew how any officer could conscientiously pass through the chair without having performed his duties properly and sit down among the Past Masters who had. He, therefore, thought it incumbent on every Master to perform his duties properly, and not only so, but to pass through all the previous grades with credit and honour. It was his great pride to act as a true and trusty Master, and he hoped that all the brethren who aspired to that high office would endeavour to acquire himself as a Mason should who reigned over such a lodge as the Domatic. The brethren who had been put into office might not care much for their positions, but might say that when they became Master they would do their work properly. That was not the proper feeling. When they obtained any position they were bound to do their duty in that position, and when they did so they were in a fair way to rival their predecessors in the chair. If they could surpass them, so much the better for the lodge, and all the Past Masters would be glad to find a meteor among them. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and the W.M., in giving it, said that Bro. George Everett was the first to discover any merit in him. Bro. Everett, as one of the respondents to the toast, said that he was happy to find that in discovering merit in the W.M. he had not made a mistake, and he was sure now that the W.M. would do honour to the position he filled. As Treasurer he assured the brethren he should not shirk his duty, and he hoped when the first year of his office came to an end he should have the approval of the brethren. Bro. Morris also replied as Secretary. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded for "The Masonic Charities," and reminded the brethren of the great success those Institutions have had during the last year, notwithstanding the great commercial depression. Wishing for even a brighter year in 1879 he trusted that the Domatic Lodge would support the Charities again as they had in the past. Referring to the number of members of the Domatic Lodge, he said that if each member gave 15s. to the Charities it would make an amount of £150. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable throughout.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The Committee of the Benevolent Fund attached to this lodge, met on the 13th inst., at the Blue Post Tavern, Southampton Buildings, Hulborn, for the purpose of electing a President for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large number of Vice-Presidents as well as elected Committee in attendance,

Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.V.P., proposed, and Bro. S. L. Hickman, V.P., seconded, that Bro. Lewis Alexander, who had presided over them for some years past, be re-elected, Bro. Hickman in addressing the meeting spoke in very complimentary terms of Bro. L. Alexander, when the proposition was put to the meeting, by Bro. Spiegel, W.M. and Sen. V.P., which was carried unanimously.

ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).—At Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, the Eclectic Lodge held its installation meeting on Friday last, Bro. Arthur E. Taylor, W.M., presiding and being well supported by his officers and a large attendance of lay members of the lodge. There were also a great many visitors present, among others Bros. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; W. H. Perryman, P.M. Fidelity, 3; Arthur Rule, P.M. Sphinx, 263; P. Dickinson, P.M. Royal Standard, 1298; T. Burham, P.M. Fidelity, 3; G. Brickland, W.M. Asaph, 1319; H. P. Reed, P.M.; and Lamer, Westbourne, 733; T. D. Berry, P.M. Manchester, 179; and Bro. Masey, W.M. West Kent, 1297, (*Freemason*). Previous to the installation Mr. Wm. Howard Paddle, having been balloted for and approved was initiated by the W.M. who performed the ceremony with his customary ability. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and Bro. George William Saul, S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for installation and duly obligated; and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was installed in the chair of K.S. with the customary solemnity, and on the return of the brethren was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form, and then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Lee, S.W.; Moss, J.W.; Mander, Treas.; Watts, P.M. Sec.; Higgs, Organist; Bochm, S.D.; Dr. Lloyd, J.D.; Bro. Baylis, I.G., Bro. Harty, P.M. D.C., Bro. Bowley, Asst., D.C., Bro. Paice, W.S., Baveas, Asst., W.S., Tyler, Bro. Grant. The entire ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Taylor I.P.M., with the greatest precision, and the beautiful addresses which close the ceremony were rendered more impressive by the quiet earnestness of his delivery. At the close of the ceremony the W.M., presented Bro. Taylor with a handsome P.M. jewel with a few appropriate words, and Bro. Taylor in returning thanks said that he appreciated the very kind manner in which the jewel had been presented to him, that it had been his aim during his year of mastership to promote as far as he was able the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. If he had succeeded in doing that in addition to carrying out the ancient ceremonies he was thankful, and he should feel proud to wear the honor badge just presented to him, not only in his own lodge but in all lodges which he might have the honour to visit. The lodge was then closed and the brethren nearly ninety in number adjourned to the tavern to partake of an excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and heartily responded to by the brethren. In reply to the toast of the Grand Officers,—Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D. rose and said, Worshipful Master, I beg to thank you on the part of the many distinguished names you have mentioned, as well as for the other Grand Officers and in my own behalf, for the honour you have done us in proposing this toast. Since I last had the honour of being your guest the Grand Officers have to regret the loss of many useful and much respected members of their body. I will mention two as representing the two different vocations in which their masonic usefulness was the most conspicuous. First our amiable and universally respected Bro. Benjamin Head. His naturally beneficent character disposed him to devote his time and attention and his purse to the administration and support of the Masonic charities. For many years he was a member of the House Committees (I believe I am right in saying) of all the charities. Having no family of his own Bro. Head came to regard the little inmates of the schools almost as his own children, and for them he had always ready a kind word or a smile of encouragement. Doubtless many a silent tear was shed by those little ones when they heard that the grave had closed over their old friend's kindly face. Bro. Head will be long remembered and his death lamented by his brother Grand Officers. The second brother whose recent loss we have to deplore was one whose life of usefulness lay, for the most part in another direction. Bro. John Boyd although actively connected with the charities was principally conspicuous in the teaching of our rituals and lectures, particularly those in connection with the Royal Arch Degree. Brethren, subscription to the Charities is so constantly forced on our notice as a paramount duty that we might think Masonic Charity consisted of nothing else than giving away money to these Institutions, that this duty was the sole aim, the beginning and the end of Freemasonry, and to such an extent is importunity for subscriptions carried that at last we have descended (I suppose on the principle that the end justifies the means) to the lowest and in the opinion of many others as well as myself, the most degrading form of solicitation—the shilling lottery. No doubt these excellent Institutions ought to be well and liberally supported, whatever may be our individual opinion upon minor matters in connection with the management, but there are many amongst us who sincerely wish that this could be accomplished with less ostentation and obtrusiveness. Bro. Terry I hear has made a suggestion, which I cannot help thinking might in some form be one day adopted and might perhaps lead to this "consummation devoutly to be wished." His suggestion I believe was that a subscription of five shillings per annum to each of the Charities should be paid by every subscribing member of a lodge, and that in this way the Charities might be supplied with funds sufficient to render festivals and even elections unnecessary. Now, every member of a London lodge is obliged by the Constitutions to contribute 4s., and country lodges 2s., yearly

to the Fund of Benevolence. This contribution being paid by lodges out of each member's yearly subscription is so little felt that Masons are not aware that they are contributors to this fund. Now, does it not seem possible (although, no doubt, there are difficulties in the way) that this mode of subscription might, with certain conditions and guarantees, be extended to the other charities? In round numbers this subscription to the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £8000 a year, namely, £2300 from the London lodges, and £5700 from the country lodges. If the contribution were uniformly 4s. this sum would be increased to £14,000, thus, 5s. would produce £17,500 for each of the Charities, or £52,606 for the three, which is £12,500 more than the amount subscribed last year. To this, however, might fairly be added, those really voluntary contributions which would, I believe, be forthcoming without solicitation, so that we see the figures go far to confirm Bro. Terry's theory. In the present competition for subscriptions, the Stewards of the Charities are held up so persistently before our eyes, that such humble labours as those of our Bro. Boyd are apt to be overlooked. Yet the labours of the Masonic teacher are surely not without their usefulness? I can bear testimony from my long experience in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, of the beneficial effects of a careful teaching of the ritual. The teaching of this lodge has undoubtedly been the cause, both directly and indirectly, of a marked improvement in the manner in which the work of the lodge is performed. Carelessness and irreverence, which were rife twenty years ago, are now quite the exception, and Masters now emulate each other in their endeavours to impress their candidates by a serious and earnest delivery of the ritual. Bro. Boyd's labours were, as I have already said, particularly directed to the beautiful ceremonies of the Royal Arch, which he invariably taught with that peculiar care and seriousness which their solemn and sacred language demands. His labours in this direction have not been without their effect, and in Bro. Boyd's death I consider we have lost one of our most useful and earnest workers. So shall we all pass away from our Masonic labours when the time shall come for our eternal rest, but we may feel assured—such is the internal vitality of Masonry—that there will never be wanting, brethren equally zealous, and with equal ability to fill the vacant places of those that are gone. The brethren having met at the banquet table much later than was intended, the various toasts were proposed in very brief speeches, which were responded to as briefly. There was nothing of interest to the general body of Freemasons. The W.M., returned thanks when his health, which was proposed by Bro. Taylor I.P.M. was drunk, with acclamation, but the only additional remarks he made referred merely to Lodge matters which would not interest our readers. In the intervals between the toasts and the replies the company were entertained with vocal and instrumental music. Bro. G. S. Graham, the popular buffo vocalist and organophonist (which being interpreted means whistler) amused his audience with some good songs, and whistling with a pianoforte accompaniment.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst., in the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse presiding, supported by his officers, Bros. G. M. Lander, S.W.; Samuel Smout, J.W.; G. Penn, P.M. Treas.; J. W. Murliss, P.M., Sec.; C. Darby Reade, S.D.; Samuel Smout, jun., J.D.; F. Delevanti, Org.; John Woodmason, Steward; Frederick C. Frye, I.G.; Robert Schofield, P.M., Tyler; and Wm. Stephens, P.M. The following is a list of members present:—W. M. Buckland, F. E. Pocock, J. H. Wood, Wm. Oldrey, W. F. French, E. Rogers, J. T. Newlana, R. E. Green, C. Rowlands, W. R. Bushman, G. A. Williams, T. W. Heath, R. H. Pearson, J. Linscott, J. Whittlesea, J. Rutherglen, John R. Roberts, J. Hempton, R. Reid, W. V. Hook, H. T. Rule, and Caleb Manchester. The visitors present were Bros. J. P. Manchester, 1214; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., 188, 1017; Charles Bates 901; Alfred Ginger, J.W. 901; W. H. Beauchamp, 167; Henry Whitret, P.M. 511; Alfred B. Griffiths, 420 (New Zealand); James Hood, 201; W. F. Savage, P.M. 1425; E. P. Van Norden, 188; and A. H. Chisholm, 154 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Murliss then referred, in feeling terms, to the death of Bro. J. Boyd, remarking that this was the first death that had occurred in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Bushman and French having been duly examined and found qualified for raising, it was opened in the Third Degree, and those brethren were formally raised. The next business before the meeting being to pass Bro. G. F. Rule, the lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and after Bro. Rule had satisfactorily undergone the usual preliminary examination he was duly passed. The lodge being closed in the Second Degree, Mr. M. E. Russell Lochner, proposed by Bro. Rutherglen, and seconded by Bro. Murliss, was balloted for, and having been unanimously elected, was initiated in the usual form. This constituting the business of the lodge, it was closed in the customary form, and it is only right to add that Bro. Parkhouse, for the first time acting as W.M., conducted the ceremonies with unflinching accuracy and ability. The brethren then retired to the banquet room adjoining the lodge which was tastefully decorated with flowers, and partook of a sumptuous repast, presided over by the W.M. The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by Bro. Linscott, in a praiseworthy manner, everything being of the most recherché description. In proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," Bro. Parkhouse alluded in touching terms to the death of the Princess Alice, observing that there were none of Her Majesty's subjects who more heartily sympathised with her in her bereavement than

Freemasons. The toast was duly honoured, the brethren remaining standing while they sang "God Save the Queen." The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," remarking that His Royal Highness was a great credit to the country in general and to Freemasonry in particular; whether at home or abroad he was always received with the greatest enthusiasm. The toast of "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.P.G.M." was then drunk and was followed by that of "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P. suitably replied. Bro. Penn, P.M., then said it was his pleasing duty to propose "The Health of the W.M." He could not speak so highly of the way in which the W.M. had done his duties that evening, bearing in mind the fact that two years ago he was ignorant of Freemasonry as he (the speaker) was, and that was bad enough. The W.M. had done all he could to promote the interests of the lodge, and he (the speaker) was sure that it would prosper under his tenure of office. The W.M. having very suitably replied, said that he had very great pleasure in proposing "The Health of Bro. M. Russell Lochner, the newly-initiated Brother." The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and in the absence of Bro. Lochner, who was obliged to go away on professional business, Bro. Rutherglen replied for him. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were always very glad to see a number of visitors among them, and always endeavoured as far as possible to provide for their comfort. The visitors were not, however, so numerous on that occasion as they generally were, but what they wanted in number they made up in quality. Bros. Griffiths, Hood, and Albert replied, the former of whom remarking that he might never have the pleasure of meeting any of the brethren in New Zealand, but if any of them ever were there, he could assure them of receiving a hearty welcome, for Freemasonry was as well represented in New Zealand as it was in any other country. The toast of "The Health of the Past Masters" was next proposed, immediately after which Bros. W. Gordon and Locock Webb, P.G.D., whom the pressure of professional engagements had prevented from attending the banquet at an earlier period of the evening entered the room amid loud cheers. Bros. Penn, Murliss, and Stephens then briefly acknowledged the toast, the latter observing that Bro. Penn, the Immediate Past Master, said he intended to surpass him (the speaker) in the amount he would raise for the Charities. Well, he should endeavour to do all that he possibly could for Bro. Penn in this laudable object, so that he might eclipse him (the speaker) altogether. He, himself, took £270 for the girls; and if Bro. Penn did not succeed in getting 300 guineas for the boys, he was much mistaken. The lodge had entered into the spirit of Freemasonry to the fullest extent as far as Charities went, and he was sure that Bro. Penn would find very little difficulty in making up that sum. He concluded by announcing that he would give ten pounds towards this object. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Locock Webb," who, in responding, said that he valued very highly the way in which they had been good enough to receive his humble name. He had listened with very great pleasure to the remarks that had fallen from the preceding speaker with reference to the success of the lodge. The W.M. had referred to the interest he had taken from the first in the success of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Well, he might say that he was present at its foundation, and he had little doubt then, when he knew the character and determination of those who took the leading part in its formation, that it would soon secure success. But he was surprised at the great advance it had made. As far as he knew it was almost unprecedented, that a lodge in so short a time should have accumulated so largely in numbers, and more than that, have been able to assist so much the excellent Charities, which it was the duty of the Craft to do. The charitable objects of Freemasonry, not merely in this country but abroad, had done more than anything else to raise Freemasons highly in the estimation of the world. He had on several occasions had the pleasure of witnessing their working, and he must congratulate the brethren on the excellent way in which the working of the lodge had been carried out. In concluding, Bro. Webb trusted the W.M. would preside over the lodge in high credit to himself and advantage to the brethren, setting a bright example to those who followed him, and that those who succeeded him might, like him, hold the office for the benefit of the lodge. "The Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed and suitably replied to by Bros. Lander and Samuel Imont. In replying to "The Health of the Lay Members" Bro. Gordon said it was only from a strict sense of duty that he withdrew from office in the lodge, and solely for this reason that he thought that it was of the highest importance that those who undertook duties in this or any other lodge should have time to give proper attention to them. He found it absolutely impossible to do so, and he felt he was not doing his duty to the lodge if he accepted an office in it which he could not properly discharge. He thought it was not right of any one to stand in the way of those who had greater opportunities of giving more attention to their work. Yet he would say this, that there was not a member who took a greater interest in the prosperity of the lodge than he did, and in the elevation of the present W.M. in his post he was sure they would have one who would discharge his duties with great energy and zeal, and a desire to further the welfare of the lodge, and he would have a great task before him to beat in these respects his admirable predecessor. The next toast was "The Masonic Charities" to which Bro. Penn replied. He regretted that the charities had not an abler member to represent them during the forthcoming season. Yet he did not think he would experience much difficulty in making up the sum of which Bro. Stephens had spoken. At

the present time he had something like £195 on his list, which included fifty guineas from the lodge itself, and they had a ball coming on directly, from which he expected fifty guineas more, and that would bring the sum up to almost within fifty guineas of Bro. Stephens' anticipated £300. The brethren all knew how much the Charities deserved support, and he was quite sure that they would not allow him, their Immediate Past Master, to come off disappointed, which he would do if he did not take 300 guineas. During the evening Bro. Delevanti played some excellent music on the organ; Bro. Heath contributed a solo on the cornet; and Bros. Rowlands, Van Norden, and Smout, jun., sang several songs. The Tyler's toast was then duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The new W.M. of this lodge Bro. Asher Barfield, the S.W. of the past year, was on Thursday installed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.M., in the presence of a good attendance of brethren. The Master invested the following brethren as his officers for the year:—Bros. Wyatt, I.P.M.; Penton, S.W.; Mursell, J.W.; H. H. Wheeler, S.D.; Patch, J.D.; Mannall, I.G.; Munt, Tyler; J. G. Wheeler, Treas; Giles, Sec.; J. G. Jones, Org.; and Rev. W. Barker, Chaplain. The brethren afterwards sat down to a very elegant dinner at the Glaston Hotel, and the evening was spent in that harmony which at all times characterises such gatherings.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held on the 2nd inst. at the Masonic Hall, at which the following brethren were present:—Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair; F. J. Brown, I.P.M., P.G.S.W. Somerset; Rubie, P.M., acting S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; Wm. Hunt, Sec., pro tem.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Ames, acting S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; J. J. Robinson, I.G.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler; Mercer and Holmes, Stewards. In the absence of Bro. Wilton, D.C., Bro. Ashley kindly undertook the duties; there were also present Bros. Wilton, jun., Cater, C. Wilkinson, T. B. Moutrie, and visitors, J. Innes, 369, E.C.; Gen. Doherty, C.B., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, P.M. 906. The lodge was opened at 7.45 and the minutes were read and confirmed. Letters read from Bro. Dr. Hopkins, apologising for absence on account of illness, and others of minor importance, which the Secretary was instructed to attend to. The W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, announced he had a present to make to the lodge, viz., a handsome silk embroidered banner, which had been especially worked by his wife, Mrs. Wilkinson, in whose name he duly presented it. Bro. F. J. Brown proposed, and Bro. Ashley seconded, a cordial vote of thanks for the very handsome gift, which was carried by acclamation. The W.M. replied in suitable terms. A letter was read from the Prov. Grand Lodge, announcing a lodge of emergency to be held at Taunton, on January 13th, for the dedication of a Masonic Hall, at which Lord Carnarvon intended to be present. The brethren were invited to attend. The Prov. Grand Lodge accounts were also received. Bro. Willis was then carefully examined, and duly passed to the Second Degree, and entrusted with the secrets, &c., by the W.M. After a few remarks from the W.M., eulogising the careful manner in which Bro. P. Braham, J.W., had performed his duties, and a kindly introduction by Bro. Moutrie, of Bro. Braham, as Master elect, ballot was taken, which proved unanimous. Bro. Braham returned thanks, and appointed Stewards to conduct the banquet to be held at Bro. Rubie's, Castle Hotel, on the night of the installation. Bro. Moutrie proposed, and Bro. Cater, seconded, the election of Bro. T. B. Ashley, P.M., as Treasurer, which was carried unanimously by acclamation. Bro. Ashley returned thanks in most happy terms, he having filled the office for many years. Bro. Rubie then addressed the lodge in the most earnest and feeling manner, as to presenting to Bro. Wilkinson, the W.M., a suitable recognition of his valuable services, as Master of the lodge, during two years of his office, and proposed that a small committee be formed to consider a suitable manner of carrying out the same. The motion was heartily seconded by Bro. Ashley. Bro. Wilton, jun., addressed the lodge on the same, conveying a special message from his father, D.C., who was unavoidably absent, entirely concurring in the motion. Bro. Radway made a few suitable remarks on the same, and a committee was appointed. Bro. Radway proposed, and Bro. Brown seconded, that a sum not exceeding ten guineas be placed at the disposal of the Committee for the purchase of the testimonial. Bro. Moutrie proposed, and Bro. C. Wilkinson seconded, that a suitable staff and mounting for the banner be provided, and that the banner be placed behind the Master's chair at each lodge meeting. Bro. Rubie proposed, and Bro. Braham seconded, that Bro. Bigwood be elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The usual grant was made to the Stewards of the banquet. Bro. Gen. Doherty, P.M., &c., announced he intended visiting the Masonic School for Girls in May next, to represent the province. The question of amount to be voted was postponed till next lodge. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 9.30 p.m.

YORK.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—Recently the annual installation of officers of this lodge took place, Bro. Henry Toozee being installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the Worshipful Bro. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. G. Hardy, P.M. No. 250, and Bro. W. Reynolds, P.M. No. 250. Bro. Toozee then appointed and invested the following brethren his officers:—Bros. Thos. Thompson, I.P.M.; I. D. Wing, S.W.; R. Beevers, J.W.; W. Tesseyma, P.M., Chaplain and Charity Steward; John Fountain, Treas.; W. B. Hay, P.M., M.D., Treasurer of the B. and P. Fund and Sinking Fund; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Treasurer and Almoner of the Poor Fund; Joseph Hindson, Sec.; M. Haberland, L.M.; Thos. Pro-

tor, S.D.; R. Pexton, J.D.; W. W. Thachrah, D.C.; G. D. Storry, Org.; W. D. North, I.G.; E. Kidd, Steward. E. Lancaster, W. B. Wilkinson, James Matthews, W. H. Sumner, M. J. Martensen, James Fox, and Chas. Borrill, Assistant Stewards; Crier, Tyler; and Lowe, Assistant Tyler. After the installation ceremony a banquet, provided by Bro. W. Shepherdson, was held in the banqueting hall of the lodge, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, several brethren being present from the sister and distant lodges.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This old lodge which claims to be the mother lodge in unbroken succession for more than half a century past of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary of Hampshire, and for a long portion of that time, as at present, both the two last named Prov. Grand Officers, celebrated the festival of St. John, (which it formerly observed twice a year), at the installation of its W.M. last Thursday. The attendance included the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. Hickman), and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Secretary, (both Past Masters of the lodge), with Bros. G. Dunlop, (the senior P.M.), E. Booth, the W.M.'s. of the Peace and Harmony, Southampton and Shirley Lodges, and other leading brethren of the lodge and the Craft in the town. The retiring W.M., Bro. C. John Phillips, after a passing and a raising, installed his successor, Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, the retiring S.W. of the lodge and Treasurer of the borough of Southampton, the retiring I.P.M., Bro. R. Sharpe, assisting by giving the charges. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently invested the officers for the year as follows:—Bros. James Cole, S.W.; Sydney Myer, J.W.; Rev. A. A. Dupont, Chaplain; Robert Sharpe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; Pike, Org.; Geo. Davies, S.D.; James Robertson, J.D.; F. Obree, I.G.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; C. Marshall and Baird, Stewards; Biggs, Tyler; and Vane, assistant Tyler. Before the lodge closed a vote of thanks and a Past Master's jewel were awarded to the retiring Master in recognition of his discharge of the duties during his year of office. These included two degrees on seven out of the twelve monthly meetings, one of these embracing five passings, and another four raisings, besides three initiations on one night, two on another, &c. Thirty brethren afterwards partook of the installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, of the High-street, and during the subsequent proceedings many congratulations were tendered to this old lodge and its new W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and advantage was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the presence of the Mayor of Southampton, as one of the Past Masters of the lodge, of proposing his health, both in recognition of the loyalty of Masons towards the powers that be, and by way of congratulating the lodge on so many of its members having from time to time occupied the civic chair in Southampton. A charming selection of music on the harmonium by Bro. R. Sharpe, with several songs by various brethren gave a pleasing variety to one of the most genial of annual Masonic gatherings.

RINGWOOD.—Unity Lodge (No. 132).—This old Hampshire Lodge held its annual installation of W.M. on the 7th inst., when Bro. A. W. Ward, the retiring S.W., was placed in that position by his brother, P. M. Horatio Ward, now of Canterbury, a Past Prov. J.W. of Wiltshire, there being present some half-a-dozen Past Masters of the Ringwood and other lodges. In due course the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. the Rev. G. C. Brown, I.P.M.; Stephen Masters, S.W.; G. S. Stock, J.W.; E. Low, Treas.; W. E. Alexander, Sec.; Geo. Palmer, S.D.; C. Heddon, J.D.; Albert Taylor, I.G.; and C. Elliott (for 30 years Tyler of the Lodge, which has passed its centenary) Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge, on the proposition of Bro. Brouncker, P.M., seconded by P. M. Hicks, acting I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was awarded Bro. H. Ward for his very satisfactory and impressive installation. Following an excellent dinner, supplied by Host Low, and which gave every satisfaction to about twenty brethren, the newly-elected W.M. embraced the opportunity, in proposing the Prov. Grand Lodge, of congratulating the Lodge on the fact that during the past two years, after remaining for a very long period without provincial honours, two of their brethren had secured the purple—Bros. Dr. Dyer, the retiring I.P.M., and E. Low, an influence which he trusted might continue to be experienced by one of the oldest lodges in the province. The toast was acknowledged by both the brethren named. The health of the new master was very cordially received, and acknowledged in an excellent speech, full of good feeling and Masonic spirit. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. C. John Phillips, W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130, Southampton, and Bro. Wyndham, of Wimborne, representing several neighbouring lodges. Bro. H. Ward took advantage of the opportunity of speaking to say that although a native of Ringwood, from which, however, he had been absent five-and-twenty years, his present was his first appearance in the lodge, and he naturally experienced more than ordinary pleasure in attending to instal his brother. Several very pleasant hours were spent by the brethren in social intercourse before separating, after one of the most successful installation meetings for some years.

SIDMOUTH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 164).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the London Hotel, for the purpose of appointing the officers for the ensuing year. Bro. F. H. H. Orchard, the W.M. elect, was installed by V.W. Bro. B. J. Hodge. The following officers were then duly appointed and invested:—Bros. R. Thornton Thornton, I.P.M.; W. T. Orchard, S.W.; Edgar, J.W.; Rev. R. Beebe, Chap.; J. Yelverton, Sec.; G. Beard, S.D.; W. Chatworthy, J.D.; B. T. Hodge, Org.; J. A. Orchard, D.C.; G. King, S.S.;

J. Perriman, I.G.; H. Paull, Tyler. The banquet was held in the large room of the Hotel, and the brethren could not too highly express their appreciation of the catering of Mr. W. Coulson. The visiting brethren also spoke in eulogistic terms of the banquet, and its moderate cost, and compared it most favourably with the expensive spreads which induces the brethren to forego what ought to be a pleasant and general gathering, instead of an uncomfortable and costly dinner.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., a goodly number of brethren being present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for three candidates for Freemasonry, which being favourable, Mr. Wright, one of the candidates, was duly admitted and initiated, according to ancient custom, by the W.M., Bro. R. Smythson. Bro. Reed, being questioned, was entrusted and passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Reed was admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M. and P.M. 84, having solemnly renewed his obligation, taken when previously installed, was duly invested and installed by a Board of Installed Masters. The brethren below the rank of Installed Masters, who had retired, were then recalled, and the usual salutations, &c., given in the Three Degrees, under the able direction of the Installing Master, Bro. R. Smythson, after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Smythson, I.P.M.; F. Clarke, P.M., S.W.; H. Dunn, J.W.; H. Watkins, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. De Jersey, P.M., Sec.; H. Quick, S.D.; W. Courtenay, J.D.; H. Saunders, I.G.; and S. Baker, Tyler. The Treasurer having given a flourishing account of the funds, proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given as a donation to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, and two guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. This was ably seconded by the J.W., Bro. H. Dunn, and unanimously carried by the lodge. A joining member being proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" given from Lodges 570 (I.C.), and 1023, the lodge was closed in form. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where justice was done to an excellent spread, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.; the Tyler's toast, at 11 o'clock, bringing a pleasant evening to a conclusion.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—There was on Wednesday, the 8th inst., a large muster of the Masonic brethren at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, to witness the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge, the attendance, which included at least twelve P.M.'s, being testimony alike to the harmony and cordiality with which the old lodge is always conducted, and of the high esteem in which the W.M. elect, Bro. Councillor S. Cleaver, is held by the brethren. Amongst those present were Wor. Bros. W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; Bros. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Worthington, P.M. 50; H. Hitchman, P.M. 455, P.G.J.W.; G. W. Statham, W.M. St. John's; Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; J. M'Alister, P.M.; J. Baines, P.M. 523; R. A. Barber, P.M.; S. Cleaver, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Farndale, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Smith, Chaplain; Cornelius Gurden, Treasurer; Councillor J. Jessop, S.D.; Thos. Coltman, J.D.; T. H. Scott, Organist; J. B. Ashby, I.G. 50; Jos. Cleming, 163; Richard Taylor, W.M. 523; W. H. Chamberlain, 523; C. P. Chamberlain, 523; Joseph Young, J.W. 523; A. Ross, 523; G. B. Atkins, 523; W. L. Emmerson, 523; J. H. Hale, W.M. 737; W. Beaumont Smith, Thos. P. Pickering, W. E. Jefferson, Fredk. Crick, W. H. Bastick, M. A. Cook, R. Michie, S. A. Marris, John Young, Francis Dawson, Robt. Dudgeon, John Clifton, J. Roadknight, Edward Newton, jun., W. Tomlin, Chas. Stevens, W. Faire, Jas. Tanser, and Thomas Dunn, Tylers. The lodge was opened by Bro. Statham, the retiring W.M., all the officers being in their respective places, except two, who were unavoidably absent. After the transaction of the ordinary business, Wor. Bro. Kelly, who has for so very many years ably officiated as the Installing Master at St. John's, as well as at a good number of other lodges in the provinces, and who had kindly consented again to discharge the important duty on this occasion, took the chair, and proceeded to instal the W.M. elect in the most impressive manner. This done, Bro. Cleaver appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, Bros. Statham, I.P.M.; Farndale, S.W.; the Rev. J. H. Smith, Headmaster of Dulwich College, J.W. and Chaplain; Gurden, Treas. (re-elected); Orlando Law (unavoidably absent), Sec.; Thos. Coltman, S.D.; L. P. Chamberlain, J.D.; Newton, D.C.; Faire, I.G.; H. Scott, Org. (re-appointed); M. A. Cooke and Fredk. Crick, Stewards. On the motion of Bro. M'Alister, P.M., seconded by Bro. Clement E. Stretton, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to Bro. C. W. Statham, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services in the chair during the past year. The remaining business of the lodge having been transacted, the brethren sat down to a grand banquet under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., who was supported by Wor. Bro. Kelly, P.P. G.M., his worship the Mayor (Wor. Bro. Ald. Stretton, P.M., P.G.S.W.), and all the brethren who had attended the lodge, as well as numerous others who were unable to be present earlier. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, several of the brethren at intervals singing capital songs, in which they were accompanied on the piano by Bro. T. H. Scott, who also favoured the company by one of his masterly performances of a solo on the pianoforte.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (281).—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M., and investiture of officers of the Lodge of Fortitude of Free and

Accepted Masons was held on the 27th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. Bro. J. Jowett, the retiring W.M., presided and there was a good attendance of members. The W.M., elect (Bro. E. Cardell) was duly presented by Bro. Whimpray, P.M., and Bro. Simpson P.M., and installed by Bro. Jowett, who officiated as installing master, and went through the ceremony in a highly impressive and efficient manner. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: I.P.M., Bro. Jowett; S.W., Bro. W. Warbrick; J.W., Bro. J. J. Crockett; Treas., Bro. James Hatch; Sec., Bro. John Hatch; S.D., Bro. John Atkinson; J.D., Bro. John Pilkington; I.G., Bro. B. Gregson; Org., Bro. Aldous; S.S., Bro. E. Johnson; J.S., Bro. Bayley; D. of C., Bro. R. Stanton. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Arms hotel, where the installation banquet was held, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, amongst the latter being that of Bro. Dr. Moore, regret being expressed that the state of his health prevented his being present amongst them. The toasts were interspersed with songs, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—The monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Cardwell. There was not a very large attendance. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and several communications read. Bro. Jowett I.P.M., then gave a lecture on "The Symbolism of the Masonic Apron." The lecture an original one, was very interesting, and did great credit to Bro. Jowett's knowledge of Masonic lore. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony and silent prayer.

YORK.—St. Patrick's Lodge (No. 295) (I.C.)—The annual installation meeting of this military lodge, which is attached to the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, at present lying in York Barracks, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance of visitors, consisting chiefly of brethren from the local lodges. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier), Bro. J. Todd, P.M. and Treas. 236, Prov. G. Reg., presided, amongst others present being Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 1611; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; W. C. Lukis, W.M. De Grey and Ripon, 837; F. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, Prov. G.D.C.; and others. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. Todd, assisted by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and the W.M. (Bro. J. Hanly) appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. L. Murphy, S.W.; M. C. S. Tynne, J.W.; Wm. Harris, Sec.; James Pedley, Treas.; J. Somers, S.D.; Walter Flint, J.D.; Hy. Lewis, I.G.; J. Gladman, Tyler. An excellent supper, supplied by Bro. J. Toss, followed the closing of the lodge, at which the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. "Prosperity to the St. Patrick's Lodge," "The Health of the W.M.," "Prosperity to the York and Eboracum Lodges," "The Visitors," and other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was passed.

MALTA.—Lodge of St. John and St. Paul (No. 349)—The brethren belonging to (this influential and admirably conducted lodge, and a number of visitors, mustered in strong force in the Masonic Hall, Strada Streeta, on St. John's Day, December 27th, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut. Coffery, R.A. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walton, the retiring W.M., vacated the chair, thus closing his useful and prosperous year of office. The chair was then taken by Bro. Kingston, the W. D.G.M., and the W.M. elect having been presented to him by Bros. P.M.'s Rotherham and Doherty, he proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he performed in the able, impressive, and effective style which characterises all his Masonic working, and which never fails to elicit the sympathy and approbation of those present. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Watson, I.P.M.; E. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M., Treas. (for the fourteenth time); Jones, S.W.; Littledale, J.W.; J. W. Starkey, Sec.; L. Schaefer, S.D.; Godwin, J.D.; Saviles, I.G.; Beck, Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting, and the lodge was then closed in ancient form, and with solemn prayer. The brethren retired to the adjoining refreshment room, where they sat down to an excellent collation, provided by the active and able Tyler, Bro. Beck. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in appropriate terms, by the W.M., and met with the hearty reception and response which they always call forth in Masonic assemblies. "The Health of the W. D.G.M., Bro. Kingston," followed, and was responded to with the manifest pleasure, fervour, and *empressement* which his popular personal qualities, impartial and conciliatory manners, as well as his long, useful, and successful Masonic career, never fail to elicit from every lodge and every member under his jurisdiction. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Kingston thanked the officers and brethren present for their continued kindness, and the manifestations of their good-will and approbation. It had been his constant aim and earnest study to fulfil the important duties appertaining to his high and responsible position honestly, impartially, and to the best of his ability; and if the expressions of kindness and approval which were so constantly accorded him by the brethren in his district, might be taken as indications of success, certainly he might reasonably conclude that his endeavours had been, so far, tolerably effective. His aims and aspirations in the past would, he could assure them, be those of the future and he would continue, as far as he was able, to disseminate and carry out the great principles

of masonry, promote its benevolent purposes, and so perform his responsible duties as to merit and secure a continuance of their esteem and approbation, as well as the satisfaction and approval of Grand Lodge. The health of the W.M. was then given, and was greeted with evident and hearty marks of pleasure and approbation. In responding, Bro. Coffery said that he most heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the most honorable position to which a mason could aspire. He felt the honour more intensely because he was, comparatively, a very young mason and very little right to expect such a result. He could only assure them, that his constant and undeviating purpose and endeavour would be to do honour to their choice by conscientiously performing the agenda, and promoting the interests of the lodge over which they had so kindly selected him to preside. There might be many shortcomings in his working but these would, certainly, not be the results of either inattention or the want of an earnest desire to perform his duties efficiently. The health of the I.P.M. Bro. Watson, was subsequently proposed and was received and responded to with tokens of pleasure and hearty enthusiasm. Bro. Watson, in acknowledging the toast, said that he felt greatly affected and gratified by the complimentary terms in which his health had been proposed, and by the hearty manner in which it had been received. These appreciative expressions and indications were especially pleasing and gratifying on the present occasion, because they might, he hoped, be taken as proofs that he had succeeded in executing the duties of W.M. in such a manner as to gain their esteem and approval. When they did him the great and unexpected honour of electing him W.M. of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul he was, comparatively a stranger to many of them. But the brotherly greeting, hearty welcome, and able assistance they so readily accorded him, greatly pleased and encouraged him; and made him anxious and determined to do all in his power to carry on the duties of his important and honourable office as efficiently as possible and maintain the prestige of the lodge and leave this chair as unsullied as he found it. At first, he certainly looked forward with a considerable amount of diffidence and fear, and saw many shortcomings and defects looming in the distance, but by their kind forbearance and sympathy, and the able co-operation and assistance of his officers the agenda of the lodge had in his thinking been performed effectively and in harmony. He was proud to say that his year of office had not only been a pleasing and harmonious one, but also a successful and prosperous. They had not held fewer than thirty meetings and worked thirty-eight degrees. Eighteen candidates had been initiated, nineteen passed, and fourteen raised, and eight admitted as joining members. He was sorry, in one sense, that the departure of some of Her Majesty's ships and removal of certain regiments had prevented five of the brethren completing their degrees, but he hoped that some of them would return and have the pleasure of being raised by the present able and efficient W.M. He confessed that neither the character nor the prosperity of a lodge could be justly estimated by the number of initiations and members. Quality as well as quantity must be taken into account. But he believed that in the past year they had been fortunate in those admitted, for, in his thinking, they were such as would do honour to that lodge in particular, and the Craft in general. He again, most emphatically, thanked the officers and brethren for their continued indulgence, kindness, and support, and congratulated them on having made such a wise and prudent choice in selecting for their W.M. Bro. Coffery, who, as they all knew, had worked so diligently and well as S.W. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" and Tyler's toast terminated a pleasant and successful evening.

SANDBACK.—Samaritan Lodge (No. 368)—The annual meeting of this old Lodge was held on Wednesday, January 8th at the Masonic Rooms at three o'clock. The lodge was opened by the D.M., Bro. L. R. Jones, assisted by Bros. Rev. Thomas Lunt, S.W., W.M. Elect; E. Furnivall, J.W.; T. Dalton, S.D.; R. Finlow, J.D.; J. Wakefield Jun., I.G.; J. C. Hilditch, Sec.; J. W. McGill, P.M.; P. Prov. J.A.D. Cer.; Markin, P.M., Prov. G.D.; George W. Latham, Past Grand Deacon of England; J. Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Hulme, P.M.; J. Arden, P.M.; S. Carter, P.M.; P. Jackson, P.W.; F. Leach, P. Hancock, R. Bebbington, J. Turner, J. Wakefield, Stewds.; S. Dickinson, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.; J. W. Cumberland and Westmoreland; T. Buxton, P.M. 1345. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confounded. The lodge being opened in the second degree the W.M. in the name of the lodge asked Bro. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. Elect, the Rev. Thos. Lunt was then presented for the benefit of installation and the first part of the ceremony being completed the lodge was opened in the third degree. The Installing Master then requested Bros. McGill and Makin to take the Wardens' chairs, and the collars and jewels being collected, all below the degree of Installed Masters, except the W.M. Elect, retired. Bro. Rev. Thos. Lunt being entrusted, retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, the W.M. Elect admitted and installed in the chair of K. S. according to ancient custom. After the usual greeting, salutation, and proclamation by the W. brethren, the lodge was called off and the cement applied. Labour resumed, the Board was closed, and the brethren of the several degrees re-admitted, and the usual greetings, salutations, proclamations, and presentations made. The W.M. then nominated and invested his officers for the ensuing year, each of whom was addressed by the Installing Master, and subsequently the ancient charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the same brother. The ceremony being com-

pleted, Bro. J. W. Latham said they were indebted to Bro. Bowes for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony and the earnest impressiveness in which he had conveyed the great Masonic truths of their ritual. He proposed that the thanks of the lodge be accorded to him and begged him to believe that he suggested no empty compliment. The vote was carried by acclamation, and Bro. having suitably responded the remainder of the business was completed, the lodge closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an abundance of good things awaited them. Grace after meat being said the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. We were much impressed by the earnest dignity with which the W.M. conducted the proceedings and the clear and intelligent exposition he gave of Masonic principles. In proposing the Installing Master's health, he acknowledged his deep obligations to Bro. Bowes and paid a high compliment to that brother with respect to his rendering of the beautiful ceremony of installation. In responding to the toast of "The Visitors" Bro. Buxton said he did not remember spending a more pleasant day than he had on this occasion. He did not know which most pleased him—the installation ceremony or the utterances of the W.M. With both he had been delighted and felt greatly indebted to Bro. Gilbert for inviting him. The Tyler's toast was proposed about nine and the brethren separated in harmony, well pleased with the day's proceedings.

DORCHESTER.—Faith and Unanimity Lodge (No. 417)—The installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge, Bro. W. E. Brymer, took place on the 1st of January. It was a most successful meeting in every way, an unusually large number of the brethren being present on the occasion, besides numerous visitors from other lodges. Amongst the latter were Bro. Montague J. Guest, P.G. Master for Dorset, Bros. G. Burt and G. R. Crickmay, P.P.S.G. Wardens, Dorset. The Installing-Master was the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Dean, who performed the whole of the ceremony in the most efficient manner, and whose eloquence a high, but pre-eminently deserved tribute was paid by the P.G.M. The brethren were greatly edified by W. Bro. Dean's discharge of this important duty, and, without exception, they regarded with admiration the facility with which the work was done. Bro. W. E. Brymer, W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. H. Dean, I.P.M.; J. Rowe, S.W.; T. M. Dron, J.W.; H. Everitt, Chap.; A. H. Lock, Sec.; R. D. Thorton, S.D.; J. Robinson, Junior, J.D.; J. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; H. P. Raikes, Org.; J. E. Stroud, I.G.; C. Parsons, P.M., and W. Osmond, P.M., Stewards; W. Talbot, Tyler. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren assembled round the banqueting-table, where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured; and a very happy evening was spent.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 851)—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Albert Hotel, the W.M., Bro. John Thos. Watts, in the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. John Barnes was then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. T. Alcock having given the necessary proofs of his proficiency in the First Degree, he was passed to the Fellow Craft by Bro. Samuel Heathcote, P.M., in a very impressive manner. Bro. Heathcote then presented Bro. Robert Holland, the W.M. elect, to hear the ancient charges and regulations, read by Bro. Wm. Naylor, the Secretary, after which all the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was declared. Bro. Robert Holland was then duly installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months in a very efficient and impressive manner by Bro. J. T. Watts, I.P.M. The brethren were then admitted, and the W.M. appointed his officers—Bros. J. Hardy, S.W.; T. Heyworth, J.W.; J. G. Edge, Treas.; W. Wheeler, Sec.; T. Conroy, S.D.; G. Bingham, J.D.; W. Young, Chap.; Thos. Batty, Org.; W. Naylor, I.G.; W. Hill, Tyler; who were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices by Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.P.G.P. The lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 6 o'clock, p.m. The brethren (upwards of forty) then prepared to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist with a most sumptuous banquet, served by the worthy host in an excellent manner. The W.M., Bro. Holland, presiding, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The toast of "The W.M." having been received with great approbation, and replied to in a neat and effective speech, Bro. W. Riddell, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. John Thos. Watts, I.P.M.," referring to the admirable way in which he had performed his duties during the past year, also the efficient manner he had done the installation ceremony. Bro. Holland, W.M., then presented a Past Master's jewel to him in the name of the brethren of his lodge, as a token of their appreciation of his zealous services on behalf of Freemasonry, which was received and acknowledged in suitable terms. The remaining toasts were "The P.M.'s," "The Visiting Brethren," "All Poor and Distressed Masons," &c., all of which were cordially received and duly honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., given by several of the brethren, and terminated about 11 o'clock.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000)—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. in the unavoidable absence through illness of the V.W. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Chap. of England. Among a large attendance of members and visitors there were present:—Bros. A. Lucking, as W.M.; W. D. Merritt acting S.W.; J. C. Johnstone,

P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W., W.M. elect; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. and M.E.Z.; P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; G. Berry, J.D.; T. Barrett, I.G.; F. D. Grayson, D.C.; A. Martin, Tyler, H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. F. Phillips, P.M. and P.Z., P.P.G.D. Essex, and P.J.G.W. Bomerset; W. G. Brighten, P.M. and P.Z.; C. Eltham, W. Waterhouse, H. Beecher, S. M'Call Walker, Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Hicks, O. Bentall, W. Allen, jun., W.M. 160; W. Hassell, B. M. Johnstone, H. Luker, C. Palmer, H. Hassell, F. Cantor, J. Reeve, P.M. 160; and others. Visitors:—Bros. F. Binkes, P.M., Grand Stewards Lodge, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Sir R. Gethier, and A. D. Johnstone, 20 Sligo (I.C.), Hon. Major Lambert, 1460; W. Pissey, P.P.G.W., W.M.; and J. Allen, S.W. Trinity, 1734; E. Henneanyer, W.M. Angel, 51; E. Bonner, S.W. and W.M. elect; and J. W. Wardell, I.G. Eastern Star, 95; A. R. Foster, Henry Muggidge, 1676; J. S. Lewin, Good Fellowship, 276. The usual preliminary business having been gone through, the acting W.M. raised Bro. M'Call Walker, to the Third Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. J. C. Johnstone, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were as follows:—Bros. G. F. Jones, S.W.; G. Berry, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. (re-elected for the 14th time) Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. and M.E.Z., P.P.G.D. (re-appointed for the 6th time) Sec.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; T. Barrett, S.D.; W. D. Merritt, J.D.; F. D. Grayson, I.G.; W. J. Brighton, P.M. and P.Z., D.C.; W. Waterhouse and H. Hicks, Stewards; A. Martin, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, the W.M. in a very able manner initiated Mr. Pooley into the mysteries of the Craft. A petition was presented for the formation of a new lodge at Shoeburyness, which was recommended by the lodge. After a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Lucking for his able services as Installing Master, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which, with the handsome decorations of the room, reflected great credit on the host of the Middleton Hotel, Bro. B. M. Johnstone. On the cloth being withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. In response to Bro. Binkes earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. expressed his intention to serve as Steward at the next festival of the Boys' School. Three Life-Governorships were balloted for at the table and the amount thirty guineas will be placed on the Worshipful Masters list, three Life-Governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were also balloted for. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent vocal music by Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, E. Bonner, A. S. Lewin, W. D. Merritt, A. R. Foster, J. Allen, T. Barrett, and others.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., presided. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees by Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281, officiating as Installing Master, in the absence of Bro. Moore, P.G.S.B. of L., through indisposition. Bro. N. Holme, the W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, and made the necessary declaration. The brethren below the degree of P.M. then retired from the lodge room, and a lodge of Past Masters having been formed, Bro. Helme was duly installed into the high and honoured office of W.M. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed according to ancient rights and custom, and with the usual formalities. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Sheriff, I.P.M.; George Taylor, S.W.; J. T. Jackson, J.W.; W. J. Sly, Treas.; H. Longman, Sec.; James Aldous, S.D.; James Vince, J.D.; H. Robinson, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and Shepherd, Serving Brother. The brethren having been duly installed into their respective offices, the lodge was closed down with the usual formalities. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where the installation banquet was spread, the newly-installed W.M. occupying the seat of honour at the head of the table. Two usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the post-prandial proceedings being enlivened by the harmony of some of the brethren.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Shirly Lodge (No. 1112).—Bro. F. H. McCalmont, the S.W. for the past year, Past Prov. Grand Registrar Oxon, was last week installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. Hickman, one of the Past Masters of the lodge, amidst a good attendance of brethren, the installed Masters among them numbering a dozen. The W.M. subsequently invested the following officers, the clothing and silver jewels being a new set, supplied principally at the expense of the new Master, who also presented the lodge with a supply of charge glasses.—Bros. Parkinson, S.W. and Steward; R. Harfield, P.M. 130, J.W.; C. Crew, (re-elected) Treas.; J. T. Fletcher, Sec.; Venables, S.D.; Mayoys, J.D.; E. Sharpe, P.M. 130, D.C.; Martin, sen., I.G.; and Vane, Tyler. Before the lodge adjourned to refreshment thanks were voted to the retiring Master, Bro. J. E. Tucker, ac-his services during the past year, and a satisfactory report was given as to the future prospects of the lodge.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—If the above young but vigorous lodge goes on increasing at the same ratio as it has during the last twelve months under the judicious and courteous rule of Bro. Manning, the W.M., Bro. West, the worthy and esteemed host of the lodge house, the Three Crowns, will

have to enlarge, not only the lodge room itself but the neat little supper cosy, where his friends love to gather round his comfortable and hospitable board, for on Tuesday, the 7th inst., the lodge was crowded, perhaps, not inconveniently, but, nevertheless, crowded by the members and visitors who gathered to see the excellent and careful working of the W.M. and his officers. "There is a tide in the affairs of man, &c.," and there can be no doubt that this especially applies to communities. The Henley Lodge has been up and down rather severely during its short but eventful career, but like the noble hearted man whose name it bears, whose gigantic establishment at North Woolwich, once the field from which many a store was garnered, but which now lies silent and deserted, still struggles on toiling and hoping, and climbing up higher and higher each day. It has felt the cold breath of inanition fanning, chilling its very life, but the heart of it has never despaired. Aided by firm and faithful hands it has surmounted all difficulties, and now both in strength and talent, takes its position, and worthily too, among the first lodges of the metropolis. Upon the occasion under notice, Bro. Manning was supported by the following officers and Past Masters, Bros. W. T. Turner, S.W.; J. Ives, Sec. and P.M.; Dr. Vance, S.D.; E. Lloyd, J.D.; C. S. Boardman, Org.; J. A. Elder, I.G.; Jas. Palmer, Steward; A. W. Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler; and Past Masters E. West and W. Graham. The visitors included Bros. W. Gilbert, P.M. 1317, and P.P.G.J.W. Herefordshire; J. Paul, 1287; H. White, 405; Thos. Budgett, 405; C. R. Adam, 212; W. J. Burgess, 1664; Wood, 700; Hawkins, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The work before the lodge consisted of the raising of Bros. Lewis and Cash. The passing of Bros. Ball and Young, and the initiation of Mr. T. Feast. The whole of this heavy list of work was admirably performed by the W.M., nor must we forget to render praise to merit where it is due, and Bro. Lloyd filled the J.W.'s chair at a moment's notice admirably. A high compliment was then paid to Bro. Jolly, he being unanimously elected an honorary member for services rendered to the lodge through the *Freemason*, and Bro. Jolly returned his sincere thanks for the great honour paid him. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the "snuggery," where a prettily arranged tempting collation awaited them. Having settled that important question, a move was made to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received right Masonically. The speeches were much as per usual. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Graham, spoke sadly of the inevitable hour that was fast arriving when he should have to resign into the hands of one well worthy of it, the symbol of his office, but pleasantly of the year and its results. He said that harmony in its fullest attributes had reigned in the lodge. Its strength had increased, and his earnest wish was for its continued prosperity under his successor. The evident feeling of the W.M. was understood and appreciated, and truly he has deserved well of the lodge. "The Initiate," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were the other toasts, and then a most enjoyable meeting was concluded.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—This new and rising lodge held its second installation meeting on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Lodge Rooms, Denmark Hotel, Greenleys. At 3 o'clock the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Leigh. There were about 50 brethren present, including several visitors of distinction. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree when Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., assumed the office of Installing Master, and ably and impressively placed Bro. J. D. Brickles, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. When the brethren had greeted the newly-installed W.M. in the various degrees, the following officers were invested by the W.M. assisted by Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., viz.:—Bros. A. Painter, S.W.; A. B. Whittaker, J.W.; W. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; H. Bracewell, Sec.; G. Macfarlane, S.D.; S. McKellen, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; T. J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; B. Smith, Org.; G. Yates, Steward. A vote was proposed and unanimously carried for a grant to the Masonic Charities, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by Bro. Brickles, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Health of the W.M." was ably proposed and enthusiastically received. Bro. Brickles, in reply, assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the Avon Lodge. Bro. Painter, S.W., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Leigh," and presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem from the members of the lodge. The toast of "The Installing Master," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," were proposed and suitably responded to, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened with songs, glees, and recitations, contributed by members of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The January meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last. Present, Comps. Henry Birdseye, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, H.; Henry Muggidge, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, S.E.; George Phythian, S.N.; Storr, P.S.; Larkin, Chapman, C. Cann, J. Kent, George Newman, P.Z.; S. D. Ewins, C. B. Cheese, Medwin, Brand and Walker. The visitors were:—Comps. George Everett, T. B. White, Forsyth, and several other companions. The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Edmonds, Henry Muggidge Lodge, 1579, Bro. Walter Solomon and Whittaker, Carnarvon Lodge, 1572, the result being unanimously in their favour. Bro. Edmonds was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, Bro. Henry

Muggidge then installed Comps. J. C. Chapman, M.E.Z. George Phythian, J.; Comp. Chapman invested Comp. George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; C. B. Cheese, P.S.; Comp. Cheese then appointed Comps. Lorkin, 1st Asst.; Cobu, 2nd Asst.; The newly appointed M.E.Z. presented to Comp. Henry Birdseye, a gold jewel in recognition of the services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry in general and the Lion and Lamb Chapter in particular. The companions dined together.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

A convocation of this chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, King's Cross. Present:—Comps. Willing, M.E.Z.; J. R. Stacey, (Morning Advertiser), H.; W. J. Ferguson, J.; W. M. Stiles, S.E.; Hudson, S.N.; John Douglass (Standard and Park Theatres), P.S.; also Comps. Cook, Hyland, Beattie, Edmunds, Gilbert, jun., Sillis, and several other members; also Comps. G. Everett, M.E.Z., Kennington Chapter; Ambrose, Kennington Chapter; Lovegrove, Jubilee Chapter; and Sherrington. The minutes of last convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. exalted Bro. J. G. Humphreys, No. 157, in an impressive and earnest manner, Bro. Holt, (Daily Telegraph), and Side, who were to have been exalted at this convocation, were absent through illness. Numerous propositions for joining having been given in, the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a very creditable manner by Bro. C. Cox the spirited proprietor of the club. In the course of the evening, which was enlivened by some beautiful and appropriate singing, notably a comic song by the Scribe E. Comp. Stiles, the M.E.Z. alluded to the satisfaction of the members at seeing the M.E.Z. of the Kennington Chapter present. Comp. Everett, whose genial eloquence is universally admired, bore witness, in his reply, to the excellent working by the officers of the chapter, from the M.E.Z. downwards, and said that the present meeting was one of the happiest he had ever spent, and hoped to be again invited. The M.E.Z. congratulated the companions upon the financial state of the chapter, and expressed his conviction that the next two meetings would see the chapter with their magnificent paraphernalia entirely paid for, there being no other liability, and he further stated that if the companions continued to act together in harmony as at present the chapter would prove not only one of the best appointed, but one of the happiest in London. The companions separated at a late hour expressing themselves very pleased at the meeting, and adjourning until the first Thursday in February.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).

The usual convocation of this chapter of improvement, which meets at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, every Tuesday at half-past six, to the end of May, was held on the 7th inst., when the following companions were present.—Comps. G. J. Rowe, M.E.Z.; W. J. Messenger, H.; F. Brown, J.; Comp. Thomas W. White, S.E.; E. L. Walker, S.N.; J. Pakes, P.S.; Thomas Massa, and R. I. Loveland. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Before the chapter was closed and adjourned, a vote of condolence with Comp. J. Jermyn Boyd, on the death of his father, Comp. John Boyd, P.Z., was unanimously carried.

Mark Masonry.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE (No. 69).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly room, Old Brompton, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. C. Burley, P.P.G.M., J.D., W.M.; W. Challenger, S.W.; E. Gorham, P.P.G.M., D.C., J.W.; W. A. Rudd, P.P.G.M., S.D., M.O.; J. Harden, S.O.; Nutt, J.O.; Walker, J.D.; Nutt, Sec.; Jarvis, I.G., and other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., the minutes confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bro. Black, St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, which proved unanimous, and he and Bro. Maytum, 184, who had been approved, were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers, and great praise is due to one and all for the manner in which they discharged their duties. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in harmony.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE CHAPTER. The above chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 9th inst. Present:—M.W. Fraters W. R. Woodman, S.M. and P.M.G.; H. C. Levander, S.S.M. and P.M.G.; R.W. Fraters F. W. White, M. of T.; S. Rosenthal, D.M. of T.; J. Mason, Sec. Gen.; V.W. Fraters T. Cubitt, 1^o A.; J. L. Thomas, 2^o A.; W. J. Ferguson, 3^o A.; Don. M. Dewar, 6^o A.; W. Frater E. H. Thielley, T.B.; M.W. Frater W. H. Hubbard, P.S.S.M.; Fraters Robt. Berridge, John C. Cox, Thos. C. Walls, J. Smith, Dep. Acolyte. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and letters of apology from several fraters who were unavoidably absent, when the ballot was taken for Bro. T. C. Walls, which proving in his favour he was admitted to the degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the M. of T. Frater F. W. White, assisted by the Supreme Magis M.W. Frater W. R. Woodman. The draft of the new certificate of the Order was presented for inspection by M.W. Frater H. C. Levander, the design of which was greatly appreciated by the fraters present. The M.C. being closed, the fraters sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Best of the Freemasons' Tavern, which did him great credit.

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Answers to Correspondents.

ERRATA.—In the account of the meeting of the Lodge of Joppa, which appeared in our impression last week, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Maurice Alexander, P.M. 188, and not Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., as stated.

The following reports of lodge meetings have been received, but stand over until next week for want of space:—Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002; Lodge of Sincerity, No. 217; Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611; Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331; Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton; Mersey Lodge, No. 477; Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586; United Military Lodge, No. 1536; Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158. Mount Calvary Preceptory—Knights Templar. Gosport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 903; Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Touchstone;" "Hull Packet;" "Kelet Orient;" "The Alliance News;" "The Broad Arrow;" "Jersey Express;" "Die Bauhutte;" "The Free Press;" "The London Express;" "The Buffalo;" "Courier de Bruxelles;" "The Macclesfield Courier and Herald;" "Masonic Advocate;" "The Masonic Newspaper;" "The Keystone;" "Bundes Presse;" "Young Folks Weekly Budget;" "New York Dispatch;" "Galloway Gazette;" "Spalding Free Press;" "Risorgimento;" "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the year 1879."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

HOLBROOK.—On the 12th inst., at Portsea, the wife of A. H. Holbrook, of a daughter.

ODELL.—On the 10th inst., at Acre Lane, Brixton, the wife of E. T. Odell, of a son.

SHAW.—On the 10th inst., the wife of Rev. J. Shaw, vicar of St. John's, Chelsea, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

FEILDEN.—On the 12th inst., at Scarborough, Sir Wm. Henry Fielden, Bart., of Feniscoules Hall, Lancashire, late Captain 17th Lancers, in his 67th year. Cape of Good Hope papers please copy.

SCOTT.—On the 9th inst., very suddenly, at Strathroy, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Commander Chas. Scott, R.N., J.P., aged 48.

STUART.—On the 2nd inst., Wm. Stuart, at Lagan Villa, Hounslow, aged 72.

VIGNE.—On the 9th inst., at Westfield, Bath, Lucy widow of the late Bro. Charles John Vigne, aged 70

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1879.

THE QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last was a most important one, and resulted in some great changes in the laws of the Institution, which had been previously submitted to the careful consideration of a joint committee representing the two Institutions. The main changes in the laws are the substitution of seven years for five years of lodge subscription, and the refusal to allow a second orphan of the same family to be educated at the same time, except the "number of vacancies be in excess of the number of candidates." It was originally proposed to make the seven years "consecutive," but the word "consecutive" was expunged, and Bro. Rawson proposed, though we could not see the cogency of his remarks, not to allow a female orphan to have a brother at the same time educated in the Boys' School. It was quite proper, we think, to discourage two orphans from the same family, while so many applicants seek admission into the school, but we entirely dissent from Bro. Rawson's proposal, as we think all our readers will do. The proposal to make it a "sine qua non," that the father of an orphan should have been a "subscriber to one of the Institutions," was very properly rejected by an overwhelming majority, and we cannot profess to realize any proposition more unwise or inexpedient in itself, or more utterly unworthy of Freemasonry. If it be true that the children of brethren who do nothing for Freemasonry are recipients of its benefits, as no doubt it is—if such be an abuse of a great charity, which we are not altogether prepared to admit, if the Girls' School be a charity, it must be specifically dealt with; but as "two blacks do not make one white," so we are not to do "evil that good may come," and by a dereliction of Masonic duty, and a failure from all Masonic principle, endorse the theory of a "benefit society," and seek to gain a desired end by undesirable means. The meeting very properly adhered to the obvious distinction between Freemasonry and all benefit societies, and we feel sure that its decision will be approved of and supported by the great bulk of our warm-hearted Craft who subscribe to our Educational Institutions. We will only add, that that must be a peculiar mind, Masonically speaking, which seeks to put forward, in respect of a Masonic charity, the principle of utter selfishness both in the abstract and concrete. No orphan society in existence makes it a necessity of admission that the poor child's father must have previously subscribed to the Institution. We are happy to think that our Order is saved from such a reproach, and we will add such a scandal. Let us all beware of peddling and un-masonic changes in those leading principles which have governed the administration of our Educational Charities. The other alterations were mostly verbal, but none of any material importance.

THE QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

This meeting, which took place on Monday, as before, under the able presidency of our distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, resulted in an agreement with the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, on Saturday, on all important points but one, namely, seven years' "consecutive" subscription. Whereas in the meeting on Saturday it was resolved to enforce seven years' subscription simply, on the part of the brethren, as a qualifying condition for their orphan daughters to receive the benefits of the Girls' School, on Monday, the meeting resolved by a small majority to uphold the seven years' "consecutive" subscription, as recommended by the Joint Committee. On the "confirmation," a proposal will, we understand, be made to make the term ten years, but not consecutive. It seems to be

conceded on all hands that five years is too short, and the question remains which is the better amendment, seven years or ten years. We think that under any case power should be reserved to the Committee to place on the list of candidates the children of brethren whose services to the Craft and the Charities have been distinguished, and who have become reduced in circumstances before such term of needful subscription has naturally expired. On the whole we congratulate the Craft on these needful changes, and are very glad to note that the "Benefit Society" theory has been wisely given up, as any attempt to re-introduce it would only have a more crushing defeat. Our worthy Bro. S. Rawson, re-introduced his proposal not to allow a boy educated in our School to have a sister educated in the Girls' School at the same time, but such was really the inadvisability of the proposal, that he did not hold up his hand for it himself against a host of hands held up on the "contrary."

ANTAGONISM TO FREEMASONRY.

Our contemporary, the "Freemasons' Repository," calls attention to a violent movement against Freemasonry in the United States, led on by a Rev. Mr. Blanchard, and others, which has culminated in an anti-masonic convention held at Worcester, Massachusetts. Bro. the Rev. T. E. St. John, of Worcester, it seems, was tempted to enter into the lists with these reverend assailants, and irreverent libellers of our Benevolent Order, and we are glad to call attention to his words, which are both able and practical, moral and suggestive. St. John, we may remark, according to the "Repository," lived in Worcester for a long term of years and had a deservedly high reputation as a Christian minister and a citizen. The great objection, apparently, was the fact of secrecy, and Bro. St. John dealt with the objection in this way: "He claimed that Masonry is not a secret organization in any unworthy sense. Its objects are announced to all the world; its meetings and work are advertized; and the proceedings of its most important gatherings are published and laid open to the scrutiny of all who are interested. There are plenty of books which show the aims and character of Masonry; and to these, and to the friends of the Institution, the enquirer had better go for knowledge rather than to those who are its enemies. The positive, well understood benefits of secret societies were next commented upon, and their helps to life socially, intellectually, and morally were shown. It was affirmed that these societies teach brotherly love and charity in a most impressive way, and that they make practical illustration of many of the Christian virtues. They do a work of philanthropy which of itself is their sufficient commendation. The world has the benefit of these works of charity and love, though they may not be performed in precisely such ways, or according to such formulas, as some would choose." The "Freemasons' Repository" goes on to observe:—"The extracts above given only faintly indicate the character of the discourse which we are told was attentively listened to by a large and interested audience. As stated at the outset, public defences of Masonry do not seem to be often called for, nor is it generally worth the while to reply to those whose ignorance or malice leads them to misrepresent the Institution that has done so much to shed the light of a blessed charity over the world. If, occasionally, such work of defence needs to be done, we are glad to see it taken hold of by competent hands; and we know of none more competent than our stalwart minded brother in Worcester who has had a membership, long and conspicuous, in the Fraternity for which he speaks." We quite agree with our contemporary, but think it well to call attention to the subject, as it interests us as much in England as it does in the United States. We, too, have our Blanchard's "Et hoc genus omne," equally perverse, illogical, unfair, and fanatical. Freemasonry heeds them not, but still it is always well in this mundane existence, to know both the amiable conclusions of kind friends and the angry tirades of irreconcilable enemies.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

LOGES AND CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several letters have appeared in your columns in reference to the above subject. Perhaps the subjoined statement, which was annexed to the balance sheet of Lodge No. 163, may be of interest.

I am, yours very fraternally, P.M.

PARTICULARS OF DONATIONS AND STATEMENT OF VOTES, POSSESSED BY THE LODGE OF INTEGRITY, NO. 163.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations to date, to the General Fund £168, giving 42 Votes every year in perpetuity.
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£252 74
 The Votes are divided as follows:
 The W.M. is a Vice-Patron and has 40 Votes.
 The J.P.M. is a Vice-President, 14 "
 The S.W. " " 10 "
 The Treasurer " " 10 "
 And 4 " for Annual

Subscription of Two Guineas Total, 78 Votes.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations to date ... £189 0 0
 This gives 33 Votes in perpetuity. Divided as follows:

The W.M. is a Vice-Patron with 23 Votes.
 The I.P.M. is a Vice-President with 10 "
 And 4 " for Annual Subscription of Two Guineas.
 Total 37 Votes.

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

Male Fund.

Donations to date ... £202 10 0
 Giving 50 Votes every year in perpetuity.
 The W.M. is a Vice-Patron with 30 Votes.
 The I.P.M. is a Vice-President with 10 "
 The S.W. " " 10 "
 And 4 " for Annual Subscription of One Guinea.
 Total, 54 Votes.

Female Fund.

Donations to date... £202 10 0
 Giving 50 Votes every year in perpetuity.
 The W.M. is a Vice-Patron with 30 Votes
 The J.W. is a Vice-President with 10 "
 The Treasurer " " 10 "
 And 4 " for Annual Subscription of One Guinea.
 Total 54 Votes.

EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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MANCHESTER WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERK'S ORPHAN INSTITUTION.

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 For which we receive 1 Vote yearly for 20 years, from December, 1869
 And 10 Votes yearly for 20 years, from December, 1876
 Total 11 votes.

SUMMARY.

We have given to the Masonic Institutions £906, for which we receive 307 Votes in perpetuity; add 16 Votes for our Annual Subscriptions, the lodge is in possession of 323 Votes for Masonic Charities, and as will be seen from the above, we also possess 11 Votes for a local institution.

WM. ROME, W.M.

J. W. P. SALMON, P.M.,

P.G.D.C., Treasurer.

14th December, 1878.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused with much interest the list of lodges published in the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine," but in one respect, at least, Bro. Hughan seems not to have carried his researchs far enough, or to have been searching in a wrong direction, for he has entirely missed my mother lodge, the present No. 35, holding its meetings here. This lodge was originally warranted on the 17th February, 1732, as No. 111, and its place of meeting, at that time, was the Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields. In 1756, it was No. 57, meeting at the City of Norwich, Wentworth-street, Spitalfields; and in 1761, it was removed to Cowes, how or why does not appear, for the written records, now in existence, do not go further back than 1780. In 1770, it had become No. 39, and in 1781, it was No. 33. In 1792, the number was again changed, and it became No. 31, and so remained until the Union, when it was No. 48, and has since, by the different closings up of the roll of lodges, become No. 35. The original warrant appears to have been lost or destroyed, for in 1824, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex granted a warrant

of confirmation, under which the lodge is now working. It is one of the very few lodges which has a special centenary jewel of its own, the warrant for which was granted by the late Earl of Zetland, as G.M., and the right to wear which is confined to actual subscribing members.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
 T. W. FAULKNER, P.M.
 Cowes, 8th January, 1879.

OUR LATE BRO. P. W. BENHAM, OF JERSEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It affords me much pleasure to have perused, through the medium of your valuable paper, so full and able an account of the funeral arrangements of our late respected brother. It too affords me the greatest possible pleasure and delight to be able to inform you that our late brother was a prudent, as well as a thoughtful member of our Order; his life being assured in the office of which I am managing director. Immediately on receipt of the sad intelligence of the death, communicated to me by one so much esteemed and regarded as our Bro. Binet, the company's representative in Jersey, I acknowledged the communication in question and, on behalf of the company, offered at once to pay the claim.

Yours fraternally, A. TORKINGTON.

OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I just say that I propose to close the list of kind subscriptions this day week, and to then send to you a statement, both of the amounts received since my last publication, and also of the total contributions. If a few more kindly brethren on reading this would be inclined to join the charitable rank of donors to a most worthy object, it will give me real pleasure to add their names to my list, which, though liberal and most serviceable, is capable of a little extension, without exceeding the object in view.

I am faithfully and fraternally yours,
 JOHN B. MONCKTON,
 Prest. Bd. G.P.

Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,
 January 16th, 1879.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a constant reader of the *Freemason*, and was much interested in the correspondence which has appeared in it in reference to the genuineness of the Supreme Councils of Scotland and of that of Charlestown, U.S. In the absence of any contradiction by General Pike or others, of the facts stated by your correspondents, would you kindly say whether your readers may now look on the Councils of Scotland and Charlestown as of spurious formation?

Yours fraternally,
 A PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

Reviews.

EBORACUM MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879.

Presented by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies.
 We have received this neat and handy little Calendar, and which contains a "photo" of these interesting relics, the Bible which belonged to the Freemason's Lodge, "at Mr. Howard's, at York, 1761," the "gauge," which bears the names "John Drake, William Baron of York, and John Baron, with the date 1663," and two emblems, interlaced triangles, and the silver loving cup, now belonging to Mrs. Newstead Solby, and which is said to have been the property of the Grand Lodge of York. We like this "opusculum" very much, all except the publication of the "working tools," which we think a mistake. We are quite aware that Bro. Whythead can plead the authority of Oliver, but we are of those who think that Oliver published a great deal which he had no right or authority to publish. We need hardly point out that all such publications are only "ex parte," and not, in any sense, authoritative or authorized. We feel sure that Bro. Whythead will take our fraternal remarks in good part, as all are aware what a zealous and investigating Mason he is.

MONTHLY MAGAZINES:—

"Temple Bar;" "Scribner's Magazine;" "All the Year Round;" "London Society;" "The Leisure Hour;" "Sunday Magazine;" "Argosy;" "Cassell's Family Magazine;" "Golden Hours;" "Monthly Packet;" "Macmillan's Magazine;" "The Gentleman's Magazine;" "The Fortnightly;" "The Contemporary;" "The 19th Century;" "Cornhill;" "Good Words;" "Belgravia."

These various magazines come before our readers with multifarious claims, and often with great interest.

TEMPLE BAR is, we think, this month hardly up to its normal tone and temperament, though the new story "Probation," seems to open well.

There is in "Scribner" a somewhat remarkable paper on Leonardo da Vinci, and we can cordially commend this always genial magazine. In "All the Year Round" "Vixen" moves on serenely and pleasantly enough, and the number is worth reading.

"Golden Hours," "London Society," "The Leisure Hour," "The Sunday Magazine," "The Argosy," all have varied claims on a friendly circle of readers. So have "Macmillan's," "Cornhill," "The Gentleman's Magazine," and "Belgravia." "The Monthly Packet" is very interesting, under the able editing of Miss Yonge. We give a little "bit" from the "Otter's Story."

"The rustle of a dead leaf is all that betrays that the badgers are out on the bank before their earth, sitting up like little bears as they are, to watch the bunnies feeding so innocently in the moonlight beyond the trees.

"A little squeal sooner or later tells that a bunny is gone, and for a few moments all the tall ears are pricked up to listen, and one or two of the most enterprising and intelligent of the bereaved family sit up erect; but they always take it for granted it is no matter, or if it is any matter it can't be helped, and so they drop down again on all fours, and the feeding and scampering in the moonlight go on as before.

"But for all that, a brother and a bunny is gone whence bunnies come back no more; and somewhere underneath the grassy glade where the moonlight looks so sweet and peaceful, in dark dungeon holes below, the big bears and the little bears are having rabbit for supper."

"The 19th Century," "The Fortnightly," "The Contemporary" deal for the most part with "Vexatious questions" which are outside our Masonic cognizance, and which touch upon that "debateable land" which is purely neutral ground for Freemasons. We can only refer our readers to them, for fear we should be supposed as Masons to lean to one side or the other in these "tangled skeins" of debate and doubt which so agitate society, so divide the "body politic," and so vex us poor mortals here below. Happily in Freemasonry, as Præd sang so genially of old of the Leamington Charity Bazaar—

"Churchman, Dissenter here for once unite,
 And here at least they both are in the right,
 While the hot Tory smilingly throws down
 For fair Whig hands the sovereign and the crown."

MEYER'S ALMANACK (Liverpool).

A very gay and coloured almanack, which, no doubt, will be much admired.

MUSIC.

VINE LEAVES POLKA. By Bro. ARTHUR CLINTON.
 Very sprightly and dance-attracting.

FIRST REPORT OF THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION FOR 1879.

The Committee of the London Masonic Charity Association has thought it well, at the commencement of its work for 1879, to put forward a few considerations, which it begs respectfully to commend to the serious attention of the London voters for our Metropolitan Masonic Charities.

1. It has been often said, and it is as constantly still repeated with much emphasis, that there is "no need of such an Association." The Committee would beg on the contrary, most distinctly to assert that there is, in its opinion, a very great need of such an Association, for the following reasons:—(1) The absolute friendlessness of many of the London candidates; (2) the necessity of reforming the present system of election, which rests to a great extent, at any rate, on merely personal prepossessions alone; and (3), the prevailing tendency to leave in the hands of a few select brethren, or, as American writers term them, "wire pullers," the result of our elections. Not that this view, or this fact, imply necessarily any great weakness in the existing voting system, or are put forward to justify hasty charges or inadvisable meddling with the undoubted liberty of personal selection, but the Committee thinks it right to point out that there is no uniform system of voting carried out by our London brethren, inasmuch, as owing to old connexions and prevailing individualism the votes are given as much to Provincial Charity Committees as to London cases, and the consequence is, many most deserving claimants for aid, unable to meet the provincial organization on the one hand, (quite right in itself), and the want of influential patrons on the other in London, fail altogether to secure the benefits of our great Charities, so needful to them, and intended originally for those very cases which are now too often unsuccessful.

It is a matter of fact, beyond dispute, that the opposition to the Association has come from a few influential brethren in London, who, to their honour be it said, in one sense, at any rate, spare no pains in obtaining votes from individual brethren to carry their cases, to help their clients, to whom they are such friendly and fraternal patrons.

The need of such an Association was signally shewn at the last elections, when "most deserving cases were left out in the cold" completely, though it was their last chance, for want of influential support.

2. It is said again that the institution of this Association is improper and unmasonic, in that it would seek to create a difference between London and provincial cases. But as this assertion, often made, rests upon an entire fallacy, the Committee thinks it well to point out its unreal and illogical character.

If no Provincial Charity Committee existed, the Committee would admit that it might be a question whether it would be wise to constitute a specific Metropolitan Committee. But as some of the Charity Committees in the provinces are of nearly twenty years standing, and many are most powerful now, with their power of accumulated voting, it is clearly within the competency of London subscribers to the Charities to follow a good example, and carry out in fact the dictates of common sense.

The provincial brethren so far from looking askance, as was predicted confidently, on the London Masonic Charity Association, have all admitted its *raison d'être*, and fully recognized its sphere of action, and the reasonableness and seasonableness of its formation.

The Committee thinks it hardly worth while to dilate on a topic, which except in the hands of the interested or the prejudiced, has no valid importance, and no real weight.

3. It is also asserted somewhat loudly, that the London Masonic Charity Association is a dictatorial attempt to "tell the London brethren how to vote." But the truth is, the Committee begs respectfully to point out, that the Association only seeks to do what brethren "many and great," have long since been accustomed to do, and do at every election.

Why Bro. Jones, or Bro. Brown, or Bro. Robinson is to have the power to issue circulars and cards, soliciting for votes for his candidate, and a Committee of forty-five London brethren, all well known to the Craft, may not do the same, passes the comprehension of the Committee to realize. Which is more likely, "a priori," that the selection by Brown, Jones, or Robinson is a good one, than the selection by a numerous committee of brethren of candidates, to which selection they bring much Masonic experience, great accuracy, and special care?

As the entire object and actual process of work, which the London Masonic Charity Association has been established to attend to and develop, have given grounds to unfounded fears and irrational objections, the Committee thinks it well, once again, to assure its London brethren that it altogether repudiates any theory of supposed dictation, and asks for no votes from any who do not conscientiously approve of its formation and proceedings. But it does venture to press upon all London voters for the Charities, that if they wish well to the success of the friendless and helpless, if they desire to see meritorious candidates efficiently supported, if they approve of the honest effort which the London Masonic Charity Association has endeavoured to support, to elect those applicants whose cause is good, but whose friends are few, then they will give their names and votes to an Association, whose aims are the unselfish ones of aiding those who cannot help themselves, whose labours are devoted not to advance personal possessions but public claims, and whose organization and endeavours will, the Committee has every confidence, eventually commend themselves to the honest and independent support of a large majority of the voters for the Charities in the London district.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The quarterly meeting of the Subscribers and Governors was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, W. Roebuck, Dr. Ramsay, W. H. Perryman, G. Bolton, Don M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, J. Terry, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. A. Dubois, J. W. Baldwin, Rev. Richard Morris, J. H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hedges, C. F. Hogard, W. R. Applebee, A. Tisley, L. Ruf, C. Pulman, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Binckes read a letter he had received from Bro. John Symonds, who lately resigned the office of Trustee of the Institution, acknowledging the vote of thanks to him, which was passed at the last Quarterly Court on his resignation being accepted. The letter of Bro. Symonds was ordered to be entered on the minutes, on the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by the Chairman.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, Bro. W. H. Lovejoy was appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Institution, in place of Bro. Peter Matthews, resigned on account of retiring from practice.

The list of candidates for the April election was settled at sixty-eight, and the Court declared vacancies, at that time, for sixteen boys.

The new laws, submitted to the Court by a special Sub-Committee appointed to revise the old laws, were then taken, and considered, and after a long discussion, in the course of which several alterations were made, were passed. One important variation in the old laws was made, all boys elected after the confirmation of the minutes of this Quarterly Court at the quarterly meeting in April, having to leave the School at fifteen instead of sixteen years of age. Another important alteration was rescinding the privilege of voting at any elections but those of boys for the school hitherto possessed by subscribers who are ladies (being minors) and ladies.

The proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton presided. Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Arthur E. Gladwell, T. F. Peacock, R. B. Webster, Griffiths Smith, J. E. Le Feuvre, Col. James E. Peters, Herbert Dicketts, W. Roebuck, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. W. White, A. Tisley, A. Hopwood, C. Harcourt, Thomas Massey, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, C. J. Perceval, W. Tyerman, Dr. Ramsay, John Faulkner, C. F. Matier, Leopold Ruf, James Terry, Peter de Lande Long, D. D. Berry, H. Potter, F. Binckes, John G. Stevens, H. T. Thompson, Hugh H. Riach, G. J. Row, T. Kingston, W. Mann, Dr. Woolman, Robert Berridge, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last court the list of candidates for the April election as settled by the last General Committee was declared. By this list it is announced that there are forty-eight candidates, and that there will be eighteen vacancies in the School to be filled up. This was passed on the motion of Bro. Raynham W. S. seconded by Col. Peters.

Bro. T. F. Peacock, for Bro. H. A. Dubois, who was en-

gaged at Tunbridge Wells, moved, and Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded, "That Bro. John Faulkner be appointed as the Honorary Dental Surgeon to this Institution."

Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., who had another motion for a similar appointment of Bro. W. H. Lovejoy, withdrew his motion, and Bro. Faulkner was thereupon unanimously elected.

Bro. John Faulkner returned thanks for his election, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to merit the confidence of the brethren.

The next business was to consider the alterations of the laws of the Institution, as framed by the Special Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought that sufficient time had not yet been given to the members of the court for the considerations of these laws. The prints had only been in the hands of the brethren recently, and he suggested that additional time should be given and that a special court should be called at which the laws might be fully considered. Several brethren had mentioned to him that they had not had sufficient time to go carefully through the printed copies sent to them. He therefore moved that the consideration of the laws as altered be deferred to a special court.

Bro. T. F. Peacock, was of the same opinion, and seconded the motion of Bro. Tattershall.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., on the contrary thought sufficient time had been granted. He thought the proposal of Bro. Tattershall involved more than that brother thought he conveyed. The court to day was to consider alterations which had been proposed by a Sub-Committee and which had been appointed for the express purpose of deciding upon some alterations which had been printed, and a printed copy sent some time ago to every member of the court. Looking round the table he saw a large number of brethren whom he knew, and he thought a better body of brethren could not be got together for a calm, careful and dispassionate consideration of the alterations. He himself had come prepared to discuss them, having gone carefully over them, and a great many other brethren had come at great personal inconvenience with the same object. If another meeting were called he doubted very much whether so many brethren could be got together, and he was sure that a more competent body could not be found. He opposed the proposition of Bro. Tattershall on the ground that there were a great many brethren who like him (Bro. Woodford) had some perfectly prepared to consider the alteration.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., thought Bro. Woodford was perfectly right. He wished it also to be borne in mind that there was also a Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the following Monday, and the result of Bro. Tattershall's motion would be that the brethren would have also to postpone on that day the consideration of the new rules as affecting that Institution. He thought all the brethren were prepared to go on now. They had all had full notice of the alterations proposed, which had been in their hands for the last fortnight.

Bro. Tattershall's motion was then put and lost, and the brethren then proceeded to consider the new rules.

Law LV., as altered, was the most important, and involved the longest discussion. This new law ran as follows:—"No boy shall be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to a lodge for seven consecutive years, and have been a subscriber to, at least, one of the Masonic Institutions, except in the case of death, fire, shipwreck, or of his having become afflicted with blindness, paralysis, or other infirmity, during such membership, permanently incapacitating him from earning a livelihood."

Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford: Bro. Chairman, I rise to object to a proposed alteration in this law, an alteration which I conceive to be likely to tend gravely to the prejudice of the Institutions, and to be most adverse to the true principles of Freemasonry. We are now proposing to introduce the principle of benefit societies into Freemasonry, deliberately and avowedly. (No, no.) If the worthy brother who says "no, no," will kindly listen to me for a few seconds, for I do not speak without much reflection and study of the subject, I think he will see reason to change his opinion. The great principle of the Girls' School since 1786 (I hold in my hands the original laws of the year of its creation) has been for Masonic charity to the orphan daughters of "indigent Freemasons."

An objection having been taken that the rule consisted of two parts, which ought to be separately considered, the motion was so divided, and the part referring to the seven years' subscription to a lodge was taken first.

Bro. Thomas W. White, P.G.S., did not think that the seven years' subscription was too long a time to be required. He suggested, however, that as people now moved about very rapidly, a brother might remove to a place at some distance from his lodge and neglect for a while to join another, and so lose a consecutive subscription by twelve months. He thought if the law should be altered by striking out the words "consecutive," and add the words, "four of which shall have been consecutive."

The amendment having been seconded, was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, on the second part of the proposition: Bro. Chairman, I will now resume what I was formerly contending, and to save time will condense my remarks as much as possible. I object, as I said before, to this change, because, in my humble opinion, if carried, it will obliterate that great distinction which exists between Freemasonry and all other benefit societies. What is the principle of all benefit societies but a "quid pro quo?" value given for value received. What was the original object of this Association? what the unchanging teaching of Freemasonry, but to give relief and aid to all who have a fair claim on our charity, spontaneously, gratuitously, and on the unselfish principles of "the Masonic beneficence?" We are

now going to say for the first time that the orphan's father must have subscribed to one of the Masonic Charities, which, however, will resolve itself into this, that you must subscribe 5s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There is too much tendency just now to make our admirable institutions, (and not the least our excellent and useful Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), act as a benefit club, or insurance system. I, for one, must strongly object to bringing into Freemasonry the principles of a benefit order, and I think it right once more to say, as I always shall, that Freemasonry is not, and never can be, and never was intended to be in any sense, a benefit society. For these reasons I beg to move that the words "or has been a subscriber to one of the Masonic Institutions" be expunged.

Bro. Thomas W. White seconded the motion, and said that Bro. Woodford had mentioned everything which he should have said himself on this subject. He thought that the new law, if passed, would be detrimental to the Institution. He did not wish to say anything with regard to the Benevolent Institution, but he thought that if brethren were obliged to give anything to the Institutions they would give to that the subscriptions to which were the smallest, and they would give 5s. to the Benevolent Institution.

Dr. Ramsay, as a member of the Sub-Committee, wished to say that the Sub-Committee did not make a point of this proposition, but as it was brought before them by some of the members, they thought it might be put into the law and submitted to the Quarterly Court whether the law should be so framed or not.

Bro. J. G. Stevens admitted the justness of the remarks of Bro. Woodford, that to place such a provision among the laws would be to make Freemasonry a kind of benefit society. It was thought, however, by some of the members of the Committee that some deterrent rule should be adopted to prevent many hundreds of candidates coming on for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Take, for instance, the number of candidates admitted within the last two years, and if they examined what the fathers of these candidates had done for the Schools, he would venture to say that they would find in a very large majority of cases that the fathers had done nothing whatever for the Institutions. In justification of what the Sub-Committee had done he would inform the Court that it was upon this principle the words now under discussion were introduced. The Committee thought that the whole subject should be thoroughly ventilated by the Court. He did not conceive for one moment that the proposition would be passed, the brethren having an opinion that it would be turning the Order into a benefit society. No doubt if the parents did subscribe to the Institutions, so much the better would it be for them, and a candidate for those Institutions would deserve on that account, because it would show a disposition on the part of the fathers of the children to support the Institutions when they were able to do so. The Committee would be perfectly satisfied if the proposition was rejected, as an opportunity had been given for the subject being properly discussed.

The words "And have been a subscriber to at least one of the Masonic Institutions" were then struck out, and the law as thus altered was carried unanimously.

The other alterations were then adopted, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The brethren of Taunton held high festival on Monday last on the occasion of the dedication of their new Masonic Hall. The meetings have hitherto been held at an hotel in the town, but recently a company was formed among members of the Craft for the purpose of purchasing a building in the Crescent, which was originally built for a Roman Catholic Chapel. This placed was found admirably suited for Masonic purposes, and the ceremony of dedication was performed on Monday. The occasion created an interest beyond local Masonic circles, and a great gathering of Freemasons took place, the interest being increased by the fact that the ceremony of dedication was to be performed by the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.

The day's proceedings commenced with Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene. The brethren, to the number of 300, met at the school-room, where they clothed themselves and then walked in procession to the church. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Randell, M.A., P.P.G.C., from the text 1st Thessalonians ch. v., v. 11—"Wherefore comfort yourselves together and edify one another, even as also ye do." The discourse was in defence of Freemasonry.

The ceremony of dedication took place at the new hall, at half-past one o'clock. The brethren having taken their seats in the lodge room, received the Provincial Grand lodge in due form, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by the Earl of Carnarvon. During the ceremony a choir, composed of the members of Lodge 261—Unanimity and Serenity—sang Wilson's Anthem in G, "Praise God in His Holiness," and two suitable hymns, also giving the responses in a very creditable manner. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

After the ceremony of dedication had been performed, Bro. R. C. Elise, D.P.G.M., proposed a vote of congratulation to the Earl of Carnarvon on his recent marriage, wishing him and Lady Carnarvon all the happiness this world could afford.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Payne, P.G. Treasurer, and carried by acclamation.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in responding, apologised for the inconvenience he might have caused the brethren in not attending on the date first fixed, but they had learned

what the cause of this disappointment was. He knew that the kindness and sympathy of his Somersetshire Brethren, to which he had never appealed in vain, would find a better excuse for him than any words he could use. He was not surprised at the reception of the resolution, because there was nothing since he had been connected with Somersetshire which had ever occurred to him which had not their kindly feeling of sympathy. He felt completely identified with Somersetshire Masons, and appreciated most deeply this fresh evidence of their friendship and regard. When they were good enough to congratulate him, he should say he had very good cause to be congratulated. He knew that ladies could not be admitted to any participation in Masonic proceedings; still, as a humble outsider, there was no one who sympathised more with the objects of the Craft, respected the work they had set before them, and, above all, gave more hearty good wishes to the Masons of Somersetshire than did Lady Carnarvon, and he hoped he should not be committing any breach of the secrecy to which he was sworn so many years ago as a Mason, when, with every injunction for the most solemn secrecy, he informed her on his return that amongst the objects in which they were engaged that day there was one in which her happiness and welfare were bound up. (Hear, Hear).

The banquet was held in the Victoria Rooms in the evening, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding.

In responding to the toasts of his health, as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, the noble Earl said he lived in a very peculiar stage of Masonry. Within the last few years Masonry had been passing through a period such as their Masonic forefathers knew nothing of, and such as might issue in very great good, but which had also its difficulties and its dangers. When he was initiated, Masonry was apparently very prosperous in England; but he was struck with the enormous increase of prosperity during the last ten or fifteen years. Masonry had become much larger in point of numbers, much more important in respect to the wealth which had flowed in from all sides, and it stood in a position perhaps of greater dignity and external ceremonial than it formerly did, but on the other hand there was a reverse side to the picture. All this material well-being had a tendency sometimes to lead Masonry out of the straight road and to set up idols, so to speak, of false gods unless it were very carefully watched. They must not fall into the grave error of supposing that ease and luxury and mere material welfare was all that Masonry had to look to. They were not to suppose that lodges were to become mere convivial clubs (applause). They must keep before the mind the fact that Masonry had great practical duties, and the code that Masonry laid down was one of very high and great morality. There was another temptation to guard against, viz., the danger of allowing politics to have anything to do with the craft. A departure from the rule respecting this point, in which all Masons had been educated would be one of the most fatal blows which could be struck at English Freemasonry. Lastly he referred to the exclusion of the name of the Deity by the Grand Orient of France, and said that foreign Freemasonry was distinctly contrasted with Masonry in England, inasmuch as here it was a loyal supporter of the Constitution, while on the Continent it was to be found plotting and planning against existing order.

Several other toasts followed.

THE PRINCESS ALICE AND THE IRISH FREEMASONS.

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland at its last meeting adopted the following address of sympathy to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, the Freemasons of Ireland, in Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Most Gracious Majesty, in this your hour of sore trial, to tender our loyal and heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss you have sustained.

"The universal sorrow that prevails all classes of your subjects is participated in by none more deeply than by the Masonic body. Recognising the great and noble qualities of our late Royal Princess (brought up to womanhood under the influence of your precepts and the example of your virtues) which added lustre to her high station, and endeared her alike to the countries of her birth and of her adoption. We knew that these very qualities make your loss the heavier, and your grief the more poignant. We would, however, venture most respectfully to suggest to you the consolation that she was all the merrier for a better world; and that few mothers, who have been blessed with so numerous an offspring as your Majesty, have, like you, been for a period of near forty years exempt from a calamity such as that which has now fallen upon you.

"We earnestly pray that God may sanctify this trial to you, and give you strength to bear it.

"Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland,

"ABERCORN,
"Grand Master."

"St. John's Day,
"27th December, 1878."

To which address the following reply has been received:
"Osborne,
"January 8th, 1879.

"My dear Duke,—

"I have laid before the Queen the address of condolence transmitted by you. I am commanded by Her Majesty to request that you will assure the Freemasons of Ireland that the Queen heartily appreciates the kind and loyal sentiments contained in their address, and

I am to ask you to convey Her Majesty's sincere thanks to those gentlemen for their feeling expressions of sympathy.
"Yours very truly,

HENRY F. PONSONBY.

"His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The following is the copy of a letter which is being sent to the lodges in the province of Middlesex. We are happy to give it space in our columns, and trust it will meet with a ready response:—

"Ancaster House,
"Richmond Hill,
"December 26th, 1878.

"Dear W.M. and Brethren,—

"Knowing how fully our late Bro. Wentworth Little was esteemed and appreciated by every member of the Order, in the Province of Middlesex, and that you and almost every member of your lodge have seen and known the many and special benefits that the lodges in the province, and the province itself, have derived from his exertions, I feel that I am not asking too much from you, and the brethren of your lodge, if I ask you and them to make a special and handsome grant in support of the memorial now suggested by a committee, consisting of very influential members of the Order, towards his memory, and to be of some assistance to his widow during her life, and eventually to be invested for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

It was mainly through his instrumentality and with the assistance of a few others that the province was formed and a Provincial Grand Master appointed in 1869, at that time, consisting of a few lodges, but now a considerable number. For several years Bro. Little performed the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary with great advantage to the province and satisfaction to all around him, since which he has served the office of Prov. S.G. Warden, and when he died he held the office of Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex.

"Having frequently visited the different lodges in the province, and heard the opinion of the brethren as to Bro. Wentworth Little's services, I trust I am not asking too much of the brethren of the province, if they will assist the Committee with a contribution from the lodge funds, and, of course, it would be a greater compliment to his memory should private contributions from the members themselves be made.

"Believe me, W.M. and brethren, yours sincerely and fraternally,

"FRAS. BURDETT, P.G.M. Middx., P.S.G.W.
"and P.G. Sup., and Representative from
"the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

"To the W.M. and brethren of lodges in the province of Middlesex."

Masonic and General Tidings.

On Sunday evening last Canon Miller was appointed to preach in the Chapel Royal Savoy. At the hour of service a message was received, and read to the congregation, by the chaplain, announcing the sudden illness of the preacher. His place was filled by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, the rector of St. Clement Dances.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (Civil Division) upon the Marquis of Hertford.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and reduced the rate of discount from 5 to 4 per cent.

THE DUBLIN HOSPITAL FUND.—The total sum received in Dublin for the Hospital Fund at the late collection was £423, an improvement on the previous year.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, meeting at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., by the members of the La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538. Bro. E. Farwig, S.W. 180, will preside.

The New Concord Ball will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, February 6th. Tickets and general information may be obtained of Bro. W. H. Main, 171, Kingsland-road.

Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, has been unanimously re-elected President of the Benevolent Fund of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188.

THE MAYOR OF LEICESTER.—For the second time Bro. Ald. Stretton, P.M., P.G.S.W. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire, is again occupying the civic chair at Leicester, having been unanimously re-elected in the place of the late Alderman Grimsley, who was elected to succeed Bro. Stretton on the 9th of November last, but died suddenly, having only been in the office about a fortnight.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Barnsley on Wednesday last. Bro. R. W. Sir Henry Edwards presided. A full report will appear in our next.

We regret having to record the death of Bro. Commander Charles Scott, R.N. The sad event took place suddenly on Thursday week, January 9th, at Strathroy, Omagh, Co-Tyrone. Bro. Scott was in his 48th year.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 3d.—ADVT.

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The *Echo*, of Thursday week, announced that a sum of £400 or £500 is likely to come into the possession of a Greenock Lodge of Freemasons, under singular circumstances. More than a hundred years ago the lodge contributed £40 towards the cost of erecting a new Town House; and in return a clause was inserted in the feu charter giving to the lodge a perpetual right to hold meetings in the house for the transaction of their ordinary business. The Town House having been recently converted into the Town Clerk's office, it is no longer practicable to use it for Masonic purposes, and the lodge has asked £500 for the renunciation of its rights. The Greenock Town Council has offered £400, which will probably be accepted by the lucky Masons.

DUKE OF LANCASTER LODGE (1353).—We announced a fortnight ago that this lodge at their last monthly meeting passed a vote of condolence to her Majesty on the death of the Princess Alice. The vote of condolence was duly forwarded, and the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. R. Wolfenden, has since received the following reply:—
Osborne, December 24th, 1878.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to assure you that her Majesty feels very grateful for the loyal and touching expressions of condolence offered to her by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
HENRY F. PONSONBY.

R. Wolfenden, Esq.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.—The 30th annual grand Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, under distinguished patronage, took place last Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Liverpool—a building which, through the retrograde action of the enlightened corporation, will in future be closed to the public for similar purposes, and reserved only for the special purpose of entertaining the "currant jelly" element of polite society in Liverpool. Whether the public will tamely submit to such a deprivation of legitimate privileges yet remains to be seen. Meanwhile, our report of the ball is left over, but will probably appear next week, should space permit. The meetings of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, are now held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.

The Earl of Carnarvon, as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, presided on Monday at the dedication of a Masonic Hall at Taunton, and about 200 brethren from all parts of the country were present. Lord Carnarvon spoke of the new hall as an additional centre of masonic life in the province. At the banquet his lordship contrasted the loyalty of English Freemasons with the planning and plotting against existing order which characterised some organizations abroad. He urged on all fidelity to the principles of the craft.

We learn from the *City Press* that Bro. George Burt having a short time since spent three months in making for the sake of his health, a very pleasant trip to Egypt, Greece, and Constantinople, has written an account of the journey, which has been printed for private circulation. The incidents narrated are of an interesting character, and the attention of the reader is by no means lessened by the genial and unassuming manner in which the story is told by the author.

The *Standard*, which has outstripped its contemporaries in the length and excellence of its telegrams from Afghanistan, has accomplished this creditable feat at an outlay almost unprecedented in the annals of English journalism. A single telegram cost upwards of £600. The proprietors of the *Standard* are understood to have arranged for the use of a special wire to Paris, for which £2000 a-year is to be paid to the Post Office authorities, and the service is to extend over three hours daily.

An amateur evening concert in aid of the orphan child of Bro. G. Dawson, late of the Londraborough Lodge, No. 1681, will be given at the Laughan Hall, Great Portland-street, W., on Monday week, the 27th inst.

A grand Masonic gathering took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Globe (No. 200), to give due importance and éclat to the ceremony of the installation of the Worshipful Master, Brother Charles Emerson, who was duly installed with all Masonic honours by Brother W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M. (Lincolnshire), assisted by Brother J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.S., G.W., and Brother G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P., G.D.C. After the above ceremony had been duly performed in the presence of a large gathering of the craft, the Worshipful Master nominated and invested his several officers for the ensuing year. Subsequently the whole of the brethren present, and others not able to attend the above ceremonial, dined together in the Masonic Hall of the old Globe Hotel. Amongst the numerous guests on the occasion was Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., M.P., R.W.J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England.—*The Daily Chronicle*.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 24, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1732, King's Cross, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 London Masonic Charity Association—Special Meeting.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-bdg.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Marks, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Ho. Battersea, Old-bridge.
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steyne.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 " 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey, M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav. Gresham-street.
 " 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-street, Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 32, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Fitzbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

- House Com., Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 107, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, B. of W. Office, Catford. Bge.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall, N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 25, 1879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY JANUARY 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Liverpool.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hotel, Rusholme.
 Neptune, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

- Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

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LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A Special General Meeting of the Members of this Association, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday the 21st day of January, 1879, at half-past four in the afternoon precisely, to select the Candidates to be supported by this Association at the forthcoming Elections, to be held in April next.

A. TISLEY.
 J. WILLING, JUNIOR.
 Hon Secs.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
 Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—This ancient lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., in good numbers. Bro. Ames was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Armitage Batley (a Lewis), was initiated by Bro. Woodford, D.M. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was unanimously elected W.M., and a vote of condolence, carried unanimously, to Her Majesty the Queen, in reference to the recent and lamented death of the Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The routine business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and separated at an early hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. John Appleby, W.M., presided, and there were also present:—Bros. G. T. H. Seddon, S.W.; C. H. Webb, J.W.; George Jones, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Charles Lacey, P.M.; E. J. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Barlow, P.M.; John Bulmer, P.M.; G. J. Hilliard, P.M.; A. Harry Brown, D.C.; James S. Fraser, I.G.; and a large number of lay members of the lodge, and the following visitors:—George Wothey, 1382; Robert Smith, 1694; Thos. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933; Allen Brown, 869; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; George Brooks, P.M. 902; Edwin G. Legge, W.M. 1196, Treas. 1607; George Mellison, 1636; S. Quint, 749; Frank Shaffland, 511; F. Knight, 1185; J. F. Clark, 217; Henry Wilson, 217; E. J. Anning, 1625; George Joseph Duhkley, 1777; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; J. Hanson Thorn, W.M. 554; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason). The W.M. raised Bro. W. Cecil, and afterwards installed Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, S.W. and W.M. elect as Master of the lodge for the current year. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. C. H. Webb, S.W.; G. Jones, J.W.; S. Rawley, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; F. Brown, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, J.D.; A. H. Brown, I.G.; T. F. Harvey, D.C.; J. Miller, W.S.; and Verry, Tyler. Bro. Appleby then delivered the addresses, and on the resumption of his seat, and having performed the ceremonies in splendid style, was loudly applauded by the brethren. The new W.M. in investing his officers showed himself perfectly skilled in the art. After the installation had been completed Bro. Seddon initiated Mr. James Benson in capital style. Subsequently he presented to Bro. Appleby a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted at last lodge, in recognition of the ability with which Bro. Appleby had performed all the duties of Master during the past year. The brother acting as Secretary for the evening, Bro. Rawley, jun., Bro. J. Newton, P.M., being absent through serious illness, read a letter from the son of Bro. Dicker, an old and highly respected member of the lodge, informing the lodge of the death of Bro. Dicker that afternoon at five o'clock. Thereupon, it was resolved that a letter expressing the sympathy of the lodge with the family of the deceased Bro. Dicker in their bereavement should be written, and the lodge was ordered to go into mourning at its next meeting. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet. After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed, and "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," and "The Dep. G.M.," were drunk with great cordiality. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale," said he was a Lancashire lad himself, and as such felt a great pride in Lord Skelmersdale, as all other Lancashire men did, and when the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on the 12th of February they intended to show by their subscriptions the pride they felt in him. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Benson," who he was proud to call his first bairn. He had had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Benson, and from the attention he had paid to the ceremony, and the interest he took in it, he felt assured he would become a very worthy member of the Order. Bro. Benson responded, and trusted he would become an honour to the Craft. Bro. Appleby, I.P.M.,

proposed "The W.M.," and was very pleased that that brother had had an opportunity that evening of displaying his ability by initiating Bro. Benson. The W.M. had shown he was no novice in Freemasonry. For many years he had been a member of this lodge, and in the various offices he had filled he had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M., in responding, after thanking the brethren for honouring the toast, said that while he had been an officer of the lodge he had striven as far as lay in his power to perform his duties thoroughly. He had not at any time felt he was performing them in a lukewarm way, or in a careless, easy going manner. He trusted that in the new position he had assumed he should not be found wanting in the thoroughness which had characterised the performance of his previous duties. He had but one aim in view, to be happy himself and to promote the happiness of the brethren. If he succeeded in that design, which had been pointed out to him as the grand design of Freemasonry, he should feel convinced that he had satisfied the brethren and done his duty as W.M. Some years ago he gave up office, but it was done voluntarily, in consequence of his having to go northward for six or eight months, and not being present then at the installation meeting he did not have the office conferred on him to which he would have succeeded. Consequently, he was out of office for a few years; otherwise he would have been W.M. six years ago. Six years ago he would have been a good deal younger than he now was; but he was not at all sorry he had waited six years, because he had acquired more experience, instruction, and acquaintance with brethren whom he did not know before, among whom were Bros. Borne and some others he now saw before him. For this extra experience he was very grateful, and he hoped that if the brethren discovered any errors in him they would look upon them not as errors of heart, but errors of judgment. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. Bro. Appleby," and reminded the brethren of the services that brother had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Appleby had carried out all his duties in a way which had given such satisfaction to the brethren that they unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel. The brethren must acknowledge that whenever they had visited they had not sat under a brother who was more urbane or more zealous in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Appleby in responding said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully, and it was very pleasant to him to find that his efforts had met with the approbation of the brethren. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. J. Perceval. The W.M. stated that he was himself Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., whom all the brethren knew as a most energetic supporter of the Charities, had gone round the room, and received support for his (the W.M.'s) list to the extent of £48 5s. Bro. C. J. Perceval replied to the toast. On two previous occasions the brethren had supported him with a good round sum, and he was sure they would not fail the W.M. now. The festival for the Girls would be in May. He was Steward for them, and if the brethren put their names down now, they would have the privilege of voting at the April election. "The Health of the Visitors" was the next toast, and to this Bro. T. J. Barnes, J. J. Berry, Thorn, Legge, Awning, and W. W. Morgan replied. Bro. Rawley, P.M., replied to the toast of "The P.M.s." At this period of the evening Bros. James Terry, John Constable, and Thomas Mortlock visited the lodge on their way home from other lodges, and Bro. Terry was called upon for a few remarks on behalf of the Institutions. Bro. Terry, who looked as fresh and well as if he never had to work hard, said that he had not been in bed till half-past five that morning [Bro. Terry had been celebrating the coming of age of Miss Terry the night before, on which occasion a party of about 150 ladies and gentlemen assembled at Freemasons' Tavern to do honour to the event], and after his day's work had visited four lodges in the evening. He reminded the brethren that the Institutions suffered last year by the depression of trade, and the Benevolent Institution had run so close that if one more male annuitant than was put on in May last had been put on, the balance in hand on account of the male fund would have been but £11 5s. 7d. As it was; there was a balance of £51 5s. There never had been so small a balance since the Institution was established. The widows' fund was more prosperous. For the next election there were 43 candidates, but only five vacancies, and therefore unless the next festival was of a more than ordinary character the Institution would at the next election have to refuse the largest number it ever had refused. For the two funds, the male and the widows', there were 78 candidates, and 18 vacancies, which meant that 60 would have to be left out in the cold. Many of the candidates were making their fifth and third applications. Bro. Terry then repeated the remarks made by him several times lately, which had been duly reported in the columns of the *Freemason*, that if every Freemason under the English Constitution would give five shillings a year to each of the Institutions, and every lodge a guinea, all candidates for the Institutions could be taken in without election, and the Institutions would not require to have their annual festivals. He also repeated his statements regarding the position of the three Institutions on the list at the close of last year, and informed the brethren that he expected great things of East Lancashire on the occasion of his festival on the 12th February. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the Tyler's toast as usual closed proceedings. Some charming music was given during the evening by Bros. Hansen Thorn, W.M. 554; W. B. Stirling, C. E. Hall, and J. Miller, and Bro. W. W. Morgan gave an excellent reading of Tennyson's "In Memoriam." The W.M. in addition to his other duties, accompanied all the vocal brethren on the piano.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. There were present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; E. H. Boddy, S.W.; F. Reed, J.W.; W. F. Wardropet, S.D.; J. Carter (visitor), J.D.; S. E. Frances, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; W. Field, J. W. Marshall, H. F. Goodchild, G. W. Smith, P. V. Denham, A. J. Duck, J. Stirk, W. Spingell, H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bros. Field and Marshall were impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. G. Carter, the W.M. (Bro. W. A. Morgan) being prevented from attending until a late hour. Three gentlemen were proposed as initiates, and the ballot will be taken for them at the next meeting. Bro. G. Hourick proposed, Bro. E. H. Boddy seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That a letter be sent to Bro. H. Wilson, Treasurer, announcing the regret of the lodge at his illness," he being prevented from attending on account of indisposition. After the "labour" of the evening the "refreshment" was very acceptable, Bro. Hart Dougherty having provided a capital dinner. The cloth having been removed, Bro. Morgan, the W.M., gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily received. He regretted the absence of the elected officers, and was sure it was only through urgent business on their part. Bro. H. R. Jones, P.M., in proposing the W.M.'s health, which was received with very hearty "fring," referred to his Masonic efficiency and his geniality to visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the close of a happy evening.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A full meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. W. Allen, the W.M., presiding. There were present, Past Masters C. Wise, A. Wright (Treasurer), J. Wright, J. Walter, H. Potter, R. Clarke, T. Putsford (Secretary). The officers were Bros. S. Smith, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Stewart, S.D.; Fortune, J.D.; Holloway, I.G.; Wilkes, W.S.; Stead, Tyler. Among the visitors were Grunnant, Winkley, and others. The members were Bros. Horsley, Austin, Kincey, Russell, Robins, Brady, Green, Vantree, Block, Durdell, Effa, Levi, Bertolli, Bullock, Gouldstone, Morgan, and many others. At five p.m. the Master opened his lodge. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the Master opened in all the Three Degrees, and in a very impressive manner passed Bros. Firmin and Whybro to the Second Degree, both of these gentlemen going through the ordeal in a very excellent manner. Several names were down for raising, but as those brethren were not present, the Master was assisted by P.Ms. McDonald and Wise in working some of the beautiful lectures in the different Degrees, and the manner in which those brethren worked the various sections met with the warm approval of those present. The business of the evening being over, the lodge was closed in due form, and the members adjourned to banquet. Upwards of 60 sat down to partake of the good things provided. Bro. Oliver, being caterer, and a word of praise is due to him for the excellent manner in which everything was put on the table. The cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received by the brethren. The musical part of the evening being sustained by Bros. Walter, P.M.; Smith, Robins, and Bertolli, who created much amusement by giving a history of "Little Pigs." The Tyler's toast having been called for, a truly harmonious meeting was brought to a close at 11 p.m.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The members of this lodge mustered in good strength on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Club House, Kennington Oval, it being election night. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Reeves, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W.; Kohler, J.W.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S. of England, Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Secretary; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Marsden, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Stranger, A.W.S.; F. Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Organist; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. Bro. Downie was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Boyce, Swainsbury, and Silvester in an exceedingly creditable manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Higgins, I.P.M., who ably passed Bro. Jenkin to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. having resumed the chair, initiated Mr. Town into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler then took place, and resulted in favour of Bros. Walls, Page, and Longstaffe. The Audit Committee were appointed to meet on the 22nd inst., and the members elected to serve upon it were Bros. Cruise, Heywood, and Boyce. The motion of Bros. Robinson and Honeywell was confirmed as to the sum of ten guineas being voted to the R.M.B.I. on the occasion of Bro. Walls going up to represent the Kennington at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated after a sitting of nearly five hours duration. There was no banquet.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. John Douglas, assisted by Bros. J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Stie, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; H. Lovegrove, W.S., acting as S.D.; H. Clark, acting J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; Beaumont, Steward; and J. Daly, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Gilbert, jun., Edmonds, Bestie, Raney, Killingback, Tuck, Solomons, Cruikshanks, Edwards, and many others. The visitors were Bros. Hallows, J.W. 1662; T. West, 1641; Higgins, 1381; and Hyland, S.D. 1744. After the confirmation of the minutes, and the opening of the lodge in the Three

Degrees, Bros. Hall, Panley, Parker, Sheath, and Thompson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. J. Clarkson and J. Sheppard were passed to the Second Degree. On the proposition of Bro. Willing, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to Bro. T. Williams, P.M., who has been suffering from a serious illness for a long period, necessitating absence from the lodge. At the close of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Clemow. The usual toasts were honoured, and some excellent songs were given by Bro. G. Musgrave, Thompson, and others.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Saturday, the 4th inst., at the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham High-road, an emergency meeting of the above lodge was called and holden. Punctually to the summons time lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Walter Simmonds, who was supported by Bros. E. H. Thielay, P.M. 73, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Louis Beck, P.M. Rothesay, J.W.; Ernest E. Smith, J.D. (acting as S.D., in the absence, through ill-health, of respected Bro. P.M. Green); A. McGillivray, C.S. (acting as S.D.); T. Grumant, D.C. (acting as I.G.); H. Keeble, I.P.M., P.M. 1275, S.W. 73; Sec.; J. Moss, W.S.; S. Wise, A. Priest, H. Metham, T. Metham, S. H. Knipps, W. Clarke, W. Bull, jun.; and the following visitors:—Bros. John Thomas Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx. Ingle, P.M. Era; Woodland, P.M. 781; and H. Penney, 147. Lodge being opened, Messrs J. Ross, F. T. Dowden, Fredk. Cash, and William R. Waters were admitted and severally initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Simmonds being at his best, and performing his duties with appropriate seriousness. Bro. W. Clarke was then raised to the degree of a M.M. by the Secretary, and the lodge was closed. An adjournment then took place to the banqueting hall below, where the brethren were soon busily engaged with the good things their esteemed caterer, Bro. Liedig, had provided for them. Having done justice to the inner man, and disposed of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Keeble gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk heartily and "fired" à la New Cross. Bro. Simmonds replied neatly and tersely, thanking the brethren for their hearty support during his year of office, and wishing to his successor, Bro. Beech, an equally enjoyable twelvemonths' occupation of the chair of K.S. Bro. Simmonds then gave the toast of "The W.M. Elect," who in the course of his reply assured the brethren that it would be no fault of his if the forthcoming twelvemonths, so far as it affected the Masonic gatherings of 1879, was not a happy one for the brethren. He promised them "good times," and intimated that since the honour had been done him—his election to the chair—he had thought of several improvements in the shape of comfort, which he trusted would meet with general approval. "The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., the "Entered Apprentice's Song" being given by Bro. P.M. Moss, in most spirited voice (Bro. Moss was evidently in full song), and then Bro. Cash replied on behalf of himself and brother initiates. For "The Visitors" Bro. Moss made a most interesting reply. After thanking the W.M. and brethren for his kindly reception, he proceeded to entertain them with a synopsis of his Masonic career and experiences. Touching upon the subject of "good fellowship," our worthy brother was most happy. Said he, in the course of my Masonic life I have visited a vast number of lodges, but never have I sat down to banquet with jollier companions than those surrounding me. It is evident that the brethren of 1879 do not meet to sigh and be serious. Up stairs in lodge he had seen the work done in the serious manner it should be, and the officers had performed their various functions in a manner which was highly creditable to the lodge, and the W.M. who presided over it. Down stairs at table, he must admit that the proceedings were anything but serious, save so far as in the direction of doing justice to the viands was concerned. On the other hand, joviality and hilarity, inseparable companions in the spice of good fellowship, had prevailed throughout the proceedings. The officers replied individually, and after the Tyler's toast, music passed the time away, until the brethren separated.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week at The London, Fleet-street, on which occasion there were present the following brethren:—Bros. J. Dixon, W.M.; Butcher, S.W.; Bush, J.W.; Adamson, Treas.; Reed, Sec.; Staley, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; B. Buckworth, I.G.; J. Kimpton, W.S.; R. Kimpton, Carter, Recknell, Lehany, Chapman, Rexworthy, Mackrell, Charles, Rev. E. J. Simpson, J. Buckworth, Woodward, Rayner, Searle, and Frost. Visitors:—Bros. T. S. Hellier, W.M. 1572; W. T. Howe, G. Purst; J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; E. C. Bishop, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; E. Bowyer, P.P.G.D. Herts; E. Simm, I.P.M. 1602; W. Foulsham, P.M. 24; E. Barlow, P.M. 15; E. Bruin, P.M. 1571; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Sec. 1572; Higgins, P.M. 421; W. W. Medcalf, S.W. 1671; J. Bergmann, J.W. 1671; W. S. Bayley, 185; R. A. Morgan, J.D. 1671; S. Clark, J.D. 1632; W. H. Graham, Chap. 1397; A. Sturt, 1328; P. Chatterton, 1692; J. Rexworthy, 205; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason.) Bro. John Dixon, W.M., presided, and passed Bro. Frost to the Second Degree. Bro. George Adamson, P. Prov. G.D.C. Kent, then installed Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W.M. elect, as the W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as his officers for the year:—Bros. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; Charles Butcher, S.W.; A. E. Staley, J.W.; George Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1298 Treas.; Nelson Reed, I.P.M. 1671, S.W. 1572, S.W. 1601 Sec.; K. Harris, S.D.; B. Buckworth, J.D.; J. Kimpton, I.G.; James Rexworthy, D.C.; W. Woodward, Steward; W. A. Frost, Organist; and Church, [Tyler]. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Adamson, the worthy

brother presented to the lodge in the name of Bro. Rayner, a handsome portrait, framed and glazed of Bro. John Dixon, I.P.M., and Bro. Nelson Reed, Secretary, having read the balance sheet of the lodge, which showed a balance in hand after all expenses had been paid, this balance sheet was passed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. When the toasts were proposed, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding to the toast which included the names of "The Grand Officers," said that with regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, the brethren trusted that his lordship's new wife might never be the cause of his not attending a Masonic meeting, for there was "naught but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason." With respect to the present meeting the two Grand Officers present, himself and Bro. Howe, felt very much honoured by having the privilege of attending, and though they had domestic ties at home, readily accepted the invitation to meet the brethren of the Temple Bar Lodge. They had seen the work of the lodge admirably performed, especially by the Installing Master, and W. Master in the chair, and would be able to give a good account to their wives and families of the way in which they had spent their time. One thing he was quite satisfied of as to Masonry, that as the memory of the just smelt sweet and blossomed in the dust and lasted longer than the memory of other glories, which soon died away; so the beautiful words, high thoughts, and blessed doctrines of the Craft, repeated as they were, not by any means *usque ad nauseam*, but rather to an improvement in life, when delivered intelligently and eloquently as they had been that day, remain with those who heard them; while coarse sentiments, low jests, and unhappy allusions passed away and were forgotten. The one rested upon the mind, and oft as it was repeated became not so familiar as to breed contempt, but rather improvement. He and Bro. Howe felt that however highly well might have worked as Masons, and however often they might have heard the ceremonies, they still were a lesson to them, and they felt the better for attending these meetings and hearing the ceremonies beautifully delivered. When one found them butchered it was a terrible and awful farce, and more or less tolerated in the language of the Great Master of old, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He hoped the lodge would go on from strength to strength, and that in time there would be in it a long line of Masters, who, both in appearance and work, would rival the Master who retired that day, and whose portrait this lodge had had presented to it by Bro. Rayner. Before sitting down he would express the hope that Grand Lodge and all the other lodges associated with it would do their best to make Masonry a praise, not only in this country but on the whole earth. He believed that Masonry, extensive as it was becoming, and holding a prominent place among the nations as it did, had a great career before it if it acted up to its responsibilities. He did not know what limit could be placed on it in the present day when we were surrounded by infidelity on the one side, and superstition on the other, or what great position it might take in the minds of plain, sensible, sincere men; but this he did feel, that if we did for a moment allow hypocrisy, or jobbery, or any low feeling to become rife among us, so as to eat as doth a canker into Masonry, it would sink to the level of the lowest unions that there were in the country, and instead of being in the fore front and van of civilization, become only a mere convivial association. He trusted that the convivial element would be kept up, and kept up as only Masons knew how to keep it up; but at the same time he hoped they would put forth the true principles which would ever illustrate Masonry, and make it, as he had said before, "a praise upon earth." With respect to the Temple Bar Lodge, he hoped to live to see it prosper, and adopt that noble word which they had often heard in song, "Excoelsior." Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it was a difficult matter to please everyone, and a W.M. was sorely puzzled to do it; but as the brethren had elected Bro. Bush he (Bro. Dixon) thought they would find the present W.M. a better than the last. When he arrived at the end of his year he hoped the brethren would say of him, "well and nobly done." The W.M., in reply, said that no Master of a lodge ever felt the responsibilities of his position more than he did. To be the first elected Master of the lodge was to him a great honour, and he felt in duty bound so to act during his year of office that at the end of that year they should not regret the choice they had made. If, at that time, the brethren approved of his Mastership, he should consider that an ample reward for his humble services. He would as far as in him lay study the harmony and good feeling of the brethren, and T.G.A.O.T.U. granting him health and strength, would endeavour to prevent any passing feeling of discord or ill will which might perchance arise, which, he hoped, might be speedily scattered like the down from the thistle. Such being the case, he had no doubt that at the end of the year it would be found to be a prosperous lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," whom he highly complimented on his delivery of the installation ceremony. Bro. Adamson replied. When he joined the lodge he did it with a sincere desire to enhance its prosperity, and he was willing to contribute in any way to that prosperity. Whether in a junior or a higher office the brethren would always find him willing to take any position they might like to place him in. He hailed from Kent, in which province he had learned what he knew of Freemasonry, and where he had visited something like forty lodges. He had found invariably that there was good working there, and he would never give the palm away till he found the working better elsewhere. Bros. Foulsham, Hellier, E. Barlow, and Dr. Chatterton responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. John Dixon, in replying to the toast of "The I.P.M.," said he was proud to have been Master of the lodge and he was proud of his officers. The lodge started last year,

and by its establishment Temple Bar, which was pulled down, rose Phoenix like from its ashes. He acknowledged the great assistance he had received from Bro. Adamson and the other officers. He now retired and gave up the command to Bro. Bush. It should not be his fault if the lodge did not prosper. He did not retire from the good ship, and while a timber remained he should stick to it. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. James Terry replied, fully explaining the position of the three Masonic Institutions, the large number of persons they benefited, the large amount of money it needed it to meet their requirements, and their reliance upon the Craft generally to enable them to meet in the future the increasing demands which would be made upon them. Bros. G. Adams and Nelson Reed, replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the other officers replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." The brethren who had been entertained with some excellent music and singing in the course of the evening, then separated.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, on Monday, the 6th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren on the occasion, amongst whom were Bros. Jas. Brown, W.M.; S. Crowther, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Slater, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Harwood, P.G.S. of W.; Jas. Newton, Walker, Freeman, Knowles, and J. Horrocks, Past Masters; Rev. J. H. Gibbons, Porteous, Garstang, Booth, Pennington, Robinson, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Duxburg, W.M. 146; Wild, P.M. 146; Morris, P.M. 146; Hough, P.M. 146; Greenhalgh, W.M. 1723; Collins, 678; R. Moir, Boden, and others. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Secretary read the correspondence, &c. The ballot was then taken for the election of Bro. John Morris, P.M. 146, as a joining member, the result being that he was unanimously elected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the chair was assumed by Bro. James Newton, P.M., who at once proceeded to install Bro. Samuel Crowther, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The installation being completed, the W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Newton, viz.:—Bros. J. Mills, S.W.; Rooke Pennington, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; W. Slater Treas. (elected); J. D. Porteous, Sec.; E. M. Garstang, S.D.; John Booth, J.D.; Robt. Harwood, Dir. of Cer.; F. W. Pacey, Org.; Jas. Robinson, I.G.; and J. W. Roiley, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then delivered by Bro. Newton, the Installing Master. It was agreed that a Past Master's jewel be obtained for Bro. Brown, the Installing Master. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a numerous attendance, including Bro. John Duxbury, W.M.; Robt. Horridge, S.W.; Jas. Dooley, J.W.; Thos. Glaister, P. Prov. S.G. Warden; H. Ainsworth, Jno. Morris, Jno. Wild, Richard Hough, P.M.'s; and other members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. S. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Hy. Greenwood, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; Saml. Crowther, W.M. 37; Jas. Newton, P.M. 37; Jas. Richardson, W.M. 221; Jno. Wolstenhome, W.M. 348; Jno. Alcock, P.M. 348; J. H. Greenhalgh, W.M. 1723, &c. The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Jno. Wild, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Robt. Horridge, the W.M. elect, after which Bro. Wild invested the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bro. Jas. Dooley, S.W.; Wm. Cooper, J.W.; Wm. Nicholson, Treas.; M. Burgess, Sec.; Geo. Taylor, S.D.; Richd. Duxbury, J.D.; Jas. Heywood, Org.; J. Galloway, I.G.; Thos. Higson, Tyler. Business being concluded the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In the course of the evening Bro. Thos. Glaister, P. Prov. S.G. Warden appealed to the brethren for subscriptions on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows, the result being that about £22 was subscribed and placed on Bro. Glaister's list as steward for the ensuing festival of the institution.

SWANSEA.—Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—The installation of Bro. Thos. M'Kimm as W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, the 13th inst. A large number of the brethren assembled in the lodge-room, Masonic Hall, among them being the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. There were also present Bros. Hartland, W.M., Talbot Lodge; Jones, W.M., Afan Lodge; Goodfellow, W.M., Merthyr Lodge; J. W. Woolley, W.M., Ogmore Lodge; Mitchell, W.M., Caradec Lodge; with other representative brethren from various parts of the province and from adjoining provinces. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. Canton, the Immediate Past Master of the Indefatigable Lodge, who went through the ceremony with care and skill. The W.M. having been installed, he invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Simons, S.W.; Dr. Morgan, J.W.; Thomas Powell, Treasurer; J. Morlase Gwynne, Secretary; Leworthy, S.D.; W. H. Headdon, J.D.; J. W. Lloyd, I.G.; Harrup and Tuttieste, Stewards; Bullerwell, Tyler; George Bradford, P.M. of the lodge, and P. Prov. Supt. Works, accepted office as Director of Ceremonies. The business being over, the lodge was closed, after which the brethren, to the number of 50, sat down to a banquet provided at the Cameron Arms, in Bro. Clare's very best style of catering, and a most enjoyable Masonic evening was spent. The W.M. presided, and the Deputy Provincial Grand

Master honoured the banquet with his presence. This lodge was granted a charter last year by the Grand Lodge, to entitle the subscribing members to wear the customary jewel, it having reached its 100th year, being born in 1776.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278, E.C.)—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on the 27th ult., at their lodge rooms, Horse Barrack-lane, when a large number of the Craft met to do honour to the new Worshipful Master. Among the brethren present were Gibbard, P.M. (D.D.G.M.); Past Masters Henry J. Haynes, J. H. Haynes, Morgan, Cavana, Gimenez, Valarino, Ashton, Cunningham, Conroy, Franceri (D.G.S.), Ross, Stanley, W. McBacon, Luque, Claveresso, and about forty other brethren (every lodge in the garrison being largely represented). After the transaction of some formal business Brother Stanley, the retiring W.M. proceeded to install Bro. C. Johnson as his successor in the chair of K.S., a ceremony which was performed with much impressiveness, Bro. Stanley being assisted by Bro. Glasford, I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Stanley, I.P.M.; Bros. Bensahn, S.W.; Heathcote, J.W.; Cottrell, Secretary; Speed, Treasurer; Henry, P.M., D.C.; Cook, S.D.; Villalobos, J.D.; Rellé, Organist; Bromley, J.G.; Haynes, P.M., Steward; and Peterkin, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gibbard (D.D.G.A.), and to the Board of Installing Officers. Bro. Gibbard replied, congratulating the W.M. upon his appointment, and the lodge upon their selection of Bro. Johnson as Worshipful Master. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet served in capital style by Bro. Miranda. The banquet room presented a charming appearance having been decorated by Bro. Cottrell, who had evidently made it "a labour of love." The beautiful transparency that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Order, was painted (from a photograph) by Lieut. Wald, R.B., H.R.H.'s "Coat of Arms" and "Feathers" and the "Old Year" being contributed by Bro. Mangle. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and "The Health of the W.M." given by the I.P.M. was warmly received. "The New Officers of the lodge" was given and responded to by Bros. Brusulum, Heathcote, and Cottrell, in a happy manner. "The Visitors" was given in a few well chosen words by Bro. Cottrell, and responded to by Bros. Cavana, P.M.; Conroy, Bacon, W.M.; and Claveresso. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Cottrell, Gimenez, Myatt, and Bacon, Bro. Rellé ably presiding at the harmonium and pianoforte, added very considerably to the enjoyment of the evening by his charming selections. Bro. Henry, P.M., D.C., admirably carried out the entire arrangements of the ceremonies and banquet. The Tylers toast brought to a close a capital evening, spent in a truly Masonic manner, and reflecting the greatest credit upon all concerned.

PENRYN.—The Three Grand Principals Lodge (No. 967).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Penryn on the 7th inst. Bro. Stephen Sara was installed as W.M. by Bro. G. W. Trency, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by a large Board of Past Masters, including Bros. G. A. Jenkins, P.P.G.R.; T. Gill, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Jennings, A. Vine, J. M. Thomas, P.P.G. Org.; and J. Holcombe, and visiting Bros. H. T. Cole, Q.C., M.P.; T. Webber, P.G.D.; and S. Jacob, P.P.G.P. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Richard, I.P.M.; T. B. Hart, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; T. Gill, P.M., Treas.; S. Cox, Sec.; J. W. Thomas, Org.; D. Thompson, S.D.; N. Gray, J.D.; H. C. Welsh, I.G.; Coade, D.C.; Ackerly, Steward; and Rusden, Tyler. Bro. R. Carter, P.P.G.O., was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The annual banquet was afterwards held.

CHESTER.—Cestrian Lodge (No. 425).—The celebration of St. John's Day and installation of W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, when there was one of the largest attendances, both of Past Masters and other members of the Craft, ever seen in this lodge. The business of the installation by the I.P.M., Bro. F. A. Dickson, was performed in a very superior manner. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. S. Sutton, P.J.G.W.; W. H. Spaul, P.G.S. (North Wales and Shropshire); T. Chesworth, P.G.D. of C.; W. C. Deeley, P.P.J.G.W. (West Lancashire); R. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Potts, I.P.M. 1477; R. Hooker, P.M. 1225; Swindells, W.M. 721; W. Johnson, P.M. 425; E. C. Jones, S.W. 425; T. Eytton Jones, S.W. 1336; E. H. Webb, 25; Eaton Hall, 1289; T. H. Allbutt, 1351, and others. The W.M. elect invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. A. Dickson, I.P.M.; A. G. Smith, S.W.; J. Pye, J.W.; T. Minshull, Treas.; W. C. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; E. Cuzner, P.G.O., Org.; S. Spencer, S.D.; M. Lightfoot, J.D.; W. C. Duncan (by proxy), I.G.; and D. Baines, Tyler. At the banquet the W.M. occupied the chair, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. "The R.W. Prov. G.M. (Lord de Tabley), the H.W.D.P.G.M., and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W. (Recorder of Chester), and Bro. Sutton. Bro. F. A. Dickson proposed "The Worshipful Master," which was acknowledged by Bro. Lockwood. Bro. Cuzner proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. H. Lloyd "The Installing Master." The Mayor of Chester responded to the toast of the "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bro. Chesworth for "The Visiting Brethren." During the evening a capital programme of music was executed.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Three Grand Principals Lodge (No. 44).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 6th inst., when Bro. Joshua Taylor, S.W., P.G.J.D.; (who had been unanimously elected at a previous meeting of the lodge) was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. E. Haggis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:—Bros. F. Bailey, I.P.M.; George Cole, S.W.; Sheldrick, J.W.; A. M. Robinson, P.M., Chap.; E. Haggis, P.M., Treas.; H. Tomlinson, Sec.; Youngman, P.M., D.C.; F. Dewberry, S.D.; C. Boming, J.D.; Wilderspin, P.M., and T. Crawley, P.M., Stewards; H. Brown, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. Scott, I.G. The visiting brethren included the Mayor of Cambridge, (Bro. Henry Rance, P.M.); Bro. C. Wisbey, Bros. A. H. Moyes and Hunnybun, No. 88; Bro. Carick, P.M. (Wisbeach); Bro. Jones, P.M. (Saffron Walden); &c. About sixty brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Moyes. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to by the brethren.

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The members of this lodge, who, like the noble river whose name it bears, has had its ebbs and flows, but is now on the full flood of prosperity, met on Thursday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. William Bennett). There was an attendance of nearly 90 brethren, and the proceedings were marked by an amount of eclat which showed how greatly the largest lodge in the Province of Cheshire is now prospering. The chair at the opening was taken by Bro. John Dutton, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. J. Adams, P.M.; J. Griffiths, P.M.; J. Higson Johnson, P.M.; W. Bennett, J.W.; J. Woolley, S.D.; A. K. Gardner, J.D.; Donald Fraser, P.M., Treasurer; Sam. Jones, P.M., Secretary; G. Thompson, I.G.; W. Hopkinson, S.; H. Seaman, S.; and J. H. Holtway, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Marsh, T. F. Chaloner, H. Britt, J. Mann, E. Evans, J. Williams, G. Lloyd, J. Taylor, J. Thomson, H. Valrey, J. J. Simcock, D. Henderson, J. Voles, J. W. Jellicoe, W. Schofield, H. J. Weber, T. C. Joughin, J. Williams, W. L. Pethcrew, G. Cooke, W. Faede, J. Lowsby, J. P. Thompson, W. Wright, J. Blair, J. Esdale, T. Grills, T. Barrow, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Williams, I.G. 1276; E. H. Benedict, 813; A. Moore, 605; T. Gregory, S.W. 605; R. Thomas, 1350; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; J. Clarke, 605; D. Noble, 724; G. J. Davis, 605; R. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Shropshire; R. Edwards, W.M. 721; J. C. Connah, P.M. 721; J. Humphreys, 721 (who acted as organist), J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Alistair, 1276; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; H. Fairclong, 1276; T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C.; W. F. Cox, P.M. 1021; R. Foulkes, J.W. 605; J. W. Arrowsmith, P.P.G.S.B.; W. S. Sutton, P.G.J.W.; J. Jones, 1276; W. Egerton, 605; T. Thorburn, 731; J. Johnson, 721; G. Dunn, 1276; J. Noble, I.G. 721; T. Shaw, P.M. 905. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Dutton closed his worshipful mastership by efficiently initiating Messrs. J. G. F. Ball and W. F. Cowdrey into the mysteries of the Order. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., who proceeded to install Bro. William Bennett as W.M. of the Mersey Lodge in a most masterly and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Dutton, I.P.M.; J. Wedgwood, P.M.; Joseph Braiten, P.M., P.P.S.W.; Samuel Jones, P.M., and Secretary (for the fifth time); Donald Fraser, P.M., and Treasurer (for the third time); Frederick Thompson, S.W.; A. K. Gardiner, J.W.; J. T. Thompson, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; H. Seaman, I.G.; W. Hopkinson, D.C.; George Lloyd, S.S.; T. C. Joughin, J.S.; David Henderson, J. Lowsby, and J. Marsh, Asst. Stewards; J. Holtway, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Fraser was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Salmon for his services as Installing Master. The balance sheet which was taken as read, was of a highly satisfactory kind, and one of the most pleasant features about it was the fact that no less a sum than £106 5s. 7d. had been spent during the year in charity and education. Bro. J. Higson Johnson, P.M., in the name of the members, then presented Bro. Dutton with a very unique and valuable Past Master's jewel as a token of the manner in which his valuable year's services had been esteemed by the lodge. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and after hearty good wishes had been given from about twenty representatives from other lodges the proceedings closed. At the conclusion of the business, the members and visitors dined at the Ranelagh Hotel, where Bro. Berry catered with his usual success, and gave every satisfaction. The usual Masonic and general toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Canal. After the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, and Mr. Hugh Crawford initiated into the mysteries and secrets of Freemasonry, Bro. Ambrose Tucker, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, &c., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. R. Stokes, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; F. Griffin, P.M.; J. Rumtold, P.M.; F. J. Russell, P.M.; T. S. Fitcher, P.M. 1112, P.P.G.D.C. Hants; T. Norwood, P.M.; W. C. Powning, P.M. 1375; and W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.G. Reg. Wilts. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. T. Norwood, I.P.M.; H. C. Card, S.W.; H. Cross, J.W.; T. S. Fitcher, Treas.; J. Rumbold, Sec.; F. J. Harman,

M.D., S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; T. Norwood, D.C.; A. Aylward, Org.; Butifant, I.G.; J. Folliott and C. Hale, Stewards; C. Silverthorn, Tyler; and F. Goodrich, Asst. Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the outgoing Master, W. Bro. F. Norwood, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted him as a mark of their appreciation of his services during his year of office. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities of the Craft. The brethren subsequently dined together, the newly-installed Master presiding.

BRECON.—Loyal Brecknock Lodge (No. 651).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual installation meeting on Tuesday, 7th inst, in the Masonic Hall, Castle Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form at 4 p.m., Bro. W. Howell, Rector of Lower Chapel was proposed as a joining member, and Dr. Johnstone of the Brecon Infirmary as a candidate for initiation at the next lodge. The S.W. Bro. Thos. Butcher, W.M. elect, was then questioned in the usual manner by the Secretary, and having satisfactorily responded, the Board of Installed Masters was formed and the installation ceremony very ably performed by Bro. E. Cambridge Phillips, P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren after the customary salutations the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. R. Webb, I.P.M.; T. Jones, S.W.; F. Grundy, J.W.; D. Evans, Treas.; J. A. Whittle, Sec.; W. Webb, S.D.; Capt. J. Morgan, J.D.; T. L. Lewis, Org.; A. Phipps, D.C.; D. Gulling, I.G.; Bros. A. Maybery, W. Games, T. B. C. Watkins, R. Groom, Stewards. The lodge having been closed in ancient form the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided for them. Bro. T. Butcher, W.M. presided, and after the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and cordially responded to, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren to Bro. R. Webb the retiring W.M. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—Presented to Bro. R. Webb, P.M. and P.G.J.W. for unremitting attention to the Craft during two years of Mastership 1877, 1878. Bro. Webb heartily thanked the brethren for the splendid jewel they had presented to him and assured them that his interest in the welfare of the lodge would be as great in the future as it had been in the past. During the evening some capital songs were contributed by Bros. Lewis, H. C. Rich, Groom, T. Jones, G. Vaughan, Coulthard and Williams. The brethren separated shortly before 11, with a general expression of hearty good wishes for the success of the lodge during the ensuing year.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No. 721).—The feast of St. John and annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge, were held in the Masonic Rooms, Chester, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The retiring W.M., Bro. R. C. Edwards, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. H. P. Swindells, in an impressive manner. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers:—Bros. E. Cletwr Jones, S.W.; H. Ellis, J.D.; T. Knowles, I.G.; J. Dennis, P.M., Treas.; J. Lyon, P.M. (by proxy), Sec.; W. Johnson, P.M., D. of C.; A. Stephenson, Steward; and Evan Jones, Tyler. A grant of £3 was made in aid of the widow of a brother recently deceased at Bangor. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided. Among the brethren were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Cuzner, P.G.O.; J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D.; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Salmon, P.P.J.G.D.; L. Gilbert (Mayor of Chester), P.M.; J. J. Cunnah, P.M.; F. A. Dickson, W.M., 425; J. Robinson, P.M.; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; G. H. Webb, 25; C. Foulkes, 605; G. T. Holland, 1472; E. Smith, W.M. 1336; J. Dennis, P.M.; &c.

NEYLAND.—Neyland Lodge (No. 990).—On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge assembled in the lodge-room, South Wales Hotel, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with, when Bro. Thomas Poulter was installed the Worshipful Master of the lodge, according to ancient custom, by Bro. G. Phipps, P.P.G.L.D., in an efficient manner. After which, the newly-installed Master invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. A. Evans, P.P.G.S.B., I.M.P.; George W. Foris, S.W.; J. Adkins, J.W.; W. G. Phillips, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; George Phipps, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; W. Hall, S.D.; J. Snoddy, J.D.; J. George, I.G.; W. Rees, S.S.; T. Wilson, J.S. The lodge was then called off, and the brethren repaired to the banquet-room, where an excellent spread was prepared for them by Mr. and Mrs. Whetton, and served in the most prompt and satisfactory manner, which elicited eulogiums from all present. The following brethren, besides those already named, were present:—Bros. Dr. H. D. Reynolds, P.P.G.S.D.; Jas. Walkley, P.P.G.P.; Thomas Cousins, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Harris, P.S.W.; R. F. Symes, P.J.W.; J. Coram, P.S.W.; J. Cotam, P.S.D.; and G. Rickard, 378. The W.M. presided and was supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly attended to, in the course of which some excellent remarks bearing upon Freemasonry were made. Some excellent songs were well sung by several of the brethren, and taken on the whole the occasion was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable experienced in connection with the above lodge. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock, highly satisfied with the whole of the proceedings.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The feast of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this lodge was observed on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The brethren met in the Masonic Hall, Station-

street, Cockermonth, at noon, there being present the following members:—Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; C. Morton, P.M. 1002, 872, 1267, and 1660, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*); Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M.; Captain F. R. Sewell, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Bird, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; J. C. Nicholson, H. Ritson, L. F. B. Dykes, W. Paisley, E. L. Waugh, R. Harrison, T. Armstrong, J. Towers, J. Bolton, J. Fearon, G. Brash, and J. Borrowscale. The attendance was less than usual, no doubt on account of the holidays being over. The visitors were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Quartermaster Sergt. G. Noakes, 55th Regt., W.M. 1532, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310 and 1532, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G. St.; J. W. Robinson, W.M. 371; Jas. Quay, 371; C. A. Bradbury, 962; and W. Gaspey, D.C. 1073. Several apologies were received, amongst others from Bros. J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.G. J.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Tyson, W.M. 119. After the lodge was opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and performed in the fullest and completest manner, including opening and closing the Board of Installed Masters, "calling-off," and "on." Up to the Third Degree, the work was done by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. In the Board of Installed Masters, which mustered fourteen, Bro. Black, W.M., officiated, with the following officers:—Bros. R. Robinson, W.S.W.; W. F. Lamonby, W.J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chaplain; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org.; A. Taylor, W.I.G.; and W. Shilton, W. Tyler. The newly-installed W.M., in investing his I.P.M., explained the symbolism of the jewel belonging to that office. On the re-admission of the Master Masons, the proclamations, presentations, and explanation of the working tools, investiture of officers, intrusting of the Three Pillars, and the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were performed by Bro. Lamonby, P.M. Bro. Capt. Sewell's officers were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. Robinson, J.W.; Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain; R. Robinson, P.M., Treas. (fifth time); J. Fearon, Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., (fifth time); H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; T. Armstrong, and W. Paisley, Stewards; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. On the proclamations being put, Bro. Black moved, Bro. Lamonby seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the sum of two guineas be subscribed from the lodge funds, in aid of the distressed widow and children of a deceased brother belonging to Lodge 1400, and the list was also ordered to be passed round the members individually. Bro. Lamonby, P.M., then said he had to perform a pleasing duty, the more so, that the Worshipful brother, to whom it referred, was with them to-day. He alluded to Bro. Morton, the senior P.M. and father of Skiddaw Lodge, who sat in the chair for the first two years of the lodge's existence, during which time he performed an extraordinary amount of work, notwithstanding that he lived at a distance. After leaving the chair of Skiddaw Lodge, Bro. Morton installed his successors for a period of ten years, till he retired. Owing so much as they, (the members of Skiddaw Lodge) did to Bro. Morton, who, from the very beginning had continued a subscribing member, he (Bro. Lamonby) thought they would readily agree with him that their senior P.M. had fairly earned exemption from payment of dues, the more so, that another lodge, at least, had a prior claim on him. He therefore had to move, and he did so with pleasure, enhanced from the fact that he first saw the Light of Masonry under Bro. Morton's first year of Mastership, and was also installed by him, that Bro. Morton be from that day enrolled an honorary member of Skiddaw Lodge; and, further, that such resolution be engrossed on vellum, suitably framed, and presented to Bro. Morton. Long might it please the G.A.O.T.U. to permit the name of Bro. Morton to remain at the head of the roll of Skiddaw Lodge. The W.M. in cordially seconding the motion, alluded to his being present fifteen years ago as a visiting brother, when Skiddaw Lodge was consecrated, and Bro. Morton was installed its first W.M. The motion was then put and carried unanimously. Bro. Morton acknowledged the compliment paid him in a feeling manner. It may be added, to Bro. Morton, in addition to being the father of Skiddaw Lodge, also occupies the same fraternal distinction in connection with Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont, and Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from lodges 371, 872, 962, 1073, 1267, 1532, and 1660, the lodge was closed in form, at a quarter to two o'clock. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Rapley's, the Globe Hotel, where a substantial banquet awaited them. Bro. Captain Sewell, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the company found that the Arctic temperature of the large hall was dead against a full enjoyment of the feast of reason and flow of soul about to be placed before them; and, on the proposition of the W.M., they beat a retreat to the drawing room of the hotel, where, for three hours, they were comfortable and *en famille*. The W.M., in proposing "Her Majesty the Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," made a feeling allusion to the lamentable death of the Princess Alice. Bro. Lamonby, P.M., gave the "Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." He referred to the original success, so far, of the Afghan expedition; the recent disasters in connection with ships of war; the value of the Militia, as the backbone and feeder of the army; and the spirit displayed by the volunteers in the Cape troubles. He associated the toast with the names of Bro. Noakes, 55th Fort; Bro. Capt. Sewell, Royal Cumberland Militia; and Bro. Lieut. Waugh, of the Cockermonth Rifle Volunteers. (Applause.) Bro. Noakes,

in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the improvements effected in the army during the years he had had the honour to belong to the first branch of Her Majesty's forces, and he gave it as his opinion that before long, all the land defences of the country would be blended in one harmonious whole. (Applause.) The W.M., in returning thanks for the Militia, referred to the good uses of the Army Reserve, which, although last year, it deprived him of thirty of the best men of his company, was one of the means to bring about that consolidation and harmonious blending spoken of by Bro. Noakes. He had to mention an interesting circumstance connecting the Royal Cumberland Militia with Freemasonry. Some time since he heard that a Masonic lodge once existed in the Cumberland Militia, but unfortunately no traces of it could be found. Talking with Bro. Lamonby subsequently on the subject, he (Capt. Sewell) was informed, much to his gratification, that the warrant of the Militia Lodge was recently found by him, after laying forgotten many years. Bro. Lamonby had framed the warrant, and it was now to be seen on the walls of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, at Whitehaven. This was an interesting circumstance, and as there were eight officers in his regiment, who were Masons, he (Capt. Sewell) intended to bring the fact under their notice. (Applause.) Bro. Lieut. Waugh also replied for "The Volunteers," and he proposed "The Bishop of the Diocese, with the Clergy of all Denominations," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, who returned thanks. The W.M. next (after the door had been tied) gave "The M.W. Grand Master of England." Independent of the advantages which accrued to Freemasonry in England by having at its head the heir of the crown, he (the W.M.) spoke warmly of the effect produced in France, by the active part taken in the success of the Paris Exhibition by the Prince of Wales. Wherever Englishmen went they heard nothing but the warmest of praises of their Grand Master from the French people. (Applause.) The toast was drunk with full Craft honours. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers." He alluded to the fact of Lord Carnarvon being more than ever entitled to their esteem, in that his lordship had recently become a Cumbrian by his marriage with Miss Howard, of Greystoke. (Applause.) The toast was received with full honours. The W.M. next gave "The Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," which he associated with the names of Bros. Collin, Noakes, and Taylor, who severally acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Black, I.P.M., then proposed "The Newly-installed Master of Skiddaw Lodge." (Applause.) He remarked on the energy, punctuality, and ability displayed by Bro. Capt. Sewell during the twelvemonths he had acted as his (Bro. Black's) Senior Warden. Not only had their new W.M. discharged the duties appertaining to his office in a way never excelled, but he had ably assisted him (Bro. Black) on many an occasion by presenting and explaining the working tools to candidates, delivering the charges, and explaining the tracing boards. Bro. Sewell had only been absent from his post once during the twelve months, and that was when he was with his regiment on Bracken Var Moor. Bro. Sewell, therefore, thoroughly deserved the honour conferred on him that day—the highest that any lodge had in its power to confer on its members, and he trusted he should have a prosperous and happy year of office. (Applause.) Whilst wishing their new W.M. every prosperity, however, he warned him to be extremely careful in the admission of candidates. (Hear, hear.) The W.M., in reply, expressed his deep sensibility of the honour conferred on him, and he could assure the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, that with the assistance of the officers whom he had appointed, he should put forth his best endeavours to conduct the affairs of the lodge in the most constitutional manner. The office of W.M. of a lodge of Freemasons was one any man might well be proud of; and he might mention that, almost the last words of his father were that he should strive to make himself useful in Masonry. He was glad to see present to day one brother, who some years back raised him to the sublime degree in his mother lodge (Bro. A. Walter, P.M., Lodge of Perseverance), and he was only sorry that the old and respected brother who "deceased" him through his degrees, and who was a conjutor of his (the W.M.'s) father, when Lodge of Perseverance was barely able to keep its head above water, was prevented from being present that day through illness. He alluded to Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Lodge of Perseverance. After thanking the brethren for the warm manner in which they had received the toast of his health, the W.M. then, in most complimentary terms, proposed the "Immediate Past Master," alluding to the able manner in which Bro. Black had discharged the duties of his office, in the face, too, of an extraordinary amount of work. (Applause.) Bro. Black, I.P.M., replied, and thanked his officers for the ready assistance rendered him during the twelve months, which had been a period of real hard work to all concerned. In Bro. Bird, who had that day been promoted to the W.M.'s chair, he had an officer, who, no matter what the weather was like, travelled a long distance, either to regular lodge business, or to lodges of instruction. As to Bro. T. C. Robinson, the late secretary, he had to do double duty, undertaking the post of Deacon in the absence from the neighbourhood of the former S.D. He also thanked Bros. R. Robinson and Lamonby, for their able and willing assistance during the year closed, in which there had been ten initiations, with the subsequent passings and raisings. The drawback was the apathy displayed by his I.P.M., Bro. W. Taylor, who had, he was sorry to say, been not a bit more diligent in that office, than in the chair the year previous, as W.M. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. proposed (the "Newly-invested

Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. T. Bird, S.W., T. C. Robinson, J.W.; J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; and R. Harrison, I.G., who severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave the "Installing Masters." Bro. R. Robinson, in acknowledging the toast, said it was the first time he had assisted in such an onerous capacity, and the little he had done, was, he considered, quite an honour, seeing that the brother installed in the chair that day was likely to make so excellent a W.M. of Skiddaw Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Black returned thanks, and observed that he considered it the duty of every retiring Master to take some part in the installation of his successor. Bro. Lamonby also replied, and whilst expressing the pleasure it afforded him to assist as Installing Master, as also wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office, took occasion to refer to Bro. Black's caution as to discrimination in the choice of candidates. He would read them the advice of two eminent authorities. One of them was the late Bro. Hutchinson, who, it would perhaps be interesting to them to know, was a Cumberland Mason; not only that, but the author of the now valuable and scarce "History of Cumberland," published at Carlisle, in the year 1798, the same year, and from the same office, as produced the leading county newspaper of to-day, the *Carlisle Journal*. (Applause.) The Masonic work of Bro. Hutchinson's to which he (Bro. Lamonby) alluded, was the "spirit of Masonry," published in 1796, at the aforesaid office in Carlisle. In it the writer urged:—"I warn you to be particularly cautious not to initiate any but such as are worthy; be well assured that their conduct is regulated by virtue, and their bosoms inflamed with the love of knowledge. All are not proper to be admitted into Masonry, whose influence ought to be universal, but whose privileges should not be made too common; and you are well convinced that there are some amongst us who take the shadow for the substance, who are acquainted with its ceremonies, but catch not the spirit of the profession." (Hear, hear.) The other quotation was from the "Aporisms" of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, who remarked, "Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you have a good lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial." (Hear, hear.) Those were very valuable recommendations, and it was to be hoped they would always be acted up to strictly by Skiddaw Lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Bolton then, in cordial terms, gave "The Visiting Brethren," which he coupled with the names of all those present, and they returned thanks. Bro. Lamonby proposed "The Masonic Charities," and, in doing so, referred to the status and importance of Cumberland and Westmorland as a province, which could always depend upon the election of a candidate into one of the three Institutions at the second time of asking. (Applause.) Referring to the special appeal made in the large room that day on behalf of the widow and children of a deceased brother, he asked them to leave their contributions with Bro. Fearon, the new Secretary of Skiddaw Lodge, at the close of the proceedings, and he hoped a good amount would be at once raised, and as readily dispatched. (Applause.) Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Press." He deplored the fact, that, although there were published excellent papers, recording the proceedings of Masonry all over the world, reading Masons were a rarity. In one of these publications that he (Bro. Robinson) had subscribed to for years past, there would be found admirable and talented articles on every subject connected with Masonry. The letter-writing also was very interesting, and the only fault seemed to be the great amount of acerbity, and apparent want of brotherly love in them. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Lamonby, who represented *The Freemason*. (Applause.) Bro. Lamonby, in thanking Bro. Robinson and the brethren, referred to his connection with the Masonic Press, and deplored the apathy and supine indifference, which characterised nineteen out of every twenty Freemasons, not only in Great Britain, but all over the world. They were content to be in their places on lodge night; but there their interest stopped, and it was a fact that the Masonic student was a "rara avis." He had a project in his mind, so far as Skiddaw Lodge was concerned, and that was the formation of a library in connection therewith. (Applause.) He should be most happy to give the scheme a start with a nucleus in the shape of a few works on Masonry, and if other brothers would assist in like manner, there would be created, he hoped, an admirable incentive for the brethren to dive into a rich store of Masonic literature, which he was sorry to say so few were aware existed. Very shortly he should bring forward a project for the formation of a library in connection with Skiddaw Lodge. (Applause.) The Tyler having given "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," a most enjoyable afternoon was closed at a few minutes past six o'clock. An excellent programme of music was, as usual, interspersed amongst the toasts. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte, and the following brethren contributed songs, &c., during the evening:—Bros. Black, Brash, Hewson, Nicholson, T. C. Robinson, Noakes, and Lamonby.

LIVERPOOL—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The brethren connected with this lodge assembled for installation purposes at the Sklmersdale Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there was a good attendance. Bro. John W. M'Wear, the retiring W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. Thos. M'Wear, S.W. (W.M. elect); R. R. Forshaw, J.W.; A. Willis, I.P.M.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M.; Geo. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; W. Donkin, Sec.; John White, Asst. Sec.; J. P. Bryan, S.D.; and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. A. Willis and G. Morgan, and the installation ceremony performed in a highly effective manner by Bro. J. W. M'Wear, the retiring W.M. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. R. For-

shaw, S.W.; W. Donkin, J.W.; John Whaites, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, Asst. Sec.; Lewis Peake, S.D.; John Smith, J.D.; G. Scultorpe, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Morgan, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); R. Seddon, I.G.; Wm. Shakespeare, S.S.; John Tunstall, J.S.; and Bro. Cruice was re-elected Tyler. After the business was over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a substantial dinner was served by Bro. Casey (1086.) The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was cordially received and acknowledged by Bro. Archer, P.M. 1086, P.G.S.D. The toast of the evening, that of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., who said he was confident everyone would bear him out when he said that their W.M. was worthy of the great trust they had reposed in him. The W.M. thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and assured them that he would do his utmost to deserve the honour they had conferred on him. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Willis, P.M.; and the "P.M.'s" by the W.M., who presented Bro. J. W. M'Wear with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge; while Bro. Peake presented him with a handsome epergne on behalf of a number of the individual members, accompanying it with some flattering remarks on the present condition of the lodge, and the good feeling which had existed during his year of office. The toast was responded to by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., and M'Wear, P.M. "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was proposed by Bro. R. R. Forshaw, S.W., and coupled with it the name of Bro. George Morgan, P.M., who responded. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after an agreeable reunion.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1247).—The banquet to the new W.M. of this lodge, W. Bro. George R. Firks, was held on the 16th inst., at the Farley Hotel, Union-street. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Firks presided, and was warmly congratulated at his escape from a recent accident. Among the officers present were W. Bros. R. B. Twiss, P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; F. A. Thomas, P.P.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.P. G.A.D.C.; John W. Lord, P.M. and Treas.; Jas. Rendle, P.M. and Sec.; J. Keats, J. C. Fly, and R. P. Culley, P.M.'s. 1247; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; and C. Cooper, P.M. and Sec. 105. Recitations given by Bros. Twiss and Bond, with a glee party and solo singers from among the brethren, formed a pleasing after entertainment.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—There was an attendance of about forty brethren on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, to witness the installation of Bro. Walmsley in the chair of this lodge by Bro. Knowles, P.M. and P.P.S. Deacon of Durham. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. H. Rymer, I.P.M.; Hardy, S.W.; Palliser, J.W.; Rev. H. Jones, Chaplain; Stoad, Sec.; O. Fendall, Treas.; Wheldon, S.D.; Stanning, J.D.; T. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Sootheran, I.G.; Wilkinson, Tyler. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. G. W. Elliot, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, W.M. 837, Prov. G. Chaplain; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. Anderson, P.M. 1416; Fairburn, P.M. 1337; C. Waistell, P.M. 1337, and others. A banquet at the Golden Lion Hotel followed the closing of the lodge.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The interesting ceremony of the installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Assembly Rooms, High-street, on the 8th inst., when Bro. John Clisham was installed Master of the lodge, Bro. Richardson, P.M., P.P. G.S.D. officiating as Installing Master. The ceremony was carried out in a most impressive manner. After the installation the officers of the lodge were invested by the W.M., Bro. Douglas, S.W.; Bruce, J.W.; Fairbank, S.D.; Chesterton, J.D.; Lewis, Secretary; Ellis, I.G.; Harris, D.C.; Sarken, Tyler. At the conclusion the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a banquet was provided in excellent style by host Wale. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed Master. After the good things had been duly discussed, the following programme of toasts was gone through, "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M.; "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," Bro. Eye, P.M., then proposed "The P.G. Master of Hampshire," and spoke in the highest terms of the P.G.M., and the great interest that was taken by him in Masonry. Whenever there was a good work to be performed he was always present to take his share; and the general opinion of the brethren in this province was that they had got a P.G. Master second to none. The brethren separated about 10 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge No. (1536).—Lieut.-Col. A. H. King, Asst. Gr.-Master General of the Royal Artillery, Past Master 1307, and P.G. S.W. for the Province of Kent, honoured the above lodge, held at Bro. Garbett's, the Sir Robert Peel, on Friday, the 10th inst., with a visit, and was evidently pleased, not only with the reception he had at the hands of the brethren, but with the good working and unanimity that is so patent a *sine qua non* in this lodge with all who either aspire to position or membership. Bro. Picken, the W.M., was assisted by the following officers:—Bros. the Rev. C. A. Solié, Chap.; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; H. Welding, S.D.; H. Hardy, Org.; T. Hollyman, I.G.; C. Buckland, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The following Past Masters of, and belonging to the lodge were present:—Bro. G. Spinks I.P.M.; W. Weston, C. Coupland P.M. of No. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, 913; W. D. Hayes, W.M.

913. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Solbé, 501; H. De Grey, 706; G. Bryans, 1205; W. B. Cook, 700; C. J. Clapham, 913; T. Hosgood, 13; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; A. Hiscock, 13; W. Beaver, of the Sydney Lodge; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, our distinguished Bro. Col. King was conducted into the lodge by the Past Masters, and was received with the "honours of fire" and took his place upon the right of the chair. Bro. Anderson, and Bro. Solbé, of No. 501, a lodge in China, were then passed to the Second Degree in splendid style. The W.M. then said, as Bro. Brooks, their J.D., had left the garrison, he should invest Bro. Holleyman in his stead, and Bro. Holleyman was accordingly so honoured. Bro. Buckland was made I.G., and Bro. Anderson Steward. It was then announced that Bro. Weston had represented the case of Widow Benn at the Board of Benevolence, and had obtained for her a sum of twenty-five guineas. The lodge was then closed.

PLYMOUTH.—Lodge of Prudence (No. 1550).—The members of the above lodge held their usual meeting at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place. W. Bro. J. G. Kervern, W.M., presided, and after the customary business adjourned to Chubb's Hotel for their usual banquet. Thirty-seven were present, and amongst the visitors were several distinguished brethren from this and the neighbouring province of Cornwall. The usual toasts, which were duly honoured, were interspersed with songs and glees, admirably rendered by Bros. T. Goodall, Jarvis, Congdon, J. Rendle, Burden, and Dymond. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, numerically and financially, and for the short time it has been in existence has given a large amount to the Masonic and other charities.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The members of this lodge of ancient Freemasons held their regular meeting on Wednesday, the 15th inst., having been summoned to meet at 9 o'clock, a.m., and at 7.30 p.m. At 9 a.m., there were present Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; Jas. Ellershaw, S.W.; W. Parker, J.W.; John Bele, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; H. Hartley, S.D.; R. Cleminson, J.D.; Jos. D. Bele, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; and a number of brethren. The lodge having been opened &c. Bro. Robert Dobson Eves, (Schoolmaster at the Grammar School, York), was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M. The lodge was closed to the First Degree and adjourned to 7.30 p.m., At the appointed hour the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, the minutes, address of condolence to the Queen, &c., were read and confirmed, the above officers being present and a very good muster of the brethren. The W.M. Bro. Wolfenden, initiated one and passed another brother. The letter of reply to the address of condolence to the Queen was read, all the brethren standing. Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M., was appointed Steward from this lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, and a sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the Institution (this is the fourth donation of that sum from this lodge). It was also resolved on the motion of Bro. J. Acton, P.M. seconded by Bro. J. Bele, P.M., that a donation of five guineas be given from the lodge funds to the widow of our late Bro. John Proctor, deceased. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, the choir and brethren singing the closing hymn, Bro. R. Woods presiding at the organ.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., the W.M. J. S. Cumberland presiding and initiating a candidate. A sum of money was voted by the lodge for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge since its formation in 1876. A list for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was opened and a handsome sum was subscribed, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C., announcing his intention of acting as second Steward for the lodge at that festival in conjunction with Bro. T. Cooper, P.M. The muster of brethren was very large and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hanly, W.M.; L. Murphy, S.W.; and several other officers and members of St. Patrick's (4th Dragoon Guards) Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. J. G. Carter, W.M.; J. Frost, S.W.; F. Reed, J.W.; C. Digby, S.D.; A. Mason, W. J. Huntley, J. Sanders, P. V. Denham, and A. S. Denham, Sec. Bro. A. Mason went through the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Huntley was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Frost was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The following members were present:—M.E. Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z. as Z., in the absence through severe illness of Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H. (*Freemason*); E. Tyson, J.; J. Barr, P.Z.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. Comps. J. Rothey, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; J. S. Braithwaite, J. Smith, F. Hodgson, W. Holloway, J. Casson, J. W. Miles, G. Sparrow, W. Armstrong, W. F. Hunter, J. D. Thompson, J. R. Smith, J. Mill, W. Bell, J. J. Coverdale, G. Dalrymple, Rowland Baxter, and C. W. Hodgson. The visitors were Ex.

Comps. W. Court, Z. 310; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; J. Gardiner, Z. 327. J. Banning, P.Z. 310 and 823. Comps. W. Blaylock, G. F. Webster, and J. Henderson, 310. The chapter was opened shortly after twelve o'clock, when the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Geo. Dalrymple, Nithsdale Chapter, No. 52, Thornhill, Scotland, was then balloted for as an affliating companion, and he was unanimously accepted. Two candidates for exaltation were next balloted for, viz., Bros. Charles Henry Hodgson, Lodge 119, Whitehaven, and Rowland Baxter, Lodge 1267, Egremont, and they were unanimously accepted, being subsequently duly exalted to the Sublime Degree. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the chapter in aid of the widow and nine children of a deceased companion; and after hearty good wishes from the visiting companions, the chapter was solemnly closed.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—This chapter held its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. A large gathering of companions assembled at 5.30, and the chapter was opened by Comp. E. Clay, Z. After the minutes had been ratified, and other business transacted, Bro. Jno. Walton was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. Some delay was occasioned by the non-arrival of the companion who had undertaken to perform the installation ceremony, which duty, at a moment's notice, devolved upon Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.D. of C., who installed Comp. Mestayer, as Z., and Comp. Humphries, as H. A letter was read from Comp. the Rev. S. Y. R. Bradshaw, J. elect, stating that he had been called away to attend upon a near relative who was seriously ill. The following officers were invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.:—Comps. Dawson, S.E.; N. Dumville, S.N.; J. Roberts, P.S.; A. B. Whittaker, 1st A.S.; Davis, 2nd A.S.; R. Harley, Treas.; and J. Sly, Janitor. After the close of the chapter, the companions spent a pleasant and convivial evening.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—The annual meeting of this chapter for the installation of Principals was held on the 7th inst. The Principals installed were Comps. G. F. Lancaster, Z.; E. S. Main, P.Z., H.; and C. B. Whitcomb, J. Comp. Main, P.Z., was the installing Principal, and the duties were performed in that correct and able manner for which he is so justly celebrated in the district. He had to perform the somewhat rare and singular duty of obligating himself as a Principal. The other officers were Comps. N. Page, S.E.; F. Powell, S.N.; J. W. Stroud, Treas.; V. Brown, P.S.; R. W. Mitchell, and R. W. Downing, A.S.; and I. Batchelor, Organist. The companions dined together at the close of the meeting, and the following were present as visitors:—G. A. Green, M.E.Z. 309; A. Biddell, M.E.Z. 342; S. R. Ellis, P.Z. 342; and other companions.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. The brethren present were the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., G.M.C. and J.W. acting Worshipful Master; Charles Horsley, P.M. as I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.M.S.W., P.M.; George Newman, S.W.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M., P.G.M.D.C. as J.W.; P. L. Simmonds, P.M., as M.O.; William Stephens, S.O.; Dr. W. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.O.; Edw. L. Shepherd, Registrar, E. H. Thielay, I.P.M., Secretary; Captain Reginald W. Williams, J.D.; Herbert Santer, I.G.; John Gilbert, Tyler; John Bathie Lambe, Henry F. Frost. Through indisposition the W.M., Bro. Dubois, was unable to be present, and the Rev. Bro. Holden took the chair. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Frederick Frost, of The Great City Lodge, 1426, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was forthwith advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The ceremony was performed in such a masterly manner, that only those who have before witnessed the almost matchless rendering of the ritual by our gifted Rev. Bro. can fully realise. It augurs a very meritorious future for St. Mark's No. 1, embodied as it is with the "fine fleur" of the working element (one of the officers regularly travelling a distance of 120 miles to do his duty). Letters of apology were read from absent members. Three candidates were announced for advancement at the next meeting. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren dined together at the Freemason's Tavern.

HALIFAX.—Fearnley Lodge (No. 58).—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the installation festival in connection with this lodge of Mark Master Masons took place at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. C. T. Rhodes, Prov. G.S.B., &c., was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Isaac Booth, P.M. 58, and P. Prov. G.W., &c. There was a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were R.W. Bro. Thos. Perkinson, P. Prov. G.M. West Yorks; W. Bro. Wm. Cooke, P.G.S.O. and Prov. G. Sec., &c.; Bros. G. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Roberts, Prov. G.J.W., and other distinguished brethren. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Capt. John Wordsworth, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, and Bro. J. Barker, Prov. G.J.D. Bro. C. T. Rhodes invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. H. Waghorn, S.W.; R. Jessop, J.W.; W. Milligan, M.O.; T. Pearson, S.O.; C. Eastwood, J.O.; G. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas., as Treas.; John Leach, Reg.; W. Cooke, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; J. Hanney, S.D.; G. H. Radcliffe, J.D.; J. G. See, Dir. of Cer.; Geo. Taylor, Org.; J. C. Crocker, I.G.; J. Greenwood, P.M. Tyler; H. L. Holdsworth and Thos. Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Org., &c., Stwds.

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P.M.—You will find all you appear to require in Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

ATLAS.—At Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th proximo.

W.M.—Yours is a ritual question which, we think, it is unavailing to discuss in *The Freemason*. The Editor will write privately.

The following reports stand over:—Royal Sussex, 242; Mount Sinai, Penzance, 121; Sun, 106, Exmouth; Seacombe, Combermere, 605; Chester, Independence, 721; Liverpool, Ancient Union, 203; Hammersmith Mark, 211; Hemming Lodge, 1512; Lodge of Faith, Openshaw, 581; Holmesdale, 874; Henry, Mark, 216, Frizington; Manchester, 570; Lodge of Temperance, 169; Hundred of Elloe, 469; South Saxon Lodge, Lewes, 311; Fowey, 977; Peace and Harmony, Southampton, 359; St. James's, Halifax, 448.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette," "The Middlesborough News," "Liverpool Porcupine," "The Fountain," "Our Home," "City Press," "Corner Stone," "Mayfair," "Buffalo," "Liverpool Mail," "Australian Freemason," "Bye-Laws of the A. and A. Scottish Rite," "Orient of Philadelphia," "Impediments of Speech, by Wm. Abbotts, M.D.," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Kelet Orient," "The Fondon Express," "The Erasl," "The Scottish Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Broad Arrow," "Touchstone," "The Citizen," "Freeman," "New York Dispatch," "Report of the Thirty-Fourth Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Bundes Presse," "Risorgimento," "Der Triangel," "East Anglican Handbook," "Sheldrake's Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Gazette," "The Boy's Own Paper," "The Liverpool Mail."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BROWN.—On the 13th inst., at Durham Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, the wife of R. Brown, P.M. 241, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, of a son.

BUSHELL.—On the 14th inst., at 24, Wakefield-st., Liverpool, the wife of Samuel Bushell of a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Old Bank, Otley, the wife of J. H. Nicholson, of a daughter.

PURVIS.—On the 17th inst., at Dale-st., Liverpool, the wife of James Purvis, of Lodge 823, of a daughter.

SHEEN.—On the 15th inst., at 54, Grove-st., Liverpool, the wife of Councillor T. H. Sheen, S.W. 241, of a son.

WILKINSON.—On the 17th inst., at 17, Erskine-st., Liverpool, the wife of Fred. Wilkinson, S.D. Dramatic Lodge, 1609, Treas. of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

OXLADE-STANTON.—On October 13th., 1878, at the Cathedral, Nelson, New Zealand, R. Oxlade, of Sydney, to Sara, eldest daughter of W. M. Stanton, W.M. Lodge 725, Nelson, New Zealand.

DEATHS.

BARTLE.—On the 20th inst., at 236, Lancaster-rd., Nottingham-hill, Bro. W. H. Bartle, only son of Bro. H. Bartle, aged 26.

JACKSON.—On the 16th inst., at 29, Addington-road, Bow, Mrs. Ann Jackson, aged 62. Deeply regretted.

NOTICE.

Owing to the great pressure on our columns of Installation Reports, &c., the Publisher will issue next week (Feb. 1st) four extra pages, in which he hopes to include much matter that unavoidably stands over.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1879.

IN MEMORIAM.

As week succeeds to week we have to deplore the loss of worthy brethren, whose place in the lodge knows them no more. We announced in our last the death of Commander Scott, R.N., J.P., of Strathroy, Omagh, Ireland, and we call attention to it with deep regret. He formed one of that too limited number of enquiring Masons who sympathize with Masonic literature and hail Masonic Investigation. A kind hearted and friendly brother, he was always anxious to extend the teaching and influence of Freemasonry, to raise its intellectual character, to uphold its civilizing influences. We condole with our Irish brethren on the loss of so true a brother and so good a Mason.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

A correspondent very kindly calls our attention to a prevalent error, which may do some harm to the Educational Charities, unless pointed out, namely, that lady Life Governors are deprived by the amended rules of their votes in General Committee. That is not so, and was so distinctly decided on Monday last. By the wording of the amended law, as quoted by our correspondent, lady Life Governors have the same right they had previously under the laws of the two Schools.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to call attention to the first report of this Association for 1879, which we were asked to publish last week, and which we think both by its modest words and simple statements, and straightforward explanations will commend itself to very many of our London brethren. We ask the London voters for the Charities not to be led away by childish canards or personal feelings, but simply to read the report, to think it over carefully, and we have no fear of the result. Moderation and good sense, right reason and straight running are generally commended by men, and we feel sure, will be by Masons. Indeed, the need of the Association is so obvious to all who will only condescend to look beneath the surface, that we think the Association is destined to be a great success.

THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

The origin of that remarkable society, to which it is our privilege to belong, is still a "vexata quæstio" amid Masonic students and non-Masonic enquirers. So peculiar is its organization, and so undoubted its existence, that numerous most contradicting, and even absurd theories have been broached, from time to time, with dogmatic certainty, as to its rise and progress, its first beginning, its later development. We may pass over a host of puerile and ridiculous suppositions, and confine ourselves to-day to those within the domain of credibility, evidence, common sense, and even possibility. A modern magazine writer, so late as this last year, propounds this new theory, or rather an old theory in a new dress, in the following words:—"Saracen architects became scattered during a considerable epoch through Greece, Italy, Sicily, and other countries; a considerable number of Christian artificers, chiefly Greeks, joined them, forming a corporation, which had its secret laws

and statutes, and whose members recognized each other by signs, this was the origin of Freemasonry." We prefer on this head the theory of Bro. Fort, of "Byzantine Revival," so to say, but we allude to this passage to point out how, from time to time, such explanations are given of the origin of our mysterious brotherhood, and how they should be noted by all, who, not blindly prejudiced by foregone conclusions, are still open to historical evidence and matter of fact, while they are equally unmoved by fantastic explanations or childish and uncritical suggestions. It may be well to remind our readers here, with the commencement of 1879, where we stand in the progressing road of "Masonic investigation." The theories of Masonic origin, which really deserve attention and study, may, we think, be safely reduced to three. 1st the Guild Theory; 2nd the Hermetic Theory; 3rd the Adaptation Theory. If we wish to study the Guild theory in its past or complete development, we must read the works of Preston, Findel, Steinbrenner, and above all Fort. Neither must we overlook the remarkable labours of Bro. David Murray Lyon, the contributions of Bro. Hughan, and other modern writers on the same subject, whose papers are still only to be found in Masonic journals and magazines. The Hermetic theory is mainly to be gathered by implication, as we are aware of no writer who calmly arrays all the evidence in favour of it. The Adaptation Theory, started by Bro. Buchan, has recently gained a new ally in Bro. Findel and one or two other well known Masons, but we apprehend, "pace" such authorities, that it cannot face the fire of a remorseless and destructive criticism. It is altogether hazy and unsatisfactory, and entirely based on "ex post facto" assumptions and prepossessions. "It is because it is." We have often before expressed our view in favour of the Guild Theory, though we have never for one moment shut our eyes, to its many and salient difficulties. It is still, however, the most simple, the most rational, and proceeding more than any other on historical evidence alone best answers to the needful requirements of "cause and effect." But it is fair to observe, that latterly a good deal of evidence has "cropped up" which seems to give some "colouring" at any rate to the Hermetic view. We say nothing here of the old view of Oliver which links our Freemasonry to the mysteries, or to the skilful use which Bro. Fort has made of this theory, in his remarks on the Scandinavian mysteries. That is a separate question, and may well even be admitted in part, at any rate by those who accept the guild theory. But what we wish to point out is this, that we have to modify certain views, which have to this time been universally held as correct, by all modern critical students of Masonic history. The high grade movement, with its Hermeticism and specific "colouring matter," has generally been ascribed to Ramsay, alike in as its first "fautor," and in its later development under these German mysteries which did such harm to Freemasonry. Thus Masonic Hermeticism dates from 1750 or thereabouts. But now we have the fact, that in 1721 a Hermetic Society, connected too with Masonry, was apparently existing in London, of which all previous writers have taken no account, being seemingly ignorant of it, and which, therefore disturbs all existing calculations and disquisitions on this "moot point." What this Hermetic Society was we are not told. It may have been the Royal Arch, or it may have been a traditional re-adaptation of the Rosicrucian Hermeticism, which in the times of Lily and Ashmole, seems to have had many "adepts," and to form the basis of "Nicolais'" untenable theory of a Baconian-Caroline politico-Hermetic fraternity. We can never too often repeat that the Rose Croix of the A. and A.S. Rite has nothing to do with Rosicrucian Hermeticism, though it may be the use of a name. Thus it will be seen how "open" is still the question, and how much ground there is for investigation and, above all, "tolerance," as regards diverging views and contrasted schools. Freemasons, who are always preaching toleration, should not be "intolerant" in respect of differing schools of Masonic history, and, as Freemasons, not being too "dogmatic," above all we should welcome all honest theories and differences, and "agree" to "differ," if need be harmoniously, sincerely, and fraternally.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

AN ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am anxious for a little explanation on a matter which appears to me, despite the florid explanations of one or two brethren, involved in considerable obscurity.

It is stated that one of the effects of the revised legislation on Monday at the Boys' School Quarterly Court, was to deprive ladies of all votes except the elections of boys. But how can that be? By Rule XXXV. "All Life Governors not being Minors" constitute the General Committee, and to this Committee the power of election of Secretary, &c.

So doubtful was this point, that the question was deliberately raised on Monday to insert after Life Governors "not being Minors and Freemasons," but the words "and Freemasons" were rejected by a very small majority on the ground that they would exclude the ladies.

It is then a great error to say that ladies are deprived of any rights they had before, though "Minors" undoubtedly can no longer vote at the election of "Secretary," though they can vote at elections of boys.

It seems important in the interest of the Boys' and Girls' Schools to point out that the assertion that ladies can no longer vote at the election of Secretaries or of the General Committee is a complete mistake. No rights which they had before the passing of these amended laws have been taken away from them.

Yours fraternally,

JURISCONSULT.

HUGHAN'S LIST OF OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.M. 35, has misunderstood the character of the List of Lodges I supplied for the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine," as the lodges noted therein were all warranted by the "Grand Lodge of England according to the old Institutions," known as the "Ancients," whereas the "Medina Lodge," Cowes, was chartered by the "Grand Lodge of England," known as the "Moderns" (which, however, is the premier Grand Lodge of the world.)

In my "Numismatical and Numerical Register of the United Grand Lodge of England," now in the press, and printed to page 86, the Medina Lodge is correctly described as follows.—

"Moderns" 1814	1832	1863	Date
31	48	41	35 Medina Lodge, Cowes. 1731

The date given, as in all cases, is taken from the Calendar, published by authority of the United Grand Lodge of England. The name of the lodge also occurs in my list of special centenary warrants granted for jewels 1861-66, at page 57 of the same work.

The lodge in question has a curious history and one worth publishing. I have not any account of the style of the special centenary medal of No. 35, and I shall be glad to be furnished with a sketch and particulars from Bro. Faulkner. Also of those worn in Lodges 18, 30, 47, 86, 97, 109, 120, 124, 127, 134, 140, and 148.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Truro, Cornwall.

MASONIC MEDALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having lately purchased two silver Masonic medals, I subjoin descriptions of them, and shall be glad to receive through your columns any information as to the object for which they were made.

No. 1. A circular medal about 2½ inches diameter, which appears to have been worn with a ribbon, the loop being formed of a crown, below which is a hand grasping the top of the medal.

Obverse.—A building in course of erection on the left hand side of the medal. On the top of the building are two men superintending the hoisting of a block of stone which is being raised by a rope, a man on the floor steadying the stone by means of a guide rope. There is also a ladder placed against the building, and a man ascending the ladder carrying materials on his back. On the right side of the obverse are two men stood at a bench, one of whom is pointing with a sword towards the building; the other man holds in his hand a square. Below these figures are a trowel, pickaxe, crowbar, and a mallet. Inscription.—"Amor. Honor. Justitia." Reverse.—Three arches standing at the edge of a tessellated pavement. On the top of the smallest of these arches stands a man endeavouring to loosen the keystone of the arch with a crowbar. Below this arch is the open Bible, on which are placed the square and compasses; below the Bible is a five pointed star. At the front of the pavement stand two pillars, on the right hand pillar being a square, and on the left hand pillar a pair of compasses extended; and at the outside of the pillars are placed a number of tools, such as the square, compasses, mallet, pickaxe, crowbar, also the letter G, &c. On the left of the reverse is a level, surmounted by the moon, and on the right the plumb rule, surmounted by the sun. Inscription.—"Sit. Lux. Et. Lux. Fuit."

This medal appears to be struck or cast, not engraved, the figures and emblems being raised.

No. 2. This is an engraved oval medal, about 2½ inches by 1 inches.

Obverse.—Two pillars surmounted by globes; above the left hand pillar is the sun, and above the right hand the moon and seven stars; between the sun and the moon is a triangle, below which, and between the two pillars are the All-seeing Eye, the open Bible, square and compasses, and a level. At the outside of the left hand pillar is a mallet, and of the right hand pillar a trowel. The reverse is quite plain, having only an engraved rim round the medal. This medal also appears to have been worn with a ribbon having a loop riveted to the top of the medal.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES NEWTON.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In order to express my regret for the alterations in the laws of the Institutions for Boys and Girls, suggested by the special Sub-Committee, and in the hope that it may conduce to the expression of similar sentiments from other and older brethren, I venture to request that you will find space for this in your next issue.

With respect to the extension of the father's subscription from five to seven years before the child is eligible for election; I think the consecutive seven years—adapted by the Governors of the Boys' School—is a most unfortunate error, almost amounting to an injustice; indeed, I am one of those who are of opinion that a brother having once passed through the Three Degrees should be eligible for all the advantages of our Order. The expression "once a Mason, always a Mason," I heard many years ago, and it has made a lasting impression upon me. Without underrating the invaluable services rendered to the Craft by the now veteran Masons, I can myself point to several instances when brethren have within seven years of their initiation done great and good service to the Order, and have died young men, without having had the opportunity of making suitable provision for their relicts, and we always have a sufficient check upon unworthy cases being passed, through the action of the Committee who pass the list of candidates, and from the fact that particulars of each case are inserted in that list.

In regard to the ineligibility unless the father "has been a subscriber to at least one of the Institutions," I most strongly protest against it, and as a body one must be extremely thankful to Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and those brethren who supported him, for sparing our Order from such an unworthy and most un-Masonic proceeding. There can be no doubt but that the Institutions are not supported as they should be by Freemasons as a body, but as you yourself say, "two blacks do not make a white." We are most justly proud of our Benevolent Institutions, splendidly supported as they are by purely voluntary means, and I give it as a deliberate opinion, that if they could be brought more directly home to chapters, lodges, and individual brethren, and particularly if they were more generally urged by the P.G. Masters at the annual meetings of P.G. Lodge, as Bro. Lord Skelmersdale never fails to do, there would be no reason to complain of the result. It is certainly evident that the further we move in the direction of the alterations suggested by the Sub-Committee, the nearer we shall be assimilating our Order to a mere benefit society, an event which would and must be deplored by every Freemason.

In conclusion, let me express the hope that "on confirmation" the word "consecutive" at least will be erased.

With many apologies for occupying so much of your valuable space.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EDGAR HUMPHRIES.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly insert the following in your next issue:—

I was in company with the Treasurer and Almoner of Lodge Silent Temple, 126, Burnley, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when he was asked by a short statured, prim man, of foreign accent, for alms. He gave his name as Weir, of Lodge 317, Affability, Manchester, and also of two Scottish lodges. Just as our worthy Almoner was about to give him money, I requested that he be asked to call again in half-an-hour, as I had something to communicate. After he had retired, I told the Almoner that his description exactly agreed with that given of an impostor in a letter to *The Freemason*, of November 2nd, 1878, and that I would fetch the paper and he should see it before the man returned. I was not long before I came back, and there was the individual pacing up and down at a short distance from the office awaiting the completion of the half-hour. He eyed me as I went in with the paper, but did not think it prudent to await the issue, for on our Almoner going to the door to call him in, he was nowhere to be seen. Mr. Editor, I feel sure, that, on account of the scandalous imposition by such characters as the one above described, and referred to in your issue of November 2nd, 1878, on lodges and brethren, it is of the greatest importance that strict investigation should be made, where it is at all possible, into the character and claims of strangers asking for charity, professing to be members of the Craft.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

R. N., P.M. 308 and 126.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please answer the following query in the next issue of *The Freemason*:—

Can less than three Past Masters initiate a Worshipful Master? ALPHA.

[We think not.—Ed.—F.M.]

MASONIC CHARITY AND ITINERANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to address you on this subject, which I think is one worthy of being ventilated through the medium of your columns, and thereby lessening the abuse which is now being practised upon our charity funds by some (only few I am happy to say) unscrupulous brethren, and in some instances imposters, who manage to obtain a fair living by begging from the lodges and Charity Committees, and by that means depriving genuine and deserving cases of relief.

In one province of the north of England a considerable check has been put upon their practices by means of postal communications between the several Committees, but such could not apply to the whole of the kingdom.

Much care will have to be exercised in order to avoid dealing un-Masonically with a deserving applicant, as in my opinion it would be far preferable to be imposed upon a dozen times, than to refuse aid to the worthy distressed; still I believe that much good may be done by opening a column in your paper for the purpose of registering the applications, simply by initials, and the number and constitution of the lodge, which would be quite sufficient for identification. Cases of a local character, or those properly recommended would not of course be sent for publication, but simply such as in the minds of the lodges, Committees, or Almoners, are professional itinerants.

This system would also be useful in another way. I have known cases in which the applicant has had considerable diffidence in applying to his lodge, as he wished to hide from his friends the low ebb to which he had been reduced in some instances, poor fellows, by misfortune or other causes beyond their control. By the means I would suggest, their friends may perhaps recognise the initials and probably rescue them from their pitiable state.

I would recommend a table as under:—

Remarks.	To go to Belfast.	Out of employment.	In distress.	Refused—untruthful.	Refused—applied before.	To return home.
Amount.	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0
Constitution.	S.	I.	E.	A.	S.	I.
No. of Lodge.	3225	2591	2703	2203	2225	2037
Initials.	P.C.H.	J.T.C.	R.Y.D.	J.R.C.	P.C.H.	A.T.C.
Where applied.	London	Liverpool	Manchester	Leeds	Bristol	Birmingham
Date.	10 Jan.	"	"	"	15 "	16 "

Of course the numbers are simply imaginary in this.

Perhaps some more capable pen than mine will take up this matter.

Yours fraternally,

ALMONER.

BURDETT TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have not seen or heard anything for some months of the testimonial to the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. I think the time must have come when the list should be closed, and something decided upon.

I do not know what the views of the Provincial Grand Master on the subject of the testimonial are, nor have I seen any proposed scheme suggested by the Committee.

Having read the letter of Col. Burdett in your last week's issue, calling the attention of the brethren of the province to the "Wentworth Little" testimonial, and asking them to subscribe to the fund, I cannot help suggesting to the Committee of the "Burdett testimonial" their suggesting to the Prov. Grand Master that it would be a noble tribute to the memory of his late Prov. Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master to transfer the amount collected for his testimonial to the "Wentworth Little" testimonial—especially as the intention of the Committee of the latter fund is to reserve the same for the ultimate benefit of the Girls' School.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The second convocation of the new Royal Arch Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, under the banner of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, which held its quarterly convocation the same day.

The new province was constituted in October, 1877, at Kirkby Lonsdale, and musters seven chapters, viz.:—Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven; Kendal Castle, No. 129, Kendal; Union, No. 310, Carlisle; St. John's, No. 327, Wigton; Regularity, No. 339, Penrith; Mount Sinai, No. 412, Longtown; and Beave, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. A petition is also in course of preparation for presentation to Grand Chapter, and the constitution of a new chapter, to be called "The Nicholson," attached to Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport.

There was not a large attendance on Tuesday, the convocation having been postponed from the first week in December, in consequence of the winter session of Parliament. The time of the year and hour evidently was unfavourable for a good muster, and two chapters were entirely unrepresented, viz., Regularity No. 339, Penrith; and Mount Sinai, No. 412, Longtown. Several of the provincial officers also appointed at the first convocation, were conspicuous by their absence. The following signed their names in the Janitor's book:—M.E. Comps. the Earl of Beattie, M.P., Z., 1074, Prov. G. Superintendent; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z. 129, P.G.S. of England, Provincial Grand H.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, Provincial Grand J.; G. J. M. Kay, J. 129, Provincial Grand Scribe E.; John Barr, P.Z. 119, Provincial Grand Treas.; W. Court, Z. 310, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer; W. F. Lamson, H. 119, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (*Freemason*); J. Godfrey, H. 129, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; Jesse Banning, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.P.S., West Lancashire; James Gardner, Z. 327; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119; E. Tyson, J. 119; Comps. J. Rothery, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. B. Braithwaite, J. Smith, F. Hodgson, W. Holloway, J. Casson, J. W. Miles, G. Sparrow, W. Armstrong, W. F. Hunter, J. D. Thompson, J. R. Smith, J. Mills, W. Bell, J. J. Coverdale, George Dalrymple, Rowland Bagster, and C. W. Hodgson, all belonging to Chapter 119; also Comps. George F. Webster, J. Henderson, and W. Blaylock, hailing from Chapter 310. After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. M.E. Comp. G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas., Cumberland and Westmorland (Craft), was unanimously elected P.G. Treas.; Comp. Geo. Fitzgerald, 119, was also unanimously elected P.G. Janitor. The officers for the year were next invested as follows, half of them, by the way, by proxy:—

M.E. Comp. J. Holme, P.Z. 129.....	Prov. G. J.
" G. J. M'Kay, J. 129 ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" D. Henry, Z. 114.....	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. Bewes, P.Z. 327.....	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Bintley, P.Z. 129 ...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. B. Arnison, P.Z. 339	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" G. W. Kenworthy, P.M.	
" 119.....	Prov. G. Treas.
" Major Spencer, P.Z. 119	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. A. Wheatley, H. 310	Prov. G. S. Br.
" J. Gardiner, Z. 327.....	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" E. Tyson, J. 119.....	Prov. G.D.C.
Comp. J. Cooper, Org. 119 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Rothery, S.E. 119 }	
" Nelson, 129	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Cook, J. 310	
" G. Fitzgerald, 119	Prov. G. Janitor.

It should be observed that the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent first nominated M.E. Comp. Jesse Banning, for the post of P.G. Organist, who, however, withdrew, by reason of his non-residence in the province.

The bye-laws, for the government of the Provincial Grand Chapter, were next read and adopted, after two or three alterations in the copy.

This being the whole of the business, the M.E.P.G. Second Principal rose, and in feeling terms, referred to the absence of the M.E.Z. of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, Dr. Henry, from severe illness, and he moved a resolution of sympathy, which was cordially agreed to, and a copy ordered to be sent to Dr. Henry.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed. Subsequently the companions adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where dinner had been provided by Comp. Smith, of the Albion Hotel. Two or three hours were pleasantly spent, under the genial presidency of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting and general meeting of this Association were held on Monday last, at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Tavern. Several brethren were elected new members, and many subscriptions paid. The meeting selected Frost and Giles, for the Boys', and Miss Williams as the candidates to be supported by the Association at the April election. Voting papers should be sent to the Secretaries, London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Cliffords Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

The installation of Col. Feard as Provincial Prior of Cornwall will take place at Truro next month.

It is stated to be the intention of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne to pay a visit to the Falls of Niagra shortly.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-President were occupied respectively by Bros. John M. Clabon, P.G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; and James Brett, P.G.P. After eight o'clock Bro. Joshua Nunn took Bro. Clabon's place, and Bro. Griffiths Smith occupied the chair vacated by Bro. Nunn. The other brethren present were, Bros. Hy. Bartlett, W. H. Perryman, W. J. Muris, S. Rawson, W. Mann, W. Maple, Thos. Cubitt, W. Christian, Charles Atkins, Griffiths Smith, George Britten, G. Bolton, G. Adamson, A. G. Creak, A. Barfield, Robt. Perkins, George Penn, Walter E. Gompertz, Allan C. Wylie, Wm. Tebb, Alfred B. Baker, Wm. Stephens, Charles Dairey, William Payne, J. Shackell, George Read, Richard Case, E. Squinell, C. A. W. Davis, G. L. Moore, E. W. Gratham, D. Nizholson, W. Russell, G. J. Cooke, J. A. Hudson, E. W. White, E. Farwig, B. H. Swallow, A. Brookson, C. Jolly, G. W. Saul, D. M. Bellfray, G. B. Shervill, S. Rosenthal, L. Cornelissen, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; W. Dodd, C. B. Payne, G. T. and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed those grants which required confirmation that were made at last meeting of the lodge, amounting to £360. There were thirty-six new cases on the list, out of which thirty-one were relieved with £970. The petitioner in one case had died the day before the meeting of the lodge. The other cases were adjourned for further particulars. The £970 granted was made up as follows:—To three cases £100 each (£300); one £50 (£50); five £40 (£200); three £30 (£90); two £25 (£50); nine £20 (£180); four £15 (£60); and four £10 (£40).

WYLIE'S HISTORY OF "MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING."

Bro. Hughan writes:—"I shall be glad to add my recommendation to that of the Editor of *The Freemason* as to the value of the History of 'Mother Lodge Kilwinning,' just published by our enterprising Bro. John Tweed, of Glasgow. Copies may be had of Bro. Geo. Kenning at 8s., post free, from London, Glasgow, Dublin, Liverpool, &c. The Prov. Grand Secretary of Ayrshire, R.W. Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.M., is the author of the history in question, who being the Secretary of the mother lodge, and well versed in all that concerns its interests and that of the province, has had special opportunities to render his labours as a historian both accurate and most acceptable to the Craft. The notes on the Kilwinning Abbey are very interesting, but, of course, to us the part of consequence is that devoted to the records of 'ye olde lodge.' The derivation of Kilwinning, from Saint Winning's cell or *kil*, and the ecclesiastical sketch possess little value to us compared with the *verbatim et literatim* transcripts of the charters granted by the lodge, which, until now, have never been collected and printed in a form accessible to the Masonic student. These ancient documents and petitions from brethren for warrants, ranging from A.D. 1728 to 1785, and historically from 1677, are of great value, and furnish important dates of a peculiar character, of special use in a consideration of early Scottish Freemasonry. In fact, the appendix alone is an ample return to the subscriber for his outlay, and constitutes a feature in the work which will always command readers whilst our society is popular amongst antiquaries and students of our ancient records. There is quite a profusion of illustrations, several of which are most excellent, and the plates of Masons' marks from the minutes of 'Kilwinning' 1642-74 and 1674-1769, as also those from Kilwinning Abbey, should render the volume quite a boon to 'Mark Masons' everywhere. It is just possible that if outsiders had been consulted they would have desired less about laying foundation stones, and more excerpts from the ancient records, but on looking at the trifling sum asked for the book, and seeing the excellence of the typography, lithography, and illustrations, I can but wonder that so much has been furnished for the information of the Craft, and thank most warmly our good Bro. Wylie for his last 'labour' of love, as well as praise the printer and publisher, John Tweed, Glasgow, for doing his part so well. I wish the volume a speedy sale, and sometime I should still like to see a book mainly devoted to the minutes of old Mother 'Kilwinning Lodge.'"

THE PRINCESS ALICE AND THE FREEMASONS.

The Duke of Lancaster Lodge adopted the following address of condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of the Princess Alice:—

"To the Queens Most Excellent Majesty,
"May it please your Majesty,
"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1353, in regular lodge assembled, beg permission to approach your Majesty with feelings of devotion, loyalty, and deep sympathy on the great loss which your Majesty has sustained on the melancholy occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness, the Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland.

"And we beg to convey the assurance of our warmest interest in whatever concerns your Majesty's domestic relations, and our ardent wishes for the happiness of your Majesty and of the Royal Family, and to express our fervent hope that your Majesty may long be spared to us and to the nation.

"With the most sincere and dutiful feeling of loyalty and devotion.

"We have the honour to be your Majesty's most devoted subjects,

"R. WOLFENDEN, W.M.
"J. ELENISHAW, S.W.
"WM. PARKER, J.W.

"Lancaster,
"18th December, 1878."
"Hon. Sec.

THE REPLY.

"Osboone,
"December 24th, 1878.

"Sir,
"I am commended by the Queen to assure you that Her Majesty feels very grateful for the loyal and touching expressions of condolence offered to her by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

"I have the honour to be, Sirs,
"Your obedient servant,
"HENRY F. PONSEBY.

"R. WOLFENDEN, Esq."

LODGE OF ISRAEL, 1474.

The following address to H.R.H. the Queen was unanimously carried at the last meeting of the Lodge of Israel:—

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.
"We, the Master, officers, and brethren of the Israel Lodge of Freemasons (1474), regularly assembled, humbly offer to your Most Gracious Majesty, our most sincere and heartfelt condolence on the severe loss you have suffered by the death of your beloved daughter Princess Alice, the Grand Duchess of Hesse. We, in common with the nation at large, feel by her removal that a true and faithful wife, a doting mother, a dutiful child, a fond sister, and a truly pious woman has been called away, whilst exercising those duties that should be the aim of every good and true woman to attain. We venture to hope that your Majesty will find a solace in the fact that your grief is shared by all your loyal subjects, but by none more sincerely than by the Masonic body of these realms."

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

As we briefly announced last week, the thirtieth annual ball of the Masonic fraterity in and around Liverpool, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, took place at the Town Hall, on the evening of the 14th inst., and again proved a most enjoyable festive gathering to all who were present. Reference has been made in the columns of the *Freemason* on more than one occasion to the principles and objects of this noble institution, which has for so many years been the just boast of Masonry in this division, but it will not be out of place to give some details regarding its present position and future prospects. During its 28 years' existence it has increased in popularity year by year, until it now occupies a position which is eminently satisfactory to those having the charge of its management, as it is highly creditable to its numerous friends and supporters. The invested capital, according to the last published report, amounted to £13,886, and there are now upwards of 100 children educated by means of the annual subscriptions of the brethren and the interest from this capital, without touching any portion of the invested money. The amounts paid for education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Masons in the year 1877 amounted to £580 17s. 3d., but as a great number of little ones have been admitted to the privileges of the scheme since that time, a greatly increased expenditure will necessarily be the result of last year's working. The great charm of the charity is its unsectarian character (thus resembling the Order which gave it being and active life), and another most remarkable feature of its working is the fact that the little ones who are thus educated and advanced in life know nothing about the source from whence the money comes which thus helps them. Mothers or guardians are allowed to select the schools to which the children are to be sent, and the Committee of the Institution, who carry out this part of the work in pure charity, make it their business to see that the education is of an effective kind. Trusting to the continued and even increased support of the brethren connected with the 80 lodges of the Province of West Lancashire, the Committee of the Institution (of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., is president, and Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., one of the Vice-Presidents) have under consideration the broadening of the basis of the charity by clothing as well as educating the children who stand in need of this further help. Already the matter has been mooted, and from the enthusiasm shown in connection with the extended scheme there is little doubt that it will be crowned with success.

The Ball on this occasion was under the following distinguished patronage:—

LADY PATRONS.—The Mayoress of Liverpool, the Right Hon. the Countess Bective, the Hon. Lady Constance Stanley, the Rt. Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, and Lady Grenall.

PATRONS.—His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. T. B. Royden); Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Major Starkie, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Rt. Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.G.S.W., and W.P. Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Lieut.-Col. N. Bousfield, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. R. F. Steble, Capt. Garnett, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; Sir

James Ramsden, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; John Prescott, W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; the Rt. Hon. Earl Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P. R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; John Pearson, J.P.; E. Samuelson, P. Prov. G.S.D. Cheshire; W. J. A. Baldwin, Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; H. R. Robertson, Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Sir A. B. Walker, W. Rathbone, M.P.; Rt. Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; J. Torr, M.P.; and Col. Ireland Blackburne, M.P.

Additional interest was given to what invariably proves a pleasant and agreeable gathering to the brethren and ladies, as well as to the public generally, by the fact that it will probably be the last at the head quarters of the mayoralty, owing to the recent action of the council, in closing the Town Hall against the admission of the "vulgar crowd," and reserving it only for their own "sweet use."

Considering the bad times, the attendance was good, and the financial result will probably be such as to add to the funds of the noble institution. The arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the Committee, the principal members of which were Bros. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., (Chairman); J. M'Kune, P.M., 216 (Vice-Chairman); and R. Martin, jun., P.M., 1182 (Treasurer). The onerous duties of Ball Secretary were admirably filled by Bro. Thos. Salter, J.W. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 216, to whose untiring efforts the success attending the ball for 1879 is greatly due. As usual, the duties of Master of Ceremonies were fulfilled with great tact and courtesy by Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, who has for a great number of years given his assistance in this way. There were about 500 brethren and ladies present, and amongst the former were Bros. Councillors Peet, Steen, and Lunt, T. M'Cracken, &c. The members of the various orders appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of the gathering. Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823, was the excellent captain of a band of Stewards, about fifty in number, to whose efforts the general comfort of the visitors was largely attributable.

The following were the Stewards on this occasion:—Bros. H. Ashmore, C. Courtenay, F. Smitton, J. B. MacKenzie, A. C. Wylie, A. Mattison, G. Hulce, J. R. Goepel, R. Webster, J. Keet, G. Peet, J. Hocken, W. T. Smith, T. Roberts, J. Penney, A. Woodbuck, H. P. Squire, W. H. Watts, W. Newsome, J. L. Houghton, J. Whitfield, J. W. Burgess, J. H. Bradshaw, W. O. Jones, T. McCracken, S. Jacobs, D. Jackson, J. Hayes, J. Atkinson, T. Clark, W. H. Cooper, H. H. Smith, W. Savage, W. T. May, T. H. Sbeen, G. Hutchen, R. Wilson, W. M. Cuddey, W. J. Lunt.

The refreshment was done by Messrs. Fick and Fairhurst. The chef d'orchestre was Bro. G. A. Wielopolski Phillipps.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A numerously attended meeting of the London section of this very old degree was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. S. Rosenthal, 33°, W.M.; W. Roebuck, 30°, S.W.; S. C. Dibdin, J.W.; D. M. Dewar, 18°, Secretary; C. F. Matker, 32°, P.M.; F. Binckes, 30°, P.M.; G. Lambert, T. Keere, R. Roy. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of a number of brethren well-known in Masonic circles, and having been declared unanimous, the six who were in attendance were duly admitted members of the Order. They were Bros. R. L. Loveland, 18°, A. Williams, 18°, T. C. Walls, 18°, Thomas Poore, R. Beridge, and C. E. Soppet. The interesting and quaint ceremony was well performed, Bro. Matier's rendering of the historical lecture appertaining to the degree being exceedingly good. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, a long discussion ensued, and several propositions were fully considered as to what steps should be adopted for the immediate formation in London of a governing body. Ultimately, upon the advice of Bros. Binckes, Matier, and Lambert, the whole matter was referred to a Committee, to fully consider and to report at the next meeting, to be convened on Saturday, April 10th. It was afterwards suggested by one of the newly admitted brethren that the Secretary should immediately place himself in communication with the numerous country lodges, in order that united action might be taken with the object of reviving this unquestionably old degree and establishing it upon a thoroughly sound and independent basis. This was approved. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast at the Albion Hotel, Theobald's-road, where the usual toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Order of St. Lawrence," was proposed in very happy and exhaustive terms by Bro. Binckes, and duly responded to. "The Initiates," and "The Officers" followed, and those toasts having been warmly received and briefly acknowledged, the proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, terminated.

EBOR LODGE OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at York on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, R.W.M., presiding. Several candidates having been admitted to the degree, Bro. G. Simpson, S.W. and R.W.M. elect, was presented and questioned, and a Board of Installed Masters having been opened, he was duly enthroned in the chair, and the brethren being re-admitted, he was saluted in due form. Bro. Simpson then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M. and D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chap;

A. T. B. Turner, Recorder and Treas.; T. Humphries, S.D.; W. Palry, J.D.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; W. P. Husband, Keeper of the G., and J. Ward, Tyler. The brethren afterwards met at supper and passed a social evening.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. BARTLE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. W. H. Bartle, the only son of Bro. H. Bartle, at the early age of twenty-six years. Bro. W. H. Bartle, who was a young man of great promise, was one of the first Initiates in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. His death took place on Monday last at his father's residence, 236, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. His remains will be interred at Kensal Green Cemetery this (Saturday) afternoon, at half-past two o'clock. The friends of the family and brethren will meet at Lancaster-road, at half-past one, and other brethren at the cemetery by half-past two.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.

The installation meeting of this very old encampment of the Knights of the Temple was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present amongst others Sir Knights J. Tanner, E.C.; C. Jacques, Prelate; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. Dewar, P.E.C., Secretary; Morgan, 1st Captain; Driver, and Captain; Neall, Expert; T. C. Walls, C. of the Lines; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; J. Hervey, P.E.C., and Rawles, Equerry. Sir Knight R. Stewart was a visitor. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, companion Saunders was duly admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order by Sir Knight Dewar, who most ably installed Sir Knight Morgan as E.C. for the year ensuing, both ceremonies being most ably performed. The officers appointed were Sir Knights Tanner, Prelate; Paas, Almoner; Dewar, Secretary; Driver, 1st Captain; Neall, and Captain; Walls, Expert; Williams, C.L.; Rawles, Equerry. There being no other business before the preceptory, it was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Sir Knight Rosenthal responded on behalf of the Grand Officers. "The Health of the E.C." was warmly proposed by Sir Knight Tanner, most heartily received, and duly acknowledged. "The Newly-installed Knight" was given in a few chosen sentences by the E.C., and having been received with excellent "fire," Sir Knight Saunders briefly responded by expressing the great pleasure it had afforded him at being present that evening to receive the privileges of the Order, and at the same time he wished to convey to the Sir Knights the great impression the ceremony had made upon him, thanks to the very able way in which it had been performed. "The Visitor" was acknowledged by Sir Knight R. Stewart, and "The Officers," by Sir Knight Driver. The Equerry's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Samuel Poynter will contribute the following papers to the March, April, and May, numbers of the "Masonic Magazine":—"A Native Nuisance," a sketch founded on fact; "Under the Garland;" "Tud' Smoked," a Masonic sketch.

CONSECRATION CEREMONY.—We think many of our readers will be interested to learn that the above ceremony, followed by the "installation," will be worked at the Upper Nurwood Lodge of Instruction No. 1586, White Hart Hotel, on Monday evening the 30th February, at 7.30. precisely, by Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Preceptor to the lodge. The musical arrangements necessary for the proper working of the ceremony have been placed in the hands of some competent brethren. Bro. Frances is so well known for his mastery rendering of all the Masonic ceremonies that we confidently recommend this as a really good opportunity of hearing the impressive ceremony of "consecration." Full Masonic clothing.

The name of the Lord Mayor of the City of London (Bro. Sir C. Whetham) has, on the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant (Lord Shaftesbury) been placed by the Lord Chancellor on the Commission of the Peace for the County of Dorset.

We are asked to state that the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558, meets every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, at the Fauces Arms, Fauces-street, South-place, Kennington Park. Bro. James Dann, P.M. 72 and 1558, is the Preceptor.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., at the Southwark Park Tavern, Bermondsey, by Bro. William Beavis, assisted by several other brethren.

The installation meeting of St. James's Lodge takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the George Inn, Enfield Town. Bro. Thomas J. Cusworth is the W.M. elect. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the Freemason, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advr.

A meeting, which was strongly attended, of the brethren of the Province of Devon, was held on Tuesday last, in the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a fund for clothing, educating and advancing in life of the children of distressed or deceased brethren of the province. Bro. L. P. Metham, Dep. P.G.M., presided. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., presided on Monday week at a congregational meeting in connection with St. Paul's Church, Upper Holloway.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, whose nuptials took place on the 26th of last month, at Grytstocke, Cumberland, returned to his lordship's Hampshire seat, Higholere Castle, near Newbury, on Friday week, after spending their honeymoon at Pixton Park, Somersetshire. The reception given them was a magnificent one.

Prince Louis Napoleon, accompanied by the Duke de Messina, are on a visit to Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Kent, at Linton Park, near Maidstone.

Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice are expected to return to Windsor, from the Isle of Wight, on or about the 14th of February.

It is expected (so says the *Whitehall Review*) that on the resignation of the Marquis of Hertford, he will be succeeded as Lord Chamberlain by Lord Skelmersdale, who will be created a Viscount.

We have received a copy of 'The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1879.' To Freemasons this portable little volume is indispensable. It is neatly bound, and gives, in a very concise form, an amount of valuable Masonic information and statistics not procurable elsewhere. The object of the 'Calendar' is to give Freemasons a synopsis of all that relates to home and foreign Masonic bodies, and in this, the publisher (George Kenning, Freemason Office, 198, Fleet-street) has eminently succeeded. But even those who cannot lay claim to initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry will acquire much useful knowledge in respect of this ever-increasing and important brotherhood from a perusal of its pages.—*Mayfair*, Jan. 21st.

"The Norwich Argus" states that a handsome antique silver salver was presented by the Union Lodge of Freemasons, No. 52, to Bro. Cardiner Stevens, at the recent banquet on the installation of Bro. C. Cubitt, W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Stevens has been Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge more than twenty years, and the opportunity was taken to make the presentation to him as a slight recognition of his valuable services. The presentation was made by the retiring W.M. Col. Baileau, who in a very complimentary address expressed the great esteem in which Bro. Stevens was held by the lodge. The salver weighs 52 ozs., and was subscribed for by 52 members, the figures thus curiously corresponding with the number of the lodge. With the salver was a vellum scroll, beautifully illuminated, upon which the jewels of the offices held by Bro. Stevens, and the names of the subscribers were embossed.

The annual Masonic Ball given by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Grand Hall of Gymnasium, Paddington Baths, Queen's-road, Bayswater (close to the Queen's-road and Royal Oak Railway Stations), on Friday, 21st February, under the management of Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M.; W. Gordon, M.P., P.J.W.; Charles Loeock Webb, G.C., P.G.D., and a long list of Stewards. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Tickets can be obtained of any of the Stewards, of Bro. G. Penn, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. W. J. Murliis, Hon. Sec., 154, Lancaster-road, W. Bros. Coote and Tinney's band is engaged for the ball.

At the annual meeting of the Duke of Leinster Lodge, 363, I.C., held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, Weymouth-street, Adelaide, on Tuesday, November 10th, the following were the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. F. W. Klaner, W.M.; J. Butterworth, S.W.; T. S. Lang, J.W.; H. Dehlmann, S.D.; W. Foxwood, J.D.; W. Bickford, I.G.; A. Tucker, Tyler; R. J. Pinler, Sec.; W. Stratton, Organist; A. O. Hatch, Steward.

We understand that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, is to be raised to the peerage.

The Annual Ball in aid of the Builders' Benevolent Institution will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Thursday next, January 30th.

The annual ball in aid of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers' Schools, will take place at St. James's Hall on Thursday next.

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple and the greatest virtue may soon be a good gardener, by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsmen, Reading, for 15 stamps or for 1s. at all Railway Bookstalls.

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Notes on Art.

ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH CENSUS OF 1870 the foreigners resident in France numbered 801,700, of whom 30,000 were English. It is curious to note the occupations of the French people, of whom 18,968,000, or 53 per cent., are engaged in agriculture, 9,274,000, or 26 per cent. in manufacturing and similar industries, 3,837,000 or 14 per cent., in trade, and 1,231,000, or 4 per cent., in liberal professions. Of the agricultural population, 10,620,000, cultivated their own property, 5,708,000, were farmers, and 2,639,000 labourers and gardeners.

DIAMOND LACE has been the most fashionable New Year's gift among Transatlantic millionaires this season. The lace is an imitation of old point, made in the finest filigree silver, with diamonds set in the pattern, and costs £1,000 per yard. A set of lace consists of three pieces, about 4in. long. Diamonds just now, however, are not as fashionable as usual in America, as they have declined in price, and pearls have taken their place.

Intelligence has been received that Professor Nordenskjöld's steamer "Vega," engaged in Arctic exploration, is ice-bound on the Siberian coast.

The writer of "New Solutions of Homeric Problems," in *The Month*, contends, in a carefully written paper on the structure of the Iliad, against the views of Grote and Professor Geddes, and pleads that—"The man who could compose the Iliad must have been very much more than a mere adapter of old materials—must have been, in fact, very much what the popular conception supposes Homer to have been."

The Paris stage during the past year is stated by a French critic to have been particularly unproductive in the way of novelties. Managers depended mainly on the revival of old successes during the exhibition, and only eighty-three new pieces were brought out at the twenty-two principal Paris theatres during 1878. The Gymnase heads the list with nine new productions, the Opera and the Théâtre Français only brought out two novelties apiece, the Opera Comique five, the lively little Palais Royal and the Odeon each produced eight, the Variétés and the Vaudeville respectively four and three, and the Gaité only one new work. The theatres are making up for lost time this year, however. M. Lecocq's latest production, "Le Grand Casimir," is to be played this week at the Variétés, and the same composer has another piece ready for the Renaissance, "La Petite Mademoiselle," while MM. Erckmann-Chatrian will produce a drama at the Gaité this spring.—*La Guerre*.

THE PARIS LUXEMBOURG has been closed for several weeks for the annual alteration of the pictures. Even paintings—including Rosa Bonheur's "Haymaking"—have been taken down and added to the reserve collection of the Louvre, their place being filled by a similar number of works bought by the Government at recent Salons. Six fresh pieces of statuary have been added to the Sculpture Room—M. Aimé Millet's "Cassandra" being amongst the additions.

There has been an eruption of mud at Salinella, at the foot of Mount Etna, which is regarded as an epilogue to numerous shocks of earthquake recently felt in Catania. Several craters were formed, which discharged torrents of thick and heated mud propelled by gases formed of carbonic acid, hydrogen, carbon, carbureted hydrogen, and sulphuric acid. Particles of hydro-carburets, constituting a kind of petroleum, were also observed. A smoking lake of increasing dimensions has also been formed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 31, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

Board of Stewards R.M.B.I., at 4.
Audit Com., Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot.,
" 1673, Henry Muggidge, Prince George, Park-rd. E.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.*
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq. W.
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H. Camberwell.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.
Chap. 21, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Lion Hot., High-st., Deptford.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.

Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Fience Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.

Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Fauces-pl, Kennington at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 1, 1879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY JANUARY, 28.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 1313, Ferman, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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he displayed (he being a member of the lodge) to add comfort and pleasure to his assembled brethren. Grace being said the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. With the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the honour that was conferred on them by the presence of so many visiting brethren, especially as he believed many of them were men of eminence in the Craft. After mentioning some by name, he called upon Bro. Rose, of the "Mount Lebanon" Lodge, No. 73, P.M., to respond, who upon rising to return thanks on behalf of the visitors was received with great and earnest cordiality. After thanking the brethren for their manifest kindness, he paid great compliment to the efficient working of the ceremonies, and said from what he had seen, he fully believed the lodge would lose none of its renown, nor would its position be in any way tarnished whilst it was in the hands of its present W.M. The following is a list of the visiting brethren present:—Bros. Rose, P.M. 73; Lover, P.M. 475; Dilley, P.M. 147; Heikell, P.M. 1155; Gallant, P.M., P.Z., and S.D., 127, 172, 813; Etheridge, P.M.; Wrigglesworth, W.M. 995; Catterson, J.W. 548; Peck, S.D. 1205; Batchelor, J.D. 548; Hunt, I.G. 1662; Feullade, Org., 548; Frederick Dunn, 25; Milbourn, 13; Martin, 382; Larner, 733; Dobbs, 879; Judge, 1178; Millman, 507; Johnson, 733; Jewett, 1155.

lodge flourish and the brethren spending such a delightful evening of harmony and good fellowship as they were then engaging in. He had met many kind old friends there. Bros. Robinson, Davage, Whitley, Wagner, and Elsam, besides several others, brethren whom he had known a great number of years. Whenever he had been at the lodge he had endeavoured to his utmost to promote its interests, and the brethren had always been kind enough to express their good feelings for it. It gave him infinite pleasure to meet his old friends, and he trusted that as long as they were willing to receive him with the same kindness as they had that evening, he should never hesitate for a moment to come among them. He was the only one of the fathers of the lodge present, and it was extremely pleasing to him to see so many young members joining the lodge. He believed Bro. Smith, W.M., to be the right man in the right place, and that under his direction the lodge would go on prosperously. Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.M., for whom there were loud calls, said he should have been happy to sit down if the brethren had not persisted in calling upon him. He was the Junior P.M. of the lodge, and it was a very good feature in the lodge to have so many P.Ms. There were some, however, who were not then present, but speaking for himself it gave him great satisfaction to be there, and to have had the privilege of installing the W.M. He did not expect he should ever have the opportunity again, because if the W.M. did not perform the ceremony, the I.P.M., Bro. Read, would. He should always be pleased, nevertheless, to assist in anything that might be asked of him, more especially when it would contribute to promoting the interests of the lodge. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities" said, they must be excellent charities, or they would not be so well supported as they were. He hoped to be better acquainted with them than he was at present, and whatever he could do he should be happy to do for them. Bro. Davage, P.M., Treasurer, D.C. and W.S. replied, Charity was the great principle of Freemasonry. He had been several times Steward for the Masonic Institutions, and had had an opportunity of seeing their work. There was no brother round the table who would at any time be unwilling to support them or to pay them a visit. They were open daily for the inspection of any brother, whether he contributed to them or not; and he begged that the brethren would go and see how well they were conducted. His own experience of them was that they were conducted perfectly and in the true spirit of Freemasonry. He was very pleased to hear that the W.M. would become a Steward; and for himself he might say he was highly gratified when that privilege was accorded to him. The brethren of the Jordan Lodge had frequently contributed liberally, and he had no doubt that the brethren would support the prestige of this old and ancient lodge. Bro. Robinson replied as Secretary, and Bro. Davage as Treasurer, to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," and the brethren after the other toasts had been disposed of, drank the Tyler's toast. Bro. Simpson hoped that the bill which was to take place would be of great benefit to the Institutions. The brethren enjoyed some excellent singing during the evening.

REPORTS, etc., intended for insertion in current number, should reach the Office, (198, Fleet-street), by 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesdays.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

OLD KINGS' ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 17th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present, Bros. Joseph Farmaner, W.M.; T. J. Thomas, S.W.; C. T. Church, J.W.; Paas, Treas.; D. Crombie, Sec.; G. H. Wright, D.C.; Charles Tighe, P.M., and a large number of brethren. Among the visitors we noticed, Bros. Alderman S. C. Hadley, P.G.D.C.; Alderman Knight, Nelson Reed, Donald Dewar, Felton, C.C.; George Kenning, Dossell, Latrielle, T. Loveridge, C.C., and many other brethren. Bro. Chas. Tighe installed Bro. T. J. Thomas into the W.M.'s chair, in such a manner as to call forth a vote of thanks, which was proposed and carried with acclamation. The W.M. invested Bros. Joseph Farmaner, I.P.M.; C. T. Church, S.W.; J. Hainsworth, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; D. Crombie, Sec.; W. R. Thomas, S.D.; W. W. Rust, J.D.; Morell Mackenzie, I.G.; G. H. Wright, D.C. The brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where there was awaiting them a bountiful dinner, served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. Best. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. most effectively. Bro. Alderman Simeon C. Hadley, P.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers." A selection of music was performed by Bros. Lester, Montem Smith, and Chaplin Henry, contributing very much to the pleasures of the evening.

LODGE OF TEMPERANCE (No. 169).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday the 16th inst. The W.M. Bro. Denton, assisted by his officers opened the lodge punctually at 5 o'clock, the time specified on the summons. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report of the financial position of the lodge was received, read, and adopted; by which it appears that success waits upon all its proceedings and above all Charity finds kind friends with open hands to assist her. During the year £10 10s. has been given to the Girls' School, £10 to the old men and women, and a sum of £20 to the widow of a deceased member. At the last meeting a vote of twenty guineas was passed and ordered to be entered on the list of Bro. Brown, (the Treasurer who stands Steward at the next festival for the Girls' School), and at this meeting the brethren were unanimous in voting £10 10s. for the old men and women. The W.M. then, for the benefit of Bros. Elliott and Haynes, worked the Second Degree, they being passed accordingly; after which Bro. George Longman Moore, the W.M. elect, was duly presented for installation, the ceremony being most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. Denton, the retiring W.M., subsequently the brethren unanimously voting that the "thanks of the brethren be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the ceremony had been worked." The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Denton, the retiring W.M., I.P.M.; Predam, S.W.; Monk, J.W.; George Brown, P.M., who at the previous meeting had been unanimously re-elected, was re-invested Treas.; Neeld, P.M. re-appointed and re-invested Sec.; Zachariasen, S.D.; William Mallett, J.D.; E. W. Wilson, I.G.; and Geodard, re-appointed Tyler. The W.M. in the name of the brethren then presented to Bro. Denton, the I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel which had been voted with enthusiastic unanimity by the brethren at the last meeting, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which the lodge had been presided over, and the business conducted during the past year. The proceedings were then brought to a close in the accustomed way, the brethren retiring to partake of a banquet supplied by mine host of the White Swan, Bro. Frederick Morgan, and no niggardly praise is due to the worthy brother for the self-sacrifice and denial

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—On Friday, the 17th inst., the brethren of this old lodge held their annual meeting at Freemasons' Hall, for the installation of a new W.M. Bro. Robert C. Read, W.M., presided, and previous to the installation, passed Bro. Day, and initiated Messrs. B. Bangerter, G. J. Brailey, T. Willis, and J. Palmer. Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, afterwards installed in the chair Bro. James Smith, the proprietor of Mullens's Hotel, Ironmonger-lane, J.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the current year. The brethren appointed to office were, Bros. Robert C. Read, I.P.M.; Hyland, S.W.; Payn, J.W.; T. B. Davage, P.M., Treas.; Peter Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Wallis, S.D.; Dovey, J.D.; Cressey, I.G.; and Parkinson, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, and the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. C. Read, I.P.M., Bro. R. T. Elsam initiated Mr. J. B. Ottaway in the early mysteries of the Order. Among the brethren present were, Past Masters R. T. Elsam, Edward Spooner, George Whitley, Peter Wagner, Peter Robinson, F. B. Davage, and visitors, Bros. E. J. Bowen, 1310, J. B. Brown, P.M. 1399; W. Cook, 1580, Prov. G.S. Herts; J. Stock, W.M. 1178; and H. Massey P.M. 619 (Freemason). After the work of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren closed down, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor. The customary toasts followed. After honouring the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Robert C. Read, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure the brethren had taken the proper course in electing Bro. James Smith, the J.W. of the lodge, to the high and important office of W.M. To dilate properly on the qualities of Bro. Smith required an eloquence which he (Bro. Read) was not master of; but he might say that since Bro. Smith's initiation that brother had been such an excellent Mason as well as a man that it was impossible the brethren could forget him. By his working, his assiduity, and his kindly temperament, he had endeared himself to all the brethren, and he firmly believed that at the end of Bro. Smith's year of office he would be presented by the brethren with as handsome and valuable a testimonial of the brethren's esteem as he (Bro. Read) had that evening had the honour of being the recipient of. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and said he wished he could feel he deserved the flattering remarks of Bro. Read, but at least he would promise this, that he would pay all the attention that it was possible for man to pay to his duties during his year of office; and if he lacked ability in the discharge of his functions he should look to the brethren to view it with a lenient eye. Bros. Bangerter, Brailey, Willis, and Palmer responded to the toast of "The Initiates," but Bro. Ottaway was not present at the banquet, pressure of business calling him away immediately after the closing of the lodge. The brethren who responded expressed the hope that they would become good Masons, to which end they would exert themselves to the utmost. Bros. Bower, Stock, Cook, and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors." The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that a great deal of gratitude was due to those brethren for the kindness they at all times exhibited in assisting in the work of the lodge. That kindness had been again shown that evening, when Past Masters filled various offices. It must be a gratification to those brethren that their works were appreciated, and he was sure they ever would be, for the brethren could not forget that however humble the office that was vacant, any Past Master, however old he might be, filled it, and showed the same efficiency in his duties as if he was a junior member striving with all his might to attain the chair. Bro. Robert C. Read, I.P.M., in reply, said he should always endeavour to support the chair, and would always be ready to take any office which might be vacant. Bro. Spooner, P.M., said he was the Senior Past Master of the Lodge, and though he did not not often come he was ever pleased to be among the brethren. He was extremely gratified at the way in which he had been received, and he was pleased to see the lodge in such a prosperous condition. He thought it was going on in a fair way to become one of the best lodges in the Craft. The working he had witnessed afforded him much pleasure. Bro. Elsam had conducted the ceremonies of installation in a very able manner, and Bro. Read had certainly contributed very much to the success of the chair by performing his duties in a highly creditable way. He should always be ready to enhance the work of the lodge, and he hoped he should live many years to see the

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last, the W. Bro. A. M. Cohen (P.M.), W.M. in the chair. The lodge was opened at four o'clock and there was a large attendance of brethren. As soon as the lodge was opened the ordinary business on the agenda was proceeded with. This included the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, the confirmation of the minutes of an emergency meeting held on the 22nd of January, the confirmation of the minutes of the Audit-Committee, the reading of the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, and a communication from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. This communication was in reply to an address of condolence which on the motion of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., and Hon. Sec., seconded by Bro. Cohen, P.M., had been forwarded from the Lodge of Israel to the Grand Master in consequence of the death of the Princess Alice. The following is a copy of the reply. "Sindvingham, Kings Lynn. Mr. Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank the members of the Lodge of Israel for their address of condolence on the occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse, and to assure them that His Royal Highness is much touched by the kind and fraternal expressions of sympathy which they have addressed to him in his affliction. 1st. January, 1879. To Charles Hogard, Esq. The ceremony of raising Bro. J. J. Milburn, followed the reading of the above communication, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Cohen, ably assisted by his officers. The lodge was afterwards resumed in the Second Degree when Bro. A. Bassington, W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Cohen having addressed the lodge, obligated Bro. Bassington in due form. The brethren of lower rank then retired and a Board of Installed Masters was formed to whom Bro. Bassington was presented, and his installation completed. On the return of the brethren the W.M. was formally proclaimed and greeted in the Three Degrees, after which he appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Phillips, S.W.; Norden, J.W.; Hogard, Secretary; Coote, Treasurer; Gomperts, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Da Silva, I.G.; H. M. Harris, D.C.; Abraham Abrahams, Steward; Rawles, Tyler, and Bro. Cohen concluded the ceremony with the customary addresses to the Master, officers, and lay brethren. Bro. Harris, P.M., then rose and said that it gave him great pleasure, for which he was indebted to the members of the lodge, to have been deputed to present to Bro. Cohen the testimonial which had been voted to him by the brethren, and which was before them. Such a task required but few remarks from him, those present being so perfectly acquainted with the good qualities of Bro. Cohen. He (the speaker) might tell them that a testimonial had

been voted to Bro. Cohen, and it was intended that it should have taken the form of a jewel. Bro. Cowen, however, had an abundance of jewels already, and on being consulted preferred a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and an illuminated vellum like that before them. Bro. Harris, after a few further remarks read the address (which was a very beautiful piece of workmanship) which ran as follows:—"Lodge of Israel, 205. This Testimonial, together with a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons (purchased at his request) is presented to W. Bro. Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., and President of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, as a token of esteem and appreciation of the ability evinced by him as W.M. during the past year, by members of the above lodge, trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant him health, happiness, and long life to continue to watch over the lodge, of which he has been for 35 years one of the chief supporters. Signed on behalf of the lodge this 28th day of January, A.L. 5879. A.D. 1879.—A. Basington, W.M.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. and Hon. Sec." Bro. Cohen in acknowledging the honour done him said that his heart was much too full at that moment to allow him to say all that he could desire in return for this exhibition of the regard of the brethren. It was necessary to think also of the comfort of those present, and therefore he would not delay the proceedings by any further remarks, hoping to have an opportunity of doing so later in the evening. Bro. Cohen then drew attention to a notice of motion he had placed on the agenda:—"That the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the 'Chambers' Testimonial." Chambers was the head waiter at the hotel, and a testimonial was being got up for him by the Masonic lodges using the house. The motion was seconded by Bro. Hogard, and carried unanimously, after which the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where an elegant repast was admirably served to them. In noticing the banquet we must compliment Bro. Hogard, the Secretary, as the taste evinced in preparing the card containing the menu and list of toasts, which is provided with a margin containing words of welcome and good cheer culled from the writings of Shakespeare, such as: "The feast smells well" (*Carolanus*), "Pray sit down, for now we sit to chat as well as eat" (*Taming the Shrew*), "Bring in the banquet quickly" (*Anthony and Cleopatra*), "There is full liberty of feasting till the bell has tolled" (*Othello*), and others equally appropriate. When the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and responded to, but there was nothing of public interest in any of the speeches. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Cohen, and responded to in a very few words. Bro. Cohen addressed the brethren of the lodge on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, for which he pleaded with his customary zeal, but reminded those present that as the fund was exclusively for the benefit of members of the lodge they could not receive any of the donations which visitors so frequently and so generously urged upon them. Bro. Hogard announced that the sum of £13 2s. had been collected at the table. There were, however, some further donations handed in subsequently, the amount of which did not transpire. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and Bro. Cohen in responding, again referred to the very handsome testimonial with which he had been presented. Such a mark of their esteem was very gratifying to him, and it was most pleasing to him to have been made by them a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities, for which he had stood Steward in former times. "The Healths of the Visitors, Past Masters, and the Officers of the Lodge," were also duly honoured, and the proceedings concluded as usual with the Tyler's toast. The meeting was a large one, and there were many visitors present, among whom we noticed, Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. A. Coltebrune, P.G. Purs.; J. R. Harrison, Prov. G. Chap. for Kent; D. Pinner, W.M. 185; Jacob Lazarus, W.M. 1017; George Buckland, W.M. 1317; Lewis Lazarus, P.M. 188; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19; Arthur Mayer, 1704, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present, Bros. Edward J. Southwell, W.M.; R. v. David Shaboe, S.W.; Sindall, J.W.; D. W. Pearce; H. G. Buss, P.G.T., Sec.; Henry Phythian, P.M.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.D.G.M.; David Bindoff, John William Saunders, Leopold Ruff, Hugh Mackay Gordon, Chas. Sadler, and other brethren. Visitors, Bro. Chas. Atkins; Dawson; George Kenning, P.P.G.D., and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward J. Southwell installed Bro. Rev. David Shaboe, P.P.G. Chaplain, in a very able manner. Bro. Shaboe invested Bros. Sindall, S.W.; Gordon, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Treas. D. W. Pearce, Sec. A vote of thanks and a presentation of the value of ten guineas was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously, to Bro. H. G. Buss for his valuable services to the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to a well spread banquet under the personal supervision of the host, Bro. Sadler.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Agricultural Hall on Friday, the 24th ult. The W.M. Bro. I. J. Combs presided, and was supported by his office bearers, Bros. Sim, I.P.M.; Somers, P.M.; G. T. Rowly, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treasurer; J. Osborne, Secretary; Wm. Norris, S.D.; W. T. Poulton, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, Organist; H. Field, I.G.; and J. G. Russell, Steward. The following members were present:—Bro. J. Kitchiner, E. Percy, C. Parslow, W. Payne, E. Payne, R. R. Allison, E. Abrams, S.

Hollidge, and G. Tarrant. There was only one visitor present, Bro. J. Cogan, W.M. (1365). The lodge having been opened the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously agreed to. Bro. H. L. Godolphin, of the Friar's Lodge (No. 1349) proposed by Bro. Sun, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Somers, P.M.; and A. H. Chisholm, of St. Anthony's Lodge (No. 154 S.C.) proposed by Bro. Lee, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Somers, P.M., were then balloted for as joining members, and declared duly affiliated. Mr. James Alexander was formally elected and initiated into the mysteries and secrets of Freemasonry. The next business before the lodge being to raise Bros. Kitchiner and Pelikan, it was opened in the Second Degree, and these brethren having satisfactorily gone through the usual preliminary examination retired, and the lodge being opened in the third degree, were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. This constituting the principal business before the meeting the lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Giny, P.M., proposed the following resolution:—"That a Royal Arch Chapter be formed in connection with this lodge." The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Osborne, having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried. On the motion of Bro. Somers, S.M., seconded by Bro. Sim, W.M., two guineas were voted to Bro. Worthington, of the Ranelagh Lodge. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall and partook of refreshments. The various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and after spending two or three pleasant hours together the brethren separated.

KILBURN LODGE (No. 1609).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Queen's Arms Hotel on the 27th ult. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. George Kiallmark, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Chas. Brewer, S.W.; J. W. Cuff, J.W.; Geo. Everett, Treasurer; Samuel Brooks, Secretary; George H. Goody, J.D.; J. Parry Cole, P.M., Org.; and Frederick J. Baker, Steward. In the absence of the S.D. Bro. Fletcher kindly officiated in that capacity, Bro. Frederick Brewer, in the absence of the I.J.G., performing the duties of that officer. The members present were—John Palmer, P.M.; J. Terry, P.M.; Thomas Corns, Charles Greenwood, Frederick Brewer, T. H. P. Hartley, H. B. Phillips, G. B. M. Fletcher, George A. Barclay, G. W. Powell, John Holmes, Alfred B. Bennet, P.M.; Haswelly Turner, Alfred Webster, John Ambrose, John J. Paddon, J. Hawes, Henry W. Kiallmark, Philip D. Jacob, W. Blackburn, Harry T. Smith, and A. Price. Visitors, Geo. Towers, 177; F. Briggs, 25; A. B. Haden, 180; J. Bidley, 1314; H. Wharton, P.P.G.C., Bucks; R. Preyman, 105; G. L. Everett, 177; Chas. H. Spiller, 49; J. W. F. Cox, 1314; Wm. Body Date Wall, 34; E. W. Thompson, 55; E. Little, 511; E. Harrison, P.M. 27; S. Carrington, J.W. 1314; R. Baker, 188; H. Roberts, 55; J. Hevenson, 1576; J. Kent, 177; J. Marshall, 1768; Edwin Lancaster, P.M. 87; G. J. E. Marsh, 1586; John Percival, 177; Edward White, W.M. 177; J. C. Dawson, 108; Edward Wyer, 780; J. T. P. Hyatt, 1314; Geo. Penn, P.M. 1642; T. J. Drew, P.M. 157; J. Hood, 201; W. H. Roberts, 23; S. J. Parker, 84; James Kenning, 1357; Howard Reynolds, 1314; F. Binckes, P.G.S. and A. H. Chisholme (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 241), was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously admitted. Bro. Kiallmark then proceeded to raise Bros. T. Corns and John Frost Paddon, which done, he installed Bro. Charles Brewer, S.W., as W.M. for the current year, performing the ceremonies in a very able manner. The installation being completed, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Cuff, S.W.; Samuel Brooks, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treasurer; Alfred B. Webster, Sec.; Geo. Goody, S.D.; E. Brewer, J.D.; J. Parry Cole, Org.; F. J. Baker, I.G.; H. B. Phillips, D.C.; W. Blackburn, S.; and Charles Thomas, Tyler. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and the W.M. initiated Mr. J. G. E. Brewer into the mysteries of Freemasonry, going through the ceremony in a manner which proved his thorough acquaintance with the art. This constituting the business before the lodge, it was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, presided over by Bro. Kiallmark, I.P.M., the new W.M. having, in consequence of indisposition, to leave after the ceremony of initiating Mr. Brewer. The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by Bro. Thos. H. P. Hartley, of the Queen's Arms Hotel, in capital style, everything being of the most *recherché* description. After the banquet, grace was sung by Miss Susanna Cole, Miss Kate Tudor, and Mr. Milton, and the customary toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft" was drunk in true Masonic honours, the brethren remaining standing while they sang "God Save the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been proposed and warmly responded to, Miss Susanna Cole sang in excellent style "Bid me Discourse." In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Pro G.M.," the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the president thought the brethren were sometimes apt to undervalue the services not only of the super Grand Officers, but of the Grand Officers generally, yet he was perfectly sure that those services were of inestimable value to the Craft. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Howard Reynolds delighted the company with a correct *obligato* with masterly execution, after which Bro. F. Bines, P.G.S. and J. C. Wharton, P.P.G.C. (Buckingham) acknowledged the toast. The former said that he need hardly mention that the Earl of Carnarvon was a nobleman esteemed by every one, but especially were his services well appreciated in connection with Free-

masonry. With reference to the M.W.D.G.M. they all knew that his name was a household word. Whether as Deputy G.M. or in whatever connection they met him they had in Lord Skelmersdale one of the most genial and kindly English gentlemen that they could possibly be associated with in any circumstances, and one who discharged his duties most faithfully and efficiently in the responsible position in which he was placed. The W.M., again rising, said the next toast he had the honour to propose was the most important perhaps of the evening, namely, "The Health of the W.M. Bro. Charles Brewer." He could not tell them with how much regret it was that he had to propose the W. Master's health in his absence. Not that he believed that the reception of the toast would be any less cordial on that account, but because he should have liked to see in the faces of them all and to hear in their voices the cordial recognition which he was sure they would give of his straightforward conduct, his thoroughly manly heart, and his genial disposition. As a Mason, their W.M. had shown them a proof of his intentions that afternoon, by coming from a sick bed which he had scarcely left for seven weeks in order to be present on that occasion, at the same time performing his duties in a manner which was highly creditable to him. He (the speaker) thought it was a good augury for the brethren that during the coming year they would have a W.M. who would carry out in their integrity the tenets and principles of the Order. The last was enthusiastically drunk, and Mr. Milton, who was in excellent voice, sang "The Village Blacksmith." The Treasurer then said that, in consequence of the deplorable absence of their much-respected W.M., it fell to his lot to propose "The Past Masters of the Kilburn Lodge." The lodge had now been two years in existence, and during that time the brethren had paid every penny in the formation and furnishing of the lodge. They had given 50 guineas to the charities during those two years, and they were putting Bro. Brewer into the chair as third W.M. with a balance of over £40. At the outset they had determined, whilst doing everything they could to insure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren, that the charities should not be forgotten. They made that their stand-point all through their career, and they might rest assured they intended making it their stand-point in time to come. They had supported the old men and women with 25 guineas, they had given 25 guineas to the girls, and Bro. Brewer was going up this year on behalf of the boys with a similar amount. But when he told them that the lodge had given 50 guineas to the charities during the last two years, that represented scarcely more than a sixth of what they had sent to the charities. Through the generosity of the brethren, Bros. Kiallmark and Palmer were enabled to take up 300 guineas during the two years of the lodge's existence on behalf of charities. He himself was on the list, and took up 156 guineas on behalf of the girls, and he was proud to say that he stood second on the list out of 196 lodges. They had done this, and they were determined to go on and do the like again. He did not think he could say anything more with regard to the toast he had the honour to propose, because he had no desire to make a long speech, but he felt he could not propose the health of the W.M. first Master of the lodge without saying a word or two about the great thing that had been done during their membership. They had established themselves, they had enjoyed themselves, they had given such entertainment to their visitors as made their lodge almost proverbial for its hospitality, and, in spite of all that, they had not been unmindful of their poorer brethren, in short they had done more than any other lodge in the same period. The toast was cordially responded to, after which Miss Kate Tudor sang very effectively the beautiful melody from the "Bohemian Girl," "I Dreamt that I Dwelt in Marble Halls." Bros. Past Masters Kiallmark and Palmer very graciously acknowledged the toast. The presiding Master then said the toast he had next to propose was dear to the heart of every Mason, namely, "The Health of the Initiator." The brethren had been sufficiently happy that evening to find a recruit who, he was sure, would be an honour not only to the Kilburn Lodge in particular, but to the Craft in general. Mr. Pulton then sang "Mighty Pasha," with capital effect, and Bro. J. E. Brewer briefly responded. In proposing "The Visitors" the presiding Master remarked that the lodge was generally strong in visitors. Well, the brethren of Kilburn Lodge were glad that it should be so. He assured them, at all events, that if they had failed in any of the duties of the working of their lodge one most important element of good fellowship was attained in bringing around them brethren from other quarters. On the present occasion they were well represented, and he asked the brethren to give them a hearty welcome. Seeing that there were their y-eight present he might be excused if he did not mention all their names. Suffice it to say that some of them were men of great distinction and worth, such as Bros. T. Bines and G. S. Wharton, P.P.G.C. (Bucks), with whose names he had much pleasure in coupling the toast. Miss Susanna Cole then sang the well-known air "Jannette and Jeannot." Bro. Wharton, in reply, said he was sorry that out of the 38 visitors a better man had not been found to return thanks for them than himself. He supposed that one reason was that the W.M. had chosen his unhappy name as he happened to be one of the visitors perhaps nearest home to the Kilburn Lodge. He was sorry the lodge was not in his own parish. A very narrow ditch divided them, but he must confess it was not the fault of the members of the lodge, but only his own, or rather the result of his own engagements that he had not been a visitor at it before. He had had frequent invitations which he had always been obliged to refuse. Now, to-night he found himself amongst them it afforded him considerable pleasure. He knew that amongst

those who were visitors there were some who, should they begin to talk together, would find in their history a great many converging points. Let him say that as a clergyman he had had frequent opportunities to thank God that he was a Freemason. In his parish it had often enabled him to do and say things and to overcome difficulties that he would not have done without his connection with Freemasonry. He could look back with very great pride to the time when he first, like their brother initiate that evening saw the light in the glorious Apollo Lodge, at Oxford; since then he had had the opportunity of working his way from the I.G. to W.M. in a grander lodge, and passing on to the Prov. G. Lodge of his county where he had the opportunity and the happiness of making many staunch friends who, he hoped, would be friends through life. He thanked them very much on behalf of his thirty-seven brethren for drinking their health, and he trusted it would not be the last opportunity the brethren of Kilburn would give them of returning thanks for the visitors. The next toast was "The Masonic Charities," in proposing which the acting W.M. said that he need not tell them that Freemasonry was nothing without charity. He could scarcely conceive of any better investment than that of laying up any spare money one might possess, for the education of the boy or girl of a distressed Mason, or for providing against old age. Miss Tudor, then very appropriately gave a pathetic rendering of "My lodgings on the cold ground" which was very warmly applauded. Bro. Terry, P.M., very briefly replied, and was followed by Bro. Bines, P.G.S., who after some preparatory remarks to the effect that in the minds of Freemasons the three Charities should never be the subject of invidious preference, inasmuch as these institutions stood on one common platform, went on to say that as Masons they had to provide for both sexes in the decline of life, and for the young of both sexes on their entrance into life. They were three distinct institutions, that could only appeal to Masons for support. Brethren had heard a great deal lately, and a great deal had been written about what real Masonic charity was. Well, he simply and without any reserve or hesitation whatever, as he had expressed in writing, so would he say to them *vis a voce*, that unless every man who offered himself as a worthy candidate for admission into the ranks of this Order, thoroughly understood, appreciated, and acted up to the obligations administered to him of doing something in the way of practical charity, that man did not understand what Freemasonry really was. He was not now going to occupy time by a discourse as to what charity generally meant. They all knew that it was a synonym for love, that it meant the bearing and forbearing with each other's weaknesses, and all those other little matters that affected them as citizens and men of the world, in short that they should be charitable to each other, and make allowances where they differed. But he did say that there was a specific, undeniable, and distinct claim laid upon the shoulders of every candidate who was admitted into their Order, that he should do something, however small it might be (and God, in His mercy, knew that he should be the last one in the world to ask any one to exceed the means he had at his command), in support of the distressed portion of what he had often called the "household faith." After a few more remarks of a similar import, Bro. Bines went on to say that he, and such as he, did not address their appeals for help to those who were liberal supporters of the Charities, but they must not forget that they had this fact staring them in the face, which must not be ignored and could not be gain-said, that the great majority of the members of their Order did not contribute anything whatever to the Masonic Charities, and as long as the brethren found those uncultivated fields,—those lands lying fallow, so long was it their bounden duty to endeavour to stimulate into wholesome action those who had not done anything to fulfil the obligation he had alluded to? Their work would not be done until the great majority, not the minority, as it now was, were made to support the charitable institutions of their Order. The presiding Master here announced that Bro. Bines' earnest reminder of a Mason's duties had been followed by subscriptions amounting to over £150, a statement which drew forth loud cheers. Bro. Hyatt then sang "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," in excellent style, and "The Officers" having been drunk and replied to, the toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons, &c.," brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Parry Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O., whilst the W.S., left nothing to be desired in his attention to the comfort of the brethren.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—A meeting of this ancient and flourishing lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on the 13th ult., the chief interest being the installation of Bro. C. F. Jarrold, W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was preceded by raising Bro. Ennon to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the initiation of Mr. Frank Piggott, who had been unanimously elected. The Worshipful Master, Bro. B. Chennell, resigned the gavel to Bro. J. Dimmock, P.M., P.G.H., the Installing Master, who as a skilled workman performed the ancient ceremony in a most able manner. The musical part was performed by the Organist, Bro. W. Purchas. At the close of the ceremony the Worshipful Master made the following appointments:—Bros. B. Chennell, I.P.M.; A. H. Moyes, S.W.; T. Hunnybun, J.W.; J. V. Pryor, S.D.; C. W. Palmer, J.D.; A. Thompson, I.G.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas.; T. Nichols, Sec.; C. A. Smith, D.C.; W. Davidson, P.M., Steward; B. Chennell, P.M., Chap.; W. Purchas, Org. The lodge was closed in solemn form, when about fifty brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Bro. C. F. Jarrold, W.M., presided, supported by the Past Masters of the lodge. The invited visitors composed the Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. H. Rance, P.M.) and several other brethren, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

EXMOUTH.—Sun Lodge (No. 106).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge-room, at the Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, on Wednesday the 15th inst., at three p.m., for the purpose of their yearly installation of a Worshipful Master to preside over them. The choice had fallen on Bro. W. Creasy, and, having been duly presented by Past Master T. Freeman, the worthy brother was duly and impressively installed by Bro. W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T., whose excellent working and perfect acquaintance with the ritual invested the proceedings with more than usual interest. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year, and a kindly word was given to each as he received his collar:—W. G. Lacey, I.P.M.; S. G. Blackmore, S.W.; E. Bishop, J.W.; W. Thomas, Treasurer; T. P. Jones, Registrar; A. A. Carter, Secretary; W. Cocks, S.D.; J. R. Stevens, J.D.; J. H. Clode, D.C.; P. Sylvester, S.B.; H. B. Starke, Org.; J. Wills, B.B.; H. F. Platt, J. James, and F. Dutton, Stewards; F. Burridge, I.G.; W. White, Tyler. Bro. W. Brodie, P.G.J.D., was called upon by the Worshipful Installing Master to deliver the address to the Wardens and brethren. Bro. Past Master W. T. Maynard was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The lodge was then closed in peace, order and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of the customary banquet, which was served in admirable style by Mrs. Bastin, and thoroughly enjoyed by nearly fifty of the brethren, amongst whom were the following, viz.:—Bros. Captain W. E. Stone, P.P.G.J.W.; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T.; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; W. Brodie, P.G. J.D.; W. Haymes, P.P.G.P.; H. B. Starke, P.P.G.O.; G. Bishop, P.G.S.B.; W. Thomas, P.M.; A. A. Carter, P.M.; T. Higgs, P.M.; G. W. Legge, P.M.; W. Vinnicombe, P.M.; G. C. Maynard, P.M.; W. G. Lacey, P.M.; W. Creasy, W.M.; G. W. Madge, W.M. 372; J. R. Stevens, P. Sylvester, W. Cocks, E. Bishop, F. Burridge, F. Dutton, E. Arnold, J. H. Clode, F. Collins, J. Matthews, H. F. Platt, E. O. Bence, S. G. Blackmore, J. Bennetts, F. Horn, J. T. Horne, H. E. Thompson, T. P. Jones, J. Turner, J. Wills, J. R. Cheall, W. Gifford, R. J. Hutchings, J. Lindsay, W. Perry, J. Kitto, W. White, &c. After the tables had been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, and the P.G. Officers, Past and Present, being especially well received. Bro. W. Brodie, whose name was coupled with the toast responded. The brethren who had subscribed the necessary sum then drew numbers for a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, Bro. E. Bishop, the newly-appointed Junior Warden, drawing the Life Governorship ticket, of the value of five guineas, which confers a vote, at each election of an annuitant, during the lifetime of the Governor. The toast list having been gone through, some excellent songs were sung, and the convivial spirit reigned supreme until the brethren separated.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. J. J. Taylor, of Marazion, who has filled the S.W.'s chair during the past year, was installed W.M. by his predecessor in office, Bro. W. H. Kinsman, who in the impressive ceremony was assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. F. Boase, P.P.G.S.W.; I. Levin, P.P.G. S.D.; J. Maxwell, S. H. James (St. Just.), C. Read, Beringer, W. A. Gerry (Prov. G.O.); Past Masters of 121; and H. S. Hill, W.M. 323 (Plymouth). The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M.; A. O. Michell (Marazion), S.W.; James Lovell, jun., J.W.; Rev. R. W. Aitken, Chaplain; C. Read, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; G. H. Small, Sec.; F. Holman, S.D.; M. Sampson, J.D.; F. Rodda, I.G.; J. C. Simpson, D.C.; W. A. Gerry, O.; W. Colenso, S.S.; G. Wedlake, J.S.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. Bro. Levin, P.M., was re-elected Steward of the Masonic Annuity Fund. On the motion of W. Bro. Boase, seconded by W. Bro. Levin, the retiring W.M. was cordially thanked for his devotion to the office and the excellent example he had set to his successors. W. Bro. Kinsman acknowledged the compliment. Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded to W. Bro. Read, many years Treasurer, and to Bro. Lovell, who for five years had been the courteous and indefatigable Secretary of the lodge. W. Bro. Read, in returning thanks, expressed a belief that if the lodge continued to prosper as it had during the last two years, they would be in a position to consider the advisability of erecting a building of their own. At the close of the lodge, W. Bro. Gerry, P.M., on behalf of the subscribers, presented to W. Bro. Kinsman a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. The brethren adjourned to W. Bro. Mitchell's Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was tastefully spread and admirably served. W. Bro. J. J. Taylor, W.M., who presided, had issued a large number of invitations, but not a few brethren had had to decline in consequence of business engagements in connection with the failure of the Cornish Bank. Bro. Boase, P.M., was kept away by a professional engagement, but he sent a fraternal greeting. Bro. the Rev. R. W. Aitken was absent through indisposition. In proposing "The Queen and Craft," the W.M. said that as an American-born citizen, it gave him peculiar pleasure to propose this toast, for all the world over he had ever found the name of the Queen of England honoured and beloved. To them as Masons she was especially dear, as the daughter of a past and the mother of their present G.M. W. Bro. C. Read followed with "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family," requesting the brethren to testify to their sympathy with the Royal Family in their bereavement by drinking the toast in silence. "The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro. G.M. the Earl of Carnar-

von;" and "The D.G.M. the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale and officers of G.L.," were next given by W. Bros. Read, Maxwell, and Levin respectively; and then in terms of eulogy Bro. A. O. Michell, S.W., submitted "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe and the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall," appropriate response being made by Bro. Read, P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. Levin, P.P.G.S.D.; and Bro. Gerry, Prov. G.O. W. Bro. Kinsman then gave the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of Mount Sinai," remarking that Bro. Taylor first came amongst them a stranger in a strange land, but they soon found in him one whose whole heart and soul was in Freemasonry, and who in his life exemplified its principles. Every member was bound to feel that in their present W.M. they had one who would rule the lodge well and wisely. W. Bro. Taylor responded in a thoughtful speech. Very proud indeed did he feel of the honour that day conferred on him, for he believed he was the first American-born citizen that had filled the chair of a lodge in the county and probably of any lodge in England. To Bro. Michell, their S.W., he owed the pleasure of introduction into Freemasonry—a great and glorious institution. The high and honoured names connected with it was conclusive evidence that it was not a mere convivial society as many thought, or designed to upset authority; whilst the fact the clergy sought admission into it was proof that it was not an irreligious assembly. Masonry was truly a religious and a moral institution capable of accomplishing a great deal of good for the human race. Its historical associations too were of the greatest possible interest. It had been his pleasure to stand on the site of the temple at Jerusalem, from which Masons obtained most of their symbols, and to have slept in all that remained of that famous forest which supplied much of the material for the building of that temple; but tenfold would have been the pleasure if at that time of the visit he had been a Freemason. Freemasonry, in a figurative sense, was itself a magnificent temple, not indeed made with hands, but founded on the firm foundation of a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. It was true there was a spurious Masonry that was not built on that rock, and he regretted to say that they must now include in it the Grand Orient of France, which had eliminated the name of the Most High from its constitution. But that spurious form would long have died when true Masonry flourished, every member a stone in a temple far exceeding in beauty the temple of King Solomon. None should enter the Order but from the purest motives, determined ever to exercise the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. In conclusion, Bro. Taylor expressed the fervent hope that when the great ocean should divide them his memory would still remain fresh in their hearts as theirs would in his. "The Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Kinsman had worked well and worthily, with the result of being an adept in the Masonic art. It had given him unfeigned pleasure to be his S.W. Bro. Kinsman feelingly responded. He was glad of having had the opportunity of doing anything for an institution that did so much to soften and relieve the asperities and troubles of life, and proud of having presided over so important a lodge. "The Past Masters of Mount Sinai" was the next toast, and W. Bro. Read, responding, took the opportunity of welcoming to their ranks W. Bro. Kinsman, whose industry had not been surpassed by any W.M. of the year, and who had installed his successor with an effect and solemnity he had never witnessed before. W. Bro. Lovell having congratulated the lodge on the prosperity of the past year, and expressed himself confident that equal prosperity would attend the coming year, proposed "The Wardens and Officers of Mount Sinai," and Bros. Michell and Lovell suitably acknowledged the compliment. The next toast was "The Visiting Brethren," and the W.M. gave expression to his regret that the financial disaster in the county had deprived them of the pleasure of the presence of some worthy brethren. In a few hearty words the toast was given by W. Bro. Gerry, who believed that the permanent advancement of Masonry was promoted by a cordial intercourse between lodges. W. Bro. Trevithick, W.M. 450, and W. Bro. Eustice, P.M. 450, responded, congratulating the W.M. (a member of their lodge) on his preferment. Bro. H. C. Martin, of Dutch "De Goede Troef" (The Good Trust) Lodge, Capetown, also responded, remarking that he could conscientiously say, although he had visited many lodges, he had not been more cordially or more fraternally treated than he had at Mount Sinai Lodge, and he should not fail to let his lodge at Capetown know it. Especially did he thank Bro. Wedlake for introducing him. "The Initiates" was the next toast, and Bros. Laity and Edkins responded. The important toast of "The Masonic Charities" was entrusted to W. Bro. Lewin, who remarked that the Cornish province had its Annuity Fund instituted by their late G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith, and now existing on a very sound and firm basis. Its income was about £300 a year, derived from £2000 to £2500 capitalised subscriptions from lodges and chapters, and from the individual contributions of the brethren. The income provided annuities for £20 a year to four deserving Masons, afforded assistance to widows, and grants from £15 to £20 a year to assist in educating children of deceased brethren of the province. First established of the general Masonic Charities was the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which had between three and four hundred annuitants, the men receiving £40 a year and the women £23. This institution in some measure was proof that the fraternity practised the great virtues it professed. But, in addition, there was the Masonic School, which clothed, maintained, and educated 200 girls and 220 boys; and last year these three institutions received upwards of £40,000 in subscriptions from the brethren. And it should be remembered that every province, like that of Cornwall, had its own special Masonic charities; so that they could proudly and truly say that one of the brightest ornaments

of the Order was charity. In truth did he believe that when a man became a Freemason he gave more rein to his charitable and benevolent feelings, was not so narrow-minded, enlarged his heart, and became cosmopolitan. During the last few months disaster had been stealing through the country, and unfortunately it had come very near home to them, and there would be large claims on the Order in consequence, and he had no doubt that those claims would be fully met. (Hear, hear.) At the conclusion of W. Bro. Levin's speech Bro. Martin, of the Capetown Lodge, begged to be allowed to give a guinea to the charity fund of the lodge as an evidence of his fraternal feelings, and W. Bro. Levin, gratefully accepting it, mentioned that an appeal was about to be made on behalf of the Girls' School. W. Bro. Read, responding to the toast, mentioned that a member of Mount Sinai Lodge was the first recipient of the annuity fund, and that that member's daughter was about the same time admitted to the Girls' School. W. Bro. Gerry proposed "The Masonic Press," and Bro. H. S. Hill, W.M. 223, responded, "The Host and Hostess" were toasted, and highly praised for the character of the banquet. Bro. Holman proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. Lovell made a neat response. With the Tyler's toast, "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," one of the pleasantest St. John's festivals, as admitted by all, Mount Sinai Lodge had ever had, was brought to a close. The musical arrangements were excellent, thanks to Bro. J. Lovell, jun., whose services the W.M. cordially acknowledged. The J.W. himself sang in capital style "Old Tubal Cain," "Nancy Lee," "The Last Chord," &c., and, joined by W. Bro. Gerry, he gave "The Larboard Watch," while with Bro. Sampson he rendered "All's Well." Bro. Sampson, in excellent voice, sang, "The Fine Old English Gentlemen," (after the toast of "The Prov. G.M.") "My Sweetheart when a Boy," "Her bright smile haunts me still," &c. The glee, "Ye shepherds tell me," was also sung by the three brethren.

TRURO.—Lodge Fortitude (No. 131).—The festival of St. John was held on the 14th inst., when the W.M. elect., Bro. J. H. Sampson, S.W., was installed by Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.S.G.W., assisted by the following Board of I.Ms. Bro. J. J. Taylor, W.M., Mount Sinai, 121, Penzance; W. H. Christie, Phoenix, 331, Truro; W. J. Johns, R. John, N. B. Bullen, and E. Edwards. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bro. T. Chirgwin, I.P.M. and Treas.; T. Willcocks, S.W.; J. C. Furniss, J.W.; W. Porter, Chaplain; W. B. Morris, Sec.; H. C. Browne, Assistant Sec.; R. Lean, S.D.; S. Richards, J.D.; W. J. Green, Org.; Barlow, D.C.; R. Angel, I.G.; T. C. Mack, S.S.; G. M. Downing, J.S.; and J. Langdon, Tyler. The W.M. was elected Steward to the Royal Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, to the annual banquet, where the W.M. was supported on the right by Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; T. Chirgwin, and W. J. Johns, and on the left by Bro. E. T. Carlyon, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Tregoning, S. J. Taylor, 121, and W. H. Christie, 331.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (153 E.C.)—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, December 18th, in the lodge rooms at Armstrong's-buildings, and was very numerously attended. The D.D.G.M. Bro. Gibbard was present, and among the visitors were the following Masters and Past Masters:—Bro. Franceri, D.G.S.; Ross, Cunningham, Holiday, Barker, Conroy, Valerino, Luque, Jimenez, and Gavannah. The chair was taken by Bro. Conroy, W.M., and on the lodge being raised the W.M. elect, Bro. Bacon, was presented to the W.M. for installation. On the re-admission of the brethren below the chair and the customary salutes in the different degrees being given, the W.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. White, S.W.; King, J.W.; Armstrong, Treasurer; Ingate, Secretary; Button, S.D.; Allen, J.D.; Clifton, D.C.; Lyon, I.G.; Ghio, Tyler. Bro. Conway, I.P.M., then delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens in a most impressive and admirable manner. The D.D.G.M., Bro. Gibbard now rose, and in a short but very feeling speech passed several high encomiums on the I.P.M., and ended by proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Conroy for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. Barker, and the W.M. directed it to be entered in the minutes without putting it to the lodge. Bro. Conroy, in reply, said he was very much gratified by the vote of thanks, and remarked that he had endeavoured to do his work as well as possible, and was only too well rewarded by seeing what perfect satisfaction he had given to the brethren. After a vote of thanks to the Board of Installing Masters had been carried and suitably responded to by Bro. Ross a vote of thanks was proposed to the D.D.G.M. for his kind attendance. Brother Gibbard, in returning thanks, said that he took a great interest in the Inhabitants' Lodge, and had watched its progress with great interest, and ended by complimenting the lodge on the excellence of its working. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast was prepared for them by Bro. Miranda. After ample justice had been done to the good things, the table was cleared and the W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk heartily, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was "The Three Grand Masters, England, Ireland, Scotland," proposed by the W.M. in a few appropriate remarks. This was heartily responded to, and was followed by airs on the piano illustrative of the countries mentioned. The next toast, proposed by Bro. White, S.W., was "The District Grand Officers," which was re-

sponded to by Bro. Jimenez, who wished the lodge all success and prosperity. The I.P.M. now proposed the health of the newly-elected W.M., and in the course of his remarks said that he handed over the chair to Bro. Bacon with great pleasure, being sure that the lodge would improve and prosper under his guidance. The W.M., in reply, said that the position he occupied at that moment was one of great pride, and regretted very much that he could not express, as he would wish, his gratification at the trust reposed in him by the brethren. It was a position of great honour and responsibility, and it should be his utmost endeavour, with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the hearty co-operation of his officers, to give perfect satisfaction to all. The W.M. then proceeded to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Conroy, and remarked that the year they had completed had been a very important one in the history of the lodge, and a very arduous one for the W.M., for it had been marked by two great events, the Canterbury Festival and the removal of the lodge rooms. Through this year of hard labour the I.P.M. had passed triumphantly and furnished an excellent example to succeeding masters. Bro. Conroy, in the course of his reply, said that he owed a great deal of his success to the assistance which he had received from his officers, and hoped that the P.M. would be as fortunate in that respect as he was. "The Health of the Incoming and Outgoing Officers" was then drunk and suitably responded to by Bro. White (incoming) and Bro. Briggs (outgoing). The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said the lodge offered them a hearty welcome. Bro. Cottrell and Turner returned thanks, expressing the great pleasure they always derived from witnessing the working of the lodge, and the kind manner in which they were always received. Some excellent songs by several of the brethren contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this old lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the meeting was attended by a numerous and highly influential representation of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. W. Serjeant, W.M., P.G.S.D., and amongst the "leaders in the Craft" who supported him were the following officers:—Bro. James Winsor, P.M.; J. Parsons, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Johnson, P.M., W.M. 1756; J. T. Alston, S.W.; C. Birch, J.W.; T. Hatton, J.D.; W. Gick, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; E. McCabe, Sec.; E. Catrall, S.; J. Walker, S.; R. Bryan, Organist; P. Ball, Tyler. The list of members present included, Bro. W. H. Ball, J. N. Hounsell, R. Kinsey, Connell, T. Armstrong, R. Fairclough, J. Taylor, G. Haever, J. Mitton, R. C. Burgess, C. Findlow, E. Donnelly, J. Grierson, G. Taylor, J. Fletcher, J. Crompton, J. Harrington, T. Whitfield, W. Whiteside, A. Morton, H. Ferguson, J. Hilton, J. Hitchen, W. Presley, J. Wharam, J. Bathie, W. S. Evans, D. Meek, J. Birtles, F. Mansley, J. Mansley, J. Alston, C. Desser, J. Galloway, J. Thomas, G. Phillips, W. Wilson, T. Hopkins, S. Harvey, H. Alexander, G. Rees, W. Taylor, F. Atherton, W. Eastwood, and others. The visitors were, Bro. G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg.; R. O. Chatham, 1756; C. Baskery, 1756; W. Winsor, 724; G. W. Davies, 241; H. Gill, 1086; I. Jacobs, 724; W. Walker, 1086; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; P. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Hay, 1756; H. Macaulay, 339 (S.C.); Sol. Jacobs, 241; J. Baxton, 1013; J. Barker, 673; H. Marshall, 693; R. E. Mitton, 1356; J. O. Rea, 1182; J. Queen, 667; J. D. Reader, 1086; W. G. West, 1756, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Alston, was presented by Bro. Bromley and Rowson, and installed in an impressive manner by Bro. James Winsor, P.M., and W.M. 241. After the usual Masonic honours had been paid the following officers were invested:—Bro. Charles Birch, S.W.; James Hilton, J.W.; Chas. Bromley, P.M., re-elected Treas.; E. McCabe, Sec., re-appointed; Wm. Gick, S.D.; Edward Catrall, J.D.; Joseph Walker, I.G.; James Winsor, P.M., D.C.; J. P. Bryan, Organist; E. Donnelly, S.S.; F. Mansley, J.S.; P. Ball re-elected Tyler. The addresses to the various officers on their duties were very effectively given by the Installing Master, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served up by the House Steward. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The "Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Birch, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G.R., and the I.P.M. of the lodge. The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was proposed by the I.P.M., who stated that if the approval of the brethren was expressed in the votes, they had spoken in the most favourable manner of their W.M., by giving him their unanimous support, and he hoped that they would vie with each other in loyalty to him during his year of office. The W.M. replied in suitable terms, and hoped that the return to their old installation day would be an augury of good times in store for 203. "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, and also a beautiful tea and coffee service, in consideration of his having filled the chair a second time. The I.P.M. replied in feeling terms, and expressed a hope that the members of 203 would do their utmost to support his successor. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Bromley, and heartily honoured. Other toasts followed, including "The Past Masters of 203," "The Masonic Charities," &c., and a very enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bro. A. Child, 1505; J. P. Bryan, Thos. Hatton, Jos. Queen, 667; R. Hobart, 1505; and Hargreaves Gill, fairy bells, a very pleasant reunion being largely contributed to thereby.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213). The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Rampant Horse Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Stanley, solicitor, Norwich, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were between forty and fifty present, several of whom were visitors from the various lodges in the province, and amongst them we observed Bro. G. B. Kennett, P.P.G.R.; O. D. Ray, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Orams, P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Chittock, P.P.G.S.D.; Edwin Baldwin, P.M., 40, P.Z.; Charles Rackham, Gilman, John Boyce, P.P.G.S.D.; Miles J. Walker, (Governor of Norwich Castle), F. E. Linging, (Manager of Norwich Gasworks), H. M. Vvall (Secretary Montgomerie), H. C. Riches, W.M. Sincerity; A. J. Berly, W.M. (Cobbell); W. M. Mills, (Walpole); A. D. Stone, P.M. Friendship; A. W. Reeve, (Walpole); Thirkettle and Baldry, P.M.'s Cabell; P. Soman, (807-213); Wilkin, Notley, T. C. R. King, Santy, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. James Dunsford in a most impressive manner, and the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bro. J. E. H. Watson, S.W.; J. W. Reynolds, J.W.; George Baxter, P.M., Treas.; George Daniels, Sec.; George Kersey, S.D.; R. J. Silburn, J.D.; J. Dunsford, P.M., P.Z., M. of C.; William Cooper, I.G.; S. N. Berry, Org.; Edward Charles Thompson and William Anthony Crisp, Stewards; and Morse, Tyler. After the officers had been appointed, the lodge was duly closed, and an adjournment made for the banquet, which was one of the most recherché character, and did credit to mine host. Lodge Perseverance has always been one of the best in the province for its installation banquets, and on this occasion it may fairly be said to have suffered nothing in the hands of the new W.M. The tables were most tastefully and artistically arranged with choice exotic plants, and each brother had placed opposite his plate a most charming bouquet, supplied by the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, Bro. G. Daniels, upon whom too much praise cannot be bestowed for the care and attention and expense the floral decorations must evidently have entailed. The menu in itself was something out of the common, being printed in gold and light blue. Upon the outer page was inscribed the name of the lodge, on the inner the menu, on the third page toasts of the evening, and on the fourth the new officers. In addition to this, on every page appeared four quotations from Shakespeare; amongst which were the following:—"A hundred thousand welcomes" (*Coriolanus*); "Worshipful master" (*Taming of the Shrew*); "This is the house" (*Comedy of Errors*); "Labour shall refresh itself" (*Henry V.*); "Will it please you taste of what is here" (*Tempest*); "Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used" (*Othello*). But, perhaps, the most appropriate were those at the top and bottom of the page, containing the list of officers, viz.:—"We cannot all be masters" (*Othello*); "One step I have advanced thee" (*King Lear*). After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Bro. Ray proposed the toast of the evening, viz.:—"The Health of the Newly-elected W.M.," who, on rising to respond, was received with quite an ovation, which he richly deserved, not only for his generous liberality on the occasion, but also for the zeal which he has always shown in promoting the welfare of the craft. Lodge Perseverance will never suffer under his mastership, and the members may well feel proud of having such a master, who is equally good at the "work" as at the social board. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was introduced in a very enthusiastic speech by the W.M. forcibly impressing on the brethren the claims they had on our sympathy and support, and hoping that every brother would become a life governor in one or other of those valued institutions. With this toast were combined the names of Bro. Chittock, Orams, and Baldwin, each of whom replied in a few well-chosen remarks, recommending every brother to give something to one or other of those institutions annually. Bro. Baldwin stating that if every Mason in the province gave 5s. annually in support of the charities, the result would prove a benefit to those institutions of about 150 guineas. Certain it is that Norfolk does not supply its quota. At the close of the response, the W.M. and Bro. Blake promised to hand over to Bro. Baldwin the sum of five guineas each, to be disposed of as the latter might deem advisable in the interest of Perseverance Lodge, and Bro. A. J. N. Chamberlain kindly handed over a guinea for the same purpose. Other amounts will, no doubt, be forthcoming before the next lodge meeting, making the amount 20 guineas, and thus securing to the W.M. for the time being of this particular lodge the qualification of a life governor during its existence. The W.M. in glowing terms proposed the health of his immediate P.M. (Bro. Ray), who richly deserved all that was said of him, for he has done much to elevate Masonry—if such a term can be used—and also to aid its noble charities. We would particularly note that Bro. H. J. Mason, the oldest member of the Craft in the province, has been secured a comfortable home in the Benevolent Institution, mainly through Bro. Ray's efforts. A very happy and harmonious evening was spent until high 12, when the brethren dispersed. Bro. George Baxter acted throughout as M. of C. in a manner that added materially to the pleasure and enjoyment of all present.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. S. Tanner was installed as W.M., the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. T. R. White, the retiring Master. Bro. Jos. Farncombe, P.M. and P.G. Purs. Sussex, acting as D.C. The financial position of the lodge was reported to be very satisfactory. The following officers were appointed:—Bro. T. R. White, I.P.M.; G. Stone, S.W.; A. Holman, J.W.; R. Blaker, Sec.; Rev. W. E. Richardson, Chap.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; Honey, S.D.; Bridges, J.D.; R. A. Stock, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; F. Noakes,

D.C.; H. Hall, Tyler. Bro. J. C. Lucas, was appointed Charity Steward. The newly-appointed W.M. presented Bro. White, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged. At the close of the business the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Mrs. Hunsley providing refreshment in a very excellent manner. About forty were present, including the Masters of several lodges in the province and other visitors, as well as the officers and several members of the South Saxon Lodge. The after dinner proceedings were of a very agreeable character.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—On Monday, the 20th ult., the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, John-street., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Stevenson, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and also of the investiture of the officers whom he has appointed to assist him in carrying on the work of the lodge. More than ordinary interest attached to the ceremonial from the fact that this is Bro. Stevenson's third re-election to the chair. Bro. Stevenson's third year of office (1878) was distinguished by the completion of a work of improvement in the spacious hall in which the brethren assemble from month to month. This hall, one of the most beautiful and well proportioned in the province, has been, internally, much beautified and embellished since the previous St. John's banquet, and the accomplishment of a result so thoroughly artistic and satisfactory has been materially aided by the munificence of Bro. Stevenson, W.M. The lodge having been duly opened on Monday afternoon, Bro. W. Stonehouse, P.M., officiated as Installing Master in an able manner. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year by the W.M. then took place. The officers for 1879 are as follows:—Bros. Francis Thornton, S.W.; G. T. Crowther, J.W.; W. E. Wolsey, S.D.; G. Farrow, J.D.; J. T. Thornton, I.G.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Dale, Secretary; H. Hallgate, P.M., Organist; James Wood, Tyler; T. H. Trueman and T. Harland. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and sat down to the installation banquet, which was provided and served up by Mrs. Atlay, the hostess, in an elegant and sumptuous style. The menu comprised the choicest viands, and the wines were of superior quality. The chair was occupied by Bro. Stevenson, P.M., W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. Thornton, S.W. After the removal of the cloth the Chairman proposed the customary toasts, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the other Members of the Royal Family," which were drunk with loyal cordiality. Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., gave the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Grand Officers," which was heartily drunk, and Bro. T. N. Marwood responded. "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" formed the next toast, which was given by Bro. T. F. Pearson, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Marwood, P.M. "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the Lion Lodge" was proposed in an eloquent speech by Bro. Moss, P.M., and drunk with enthusiasm and all the Masonic honours. The W.M. feelingly responded. The next toast, "The Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters of the Lion Lodge," was given by the S.W., and responded to by Bro. Moss, P.M. The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Stonehouse, P.M.; "The Officers of the Lion Lodge," proposed by Bro. T. Smailes, and responded to by Bro. Crowther, J.W.; "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. W. H. Marwood, P.M., and responded to by Bro. T. Summerson; "The Hostess," and "Our Next Merry Meeting." The proceedings afforded much enjoyment to all present, and the harmony of the evening was enhanced by songs from Bros. W. Falkingbridge, P.M., T. N. Marwood, P.M., G. Farrow, J.D., J. T. Thornton, I.G., T. H. Trueman, S.S., and a recitation from the worthy Secretary, Bro. Dale. The "loving cup" went round before the brethren separated, the assembly dispersing after "Auld Lang Syne" had been sung as Free and Accepted Masons know how to sing it.

TRURO.—Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—At the meeting of this lodge held on Monday, the 20th inst., at Truro, Bro. J. H. Ferris, J.W., was installed by Bro. S. Serpell, P.M., assisted by the following Board of Past Masters:—E. Trewbody, Carlyon, P.G.S.; R. Bell, E. D. Arderton, P.P.G.S.W.; James Bryant, R. John, P.P.G.S.; W. H. Christoe, W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W.; J. J. J. of No. 331, Phoenix; E. Edwards, P.M., 131; Thos. Webber, P.M., 75, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Michell, P.M. 1006; J. J. Taylor, W.M. 121; J. H. Sampson, W.M. 131. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Jose, I.P.M.; J. J. Hawken, S.W.; Sampson Stephens, S.D.; J. Christoe, Sec.; C. Bryant, Org.; F. J. Christoe, J.W.; J. H. Reynolds, J.D.; S. Serpell, P.M., Treas.; J. Tregoning, jun., D.C.; J. Tregoning, I.G.; W. H. Watkins, Stwd.; W. H. P. Martin, Swd.; W. Rooks, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. R. Carter, 331; Captain Tregoning, 331; T. J. Willcocks, S.W. 131; R. Angel, 131; F. J. Christoe, 331; J. Christoe, 331; J. Rogers, 331; W. H. Watkins, 331; R. H. Carter, 331; J. J. Hawken, 331; J. Julian, 331; Amos. Jennings, 331; T. Davey, 331; J. Juleff, 331; and others. Bro. W. Tweedy, P.M., 331, P.G.T., was re-elected Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. After some further business was transacted, the brethren, joined by several others who were unavoidably absent from the lodge, adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared for them, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).

—The first regular meeting in 1879 of this old and well conducted lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The chief event of the evening was the installation of a well-known but much respected Mason, Bro. James Willmott, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when a most excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Sherman, of The Hard. The newly-installed W.M. most ably presided, and was enthusiastically supported by a large number of the brethren. After the cloth had been removed the W.M. gave the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that the brethren as Freemasons must necessarily be loyal men; and the head of this realm at all times commanded the respect of the Craft; but the Queen not only was regarded with respect but with the sincerest affection, as she had shewn a warm interest in our Order by becoming a patroness of our Masonic Charitable Institutions. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," said that the ancient Craft had made immense progress under the superintendence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and although it was impossible for him to attend all the meetings of Grand Lodge, he continued to take the most active interest in the well-being of the Order. The W.M. observed in proposing the next toast, "The M.W. Pro Grand Master of England," that the Earl of Carnarvon was one of the most energetic Masons in England, he ably assisted H.R.H. in conducting the onerous duties of the Grand Master's chair, and was also the P.G.M. of Somersetshire. His name was respected not only by Masons, but by all Englishmen who were not members of the Craft. The next toast, that of "The D.P.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M. in enthusiastic terms, and likewise cordially received. The W.M. in proposing "The K.W.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, W. W. D. Bacon, Esq., M.P.," and also that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Morgan, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge," said that the P.G.M. being more intimately connected with them, they could more highly appreciate his excellent qualities; he was most ably supported by the D.P.G.M., and likewise by the officers, and he had much pleasure in associating the name of Bro. Mark Frost, the P.G. Treas., with the toast. Bro. Mark Frost, who was very cordially received, suitably replied. The other toasts were "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges," and was responded to by Bro. Goble, W.M., Bro. Hall, Havant, Bro. Townsend, United Service, Bro. Frost, United Brothers, Bro. Lancaster, Portsmouth, Bro. R. J. Monnell, Landport Lodges. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. E. S. Main, P.M., and Hayles, and after "The Past Masters of Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge" had been drunk, the meeting closed. Some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren during the evening. The following brethren are the officers appointed for this year:—Bros. James W. Willmott, W.M.; William Payne, I.P.M.; R. Barnes, S.W.; C. Knott, J.W.; W. C. Redward, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; Craven, jun., S.D.; H. Crouched, J.W.; J. E. Buck, I.G.; T. Good, D. of C.; Norris, Mason, Steward. The under-mentioned brethren attended:—Bros. J. Rastrick, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Wilkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Friedeborg, P.M.; W. C. Redward, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Cawtes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; S. R. Ellis, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; R. J. Turney, P.M.; H. J. Guy, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Payne, I.P.M.; W. Greenell, G. P. Arnold, A. Crosier, H. Smith, R. Barnes, H. Trivers, J. S. Beckerman, C. Knott, G. Norris, J. L. Edwards, H. Batter, J. L. Hackman, G. Gunnell, J. T. Craven, jun., J. Cox, G. Chairman, J. E. Buck, G. Mason, J. Carrick, T. Vincent, E. J. Smith, W. Welch, G. Watson, J. Bartlett, and others. Visitors:—Bros. J. Ogburn, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; C. Gale, P.M.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Hayles, V. Brown, W.M. 903; H. Townsend, W.M. elect; C. Whitcomb, W.M. 1705; E. Goble, W.M. 309; R. J. Murrell, W.M. 1776; G. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.M. 1069, P.G. Treas.; J. Clark, J.W. 1776, and others.

WINSHILL.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353). The sixty-first anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Swan Hotel, when Bro. W. J. Booth, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Boden, the brethren expressing their cordial approval of the manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. J. Roe, S.W.; W. Lobb, J.W.; W. J. Drewry, P.M., Treas.; W. Walters, Sec.; W. Johnson, S.D.; W. L. Ball, J.D.; W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; A. B. Plant, Org.; J. C. Perfect, I.G.; Johnson, Tyler. The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Spooner, which was well served and gave in every way satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a truly Masonic spirit, and several subjects relating to the interests of Masonry were ably spoken to by brethren present, and a very hearty desire expressed that the newly-installed W.M. might experience a pleasant and successful year of office. The Royal Sussex Lodge occupies a deservedly high position among the lodges of the Province of Derbyshire, being noted for its contributions to the various Masonic Charities, and always endeavouring to illustrate the fraternal spirit and the generous sympathies, which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Craft. The visiting brethren who honoured the lodge with their presence were as follows:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, P.G., Treasurer; F. Campion,

P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; H. Hillam, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; C. Grabam, P.M. 624, P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; W. J. Mantle, P.M. 297 P.P.G., Superintendent of Works, Lincolnshire; S. Briggs, P.M. 614; K. Macrea, I.P.M. 624; T. C. C. Martin, W.M. 624; W. G. Lowe, Secretary, 624; J. Samble, jun., 624; H. J. Lawrence, 624. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Okeover, P.J.G.W. of England; Bro. W. Naylor, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, P.G., Secretary, and other distinguished brethren were in consequence of pressing engagements unable to be present at the installation ceremony and banquet.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst., when Bro. Thomas Lashmore, one of the Past Senior Wardens, was duly installed by Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., in the presence of a full attendance of brethren, including Bro. W. Hickson, D.P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; the I.P.M., and the Treasurer of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and the W.Ms. of the Southampton, Clausentum, and Shirley Lodges; the Installed Masters numbering eighteen. The W.M. elect subsequently invested his officers as follow:—Bros. W. H. Martin, I.P.M.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; Andrews, S.W.; Stroud, J.W.; Jones, S.D.; J. Patstone, J.D.; W. Waters, D.C.; K. G. Westley, I.G.; and Goodwin, Org. Before the lodge closed the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, expressing the hope that he might live long to perform many similar offices. Bro. P.M. Dusautoy seconded the proposition, and it was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Payne acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks and a Past Master's jewel were awarded to Bro. Martin, the retiring Master, for his services during the past year. The installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, was held in the evening, presided over by the new W.M., to whom many congratulations were tendered on his accession to an office for which he was eligible, and might have had, many years ago had he chosen, and confident hopes were also expressed that the present prosperous condition of the lodge would in no way suffer during his regime. The usual toasts were given, and a most pleasant evening was spent in true Masonic spirit.

HALIFAX.—St. James Lodge (No. 448).—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the annual installation festival was celebrated by the members of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. T. Whitaker, W.M. opened the lodge at half-past three. After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. A. Roberts was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year according to ancient custom, in a masterly and impressive manner, by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M. The interesting ceremony occupied about an hour and a half, and was highly appreciated by the numerous brethren present. The following brethren were appointed by the new W.M. to assist him in the government of the lodge during his year of office:—Bros. W. Swale, S.W.; Councillor Richard Worrick, J.W.; Richard Jessop, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Radcliffe, Sec.; W. Walshaw, S.D.; J. G. Lee, J.D.; C. T. Kendall, M.C.; C. Taylor, Org.; A. H. Booth, I.G.; G. Greenwood, P.M., Tyler; J. Hanney, and S. Dickinson, Stewards. Hearty congratulations were accorded to Bro. Roberts upon his elevation. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M. and J.W. (in the absence of the Rt. W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Lieut. Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, who had written excusing his attendance), presented, in appropriate terms, to Bro. Thos. Whitaker, the retiring W.M., in the name of the lodge, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, in gold, as a mark of esteem for his services during the year, which was suitably and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Whitaker; after which the brethren adjourned to the handsome dining hall, to partake of the usual sumptuous banquet (provided on this occasion by Bro. J. C. Crocker, of the White Swan Hotel), where Bro. Roberts, who presided, was supported by many distinguished brethren, amongst whom were Bro. Thomas Perkinson, P. Prov. G.W. and P. Prov. G.M.M.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. John Fisher, P. G. Treas. and P.G.E.C. of K. T. of West Yorkshire; Bro. B. N. Jackson, P.P.G.D. of Bro. Siddal, P. Prov. G.D. of East Lancashire; Bro. J. Gautroger, P.M., 61; Bro. Waghorn, W.M., 61; Bro. George Scarborough, S.W., 61; Bro. John Leach, J.W., 61; Bros. Thomas Whitaker, P.M., C. T. Rhodes, P.M., Richard Jessop, P.M., C. J. Walshaw, P.M., W. F. Wilkinson, P.M., W. B. Spencer, P.M., 448, W. Cooke, W.M., 1302, H. S. Holdsworth, W.M., 408, and H. Beaumont, W.M., the officers of the lodge, and numerous brethren of the town and district. The menu was not only rich in the provisions afforded, but was unique in design, containing appropriate quotations from Shakespeare around the borders, and before and after the bill of fare and toasts. The "Two Gentlemen of Verona" announced the fact that "Dinner's ready," while from Macbeth was the desire, "Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both." After an enjoyable repast, composed of innumerable dishes, the diners were invited by the card to "Praise us as we are tasted, allow us as we prove;" and on the border of the toast list was the caution from Othello, "Every inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is a devil." Heading the toast list was the hackneyed, but nevertheless trenchant, reminder that "Brevity is the soul of wit, and consequently the W.M., Bro. Roberts, indulged in few, but nevertheless graceful, observations in giving the loyal toasts. After the name of her Majesty on the list came the words from Henry the Fifth:—
"God and His angels guard her sacred throne,
And make her long become it."
and how sincerely the sentiment was endorsed was evidenced in the cordial response to the health of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft." The next

toast was the healths of the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the grand officers past and present. Bro. Roberts, in submitting this, "praised, commended, and extolled their graces," and the toast was received with enthusiasm, and accompanied with grand honours. In giving "The R. W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Lieut-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present," the W.M. expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Henry Edwards. Bros. T. Perkinson, J. Fisher, B. W. Jackson and Cooke acknowledged. Bro. T. Whitaker, I.P.M., was received with cheers to propose the health of the W.M. of the Lodge of St. James's, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Roberts. The Immediate Past Master "who has done nobly and cannot go without any honest man's voice" was toasted cordially, as also was the Installing Officer, Bro. C. T. Rhodes. "The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers" was proposed by Bro. Wilkinson, and responded to by Bros. W. Swale, S.W., and Worsick, J.W. Bro. Swale also gave the healths of the Past Masters, and Bro. C. Walshaw, P.M., replied. Bro. T. Whitaker, in terms of welcome, proposed "The Sister Lodges in Halifax," and this was cordially acknowledged by Bro. Waghorn, W.M., Proby; Bro. Cooke, W.M., De Warren; and Bro. W. B. Spencer, W.M., St. John's. Bro. Worsick, J.W. gave "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Holdsworth, W.M., Three Graes (Haworth), Bro. Shaw, W.M., Saville (Elland), Bro. C. T. Keys, P.S.W. (Huddersfield), and Bro. Nicholl, Ryburn (Sowerby Bridge), replied. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., was followed by "Lady Edwards and the Ladies;" and by the last toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," we were reminded by the card that "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." During the banquet Bro. Hemingway's band performed choice selections of music, and at intervals during the evening Bros. Wood, P.M., Varley, P.M., Todd and Armitage, and glee party from Huddersfield delighted the assembly with glees, duets, songs, &c., their efforts being ably supported by several members of the lodge. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—Thursday, the 9th inst., was a "high day" with the brethren connected with this lodge, the annual festival of St. John being celebrated on that day. At 1.30 business commenced, and the labours of the day were protracted until half-past six in the evening. The ceremonies of "raising" and "installation" were performed by the W.M., Bro. G. F. Barrell, in a manner seldom witnessed in a provincial lodge—indeed, the D.G.M. of Lincolnshire, who was present, testified his unqualified admiration at the manner in which these onerous ceremonies had been carried through. Necessarily impressive and solemn, they were performed with the most perfect good taste, and elicited the universal congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., also performed the ceremony of initiation in his customary able manner. Bro. Bonner, P.M., having been duly installed into the chair, briefly addressed the brethren, thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him, and testifying his intention to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He then appointed the following officers:—Bros. Symes, S.W.; J. Laming, J.W.; Fountain, P.M., Treas.; Barrell, P.M., Sec.; E. Cammack, Org.; Benner, S.D.; A. Harrison, J.D.; S. E. K. Capps, I.G.; Woodrow, D.C. One of the most pleasing ceremonies of the day was the presentation by Bro. Woodward, P.M., on behalf of Bros. Barrell, Benner, and himself, of a magnificent banner, to be used on "state occasions." Bro. Woodward expressed a very sincere wish that this might be accepted as a token of their sincere regard for the principles of the Craft, and hoped that instead of a cold formality all the members might evince attention to the principles of the Order. The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel (the Commissioners refusing to let their board room for the purpose, as has been done for many years), where a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided by Bro. Harper. The W.M. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, Captain Lockock, the I.P.M., Bro. Barrell, P.G.A.D.C. of Lincolnshire, Bros. Perry, Lowe, P.G.C. of Lincolnshire, and W.M. 172, Dr. Wood, W.M. 838, Hodgings, W.M. 985, Hart, 466, Shepherd and Ferguson, 838, with numerous other visitors, and most of the members of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, some very useful and interesting conversation took place, which obviously cannot be recorded here, and several brethren enlivened the evening with songs and recitations. Bro. Cammack and Dr. Wood ably presided at the piano. We cannot refrain from noting the splendid way in which Bro. Hayes rendered those exquisite songs "Maid of Athens," and the "Blue Alsatian Mountains," while Bros. Abbott and Woodrow's truly Masonic songs "struck home" to every one present. Bro. Hart also took part in the harmony, and Bro. Symes gave a recitation on "The Patience of Job," with admirable effect, and after a most pleasant evening the brethren retired, well pleased with each other and the treat they had enjoyed. We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held at Spalding early in the summer of this year.

AXMINSTER.—Virtue and Honour Lodge (No. 494).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the George Hotel, when Bro. S. G. Loveless was installed for the ensuing year W.M., by Bro. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., who performed the ceremony in an edifying and instructive man-

ner, for which the brethren showed their appreciation by unanimously passing a vote of thanks. The duties of W.M. had been performed by Bro. Loveless in so admirable and efficient a manner during the past year that he was unanimously re-elected, an honour which Bro. Loveless evidently appreciated. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Toms, I.P.M.; J. G. Pinney, S.W. and Treas.; J. Jefford, J.W.; A. P. Reece, Sec.; Jarwin, S.D.; Pickering, J.D.; Derrick, I.G.; Webber, P.M., Organist; Wakley, I.G. After the closing of the lodge the customary banquet was partaken of by the brethren (including several visitors). The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Princess Charlotte of Wales Lodge (No. 570, I.C.).—This lodge, which is attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards, now stationed at Manchester and Bury, held their annual St. John's festival in the Masonic Hall, Coopers' street, on Monday, the 20th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. J. Arthur). There was a good muster of members and visitors; amongst the latter were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C.; George Smith, W.M. 1009; J. Brandon, W.M. 1219; Needham, P.M. 1219; Derbyshire, P.M. 581. The minutes were read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree when Bro. W. D. Lemmon, P.M. assumed the office of Installing Master, and in the various Degrees very ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. George Perkins in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was duly proclaimed and saluted, and afterwards impressively addressed by Bro. Sillitoe. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Arthur, I.P.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; J. Baldery, J.W.; Lemmon, P.M., Sec.; C. Ress, S.D.; A. Banks, J.D.; Hunter, I.G. The addresses to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Needham. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal toasts were heartily proposed and received, and then followed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V. Grand Master of Freemasons in England;" "His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons in Ireland;" "Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons in Scotland," and Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand officers present and past. Bro. Sillitoe responded to the latter, and in his remarks alluded to the peculiar pleasure he felt in doing so, as their R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who was every inch a Mason as well as every inch a soldier, had formerly served in the regiment, and so highly was he esteemed that any circumstance which in any way formed a connecting link with him was sure to be hailed with cordiality by every brother in the province. The toast of the W.M. was ably proposed and very enthusiastically received. In responding, the W.M. assured the brethren that he should at all times take a deep interest in everything that would tend to uphold the dignity and prosperity of the lodge. Other toasts followed, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held last Wednesday evening 15th ult. Bro. John Bedford, W.M. at 7.15 opened the lodge in the First Degree, assisted by Bro. Tyers, P.M. acting S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Greenup, Bros. Hickson, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Brougham, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Beswick, Tyler; Parker, P.M., Treas.; Speakman, Secretary. Bro. Speakman proposed Mr. James Thomas Entwistle as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and on being put to the vote he was unanimously accepted and duly initiated by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree by the W.M. and the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, were put to Bro. P. Nightingale and answered in a satisfactory manner. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and Bro. Peter Nightingale duly admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M. By virtue of the authority invested in him Bro. Darbyshire closed the lodge in the Third Degree, and in the Second Degree. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary to make the usual business announcements, which being done, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 9.45 p.m., the remainder of the evening being spent as usual in a very happy manner at the festive board.

SEACOMBE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The installation meeting of this lodge, situated in the prosperous province of Cheshire, took place on Thursday evening, the 16th ult., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, near Birkenhead. Bro. C. Staley, the retiring W.M. occupied the chair and opened the lodge, and there were present with him Bros. T. Shaw, I.P.M., M. McNeerney, P.M., J. T. Lea, T. Gregory, J.W., J. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D., Treasurer; J. R. Simm, Secretary; R. Foulkes, S.D., A. E. Covey, J.D., G. J. Davies, S., J. H. Holtaway, P.G.T., Tyler; Bros. R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D., N. Wales; G. Grant, P. Evans, T. Evans, A. Moore, A. Judd, M. Wetzrich, M. Bielby, J. Clarke, J. Jones, W.M. 1576, W. Egerton, O. Jones, T. J. Clarkson, J. Davies, T. Graham, G. Keightley, W. Dobie, J. Ritchie, H. Thompson, S. Williams, &c. The visitors present were Bros. T. J. Lays, 667; H. Matthews, S.W. 1276; D. Fraser, P.M., Treasurer, 477; W. Bennett, W.M., 477; A. Morison, 241; C. Petty; A. K. Gardiner, J.W. 477; D. Henderson, 477; J. Ridehalgh, P.M. 1276; J. Perrin, 477; J. Lambert, P.M. 537; W. Simm, 477; R. Carruthers, 1350; J. Taylor, P.M. 1276; F. Dixon, 477; W. Preece,

W.M. 1276; H. Skinner, P.M. 1276; C. Bury, 477; W. Danger, 1276; J. Little, 667; J. Wright, W.M. 786; G. Lloyd, 477; F. C. Joughin, 477, &c. After the transaction of some formal business, the chair was taken by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., who proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Gregory as the W.M. for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of this portion of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Staley, I.P.M.; John Jones, S.W. (W.M. 1576); R. Foulkes, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., treasurer; Joseph R. Simm, secretary; A. E. Covey, S.D.; G. J. Davies, J.D.; M. Bielby, I.G.; R. C. Mellor, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; Owen Jones, S.S.; A. Moore, J.S.; and Bro. J. H. Holtaway was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The balance-sheet of the lodge was taken as read and passed, and at the close of the business a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the treasurer and secretary of the lodge (Bros. Sillitoe and Simm) for their services during the year. The W.M. also presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to Bro. C. Staley, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in connection with the lodge. The brethren subsequently dined at the hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The annual contributions on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution were taken before the brethren separated.

MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—On Tuesday, the 21st ult., this lodge held their annual banquet at the Taibot Hotel. Bro. W. W. King, the Worshipful Master presiding. A list of twenty Masonic and other toasts was gone through, and Bros. W. Wilson, Goldie, Pullan, Marshall, Walker, Constable, and Hudson rendered some excellent part songs and solos, &c. There was no formal installation ceremony, Bro. W. W. King being unanimously re-elected W.M. for another year. The W.M. appointed the following officers for the next term:—Bros. R. H. Bower, Treasurer; Wm. Constable, Secretary; Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Chaplain; A. W. Walker, S.W.; J. W. Marshall, J.W.; J. D. Dodsworth, S.D.; T. M. Goldie, J.D.; J. B. Nichols, I.G.; and Kirton Waudby, Steward and Tyler.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge, which embraces many true and good Masons, was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a total attendance of upwards of 100 brethren. A lodge of emergency was first held under the presidency of Bro. John Ellis, W.M., who worked the Second Degree with much effectiveness. At the close of this portion of the day's proceedings, the lodge was again closed to the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Ellis, W.M., presided, and there were also present during the afternoon, Bros. G. S. Willing, P.M.; J. D. Vaynes, P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treas.; J. Bolton, P.M.; T. Peake, Sec.; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W., P.M.; J. E. Skillicorn, P.M.; W. P. Witter, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknell, J.D.; R. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; T. Yeatman, H. Sefton, J. Mellor, A. H. Brookes, J. Baker, A. J. Hudson, W. Bromley, E. Carter, J. Couley, T. J. Linger, T. Hall, J. Bowyer, J. Beck, J. Cohen, G. Harver, J. Francis, R. Dawson, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Lees, N. Walker, T. R. Willings, J. L. Gregory, R. Eilman, R. Stewart, H. Taylor, Isaac Levy, T. H. Gregory, J. Bentham, J. W. Broadbent, S. Williams, T. Rood, J. Barker, J. Sherwin, T. Hervey, J. Normanton, J. Bentham, D. Fowler, B. C. Catlow, T. Mason, P. Catlow, G. Jackson, R. Wright, R. R. Morris, J. T. Rogers, W. Creak, G. W. Webster, and T. J. Luya. Amongst the numerous visitors were, Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; E. Paull, Sec. 1356; A. Morrison, P.M. 1540; A. F. Galloway, 1264; J. Creaker, J. H. Parker, P.M. 1547; J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; S. P. Core, 1356; E. Jones, P.M. 216; T. Parker, P.M. 613; J. Stock, P.M. 39; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treasurer 1609; D. Langley, 249; Joseph Bell, P.G.S., P.M. 1356 and 1609; W. S. Matthews, S.W. 1276; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1356 and 1609; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; J. T. Callow, P.G., Treasurer; D. Catlow, 823; J. Duncan, jun., W.M. 1473; G. W. Rodgers, 104; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; J. H. Hocken, W.M. 1505; W. Tyrer, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Busfield, 216; J. H. Townley, S.W. 1299; S. Harvey, 203; J. Forster, 724; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. I. Knight, P.M. 241; W. Ballard, 1321; G. T. Hasker, S.W. 1182; J. Jackson, W.M. 673; and J. R. Jones, 1675. In a masterly and impressive manner, which could hardly have been excelled, Bro. Willings installed Bro. Henry Firth as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested for the same period:—Bros. John Ellis, I.P.M.; J. H. Gregory, S.W.; Thomas Peake, J.W.; Thomas Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); David Lloyd, Secretary; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W., D.C.; Arthur Bucknell, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Bailey, I.G.; J. Lees, S.S.; R. J. Hudson, J.S.; and Bro. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Chaplin, the house steward. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" being responded to by Bro. J. I. Knight, P.M. 241, and "The Hamer Memorial Benevolent Fund" by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G., Treasurer. The I.P.M. gave "The health of the Worshipful Master," who, in responding, expressed his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him that day, and intimated his determination to uphold the high position which the lodge had deservedly secured. The W.M. next proposed "The health of Bro. J. Ellis, I.P.M.," and in doing so presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the bre-

then in acknowledgment of his services as an officer and Master of the lodge. The toast and gift were suitably acknowledged by Bro. Elb, and "The Installing Master," given by the W.M., was most appropriately acknowledged by Bro. G. Willings. The health of our Visiting Brethren, given from the chair, was responded to by Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M.: 1264, and Bro. E. Paul, Secretary, 1366. An excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. J. Busfield, J. Queen, Hobart, A. Child, Willings, Skillcorn, and J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who presided at the pianoforte.

DARTMOUTH.—Eanley Lodge (No. 797).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge room on Monday, the 19th ult., at high twelve, for the purpose of installing a W.M. to preside over them for the ensuing twelve months. The choice had fallen on Bro. John Bovey, and having been duly presented by Past Master J. Hurrell the worthy brother was duly and impressively installed by Bro. G. B. Colston, P.M., P.P.G., S.W.Ks, whose excellent working and perfect acquaintance with the ritual invested the proceedings with much interest. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year and a kindly word was given to each as he received his coat of arms.—Bro. J. Hurrell, I.P.M.; W. H. Probert, S.W.; H. Winsor, J.W.; J. R. Hooper, S.D.; H. Benson, J.D.; R. Ralph, Secretary and Organist; J. Constable, I.G.; Shuttlewood, Tyler. Bro. Past Master W. H. Princep, P.P.G.R., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The lodge was then closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of the customary banquet, which was served in admirable style by Bro. Bartholomew, of the Castle Hotel. After the tables had been cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The toast list having been gone through some excellent songs were sung, and the convivial spirit reigned supreme until the brethren separated.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The rapid strides that this lodge is making must be a source of great satisfaction to all its members. What with the splendid room and handsome furniture it may well be classed as the most complete lodge-room in the South of England, and it having been suggested that there should be a banquet on the completion of the new lodge-room, there was a gobe muster of the brethren at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 15th inst., in response to the circular issued by the W.M. There were present, Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M.; H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; W. A. Hodgkin, J.W.; B. S. Wilmot, I.P.M.; W. S. Elers, Treas.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; C. Graham, acting S.D.; J. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; Strange, Tyler. Past Masters J. Read, Beckley, Roper and Elerk. Bros. Arnold, Boom in, Crip, s, Durrant, T. Elliott, W. Elliott, W. Langridge, Satchell, Ranisbotham, Role and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and on being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Elers, P.M., proposed and Bro. Wilkins seconded "That a gratuity of two guineas be given to the Tyler" which was unanimously carried. The W.M. having made the usual enquiries the Secretary read a letter of resignation from Bro. Hugh H. Riaach, P.M., which was accepted and Bro. Bates was instructed to convey to Bro. Riaach the regret the lodge felt at his resigning his membership. Several small matters having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kentish Hotel to a splendid banquet provided by Bro. Semark, the host, which was served in good style and drew forth the approbation of all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured and the evening was enlivened by some very good harmony and brought to a close at an early hour.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The members of this lodge, together with the visitors, met in the Masonic Rooms, Church Street, on Monday, January 6th, for the purpose, as expressed in the agenda paper, of initiating Mr. C. N. Stevens, Chief Traffic Inspector, Cornwall Minerals Railway, and for the installation of Bro. A. P. Davis, Surgeon, as K.M., &c. During the last twelve months the lodge has received as a joining member Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. of Suffolk. The advent of Bro. Holmes to Fowey was heartily welcomed by all the brethren, as from his well-known writings, Masonic and otherwise, his fame had preceded him, and the high anticipation of the brethren were not deceived, but they found, high as they had estimated him, they had not valued him at his full worth. Bro. Holmes, by his writings, public lectures, concerts, &c., given for charitable purposes, and his readiness to open his purse strings in the cause of charity for every deserving object has already gained the goodwill of all in the neighbourhood. While we welcome him amongst us we cannot but express our sympathy for those who have been deprived of his valuable services. Bro. Holmes, from the great advantages he has had in witnessing the performance of our impressive ceremonies has been of invaluable service in correcting our little deficiencies, and we sincerely hope the east would send us a few more such as he is. Among the brethren present, were Bro. H. W. Duraw, W.M.; N. H. Lamb, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, D.C.L., P.P.G.C.; Dr. Davis, M.D., P.P.G.J.W.; A. E. Goni, P.M., P.G.Std.; F. B. Williams, P.M.; W. Tonkin, Secretary, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. and Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. of Suffolk. Visitors, T. C. Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Stephens, P.M.; P.G.Std.; J. Ruddle, S.W.; J. Langford, J.W., of Lodge St. Andrews, 1,151; Dr. Mason, W.M., Peace and Harmony Lodge, 496, St. Austell; and about forty brethren. After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed the ballot was taken for the candidate, Mr. Stevens, and that being declared unanimous, the W.M. vacated the

chair for Bro. Dr. Davis, father of the W.M. elect, who proceeded with the impressive ceremony of the initiation, which was performed in a very able and efficient manner. Bro. A. P. Davis was then presented and installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Tonkin, P.G.S. of W., who acted as installing master, and very efficiently performed a difficult task. The following were appointed officers of the lodge for the ensuing year.—Bros. H. W. W. Durant, I.P.M.; C. Slade, S.W.; A. Lake, J.W.; T. Walton, S.D.; T. Richards, J.D., and G. Varcoe, I.G.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, chaplain; H. W. Durant, treasurer; Emra Holmes, D.C.; W. Tonkin, secretary; R. Beale and W. Phillips, stewards. Letters were received from the W.Ms. of the Lostwithiel and St. Columb Lodges, regretting they could not attend. It was agreed that the sum of 40 guineas should be voted to the Cottage Hospital and Church Clock Fund, as allowed heretofore at the annual meeting. The lodge was duly closed, and a banquet was afterwards given at the Commercial Hotel, to which some 40 brethren sat down. Mr. Richards catered admirably. After dinner the W.M. resigned the gavel to Bro. Emra Holmes, D.C., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toasts of "The Prov. Grand Master" and "The Officers Present and Past of the P. G. Lodge," Bro. Holmes congratulated the brethren of Cornwall on having at their head so estimable a nobleman, and one so justly respected and beloved, as the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. He coupled with the toast the names of A. Elford, P.G. Std., and Bro. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G.C. Bro. Elford very briefly replied, and was followed by Dr. Treffry, who in a long and eloquent speech dilated upon the unquestioned antiquity of Masonry, and gave some interesting details of Capt. Warren's discoveries of Masonic works in his recent exploration of Jerusalem. The Rev. Doctor then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and spoke in a very cordial way of the hopes entertained of the manner in which Bro. Percy Davis, would fill the chair, trusting that, if it were possible he might make a better Mason than his father. Bro. Davis very modestly replied, when the Director of Ceremonies gave in succession the toasts of "I.P.M. and Installing Master," Bro. Holmes took occasion to remark upon the interesting address of Dr. Treffry, and supplemented the statements as to the antiquity of Masonry and its signs and tokens. He had heard a reverend brother of high Masonic rank state that he had himself seen from the summit of Lincoln Cathedral three gigantic figures carved in stone, and mounted on the pinnacles which adorned that structure, the one a monk, the second a nun, and the third an angel; standing in certain positions known to Masons and making the signs of the Three Degrees. These three figures had stood for centuries testifying to the antiquity of Masonry and its signs and symbols. It had been stated many years ago that the Royal Arch Degree must be false, since it taught the belief that the Arch was known in architecture in the time of King Solomon whereas it was well known to the said sceptics that the arch was not known until the times of the Romans. Well, in the recent explorations in Jerusalem under the very sight of the Temple, arches were discovered, which proved that the Masons were right after all. Bro. Mason and Westlake replied to the toast of "The Visitors" and "All poor and distressed Masons" brought the formal toast list to a close. A very agreeable evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A strong gathering of the members of this large and flourishing lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Fox, P.M.; Lebanon, W.M.; Jessett, S.W.; T. Ockenden, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1513, W.M. 1666, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; J. Hammond, P.M., 201, P.G.S. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Raw, Hon. P.M.; Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; Day, A.W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (Freemason). The minutes of the November meeting and the motion then given that the sum of ten guineas should be placed upon the list of Bro. Walls as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys at the next festival having been unanimously confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. Charles James Bunyan into the mysteries of Craft Masonry, and raised Bros. W. Bartlett, E. Russell, and R. M. Oxford to the degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of these ceremonies Bro. P. Ockenden in very eloquent terms moved that the sum of two guineas should be voted to the fund for securing the return into the London Orphan Asylum of the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, who were highly respected in Hampton, and whose premature death threw their three young children upon the mercy of the world. This case, although outside the Masonic pale, was warmly advocated by Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, and the resolution upon being put was unanimously passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the after proceedings were shorn of their customary formality. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Bowers, and Brownrigg, and "The Officers." The latter toast was acknowledged by Bros. Hopwood, W. Hammond, and Jessett.

ENFIELD.—St. James's Lodge (No. 1579).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., in the George Inn. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, there being a full muster of brethren. Bro. John Painter, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. H. Stephens, S.W.; Thos. J. Cusworth, J.W.; Herbert J. Adams, Treasurer; J. Driscoll, Prov. G.P., Secretary; Geo. H. Jaffa, S.D.; J. W. Hobbs, J.D.; P. H. Kilduff, Chaplain; Wm. Jain, I.G.; J. Very, Tyler; E. J. Everdell, D. of C.; E. Litchworth, I.P.M.; and James

Lynell, P.M. The members present were:—Bros. H. Weld, John Painter, Geo. Corbol, C. W. Chambers, J. Stephenson, Joseph Boulton, Geo. Tegg, S. J. Waterer, F. Auerbach, R. J. Webber, and J. M. Greenwood. Visitors: W. F. Green, 861; G. Wallace, 907; J. L. Cogan, W.M., 1365; J. Paterson, 19; Henry V. Clements, S.D. 754; James Oddy, 754; S. W. Iron, P.M., 902; J. Selly, 25; F. Coker, 1426; and A. H. Chisholm, 154 (Freemason). The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Letters of apology from the Prov. G.M. (Colonel Burdett) and Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. H. C. Levander), for not being able to be present, were read. Bro. Joseph Stephenson, a candidate for passing, having been examined and found worthy of preferment, retired, and the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Stephenson was then re-admitted and duly passed. The W.M. then presented Bro. Thos. J. Cusworth (the W.M. elect) to Bro. E. Litchworth, P.M., who kindly undertook the duties of Installing Master, which he performed in a most creditable manner. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his office-bearers. They are as follows:—Bros. Stephens, S.W.; Joffa, J.W.; Adams, Treas.; Driscoll, Sec.; Kilduff, Chaplain; Hobbs, S.D.; Iron, J.D.; Everdill, I.G.; Rudd, D. of C.; Tegg, W.S.; Very, Tyler. The business being thus concluded, the lodge was closed in the customary way, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the newly-installed Worshipful Master. The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by mine host of the George Inn (Bro. Mattieson) in excellent style. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," all of which toasts were drunk with true Masonic honours. In replying to "The Health of the G. Officers," Bro. Litchworth, P.M., as Installing Master, said he was sure that all the brethren regretted the absence of their M.W.P.G.M. and their M.W. P.G. Secretary. It was not many days since he had the pleasure of seeing the former who, at that time, expressed his regret that he would be unable to attend the banquet, but he (the speaker) had every reason to hope that the brethren would within the next few months have the pleasure of his company at some of their meetings. With regard to the Prov. G. Secretary, he had seen him on the preceding day, and he, too, deeply regretted his inability to be present, but it was to be hoped that before long the brethren of St. James's Lodge would have the pleasure of seeing him amongst them. As one of the original members of the lodge he (Bro. Litchworth) must take that opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the accession to office of so distinguished a member of the Craft as their W. Master, he being a most fit successor to their I.P.M., for whom, he was sure, all the brethren entertained the highest esteem. He could assure them it was no empty phrase that he used, when he told them, that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to instal their W.M. in the chair that evening. Bro. Painter, P.M., then proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that it was a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Ensworth in that position, and expressing the hope that during his year of office the affairs of the lodge would continue to prosper. The W.M. very appropriately replied. He had, he said, every reason to hope that his year of office would be a successful one, and he trusted brethren would bring as many initiates as possible to augment the number of members of St. James's Lodge, in order to give him an opportunity of working the various degrees in Freemasonry. Before sitting down he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of their I.P.M." They had all witnessed the successful way in which he had performed his duties during his tenure of office. He had now lost the opportunity of presiding over them, but he (the speaker) was certain he would never be forgotten in St. James's Lodge, not only for the urbanity of manners which the brethren had always experienced at his hands, but for the great interest he had shown in promoting the affairs of the lodge. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, which Bro. Painter, P.M., gracefully acknowledged, remarking that his connection with the lodge from its commencement was one which he very much prized, and he trusted that the pleasant evenings which he had spent amongst the brethren he saw around him, would never be obliterated from his memory, whilst he would assure them that he would always do his best for Freemasonry in general and the St. James's Lodge in particular. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," observing that they had the pleasure of the company of three Past Masters that evening, but more particularly in connection with that toast would he call the attention of the brethren to the Installing Master Bro. Litchworth. He was sure it was very gratifying to all present to witness the able manner in which he had performed the duties of that beautiful ceremony. He (the W.M.) confessed he had attended numerous lodges and had seen the ceremony of installation often performed, but never had he witnessed it gone through in so accurate and impressive a manner as on the present occasion. Bro. Litchworth in replying thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast, and went on to say that he congratulated the lodge on the thorough Masonic spirit which up to the present time had influenced the brethren in all that they had done. Masonic banquets and meetings really did nothing unless there was something behind them, and he trusted that the St. James's Lodge might as long as it continued to exist, be animated with those feelings which had hitherto influenced it. "The Visitors" was next proposed, being coupled with the names of Bros. Oddy and Green, who suitably responded. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he was sure all the brethren would bear testimony to the excellent way

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ALLEN.—On the 26th ult., at 28, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, the wife of Philip F. Allen of a son.

MARRIAGE.

PRESTON-STEVENS.—On the 23rd ult., at St. Andrew's, Monckton Wyld, Dorset. William T. Preston, son of Sir J. H. Preston, of Beeton, Norfolk, to Alice M., daughter of Capt. F. H. Stevens.

DEATHS.

CULL.—On the 21st ult., at 29, Grove-road, St. John's Wood, Thos. Cull, aged 69.

EVERETT.—On the 27th ult., at 90, Clapham-road, Evelina Gertrude, third daughter of George Everett, in her sixteenth year.

HAYNES.—On the 26th ult., suddenly, at his residence in Shepherd's Bush, R. W. Haynes, aged 51.

HONEYCHURCH.—On the 26th ult., Thomas Honeychurch, Esq., of Mildmay Park, and Crutched Friars, in his 82nd year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The second meeting of the Stewards for the anniversary of 1879 has taken place, and the numerous attendance betokened the general interest in the welfare of the Institution and the success of the festival. Everything promises a most prosperous gathering, and a most satisfactory return, and Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, has already announced 253 Stewards, an increase of twenty-eight on last year. We rejoice sincerely at such a welcome appearance of things, and trust that the result will verify both predictions and hopes. East Lancashire, always alert and energetic, sends up alone sixty Stewards, and the festival will be presided over, as is well known, by our distinguished brother Lieut.-Col. Legendre Starkie, P.G.M. for East Lancashire. In his able hands the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be forcibly and fitly commended to listening auditors and warm hearts. We have ourselves no doubt but that Bro. Terry is going to make one of his effective "coups," after twelve months of untiring zeal and assiduity to the interests of the Institution, and we feel sure that our brethren will answer to his straightforward appeals, will second his endeavours, and reward his labours in so good, so honest, so true a cause. No Masonic association can boast a "more solid basis" than that on which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution "rests," the relief of aged and indigent brethren and their widows. We may feel much, as we do, for the orphan boys and interesting daughters of our friends and comrades, and long may our overflow of fraternal sympathy for them tend to support largely and liberally the Girls' and Boys' Schools. But the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution appeals, we venture to think, with increasing claims on our own individual feelings, in that many whom we relieve and support, we have known and worked with in lodge, and their widows seem most directly and distinctly to claim our fraternal "largesse," and our personal concern. If it be true that trade is bad and business unsettled; if it be the fact, undoubtedly, that complications of foreign nations have made our home prospects cloudy and precarious, yet, let us remember that charity, Masonic charity, knows and can know no pause in its benevolent efforts and beneficent duties, and that we may well seek to evince to an admiring world, that Masonic charity is still active and progressive, a demonstration, (if proof be needed), the reality of the professions of the truth of the theory of Freemasonry, namely—the honour of God and the welfare of man. May the anniversary of 1879 witness to that warmth of true Masonic charity in many a high and humble heart amongst us, which asks to be permitted to alleviate the burdens of some poor and failing brother, to cheer the lonely and the mourner, to cause the "widow's heart to sing for joy."

THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

We note a statement in a Transatlantic paper that the Grand Lodge of Illinois has espoused the cause of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has issued a "Bull" excommunicating practically the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We are very sorry for the Grand Lodge of Illinois; first, that it could act so foolishly, and, secondly, that it holds itself up to ridicule and laughter. We need hardly point out that such an act is "Ultra vires," and has no validity whatever outside Illinois. That such a proceeding will help the Grand Lodge of Quebec we do not believe, as it will serve to convince all thinking Masons whither the violence of a few illogical writers, or some very un-Masonic minds is leading worthy brethren. Indeed, such proceedings are alike undignified and indecorous in the highest degree, and constitute an abject parody on all our Masonic professions of fairplay, justice, toleration, precedent, Masonic unity, and Masonic comity; neither do we think that this most uncalled for and most un-Masonic course will be followed by other American Grand Lodges. There are in America brethren who are on a "par" with all, as to the knowledge of Masonic law, custom and precedent alike in theory and practice. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has outraged that great principle which, until this last foolish "escapade" of theirs had never been disputed by any competent Masonic writer, that a lodge has a right when duly warranted to adhere so long as it suits its own convenience, or for good and sufficient cause, to its mother Grand Lodge. Numberless instances might be given in the history of all jurisdictions as to this universally recognized principle, and which may fairly be called a "landmark" of Masonic life. But the truth is that up to the present the Grand Lodge of Quebec has never hit the one little weak point in the position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The one strong point of the Grand Lodge of Quebec consists in this, that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, the Grand Lodge of Scotland made a friendly "waiver" of its jurisdiction; and that it can now claim a "reviver" on account of the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is more than doubtful. But we pass from this to point out, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is raising a false issue on untenable grounds. And great is our regret to learn that the Grand Lodge of Illinois has been so unwise as to commit such an un-Masonic act, and create so evil a precedent by a hasty and evidently ill considered decision, in endorsing the unsound assumptions and assertions of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We hope that there may be some little incorrectness in the report, as though reported in the *Voice of Masonry*, it seems so far to come alone from a zealous partizan of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

OUR INITIATION FEES.

A matter of no little importance to the present and future welfare of our now great Order, has been pressing for some time on the attention of the thoughtful and the serious amongst us. Our present initiation fees are much too low. If it be true that they might have been sufficient at the time they were settled, the progress of the Craft seems to show that the period has come carefully to reconsider them. At this moment English Freemasonry is threatened with two great evils; first, the tendency to introduce too many and unsuitable members; secondly the leaning to the benefit society system which crops up week by week in many forms and many ways. At this moment, more than ever previously in its history, Freemasonry holds out the possibility and prospect of striking material advantages, and there can be no doubt whatever that many are now attracted to Freemasonry by what it does do, by what it may do, by what it can do, for those who seek some return for "money invested," for subscriptions paid. We might say a good deal on this topic, from facts within our cognizance, but we spare our readers a too long exordium, and content ourselves with asserting the truth, which is uncontrovertible, declaring a reality, which may issue in grave evils to our excellent Order. Under these circumstances there is one remedy, which we beg to press upon our readers and all in authority, "increase the initiation fee." We are all aware that by the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, no lodge can charge less for initiation than £3 3s., and in addition to this a registering fee in London lodges of £1 1s., in the provinces of 10s. 6d. Thus in London the minimum is £4 4s., in the provinces £3 11s. 6d. Of course the London lodges as a rule have high entrance fees, both for initiation and joining, but in the provinces it is not so, except in some very rare instances, and we are not wrong in saying that whereas probably the average of all the London lodges might be put at £12, that of the provinces hardly reaches £6. As regards lodge subscriptions the difference is still more marked, just as the system of metropolitan and provincial lodge life is entirely distinct and contrasted. We have known provincial lodges in which the bye-laws provide for

12s. annual subscription, and a not unfrequent payment is 16s. annually. This constitutes an amount of payment which is trifling to those who think that Masonry holds out "great material benefits," and the consequence is that we are now initiating those who never were intended for Masonic lodges, whose very callings are precarious, and who inevitably, within a few years, more or less, come upon our general charitable resources and our particular charitable Institutions. At this moment, and under our present system, there seems to be no possible limit to prevent a further pressure on all our charitable resources, a pressure which leads to continual increase of our charitable "supply," and yet which does not seem to touch the charitable "demand." We then beg to commend to the careful consideration of our superiors this very important point, the opportuneness and need of change. As is always true, much may be said on both sides, and we do not advise hurry or recommend the legislation of "panic," which seems to be the controlling movement of some recent unadvisable changes suggested in our great Educational Institutions. What we hope is this, that Grand Lodge will appoint a committee to consider the whole question, fully and dispassionately, and that then we may, after clear discussion make the alteration alike needed and imperatively called for, for the stability and safe progress of our estimable and useful Fraternity.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

"OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The list of kind contributions is now closed, and, with your kind permission, I will next week mention the donations not yet publicly acknowledged, and the total sum contributed in aid of this poor lady.
I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN B. MONCKTON, 32°,
Pres. Bd. G.P.
Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,
30th Jan., 1879.

AN IMPOSTOR, MASONIC CHARITIES AND ITINERANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have read with pleasure the letters in your impression of the 25th ult. bearing above headings, and signed "P. N., P.M. 303 and 126," and "Almoner." Annually examining a great many such cases as they refer to, I can fully bear out what these brethren say as to the need of greater caution. I am glad to say that out of several hundred cases I have only been imposed on once by an unworthy brother, and on finding him so reported the matter to his lodge. I have only come across one real impostor, who had got large sums from lodges here on the faith of a diploma, on examining which (under a manifesting glass) I found had several important erasures so as to suit the applicant. This impostor's career I stopped by impounding the diploma, and forwarding it to our R.W. Bro. the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

As to Bro. "Almoner's" experience of applicant's diffidence in letting communications being made to their lodge, I have only once come across such a case, and before the applicant declined to allow me to do so, I had come to the conclusion he was not in good standing in his lodge, and Bro. "Almoner" may rest assured the diffidence arose from the same cause.

Bro. "Almoner's" schedule is good to keep but not to publish, as every member of the applicants lodge would know the initials.

As it may assist some brother, I give you my course of proceedings:—

1. To examine most carefully but never to reply on certificates, as I regret to say deceased brother's certificates are sold, and I always, when I can, buy and destroy them.
2. To examine as to cause of misfortune.
3. To examine fully as officers of lodge and locality, so as to test local knowledge.
4. To examine Masonically.
5. Inform applicant I shall telegraph to the Secretary of his lodge as to his standing, and give applicant (if satisfied with his case) enough to maintain him until answer to telegram received. The answer to telegram is always received within the shortest possible time. I have never come across a refusal to reply or a delay.
6. If a mechanic wanting to return home, have him seen to the place of departure, hand to him his ticket and enough to maintain him during the journey.
7. On receiving answer to telegram write sender a full statement of the case.

Some of the cases have been most interesting, I hold numbers of letters of thanks from brethren delivered as also from their lodges after their return home. In one

case the amount was refunded me, which I at once reported to answer of telegram.

I remain, yours fraternally,
JAMES H. NEILSON, P.P.G.M.,
P.G. Steward, G.S.S.B. I.C., P.M.
in 75, 131, and 620, P.P.G.W., Rep.
of the G.L. of Egypt, Hon. Sec.
134, Benicia, C., U.S., &c.
5, Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
25th January, 1879.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As a subscriber to your paper may I ask you kindly to inform me whether a member of a lodge, being a P.M., but not the "Immediate P.M." of that lodge has a right to wear his blue collar and Past Master's jewel suspended to it at ordinary lodge meetings. If he have Provincial Grand Office, he, of course, wears the dark blue collar, &c., &c., but, in the other case, is the wearing of light blue collar only restricted to the officers of the lodge for the time being.
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
A PROV. S.G.W.

[A P.M. is always a P.M. as long as he is a subscribing member of some lodge, and has a right, of course, to wear his jewel on all occasions.—Ed.]

MASONIC COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
By the proceedings of a recent Masonic meeting (which need not be named) I was forcibly reminded that some remarks under this heading had appeared in your columns. On searching my file of the *Freemason* I find the following letter in your number of 5th October, 1878:—
"As Freemasons we profess often a good deal; I fear that, like men in general, even we Freemasons are not exempt from the veriest littleness of humanity. Indeed, how could such exemption be expected? To say the truth, I fancy that if the veil were lifted which hides much of our Masonic life from the public gaze, we should be found to be equally susceptible, as other mere mortals, of all those passions which dominate the human will and agitate the human breast.
"For instance, in courtesy due to another, we are often gravely and greatly wanting, sometimes most markedly so, and though, as a Freemason, I am taught not to be uncharitable in thought, word, or deed, I believe that I am correct in my assertion. I cannot shut my eyes to acts which amongst ourselves are almost a ludicrous reflection on our noisy professions, and too often demonstrate in the culprits a weakness both of the head and the heart.
"I might say more, but I beg to day to subscribe myself,
"Yours fraternally,

"MASONIC COURTESY."

A reprint of this for the benefit of all whom it may concern may not be unseasonable.
Yours fraternally,
URBANITY.
20th January, 1879.

Reviews.

BYE LAWS OF THE A. AND A. RITE, ORIENT OF PHILADELPHIA, &c. Sherman and Co., Philadelphia, U.S.

This interesting little compilation takes us back to 1781, and shows that at that period a lodge of perfection was at work in Philadelphia. The actual history of the A. and A.S. Rite is still veiled in somewhat of obscurity. In Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia* will be seen the latest collection of historical authorities on the subject. The German view, as propounded by Bro. Findel, seems to be this, that the A. and A.S. Rite, as now practised, is of American formation, and was brought back in its "fulness" to France from America about the beginning of this century; and to that view Mackey seems also to have joined himself. They appear to base their arguments on the fact that only twenty-five degrees were known to Stephen Moir. But in Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia* (see A. and A.S. Rite) it is clearly pointed out, such is only an *ex post facto* assumption, the *post hoc propter hoc*. That the separate grades from the twenty-fifth to the thirty-third existed in France, and Germany, and Switzerland, and were practised, some of them at any rate, in England before 1800, admits, it is clear, of certain proof. That the Thirty-three Degrees were formed into a consecutive system openly and formally in Europe before 1800 is no doubt a very debatable proposition. And as truth generally lies, if not "at the bottom of a well," at any rate "between two extremes" it is not incompatible with "historical evidence and accuracy, that the Americans may have formulated into one consistent whole those various grades, which from the 25th of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, form the 33 degrees now in existence. But the value of this little work is great as independent testimony, confirming the existence of the American growth of the A. and A.S. Rite, after the transmission through Steven Morin, for on this fact all seem to agree. We thank sincerely our kind friend and correspondent (E. C. E. Meyer) for sending us this little volume.

CHARITY EDIFIETH: A Sermon preached before the P.G.L. of Norfolk, by H. T. GRIFFITHS, B.A., P.G.C. Norwich, Miller & Co.

We like much Bro. Griffiths modest but masterly sermon. It is alike effective and edifying, and thoroughly Masonic in tone and teaching. He draws out the argu-

ment from his text clearly and forcibly, and it will, we fancy, prove as acceptable to its readers as to its original hearers. We commend it warmly to the notice of the Craft.

AMABEL VAUGHAN, and Other Tales. By Bro. EMRA HOLMES. Lake and Lake, Truro; George Kenning, 191, Fleet-street, London.

We feel that the motive for the publication of the second series of Bro. Emra Holmes's contributions to serial literature, (assistance to a decayed brother), is almost a bar to criticism; but in saying this we do not wish our readers to suppose that we are anxious to be critical or cynical, captious or complaining. On the contrary, independently of its mission of charity, the little work may claim perusal on its own merits, and for its own sake. All occasional contributions which are notoriously, as they must be, "pieces d'occasion," often "pan out" unsatisfactorily, and incompletely when reproduced in later years. What pleased at the moment our lighter hours pleases us no more to-day, and, as Dr. Johnson said, "success produces satiety, and reflection causes weariness." Still, with this reserve which we find needful every day, we are glad to welcome this little work of charity and an effort of Literature. Bro. Emra Holmes, well known to the readers of the *Masonic Magazine*, and to those (though in less degree) of the *Freemason*, has for some time devoted his pen to much of our Masonic passing literature, and not without success, not without pleasure to his readers. *Amabel Vaughan* comes then forward under very favourable auspices, and we trust will commend itself to the kindly feelings and literary tastes of the Order.

THE EAST ANGLIAN HAND BOOK AND AGRICULTURAL ANNUAL. W. Seman, Argus Office, Norwich.

This well known and useful annual comes before us in its twentieth appearance, and may well be noted and highly commended. Among its unusually interesting contents may be noted the following papers:—"East Anglian Farming in 1878," by C. S. Read, M.P.; "About British Agriculture," by J. J. Mechi; "A Hundred years ago," by Charles Sulley; "A Good Rat Story;" "On the Application of Chemistry to Agriculture," by Dr. Drinkwater; "Fish Farming," by J. H. Keene; "Snipe Shooting in East Anglia," by J. Manley; "Stanfield Hall," by Edward Delvis; "Norfolk Landowners, Past and Present," by Walter Rye; and "A Fisherman's Log Book," by R. J. Greville Fennell. The little book will repay perusal.

Multum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

I think it well to continue my list of Masonic books in the British Museum.

The Perjured Freemason Detected; and yet the Honour and Antiquity of the Society of Freemasons Preserved and Defended. By a Freemason. "For Perjury's a blast upon the mind." London: Printed for T. Warner, MDCCXXX. 30 pages, 8vo.

It begins with a short abridgment of the history of Freemasonry down to the present age. 3 p.p.

Then follows "a short entertainment between one of the Masters and a junior member lately admitted," and who is one of the weak brethren mentioned above. This is in the form of a dialogue, and occupies 4 p.p., and concludes part I.

Part II. Begins at p. 12, and treats upon the oaths, and the treachery and perjury committed, illustrating it by another dialogue between a Freemason and one Mr. Samuel Pritchard. The dialogue occupies to p.p. This brings us to p. 23, where begin some remarks upon the preceding dialogue as to Mr. Pritchard's design, and how far the event answered the malice illustrated by an imaginary dialogue with the same Pritchard, which occupies 5 p.p., and brings us to the conclusion, 2 p.p.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Obituary.

BRO. R. W. HAYNES.

We deeply regret to announce the very unexpected death, in his fifty-first year, of Bro. Robert William Haynes, Law Publisher, of Bell-yard, Temple Bar, which occurred at his residence, Shepherd's Bush, at about midnight on Sunday last.

Bro. Haynes was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, in February, 1875, and the following year he was exalted in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7. Although he had not undertaken any office, he was a warm supporter of the Charities, and, indeed, had subscribed to the Boys' School for many years before he entered the Order.

In the lodge, as well as in the chapter, he had won the sincere regard of his brethren; and those who had the privilege of enjoying the private friendship of our late brother have suffered a loss which cannot easily be replaced. As a man of business, he was marked by integrity and perseverance, as a husband and a father, by the most devoted affection; and as a friend, by a warm-heartedness and sincerity seldom equalled and never exceeded.

Bro. Haynes, who was a widower, leaves two daughters to lament their irreparable loss. The funeral will take place at the Brompton Cemetery, on the morning of Saturday, 1st February.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday next at 6 for 7.

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n which they had performed their several duties. In Bro. Adams they had not only a careful guardian of their treasures, but from what he had heard from Bro. Driscoll that evening when he went round the lodge to ask subscriptions for one of the Charities, a very munificent donor to the charitable objects of the lodge. Bro. Adams had kindly subscribed twenty-five guineas to the list of the Steward for the last new lodge (Bro. Driscoll), and had placed on Bro. Letchworth's list for the Girls' School, a similar amount. That was the best he could say for the Treasurer, but he thought it was saying a great deal. He trusted that the St. James' Lodge would long have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Adams occupying the position of Treasurer. As regards Bro. Driscoll, all the brethren knew what an excellent Secretary he proved himself. He had a very kind and pleasing manner, and was not at all calculated to let the brethren fall into arrears, should they be so inclined, which however had happily not been the case hitherto. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bro. Adams and Driscoll very gracefully acknowledged, the former observing (that although he was not eager for office, he felt that the lodge was in some difficulty as to filling it, and when one or two of the brethren had requested him to accept it, he was induced, after weighing the matter in his own mind, to yield to their solicitation. His disinclination to become Treasurer arose from the fact that the acceptance of office involved his constant attendance at every meeting, whether it was an ordinary or emergency one, which was a tie upon anyone not to be undertaken without consideration. Yet, when one's services were generally met with that kindness which he had always experienced at the hands of the brethren of St. James' Lodge they became a labour of love and pleasure. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to him in connection with the Charities. Well, he could only say that it had been his privilege and pride to support the Charities of their great brotherhood as far as he could. He was proud to say he was already a Vice-President of all the Institutions, and it was his desire to make himself a Vice-Patron. He concluded by saying that since the brethren had entrusted him with the taking care of the funds of the lodge he hoped at all times to render a very satisfactory account of them. "The Officers" was suitably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and by the J.D., Bro. Hobbs. In proposing "The Charities," the W.M., who announced his intention to represent the Girls' School on the next festive occasion, trusted that the brethren would generously come to his aid that he might have a handsome sum on his list. Bro. Adams responded, and, in doing so, remarked that if the W.M. instead of going up for the Girls' School would transfer his labour on behalf of the Boys he (Bro. Adams) would then be willing to head his list with twenty-five guineas. He was quite sure that the Charities had every right to be thankful to the Craft in general for the liberal manner in which they were supported. He did not suppose there was any society in the world which more generously contributed to charitable objects than Freemasons, still he thought the sum might be largely augmented. After a few words from Bro. Driscoll and Letchworth it was agreed that Bro. Cusworth should represent both the Boys and Girls next year. The Tyler's toast was then drunk, and the brethren separated. During the evening Bro. Boulton, Parker, Hobbs, and Oddy enlivened the proceedings with several excellent songs.

PORTSMOUTH.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—The third regular meeting of this newly-constituted lodge was held on Thursday, 16th ult., at Freemasons' Lodge, Herbert-street, Landport. The lodge was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Richard John Murrell, who in an exceedingly able manner passed four brethren, and initiated a candidate into the Order. After the business had been concluded in the lodge room, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, High-street, Portsmouth, by special tramcar to supper, as they have no accommodation for any banqueting at their regular place of meeting; which, although large enough for a small lodge of thirty members, is totally inadequate to the requirements of so large a body as the Landport Lodge is destined to become. It was constituted on the 20th November, 1878, by seven well-known and distinguished brethren as the founders, and in the short space of two months it numbers forty-two active and enthusiastic brethren. After supper the W.M. eloquently proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great cordiality. Bro. Mark Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. R. J. Murrell, remarked that he had known him many years, and had ever found him a kind-hearted and genuine Mason, and was very much gratified in attending to witness the admirable working of the W.M., and the other officers of the lodge that evening, auguring well for its continued prosperity. The toast was received with very great enthusiasm, and responded to by the W.M., who in reply said, that the success of the new lodge was mainly due to his worthy brother E. S. Main, P.M., the Secretary, and his esteemed and old friend Bro. J. Lillywhite, P.M., the Treas.; likewise to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. Clark, S.W., and Bro. Riddell, P.M., and those joining brethren who had so nobly come forward to disseminate the principles of Freemasonry in the large and populous district of Landport. Some very good songs were sung by the brethren, and a very enjoyable evening was spent over the first lodge supper since the consecration. Among those who attended to support the W.M. were, Bro. J. Clark, S.W.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Lillywhite, P.M., P.P.G.Reg.; Bro. Riddell, P.M.; E. Smith, Hancox, Russell, Cunningham, Good, Adams, Naylor, King, Kemp, Grant, McKinlay, Cousins, Andrews, Stroud, Hall, Dowse, Niven, and others. Visiting brethren, Bro. M. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Hayman, J.W. 257; L. Edwards, 342.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. There were present, Bro. J. Frost, W.M.; F. Reed, S.W.; W. A. Blackmore, J.W.; P. V. Denham, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; and J. G. Carter, C. Digby, A. Mason, J. J. Holland, S. C. Landon, A. A. Denham, and C. M. Monk, of the Earl of Spencer (1420). The brethren had the pleasure of hearing the ritual well rehearsed, Bro. Frost, Carter, and Digby—who are by no means the "three lesser lights"—alternately occupying the chair. Bro. Mason went through the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. P. V. Denham that of passing. Bro. Carter, in a clear and expressive way, delivered the E.A. charge. Bro. Monk and Landon (the former proposed by Bro. Reed, and seconded by Bro. Carter, and the latter proposed by Bro. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. P. V. Denham) were unanimously elected as members. Bro. Reed will be the W.M. at the ensuing meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).—The annual banquet of this well-known lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 24th inst., at the Portugal Hotel. Bro. Leggott presided as W.M. for the evening. Bro. Able officiating as S.W., and Bro. Squirrel as J.W. There was a good attendance of brethren to support the chair, and Bro. Stacey, the popular Preceptor, occupied the seat on the immediate right of the W.M. An excellent dinner having been discussed, with unanimous expressions of satisfaction, the W.M. proceeded to give the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," which were received with enthusiasm. The health of "The Pro Grand Master (Lord Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past," was next drunk. The W.M. then gave the health of "The Visitors." Bro. Hassell responded. He said that he had a peculiar pleasure in being present, as this was the lodge of instruction to which he had been first recommended upon becoming a Mason. He was made by Bro. Foulger, the Treasurer of this lodge, but had never before been able to attend it, as he left London just after being admitted as a member of the Craft. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for so cordially drinking the health of the visitors, and he had spent a most pleasant evening with them. Bro. Lee and another visitor also acknowledged the toast. Bro. Creak, W.M. of the Bedford Lodge, proposed "The health of the W.M." He had known Bro. Leggott many years ago, when he first came from Yorkshire, and, after losing sight of him for a long time, again met him in this lodge, where he (Bro. Creak) had gained all his Masonic instruction. It was a first-rate lodge, as many brethren could testify. Bro. Leggott was just about to take the chair at his mother lodge, and, with the instruction he had received at the Metropolitan, he was certain to acquit himself well as a good and intelligent Mason. The W.M. thanked Bro. Creak for the very handsome manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for so cordially drinking it. He was glad to see so many of the brethren present, and as to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, he could not speak too highly of it. He liked the lodge, and always looked forward to coming to its meetings. Before he sat down, he had to propose the toast of "The Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of their Preceptor, Bro. Stacey. He had known Bro. Stacey for some years, and a more genial and pleasant Preceptor he had never had the honour of meeting anywhere. Their Preceptor received all the brethren with kindness, and spared neither time or trouble in bringing young Masons well to the front as efficient Craftsmen. He trusted that Bro. Stacey would live many years to instruct them in the science and mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Stacey, who on rising to reply was warmly cheered, said that he took a great pleasure in this lodge. He recollected the time when he was the Preceptor of six lodges of instruction, but he never took so much pride in any other lodge of instruction as in this one. The peculiarity about its members was that they were to be found in all parts of the kingdom, and he could hardly go anywhere out of London without meeting brethren who had been as it were his pupils in that lodge. He would remind the brethren that the W.M. and Bro. Snelling, their Secretary, were Stewards of two of the Masonic Charities, and as there never was a time when charitable effort was so much needed in England as there was now, he hoped the brethren would hand their contributions to either the W.M. or Bro. Snelling. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens," and took advantage of the occasion to plead earnestly for the Masonic Charities. Bro. Snelling, with the permission of the W.M. drew attention to the fact that there was a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge. In three years they had been able to subscribe £610 to the four Masonic Charities, and he hoped that that amount would soon reach £1000, no insignificant sum for a lodge of instruction to raise. The Wardens briefly acknowledged the toast, and "The Health of Bro. Foulger and Snelling, the Treasurer and Secretary," was next duly given and responded to. Other toasts followed. In the course of the evening Bro. Hallam sang several pieces greatly, to the edification of the brethren. Other brethren also contributed to the harmony of the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this old and distinguished chapter was held on the 23rd ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the new Masonic Hall. There were present amongst others Comps. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Cubitt, P.Z., acting J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Lawrence, S.N.; Harrison, P.S.;

Briggs, 1st Asst.; Maclean, 2nd Asst.; Wilson, P.Z. Bolton, P.Z.; G. Everett, M.E.Z. 1381; J. Webb, Ford, Downie, Ambrose, Heyward, T. Bolton, Fountain, J. Jones, Verry, Janitor. Comp. T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, (Freemason) was the only visitor. The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. with the assistance of his officers most ably exalted Bro. Bowie, of the Bedford Lodge to the Royal Arch Degree. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result. Comps. Hill, M.E.Z.; G. Everett, H.; Laurence, J.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Harrison, S.N.; Briggs, P.S.; and Verry, Janitor. The election of Treasurer was postponed. Upon the motion of Comp. Cubitt, P.Z., which was duly seconded and carried unanimously a Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Weaver for his services. Several propositions having been handed in, the convocation was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. In the absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. Cottebrune, P.Z., presided at the festive board. The customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been disposed of, the acting First Principal proposed in very happy terms "The Health of the Exalted" which having been duly honoured, Comp. Bowie, responded by briefly expressing the very great gratification it had afforded him at being present that evening to receive at their hands the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. He had been highly impressed with the whole ceremony, thanks to the very able manner in which it had been performed by their worthy First Principal and his officers. The toast of "The M.E.Z. elect" followed. Comp. Hill in reply thanked the companions most heartily for the high compliment that they had paid him by unanimously electing him to the position of First Principal. He said he could not hope to carry out the duties as well as many of their old M.E.Z.'s had done but he would do his best, and he hoped to be well supported by the officers. The remaining toasts viz., "The Past Principals," "The Second and Third Principals," and "The Officers," were given quickly and having been duly acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. Everett, M.E.Z.; Page, H.; W. Mann, J. and acting S.E.; Speedy, 1st Asst.; Webb, 2nd Asst.; and T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, acting P.S. (Freemason). The visitors were Comps. Mortlock, P.Z. Industry and Faith; J. Bull, Prudent Brethren; Ferguson, Victoria. The ballot was taken for the following candidates for exaltation, and proved in each case to be unanimous:—Bros. Higgins, P.M. 1387; G. L. Everett, 177; Fowler, 1381; C. J. Davies and C. J. Davies, jun., 177; Wood, St. James' Union; Arlett, 869; and E. Chantler, 177. Comp. Downie, Industry Chapter, was also unanimously elected as a joining member. The first five candidates, being in attendance, were duly exalted to the supreme degree of the R.A. The three lectures were most ably rendered by Comps. Ferguson, Bull, and Mortlock. Previously to the closing of the chapter, Comps. Walls and Higgins were appointed respectively to the offices of S.N. and P.S. At the banquet which followed, the following toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was most warmly proposed by Comp. Mortlock, and cordially received. In reply, the M.E.Z. said that although he had had some experience in Craft Masonry, he knew but little of the R.A. degree. He had been twenty-one years connected with the Craft, but only ten years with the Royal Arch. It had been his practice to endeavour to do things well or not at all, and finding that he could not carry out the whole duties of the First Principal that evening, he had called in the assistance of their able Comp. Mortlock, who had discharged those duties most carefully and well. He felt proud at occupying the position of founder and Z. of the Kennington, and he would leave no stone unturned to render it a success. He hoped that they would make every allowance for his shortcomings that evening, and that on future occasions he hoped to be in a position to discharge the full functions of his office to their satisfaction. He believed that in a very short time the chapter would equal in every respect the Kennington Lodge. In conclusion, he thanked Comps. Bull and Ferguson for the assistance that they had also rendered to the chapter that evening. "The Exalted" followed, and drew from each a most excellent response. In giving "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. took occasion again to revert to the services of the three distinguished companions who had honoured the Kennington by their presence that evening. Comp. Mortlock, in the course of his reply, congratulated the chapter upon possessing so good a working staff. It was not to be expected that a new chapter could be entirely worked without some little extraneous assistance. It had afforded him a great deal of pleasure at being present that evening, and the humble efforts that had been manifested by his co-visitors and himself, to render the proceedings a success, had been most cheerfully made. In conclusion, he congratulated the chapter upon the advent of five Exalted, who would, he felt confident, reflect the highest credit upon the chapter of their adoption. Comp. Bull, having replied in similar terms, Comp. Ferguson briefly responded, by endorsing the remarks of the first speaker. It augured well for the prosperity of the chapter when, on such an off night, they could muster five such candidates for admission to the degree. He hoped that each of the exalted would look back with pleasure to that night, and say with pride that he was one of the first to enter the Kennington Chapter, and he (the speaker) hoped that in time they would occupy the Principal's chair. In conclusion, he said that if the members that had been admitted that evening, and those that were coming in, would only manifest the same good feeling that appeared to exist among the founders, the bright future dawning upon the chapter would be still brighter. "The Second and Third Princi-

pals" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Page and Mann. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Walls and Webb. The first regular meeting of the chapter will be held on the second Saturday in the present month.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has just completed the first year of its existence, was held on the 18th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel. There were present amongst others, Bros. Mason, W.M.; J. Baldwin, S.W.; W.M. elect; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., Secretary; Dunham, M.O.; A. Tisley, J.O.; Haynes, S.D.; Goodall, I.G.; Pearson, D.C.; Page, W.S.; Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Mann, P.G.R.; Poore, P.G.I.G.; Potter, Tyler; T. C. Walls, J.O. (*Freemason*). The visitors were, Bros. D. Dewar, P.G.R.; W. A. Barratt, P.G. Organist; and Faulkner, Era. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Stevens most ably advanced Bros. Millis, P.M. Bedford, &c., and Lawson to the Degree of a M.M.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Baldwin then took place. Bro. Poore being the Installing Master appointed Bro. Dewar, as S.W.; Mann, as J.W.; and Stevens, as D.C. to assist him in the ceremony, which was performed with that strict attention to ritual which is one of Bro. Poore's special characteristics. The addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Stevens. The officers appointed and invested were as follows:—Bros. Walls, S.W.; Dunham, J.W.; F. Walters, Treas.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Barney, R. of M.; Austen, M.O. (by deputy); Haynes, S.O.; Goodall, J.O.; Pearson, S.D.; Graham, J.D. (by deputy); Page, I.G.; Game, D.C.; Millis, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Gibbert and assistants. The preliminary toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Dewar responded at some length on behalf of "The Grand Officers," in which he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him, as one of the representatives of that body, at being present that day. He believed that the "Hammersmith" had a bright career before it. It was exceedingly well officered, and with the exercise of a little discrimination in the quality of the candidates seeking advancement in it, there was no reason why it should not eventually equal the most prosperous Mark Lodge in the country. In conclusion, on behalf of Bro. Binckes, he expressed that brother's great regret at being prevented through indisposition from attending the installation meeting that day. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in very felicitous terms. Bro. Baldwin briefly responded by stating that the duties of the position to which he had that day been inducted would receive his best attention. He had been but a very short time a member of the Mark Degree and consequently it would require him to devote great energy and perseverance to attain a thorough knowledge of his responsibilities but should he fail to come up to their expectation he hoped that they would bear kindly with him and put it down, not to a want of determination on his part to succeed, but to his very recent connection with the Order and consequent non-ability to master its arduous ceremonial. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters" the W.M. said that on that occasion his remarks would be almost entirely directed to the I.P.M. Bro. Mason, whose qualities and abilities were well known. He was the founder of the lodge and had devoted his best energies to render it a success and that he had succeeded in winning their good opinion was manifested by their unanimously voting him the very handsome jewel which he, the W.M., had great pleasure in then presenting him with. In concluding his remarks the W.M. expressed the great obligations he was under to Bros. Poore and Stevens for their kindness in attending that day to assist in the "working" of the lodge, and sincerely hoped that they would be spared many years to come among the brethren of the "Hammersmith" and take their position as their deservedly popular honorary Past Masters. The jewel, which was of very elegant design, and reflected great credit upon the well-known firm that supplied it, bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masters to Bro. John Mason, P.M., as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he officiated as 1st W.M. 1878." The I.P.M. warmly acknowledged the toast and the gift that accompanied it. Bros. Poore and Stevens also replied by thanking the W.M. for the very kind expressions he had used whilst proposing their health. They hoped that No. 211 would continue to prosper, and that as far as their numerous engagements would permit they would frequently attend the lodge, and render any assistance that might be required of them. The toasts of "The Advancers," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., in the Masonic Hall. The members present were, Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G.J.D.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.G. Swil. Br.; John Gosdon, S.W.; W. Kennedy, J.W.; Dr. J. J. Lacey, as M.O.; Rowland Baster, S.O.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; A. Crawford, J.D.; T. Swainson, Steward; W. Swaith, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler; W. Tremble, R. Wilson, Jos. Merritt, Isaac Mills, Jas. Ramsay, W. Graham, F. Whittle, E. Clarke. There were also two visitors present from Faithfull Lodge, 229, Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (*Freemason*); and T. C. Robinson, J.O. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, his term of office having expired. At the last meeting, however, Bro. Dalrymple

had been re-elected W.M. for the fourth time, consequently the business of the evening was merely of a formal character. The chair was taken by Bro. W. F. Lamonby W.M. 229, P.P.G.A.D.C., and the officers having deposited their collars and jewels in the East, Bro. George Dalrymple, W.M. elect was inducted to the chair of A., and proclaimed by the officiating brother. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Harper, I.P.M.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872 (Craft), S.W.; E. Clarke, P.M. 1267 and 1680 (Craft), J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; W. Macauley, S.O.; W. Tremble, J.O.; W. Walker, Chap.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, S.C.; F. Whittle, Reg. M.; J. Winter, S.D.; Dr. Lacey, J.D.; J. Back, Org.; I. Cramond, D.C.; A. Crawford, I.G.; J. Jordan, and W. Kennedy, Stewards; J. Close, Tyler. After a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lamonby, the W.M. proposed as a candidate for advancement Bro. T. Atkinson, P.M. Lodge 872, P.P.G.D.C. (Craft.) The lodge was then closed in form. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent supper laid out in the lodge-room, when a few toasts were hurriedly gone through, under the presidency of the W.M., who, with others, had to leave Frizington by the last train from the benighted region, at 7.20 p.m. Henry Lodge is one of those originally worked under the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, under the title of Trinity, No. 27. A charter of confirmation being granted by the M.W. Grand Master of England, in the early part of last year, the lodge was consecrated at Keswick, in July last, when a Moveable Grand Lodge was held there. Henry Lodge is now one of the most flourishing Mark organisations in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and no doubt the principal part of its prosperity is due to Bro. Dalrymple, who, as before stated, has been W.M. four times.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 17th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cocker-mouth. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (*Freemason*); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; R. Bailey, J.D., as M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, which was all the business, two candidates, previously balloted for, not being in attendance for advancement. After the Secretary had been instructed to make up the Grand Lodge return to the end of the past year, inclusive of six certificates for advanced brethren, the lodge was closed.

Ireland.

DUBLIN.—Lodge of Israel (No. 126).—The regular monthly communication of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 20th ult., in the Grand Lodge room, Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Rice. In addition to the regular members of the lodge, there were present, W. Bros. James C. Meredith, L.L.D., Grand I.G.; and R.W. Bro. R. W. Griffin, P.G.S.B., and Rep. from Grand Lodge of Greece. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation of officers for 1879 was then proceeded with, and the following brethren were installed in their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. Krantzeke, as W.M.; Goff, as S.W.; and T.G. Phillips, as J.W. Having been saluted according to custom, they respectively returned thanks. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rice, the outgoing W.M., for his attention to the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the W.M. requested the brethren to remain for a short time, as some of the brethren desired to evince to Bro. Rice, P.M., their feelings of high appreciation by presenting him with a mark of their esteem and regard. The Secretary, Bro. R. Stewart, read a very handsomely illuminated address, and Bro. Morris Harris, the Senior P.M. of the lodge, handed a beautiful gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rice, who thanked the brethren, and read a suitable reply.

ADDRESS.
"Lodge of Israel," No. 126.—Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin. January, 1879.

Address to Thomas Rice, Esq., P.M.
Dear Sir and Brother,—
We the members of the "Lodge of Israel," wishing to record our high appreciation of your honourable and impartial qualities as our W.M. for the year 1878, and your uniform kindness on all occasions to every individual member of our Order, and your own lodge in particular, herewith beg you will accept from us a small *souvenir* on the occasion of your retiring from the honourable and arduous post as Master of this lodge. We take leave to assure you of our sincere regret at losing in you a Master to whom we could always look with confidence and good faith. With a firm and business-like manner of carrying out the duties of your office, you have ever acted towards those under your charge with the most brotherly consideration. We can only add that we hope you will, as a Past Master, help, aid, and assist us in the future, as you have done in the past, so that we may be able to point to you as an honour to the Masonic fraternity.

Wishing you long life and happiness, and that you may be spared to spread the light of Freemasonry, in which you are so great an ornament,
We beg to remain, yours fraternally,
M. HARRIS, P.M., K.B.G.P.
J. G. KRANTZEKE, W.M.
J. J. SULLIVAN, P.M.
F. G. PHILLIPS, J.W.
ROBERT STUART, Secretary.
(Here follow subscribers' names.)

REPLY.

20th January, 1879.

W.M. and Brethren.—
To respond suitably to such an address as that which you have just presented to me is a task to which I feel totally inadequate. I find it almost impossible to select words which would fully convey to you the depth of my gratitude. I assure you I have never experienced such a mingling of feelings as I do on the present occasion—feelings of surprise and thankfulness.

Surprise, when I consider how undeserving I have been of such a mark of favour as you have just evinced towards me. I know of nothing in my conduct, either as a member of the lodge, or as one of its officers, to warrant such an outcome of friendly feeling and regard as you have just displayed by your valuable present.

It would be false were I to deny that I have taken a deep interest in the affairs of this lodge ever since I became a member of it; and to the affairs of Lodge 126, my interest is not confined, for it extends to every institution connected with our Order.

During the years I spent in the several offices of the lodge I felt the spirit of honest and earnest ambition flowing higher and higher as I approached that honourable and responsible position, which I have just vacated, and with that spirit of ambition within me, I became the more conscious of my own weaknesses and shortcomings, when I contemplated the duties and responsibilities of the exalted position of W.M. of the lodge. It needed no such evidence as an address and testimonial to assure me of your personal esteem, and truly Masonic feeling towards me, for these you have constantly proved by the assistance, support, and forbearance, which you so willingly accorded to me during my year of office as your W.M.

It is alone to that support and forbearance, must be attributed whatever small success may have attended the discharge of the duties which devolved upon me. The feelings of thankfulness which so largely mingle with those of surprise, I cannot sufficiently express. I can only give you my word of solemn assurance, that these feelings are genuine and sincere. The kind and too flattering expressions contained in your beautiful address I could not attempt to reply to; but the words of friendship and regard which it contains I will never forget, and I ask you to believe that they are fully reciprocated by me to the members of Lodge 126.

The valuable present which accompanies that address I shall ever guard and preserve for its intrinsic value as well as a memento of the friendly spirit and fraternal feelings which I know prompts you to present it; and I trust it may ever keep me in constant remembrance of the great lessons which are conveyed to the minds of all true Freemasons by the symbolic teaching of the compasses and square.

The feelings of honour and pride with which I shall ever regard the Degree of Past Master, are beyond my power of expressing. This jewel will ever serve to remind me of the pleasantest year of my Masonic career—the year I spent as W.M. of my own parent lodge—the Lodge of Israel, a lodge which has ever held an honourable position amongst the lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Although I have served in all the offices of the lodge, and have now surrendered the last and most honourable of these offices, yet my interest in its well being is not diminished. I cannot share the feelings, which I regret, is so manifestly exhibited by many, who on leaving the chair of the W.M. can console themselves with the idea that they have nothing more to do in the affairs and labours of the lodge.

This line of reasoning I cannot adopt, for I am strongly of the opinion that every P.M. should try to be in his place at the lodge meetings, and so endeavour to promote the interests of the lodge, by his presence and advice, and thus afford to his junior brethren the benefit of the experience which by his years of service he has been able to acquire.

My earnest prayer is that the year we have just entered upon may be one of much prosperity to the lodge, and that its meetings may be happily begun, conducted with order, and closed in harmony. That brotherly love may prevail, and every moral and social virtue may cement and unite us. Again thanking you for your valuable present and address.

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,
THOS. RICE, P.M. 126.

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The installation meeting of St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, will take place this afternoon at Cannon-street Terminus Hotel. A full report will appear in the *Freemason* next week.

The "Freemason" of this week consists of twenty pages.

Bro. H. P. Matthews announces his annual evening concert for Wednesday next at the Shoreditch Town Hall. A number of popular vocalists will support the well-known buffo, and the result will no doubt be a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Carnarvon and Mizpah Ball will be held at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday next, the 7th inst. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Craft costume.

LORD CARNARVON AND THE NEWBURY FREEMASONS.

On Friday, a deputation from the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Freemasons, Newbury, No. 574, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Samuel Hunt; the immediate Past Master, Bro. G. Knight; the Senior Warden, Bro. S. Knight; the Senior Deacon, Bro. Walter Wilson; the Junior Deacon, Bro. W. T. Toms; the I.G., Bro. Plenty; Bro. Richard Ravenor, Past Master, and Bro. George Cosburn, waited upon Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the Order, at Highclere Castle, for the purpose of presenting his Lordship with an address of congratulation upon his marriage. The deputation reached Highclere at a quarter to eleven, being received by Mr. Allen, Lord Carnarvon's secretary. Lord Carnarvon, with the Countess, Lord Porchester, and Lady Winifred Herbert, having entered the saloon, Bro. George Knight introduced the brethren, and the Worshipful Master then asked Lord Carnarvon's acceptance of the address, which was read by Bro. Cosburn, in the absence of the secretary, Bro. C. Hopson. The address was as follows.—

"LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, NEWBURY, No. 574.
"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Most
Worshipful Grand Master of England.

"The officers and brethren, in lodge assembled, this third day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Stephen Knight, S.W., seconded by Bro. Richard Ravenor, P.M.:—"That the most hearty congratulations of the brethren be respectfully tendered to your Lordship on the occasion of your marriage." The brethren pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to grant to you and yours health and happiness, and that, as a distinguished brother, and also as a highly esteemed neighbour, you may long be spared to enjoy the rich blessings of Divine Providence.

"S. G. HUNT, W.M.

"CHAS. HOPSON, Secretary."

The address was exquisitely engrossed and illuminated and artistically ornamented with Masonic emblems, the square and compasses, with a shield bearing the Borough Arms, appearing beneath the title of the lodge. A red morocco case, suitably lettered in gold, lined with white satin, accompanied the address, both being supplied by Bro. Cosburn, of the Caxton Printing Works, Market-place.

Lord Carnarvon, in acknowledging the presentation said he received with very great satisfaction and gratitude, on behalf of Lady Carnarvon and himself, that splendidly illuminated, and to them most interesting and pleasing, document. He assured them that they should prize it very highly, both as speaking the sentiments of, what he might call by the informal, but nevertheless more pleasant, name of the Newbury Lodge of Freemasons, and also for the kindness and personal feeling which had dictated it. They had been good enough to mention in the address that they presented it to him in his double capacity of a neighbour and also as one holding high office in the Craft, and all he could say was that he rejoiced to welcome them there in that double capacity. As neighbours they had known each other for a great many years, and he believed there had never been any friction or anything that had tended to mar the good intercourse and friendly feeling that had existed between himself and he might say every single person in Newbury, and he hoped that state of things would long continue. There had been repeated occasions on which they had been able to exchange good offices and evince kindly feelings, which had bound them together for so many years, and which he trusted might long last, both on the part of himself and Lady Carnarvon and his family. As regarded their common bond of Masonry, that was as they knew a peculiar bond which he believed to be strong and enduring. Theirs was one of the most ancient and, as he believed, one of the most powerful, wealthy, and prosperous societies in the world, and, as he had often taken occasion to remark at Masonic meetings, if as Freemasons they chose to live up to the standard that was set them, and act in accordance with what they professed, they would not fall very far short of that morality and those duties which were impressed upon them by the highest authority they knew and recognised. As regarded Lady Carnarvon, he tendered her best and grateful thanks for this mark of kindness and goodwill. There were many things in this world which they prized highly, and there was nothing they set so much store upon as the goodwill and friendship of those among whom, and near whom they lived. Lady Carnarvon had had the great happiness in her old home of enjoying the regard, affection, and goodwill of all those among whom she had grown up, and to whom she had been known all her life, and he hoped it would be the same in her new home to which he was sure she brought every good wish and every kind feeling; and he trusted that they and others who through his life had given so many tokens of friendship, goodwill, kindly offices, and sympathy would extend the same through the life of Lady Carnarvon. He thanked the Freemasons of Newbury very much for coming there that day and presenting to them that handsome and valuable document, which they would very much prize throughout their lives.

Bro. Cosburn, on behalf of the brethren, then expressed the hope that on some suitable occasion the noble Earl would honour the Newbury Lodge with his presence.

His Lordship replied that he should have great pleasure in doing so.

The members of the deputation were subsequently invited to partake of luncheon with the Earl and Countess and family.

Lord Carnarvon proposed "Prosperity to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope," which was responded to by

Bro. Hunt, the Worshipful Master, who concluded by proposing "Health and happiness to Lord and Lady Carnarvon," thanking them for the handsome and courteous reception which they had accorded to the deputation.

Bro. Cosburn then proposed "The Health of Lord Porchester and Lady Winifred Herbert.

Lord Porchester replied, and said that it had given him great pleasure to know that the Freemasons of Newbury had paid such a compliment to his father.

The Earl and Countess then took leave of the deputation and withdrew. Mr. Allen conducted the party over the Castle, pointing out the valuable paintings and works of art which it contains.

CONSECRATION OF THE UBIQUE LODGE No. 1789.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, the future home of all the Royal Artillery Masons within the circle of the Metropolis. The fulfilment of a need long wanted for our gallant brethren who have "Ubique" for their motto, and whose branches, like Masonry itself, spread over the four quarters of the globe, has now been accomplished, thanks to Bros. Ritchie, Weston, and Smythe, household names among the military Masons of the London district, who alone are responsible for the baptism of this Masonic "Woolwich Infant."

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively rendered, and we have only to mention the names of the Right Worshipful Bros. W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight; assisted by the Rev. Ambrose, T. Hall, M.A., Chaplain, to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, P.M. 416, and P. Prov. G. Officer for Surrey, who upon this occasion filled the office of consecrating Chaplain, to assure our Masonic brethren of the results produced by their united efforts. To those who have seen the consecration of a lodge, it is totally unnecessary for us to describe it, suffice it to say that the ritual was most elaborate, and splendidly carried out by the consecrating officers. Bro. Weston, P.M. 1536, then installed Bro. Ritchie, and with the usual honours the brother was placed in the chair of K.S. He then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Smythe, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; C. Solbé, Chaplain and Treas.; A. G. Saunders, Sec.; J. W. Kirkbride, S.D.; T. Holleyman, Org.; J. A. Watkins, I.G.; J. McCaffery, D.C.; and J. Lacklanel, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Ritchie, P.M. 00, who during the ceremony of consecration filled the chair; of S.W.; F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13 and 1536, P.P.G.S. of W. Kent, who filled the Junior Warden's chair; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; H. G. Picken, W.M. 1536; A. Bookham, W.M. 604; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; H. G. Sparks, P.M. 552; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142, A.G.D.C. England; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, D.C. 913; C. Buckland, 1536; H. de Grey, 706; W. Taylor, 1536; G. Smith, 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; G. Bugache, 12; E. Palmer, 913; D. Nichols, 12; G. A. Mason, 1636; E. Turner, 1536; Joyce Murray, 1706; Wilson, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Weston then finished his arduous duties by giving the charges, and, notwithstanding the fact of his having a most critical audience, fairly and honestly did the work entrusted to him. Bros. Pullen, Hall, Hammerton, Thomas, and Nicholas were then elected hon. members of the lodge, and each returned thanks. Votes of thanks were then ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the lodge to Bros. Pullen and Hall, for their services in consecrating the lodge, and to Bro. Whiston for installing the W.M., which were carried unanimously.

Several nominations were then made for both initiates and honorary members, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was one of Bro. Nichol's especial efforts, and was a superb illustration of the arts of the *cuisine*.

After the clearing of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and in so doing said it was needless for him to say a single word to them in praise of their beloved Sovereign. Her worth and virtues were household words to the whole world, and as military men they above all others were bound to support and strengthen her hands, as their motto said, "all over the world." (Cheers.) As loyal Englishmen and as Masons, he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. (Cheers.)

The next toast was that of the "Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." The W.M. said they were now about to speak of one who took a great interest in the Craft, and who, in his exalted position had ever been a help and service to them on all and every occasion. There were around him, the W.M., that night, brethren who had had the honour of seeing His Royal Highness in his position, as G.M.; and they could bear testimony to his generous desire to promote the Craft and its interest by his presence and example. (Cheers.) He asked them, therefore, to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved. (Cheers.)

In response to the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Thomas and Pullen, Bro. Thomas said that the eloquent speech of the W.M. had placed him in this position, that he must say something more than had been said, or say nothing at all. (Cheers.) He could only thank him and the brethren for their kind and hearty reception of the toast. In regard to Lord Skelmersdale, he was one of the most generous and amiable of men; kind, courteous, and considerate, and it was with such feelings they always met him, and with which he was always received at Grand Lodge. He could only wish that some of the Grand Officers, whose names were household words in Masonry, had been present that night, to see how their names were honoured by that young lodge. He

wished success to the lodge, and its motto, because it was not only the motto of artillery men, but of Masonry "all over the world." (Loud cheers.)

The next toast was that of "The Consecrating Officers," and Bro. Pullen, in the course of a long and interesting speech, returned thanks for the honour paid him and Bro. Hall, giving at the same time, the W.M. and brethren some excellent advice as to the carrying out the duties attendant on their positions, and wishing them every success in their undertaking. Bro. Hall as well replied.

Bro. Weston then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying they would find that in placing Bro. Ritchie in the chair as the first Master of the lodge that they had placed the right man in the right place.

Bro. Ritchie said he must use an old hackneyed saying, and own that he could not find words to express his thanks to them for placing him in the chair of such a lodge as the "Ubique," as they had done that day. He should endeavour to uphold the dignity of the position, and at the end of his year of office place it, as it was given to him, pure and unsullied in the hands of his successor.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Hayes, Picken, Pounhall, and Nichols responded. That of "The Officers," brought Bro. Forsythe to the fore, and in no measured eloquence, but in a strain that held all the brethren, he said he felt himself at a great disadvantage in responding to the toast so eloquently given by the W.M. The many able speeches that had been given that evening by the W.M., Bro. Hyde Pullen, and the other Grand and Provincial Officers, who had honoured the Ubique Lodge by their presence that evening, were so eloquent, that, in fact, he required their sympathy, and a deal of it. In the first place he wished in the name of the officers to return his very sincere thanks for the able manner, the kindness of thought, the delicacy of feeling, and the more than flattering-inequities their W.M. had been pleased to preface the toast with, as well as the flattering reception it had earned at the hands of the brethren. At a time like the present, when they heard of the Great Orient of France (so ably alluded to by the G. Chaplain) and one or two lodges in Brussels and America, who had repudiated that name—the very keystone of all honourable, true, and honest Masonic bodies—from their rituals it was, he averred, the solemn duty of the officers of their infant "Ubique Lodge" to attend to their duties in such a manner as to assist the W.M. in preventing all such from gaining admission into their lodges of England should they have the temerity to attempt it. He had included a few American Masons, but it was nevertheless most gratifying to know that they, the Masons of England, were supported by an array of 700,000 American Masons, who were one with them in all things Masonic. (Cheers.) With the exception named Masonry was increasing throughout the world. That they had upon no light authority. Here our brother paid a high compliment to Bro. Kenning, and his staff, who he declared had done great good in the advancement of Freemasonry, not only by their reports, but by their scientific and historical researches into Freemasonry, as registered weekly by the *Freemason*, and kindly mentioned the name of Bro. Jolly, who had favoured them with his company at the launching of this "Woolwich Infant," the Ubique Lodge, into the world of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Referring again to the able and eloquent remarks of Bro. Hyde Pullen, to whom they were indebted for sending forth into the Masonic world—well, to put it modestly, "a thing of beauty," which would, he trusted, be "a joy for ever," he asked to pay, in the name of the officers, an acknowledgment of their indebtedness to their distinguished brother, and to assure him that his head might lie lightly on his pillow, so far as his anxiety was concerned with respect to the punctuality of the officers of their lodge. For was not military time a proverb? That was his guarantee for the anxiety expressed so eloquently and feelingly by their distinguished brother. He said their motto, "Ubique," means in its fullest sense "Here, there, everywhere"—to do this, that, or everything. It was only his modesty that prevented him saying that they stuck at nothing—(cheers and laughter)—and could do everything. (Continued laughter.) Such were the W.M. and officers of their lodge, whose future lustre their W.M. had so boldly and manfully proclaimed was the goal he intended to reach ere his year of office was expired, and it was for them—the officers—to see that nothing on their part should mar this glorious determination. With such a W.M., all things within the grasp of mortals were possible. Then let them brace up for their work. Let "Ubique" be their standard, "Brotherly love" their support, "Charity to all men" their password, and the good fight must end in "Victory! victory! victory!" (Loud and continued cheering.)

The brethren shortly after separated.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was on Saturday last unanimously elected Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, and on Monday last was also unanimously elected a member of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

The installation meeting of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, takes place on Saturday next, Feb. 8th. Bro. R. Payne, of Lotherby, is the W.M. elect. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.P. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following is the Agenda for Wednesday, the 6th February:—

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October, 1878, to the 14th January, 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows,—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£507 17 6
" " Unappropriated Account	191 10 5
" Subsequent Receipts	435 3 1
	£1134 11 0
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£198 16 10
" Balance	757 18 9
" " in Unappropriated Account	177 15 5
	£1134 11 0

of which balances there is in the hands of the trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England, £546 16s. 10d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry France as Z., John Wordsworth as H., Mark Potter as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to be called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Riding, of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Eggesfield Collin as H., Thomas Mandle as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called the Nicholson Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, in the county of Cumberland.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Wellman as Z., Henry Wadham Dalwood as H., John Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, London, to be called the St. Dunstan's Chapter, and to meet at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the city of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

A memorial having been received from the members of Chapter No. 1260, for permission to change the name from the Hervey to the John Hervey Chapter, the committee recommend—as the M.W. Grand Master has granted the permission to its members so to call the lodge—that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee regret to report the lamented deaths of Companion Benjamin Head, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed Member of the Grand Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th December, and of Companion John Boyd, P.Z., No. 145, an elected Member of the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in whose place Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of some other companion.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th January, 1879.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday in the board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. A. Dubois in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Col. Creaton, W. G. James, E. Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, John A. Rucker, John Mason, Thomas Cubitt, F. B. Baker, Thomas W. White, John C. Stevens, William Stephens, Griffiths Smith, G. Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thomas J. Barnes, E. Letchworth, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. J. Perceval, H. Potter, E. Spooner, A. Tisley, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes authority was given to the chairman to sign cheques for £1,374 10s. for accounts, and also a cheque for £178 10s. to be returned to the Mansion House Princess Alice Fund, paid by the committee of that fund for the admission of a daughter of the late Captain Grinstead to the school, but the child being above the age within which a child can by the laws of the institution be admitted, the Committee were constrained to refuse her.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Soulsby, the Secretary of the Mansion House Fund, in which he expressed the hope that the Committee would see their way to admitting the child.

Bro. Rucker thought that a letter should be written to Mr. Soulsby in answer, regretting the circumstances of the case, but stating that it was a fixed and established law of the institution that a child must be under eleven years of age to be admitted to the School.

Several petitions were received. As some of them were for children who had sisters in the school, the question was put by the Chairman whether they did not come within one of the new laws which prescribe that only one daughter in a family shall be in the Institution at the same time. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., explained that the new laws were not yet confirmed, and that until they are confirmed the old laws remain in force. This view was admitted, and the petitions received the usual consideration.

One case was admitted by purchase, and one was deferred for a month for further enquiry.

The Chairman then reported, with great regret, two vacancies on the House Committee, by the death of Bro. Benj. Head and Bro. John Boyd.

Bro. Rucker moved that the regret of the brethren on the loss they had sustained be recorded on the minutes.

The motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were then nominated to fill the vacancies:—Bros. Edward Spooner, John Mason, Edw. Cox, Thomas Cubitt, Frank Richardson, Dr. Wm. Holt, and J. A. Farnfield.

The election will take place on the next General Committee.

One child was withdrawn by her father from the list of candidates for next election.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

—The children of this Institution visited the pantomime at the Crystal Palace yesterday, to which they had been kindly invited by the Directors of the Company.

We regret to learn that Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, is confined to his room at Stoneleigh Abbey by an attack of bronchitis.

The Court went out of mourning for the late Grand Duchess of Hesse (Princess Alice) on Wednesday.

The ceremony of Installation of the Principals will be worked at the Domestic Chapter of Instruction, held at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday evening next at 8.30, by Comp. W. Smallpeice, P.Z. 21.

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple, and the greatest novice may soon be a good gardener by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsman, Reading, for 15 stamps or for 1s. at all Railway Bookstalls.

The installation meeting of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, was held at the Rampant Horse Hotel, Norwich, on Thursday last. Bro. E. Pankhurst was the W.M. installed. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A Masonic ball in connection with the Friendly Lodge, 1513, and in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at the Public Hall, Barnsley, on Thursday.

We regret to learn that Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., in descending a staircase on Monday evening last, missed his footing, owing to weakness in the right leg from old wounds, sustaining a very severe compound fracture of the left kneecap. The gallant captain is, we are happy to state, progressing favourably, but the injury is of so serious a nature that some time must elapse before he can leave his bed.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to grant a warrant for the formation of a new lodge, to be called the Coborn Lodge, and to meet at the Bow Vestry Hall. The consecration will shortly take place.

A meeting of the Thistle Mark Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Haymarket. The attendance of Mark Master Masons is invited.

CHILDREN'S IRISH STEW DINNER.—The sight witnessed on Wednesday, last., at noon, at the fifth dinner given by the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C., at their Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, E., to the poor children, will be long remembered. The earnest cry for admission and the great rush was distressing to all engaged in this noble work. Hundreds pressed with plates and spoons in hand. Hunger was depicted on many faces, and the quick way in which they devoured the Irish stew was an additional proof of their sad need. Those who had not been successful in obtaining tickets lingered outside patiently in the cold, waiting with almost despairing hope to be recipients of any that might be left. So heartrending was the scene outside that a second dinner was provided, and even then numbers had to be refused. To carry on this work of charity during the winter months, funds are still needed, and a trifle from each reader would not be missed, but would satisfy the craving hunger of several of these poor children, and would be thankfully received by Miss Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin, at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

Bro. F. H. Cozens, of 21, Treherne-road, Brixton, has the superintendence of the musical arrangements for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Sleeplessness, flatulency, acidity, nausea, and all dyspeptic indications may be speedily relieved by these famous Pills, of which large quantities are shipped to all parts of the world. The constantly increasing demands for Holloway's medicine proves its power over disease, and its estimation by the public. In weakness of the stomach, in diseases of the liver, and in disorders of the system caused by cold or a sluggish circulation, no medicine is so efficacious, no remedy so rapid, as these Pills, which are altogether incapable of doing mischief. By quickening digestion, they give refreshing sleep, sharpen the appetite, impart tone to the digestive organs, purify and enrich the blood, regulate the secretions, and strengthen the whole physical frame.—[ADV.]

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS LIFEBOAT,

ALBERT EDWARD.—The Freemasons' Lifeboat, the Albert Edward, stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrumental on the 24th inst., in rendering most important service to a shipwrecked crew of 14 men, from a large barque, the "Hebe," ashore on the Swin, Middle Sands. The intelligence having been conveyed to the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. expressed, through Col. Dighton M. Probyn, much pleasure and satisfaction at the service rendered by the Lifeboat "Albert Edward," which was presented to the Royal National Life-boat Institution by the Freemasons of England. Through the courtesy of Bro. Richard Lewis, the Secretary of the Institution, we are in possession of, and shall place before our readers next week, a full account of the rescue.

The "Broad Arrow" states that Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn has returned to Bangalore from a tour of invaliding and inspection of the military stations of the Nilgubberies and the Western Coast.

Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. for Sussex, accompanied by his W. Deputy and officers, will pay an official visit to the Wellington Lodge No. 341, Rye, on Thursday next on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Francis Millom.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 7, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
- " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.
- " 1925, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

- Colonial Board at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1264, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henly, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
- " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
- " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
- Rose Croix Chap. 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill,
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Grand Chapter at 6 for 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
 Row Croix 68, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Faunce-pl., Kennington at 8.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H. Camberwell.
 " 1681, Londresborough, 68, Regent-st. W.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st. W.
 " 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms, Tav., Millbank.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
 " 9, Morish, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town-hall, Poplar.
 Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 8, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
 Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fierce Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge, 16, Walton, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
 " 484, Faith, Gerald's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met in great strength on the 28th ultimo at Anderson's Hotel. The officers present were Bro. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallott, I.P.M.; Heapy, S.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Tidy, W.S.; Abrahams, A.W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Cobham, and Longstaff, Tyler. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed the W.M., with the assistance of the officers, raised Bro. Weedon and Nathan, passed Bro. Kendall, and initiated Mr. Joseph Lloyd, the ceremonies being well performed. The election of Trustees upon the Benevolent Fund was adjourned until the next meeting. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. J. Terry, Sec., R.M.B.J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex; Ferguson, P.M., 177; Dean, P.M., 417; Williams, 147; Andrews, 382; Tapp, Eockston; and Prime, Hemming. After the banquet, which was well catered for, the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The health of "The W.M." was ably proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Dairy had been many years among them and was highly appreciated by them all. He believed that the destinies of the Faith were quite safe in the W.M.'s hands, and that the lodge would be represented by him in the same exemplary way as it always had been. It was Bro. Dairy's extreme desire to do his duty well, and that at the end of his year of office it was his intention to leave, if possible, a larger balance in the Treasurer's hands than had ever been held by that worthy official before. There were many ways of economizing the funds of the lodge without unduly stinting the creature comforts of the brethren or the requirements of the charities, and this was the course their W.M. intended to carry out. The W.M., briefly, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and expressed his obligations to the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received it. He hoped that this year of office would end as prosperously as it had begun, and that when he left the chair he should carry with him the good wishes of every member. In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. earnestly impressed upon the candidate the necessity of carrying out, as far as possible, the good principles of the Order, viz., "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." He assured him that by doing this he would be only exercising that duty which one brother owed to another, or in other or more familiar words, "To do unto others as you would wish others to do unto you." The candidate having responded, the remaining toasts, viz., "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities" were proposed in brief, though pertinent terms, and having been heartily received and acknowledged, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this famous old lodge was held last Saturday evening at the City Terminus Hotel. Bro. W. Beattie, W.M., presided, and after the formal portion of the day's work had been concluded, installed in the Master's chair, Bro. Frederic Julius Macaulay, S.W. and W.M. elect. The brethren invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices for the ensuing year were, Bro. William Beattie, I.P.M.; George Powell, S.W.; the Rev. W. S. Moses, J.W.; W. Batty, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., (Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes), Sec.; F. Statham Hobson, S.D.; A. V. Haines, J.D.; S. W. Yockney, I.G.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., (Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies), D.C.; F. G. Bailey, A.D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Beattie then delivered the

addresses, completing the whole of the work in admirable style. The W.M. also invested his officers with the proper formula most fluently and impressively. When the installation ceremony was concluded, the W.M. said the very agreeable duty devolved upon him of presenting Bro. Beattie with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge, in remembrance of the very successful and pleasant year they had had during the time he had occupied the W.M. chair. All he could say at that moment, when placing the jewel on Bro. Beattie's breast, was that worthily indeed had he won it and most worthily did he wear it. Long might he be spared to enjoy the appreciation of his brethren, not only in St. Thomas's Lodge, but among the Craft generally; and he congratulated Bro. Beattie on having received the jewel. Bro. Beattie, I.P.M., in acknowledging the presentation, said it was rather difficult for him to find appropriate words in which to express all he should like to say in return for that beautiful jewel. All the brethren knew how much he appreciated the kindness of the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge and how much he esteemed and respected every member of it; and he believed that feeling was mutual. He could assure the brethren that the past had been a very pleasant year of office. He had met with kind consideration on the part of every member of St. Thomas's Lodge, and whatever his future lot might be, or wherever it might be cast, he should always look back with feelings of pride and satisfaction to his official connection with St. Thomas's Lodge, more particularly during the past year. Bro. Levander then read the correspondence, among which was a letter he had received the day before from the present W.M., presenting new columns and square, level and plumb-rule for the Warden's chairs, as a token of the very pleasant year he had had as S.W. Bro. Batty, Treasurer, proposed, and Bro. W. Dyott Burnaby, P.M., seconded, that the handsome gift be accepted, and when this motion had been carried a vote of thanks to the W.M., proposed by Bro. Levander, Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Batty, Treasurer, was also carried. Bro. Levander having announced that he had received circulars soliciting Stewards from the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School for their next festivals, read a letter from Bro. Lambert, P.M., in which he stated that if no other brother offered himself as Steward for the Girls' School festival he should be happy to take that office, and place ten guineas on his list if the brethren of the lodge would make up the amount to thirty guineas; it was resolved on the motion of Bro. Batty, seconded by Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., that Bro. Lambert's offer be accepted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. Amongst the brethren, who numbered in all seventy-five, who sat down to banquet were Past Masters Fredk. Thomas Dubois, James William Lambert, William Dyot Burnaby, and visitors, W. Ferguson, J.W. 1101; J. S. Tamburni, 33; R. Payne, S.W. 1328; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; T. H. Edmunds, G.S.L.; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; B. James Fisher, W.M. 444; Thos. Higgs, P.M. 106; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; F. W. Percival, 357; E. S. Stidolph, P.M. Chaucer; Thomas Green; F. Pendered, P.M. 33; George J. 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Independently of politics they looked upon her as the head of the state, as serving a great purpose, doing a great duty, and doing that duty in a most exemplary manner. After the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," had been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M., in giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," said he might be allowed this opportunity of suggesting that in addition to drinking his lordship's health as a very great Mason, the brethren might congratulate him upon his recent domestic felicity. He would not venture further to introduce so delicate a subject, but he could not resist the temptation of reminding the brethren that their noble Pro Grand Master had recently been married. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, in replying to the toast of "The Deputy G.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," said he felt great diffidence in replying to the toast when other Grand Officers were present. Whether it was Present or Past Grand Officers they were always anxious to do their duty to the Order in general, and they were happy to find whomever they went that there were others coming on to hold the offices now filled. There were able and efficient brethren round the table, and he hoped some day or other to see them in Grand Office. He had no doubt when they were called upon to fill such office they would perform their duties as efficiently as those who had gone before them. The present officers must pass away at some time, and it was necessary that there should be some ready to occupy the vacancies. Going to another subject it must be superfluous for them to express an opinion as to the working of St. Thomas's Lodge; but he must say that he had seen a great deal of Masonic working, both in England and in

other countries, but he had never seen the working, from that of the junior officer to the Master in the chair, done so fairly, clearly, and without any hesitation whatever as he had that evening. It must be satisfactory to every one present. Those brethren who belonged to the lodge were accustomed to it, and it was nothing new to them; but the visitors would agree that there were few instances when they had witnessed such perfect working as they had that evening. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the name of Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., said that he was happy to think, that on most occasions of the lodge's meetings they had visitors present. On no occasion was it more agreeable to him than now. The presence of visitors was a sign of that hospitality which should prevail throughout the Craft. He had had the great honour and pleasure of being a visitor at other lodges, and he knew the gratification derived from such visits. He trusted that those visitors who had honoured the lodge with their presence that evening would have the same feeling of gratification which he had experienced when he visited other lodges. The visitors that evening were very numerous; their name was legion; but whatever number might be present the brethren welcomed them heartily. Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., replied, and said that looking around the table he was almost inclined to use the word legion that had been suggested as being the true representative of the number of visitors to this lodge; but he that as it might, he thanked the lodge in the name of every brother now standing up, for the favour the lodge had done them by giving them that opportunity of seeing the excellent working of the lodge, and partaking of its hospitality. He had ever held that as lodges were naturally limited in number, it was most important that there should be a free intermingling of the one with the other, and as he had held that opinion how gratified must he be that evening in seeing that St. Thomas's Lodge had followed it up to perfection. He recollected that when he had the honour of being present last year there were nearly as many visitors as now. The members of the lodge therefore did a good piece of Masonic work in inviting brethren of other lodges to see their working, because by that free intercourse of lodges the working of all was brought more and more into harmony. It was alike in all essentials. In no part of the country to which he went was there a fundamental difference. Whether in Scotland or Ireland, although there were some differences in the system, essentially it was all alike; but the more the different brethren met together the better it would be for the Craft, that it might be not merely like, but like in reality, and that, he thought, was a very important thing. The W.M. had spoken of the pleasure it had given him to visit other lodges, and he (Bro. Glaisher) thought he might say for all the visitors present that they had experienced the same pleasure in visiting St. Thomas's Lodge, and hoped that even again the same opportunity would be afforded them. Bro. W. Beattie, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he was sure the toast would be received with enthusiasm and acclamation by all the brethren. They were well aware that Bro. Macaulay was not an amateur at working. He had worked at the junior offices, and as he had qualified himself more and more he had gained the esteem and affection of the brethren of the lodge in proportion. He prognosticated for Bro. Macaulay a happy, prosperous, and beneficial reign while he occupied the chair of K.S., and he was sure he would, to the best of his skill and ability, carry out in their integrity every thing that fell to the office of W.M. Bro. Macaulay was well known to all the members of the lodge, and to most of the brethren present who were visitors, and he, Bro. Beattie, was sure that the whole of the company would join with him in drinking with all sincerity to the health of the W.M. and to his having a happy and prosperous year, hoping that at this time next year they might feel that he had performed the duties of his office with satisfaction to himself and advantage to the lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he begged to thank the brethren most heartily for the very great honour they had done him in responding so unanimously to the sentiments of his kind friend, the I.P.M. He felt that in much that Bro. Beattie had said of him he had been too promising; but as he should desire to do, not only for St. Thomas's Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, all he could, though his poor powers were very limited; still, to the best of his ability, they were at the disposal of the brethren. He felt that he might have applied to himself that morning the words of the great Psalmist, "I am small and of no reputation;" but to the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge he was indebted that night for a high place. His trust and hope were that he might not be found wanting in his attempt to do his duty by the Craft and by St. Thomas's Lodge. He had a very perfect recollection of his initiation in this lodge, and of being seated between the W.M. and Bro. Glaisher on that occasion. He had never forgotten the kind words addressed to him then as the initiate; they were deeply engraven on his mind, and in addition to that he had had most excellent friends in the several Masters who had preceded him in the chair. Whether in geniality, in perfect efficiency, in regularity of attendance, in hospitality or in any other essentials, he had had such excellent examples that they could not possibly be lost on a mind such as he hoped he possessed, that was imbued with Masonic principles. With those feelings he hoped the brethren would allow him to thank them, and to offer them one and all the right hand of fellowship, the perfect essence of which they, no doubt, understood. Having said this much on behalf of himself and of his occupation of the chair, he would add in reference to what his kind friend, Bro. Beattie, had said as to not only the probability but certainty, (if he might be spared) of retirement to the rank

of the honourable band on his left, that he hoped his duty would be done with such skill as to render him worthy of that position. To that end he would work, and with that object he was now before the brethren. Being on his feet he would now economise time by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," a toast which needed no words to recommend it. The Past Masters were the "elder brethren" to whom the Master must look for counsel and support, for assistance and advice. It was only natural, it was only right and proper that it should be so, otherwise it would not have been so ordained. The Past Masters had evidently been designed for useful purposes; and in St. Thomas's Lodge they carried out those purposes to the fullest extent. They had a bright array of Past Masters in that lodge, Past Masters who were not content with the honours they had attained, but who were regular in their attendance and constant in their adhesion to the Master for the time being. Therefore they deserved the best consideration of the brethren. They were not, like the visitors, legion, but they formed a goodly array. Bro. W. Beattie, I.P.M., in reply, said it was rather a novel position for him to have to return thanks for the Past Masters of the lodge, but he would do the best he could. The W.M. had been pleased to allude to the Past Masters in a slightly facetious manner, and it almost reminded him of Lord Beaconsfield's expression about a stationer who had either retired from business, or from whom business had retired. However, he could not say he had retired from business, because no doubt his services might be required. When they were required he could truthfully say on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters they would be freely and cordially given. Any assistance they could render or anything they could do to maintain the position that St. Thomas's Lodge had achieved for good working or good discipline they would be most happy to do. He thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters for their very kind reception of the toast, and he hoped that they might for many years have the pleasure of seeing the Master of St. Thomas's Lodge on installation night surrounded by an assemblage as large as, or even larger, than that he now saw before him. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Officers," remarked that it had been a great pleasure to him to promote to the different offices brethren who in offices they had already filled showed qualities which entitled them to promotion. The brethren he had appointed had displayed not only efficiency in working but general efficiency and utility. The Rev. W. Stainton Moses, J.W., (Bro. Powell), S.W., having been compelled to leave early in reply, said that all the officers were determined, to the best of their several abilities, to do the work of the lodge with efficiency, so as not to throw any discredit on the high traditions of the lodge. The W.M. would set them an example which they would find it to their benefit to follow. Outside and beyond their offices, the officers of the lodge felt they were united together by a bond of unity, companionship, and fellow feeling, of which the W.M. set them one of the brightest examples. Nothing they could do should be wanting in the fulfilment of the several duties they had to discharge, and if he might go further than this he would say it might be a tradition of St. Thomas's Lodge that there was in it good fellowship and good working, brotherly love and charity, and that being so, the officers would use every effort, that in these respects it should suffer no diminution. The officers also were grateful to the W.M. for giving them the opportunity of carrying those theories into practice, and they wished the W.M. during his year of office health, prosperity, and happiness, and that when he left the chair he would find that the traditions of the lodge had suffered no diminution. Bro. Battye, and Levander, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The evening was enlivened by some beautiful music and singing by Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; John Hodges, Alfred Kenningham, Joseph Thornton, and Turkey Beal, under the conductorship of Bro. Osborne Williams.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Bro. Legge, W.M., presided. Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., &c., occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, the J.W. chair. Bro. Webb, P.M., acted as D.C. Among the brethren present were, Past Masters J. Hanson, Richard Henry Marsh, J. Redding, J. Tickle, J. Simpson, R. H. Pearson, Treas.; J. E. Carpenter, Sec.; and visitors:—Bros. W. H. Mulley, P.M. 256; W. Porchison, 12; Geo. H. Carter, 1702; W. R. Smith, 1702; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; W. C. Madder, W.M. 504; W. F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; S. H. Parkinson, W.M. 1642; R. Gifford, 784; S. J. Hilliard, P.M. 174; W. Brown, P.M. 1609; Charles Lacey, P.G.D. Herts; George Jones, J.W. 174; F. J. Dellow, 174; W. J. Hunter, W.M. 1677; H. C. Levander, W.M. 1415; S. J. Weston, P.M. 194; W. J. Compton, S.W. 191; C. Rowlands, 1642; W. J. Foster, 19; C. Lee Roberts, S. F. Watts, P.M. 194, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The only work before the lodge was the installation, a ceremony which Bro. Legge performed in admirable style, placing Bro. R. H. Blatchford in the chair of the lodge as its Master for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were, Bros. Legge, I.P.M.; J. T. Heath, S.W.; T. J. Eckstein, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; W. Radbord, S.D.; Chas. Hawksley, J.D.; G. E. Fairchild, I.G.; Tickle, P.M., W.S.; Buck, Steward; Butler, D.C.; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the brethren voted ten guineas to the list of Bro. Legge, I.P.M., who stands as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Five propositions for initiation and one for joining were then given in

after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. As the hour was late when banquet was concluded the speeches were very short. Bro. Legge, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was young in the chair and no doubt felt nervous. He hoped, however, that when the lodge met again for installation next year he would feel more easy than he did at present. The brethren would admit that the W.M. had made a very good beginning, and it had been with great pride that he (Bro. Legge) had installed him in the chair. The W.M. had been pleased in the course of the evening to refer to the long friendship that had grown up between himself and him (Bro. Legge) since they were boys together. He (Bro. Legge) looked upon it with equal satisfaction. The field of Freemasonry was a large one, and he hoped the W.M. would look upon his entrance to it as one of the most progressive steps he had taken in a good cause. The W.M., in reply, said he hoped the brethren had overlooked any imperfections they had seen in him, and if they had confidence in him he was sure their confidence would not be misplaced; and if at the end of his term of office, when he hoped to instal his successor, he retired to the position of P.M., he trusted he should carry with him the good wishes of the brethren. It was now seven years since he was initiated in that very room, and on that memorable night he never dreamt he should at the close of his seven years' apprenticeship occupy the chair of the lodge. He had, however, done so, and he was very proud of his position. Bros. Charles Lacey and H. C. Levander responded to the toast of "The Visitors." In proposing "The health of Bro. Legge, I.P.M.," the W.M. said, although he was obliged to make very short speeches, he could not suffer the brethren to depart without returning Bro. Legge their very best thanks for the noble way in which he had conducted the ceremony of the evening. Bro. Legge had been known to the brethren some years, and the longer they knew him the better they liked him. As Bro. Legge had told the brethren, he had known him (the W.M.) many years. He was a very good fellow at heart, though he had some crotchets. Who had not? But they sank into insignificance by the side of his other good qualities. He had now great pleasure in presenting him with a P.M. jewel which had been voted by the lodge, and he hoped, as they went down the hill together, he might for many years have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Legge wear it. Bro. Legge, in acknowledging the toast, said he did not know that he had merited all that had been said, because he held it to be the duty of every Mason who took office to do his utmost to perform the duties of his office properly. He had tried to do so ever since he had been a member of the lodge, and he had tried to do what he had done with goodwill and the utmost zeal. He hoped, as far as he had gone, that he had pleased the brethren, and more than that, that he had done some good to the Institution. That had been his great aim, and it always would be his great aim, and he would recommend those brethren who were coming on to do the same, for it was a little secret in that lodge that until they were in and out of the chair they were nowhere. They had a great deal of work to do, and when they had done it they would find they were just becoming useful in the cause of Masonry. The toasts of "The P.M.s.," to which Bros. Dr. Carpenter and Tickle replied, and "The Masonic Institutions," to which Bro. Legge responded, were then given, and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., having given "The Tyler's Toast," the brethren separated, after spending a very pleasant evening, which was made additionally agreeable by the singing of some capital songs.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 3rd inst. There was a fair attendance. Bro. George Buckland, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. Edward Swanborough, S.W., C. Wellard, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, Secretary. In the absence of the S.D., Bro. Herr Meyer Lutz took the place of that officer, Bro. Maclean filling the posts of J.D. and I.G.; F. Delevanti D. of C.; C. E. Tinney, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The following members were present:—Bros. James Weaver, P.M.; W. A. Tinney, P.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M.; Arthur Thomas, John Wallace, Robert Soutar, Luigi F. Lablache, Wallis Mackay, H. M. Edsall, Charles Beckett, Geo. E. Fairchild, A. Castegnier, Lionel Brough, G. R. Egerton, H. J. Ashley, E. D. Humphrey, W. J. Kent, P. S. Castell, and L. B. Wooldridge. Visitors:—Bros. Marsh, P.M. 1296; Bedford Lemere, S.D. 193; G. M. A. Low, I.G. 1589; S. Whaley, 1670; E. D. Godwin, P.M. 76 J. M. C. James, D.C. 795; Alfred Pinto Late, I.P.M. 795; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*). The lodge, which has special power conferred by the Grand Lodge of holding its sittings during the day, was opened at two o'clock. The Secretary having then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed, it was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Wallis Mackay and H. M. Edsall were examined, and, having very satisfactorily given proof of their claim to preferment, retired, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and these brethren, having been re-admitted, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, the W.M. performing the ceremony with that precision and unobtrusive skill which all Freemasons like to see. There being no further business before the meeting, the lodge was formally closed in the Three Degrees, and the brethren adjourned until the first Monday in March.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday evening last. There was an average attendance of both members and visitors. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Henry Charles Reeves, Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., kindly officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. T. C.

Walls, S.W.; C. H. Köhler, J.W.; W. Stuart, Sec.; H. Speedy, S.D.; W. P. Webb, J.D.; F. Honywell, Org.; and George Longstaff, Tyler. The following members were present:—Bros. H. Higgins, P.M.; W. Mann, P.M.; J. W. Kock, P.M.; D. Drysdale, P.M.; A. Baldock, W. H. Barry, J. Jenkins, A. Town, H. Cruse, H. C. Higgins, T. Hayward, H. G. Robinson, H. G. Stranger, W. Sandon, D. Downes, John Bolton, John W. Fowler, J. W. Brooke, John King, and W. Bavin. Visitors:—Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512; G. H. Downie, 186; W. Bowden, 186; L. Coleman, 186; F. Gilbert, 1507; W. W. Morgan, 177; George Hugall, 1539; M. Bellamy, 1367; J. Hardy, 190; A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened at half-past four in the customary form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to. It was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, Bro. Town being passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Bro. Jenkins raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Bro. Thomas Charles Walls, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Everett, who very efficiently performed the ceremony of installation, after which, the Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren saluted the newly-installed Master in the usual manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—C. H. Köhler, S.W.; H. Speedy, J.W.; E. F. Page, Treasurer; H. Stuart, Sec.; W. P. Webb, S.D.; F. Marsden, J.D.; H. G. Robinson, I.G.; A. Stokes, D.C.; H. G. Stranger, W.S.; John Bolton, A.W.S.; F. Honywell, Org.; and Geo. Longstaff, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and on the motion of Bro. W. Mann, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. W. Kock, P.M., it was unanimously agreed that Bro. H. Higgins, P.M., who kindly volunteered his services for the office, should act as Steward to the Girls' School at the next anniversary. It was subsequently agreed that the lodge should give Bro. Higgins 10 guineas to head his list. Bro. H. C. Reeves, I.P.M., then, in very complimentary terms, bore testimony to the skilful manner in which Bro. Everett had performed the duties of Installing Master, and concluded by moving a resolution to the effect that a vote of thanks to Bro. Everett should be recorded on the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bro. Higgins, and having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried. Bro. Everett very briefly acknowledged the compliment. The business before the lodge being then concluded, it was closed in the usual form, after which the brethren repaired to the banqueting-hall, and sat down to a splendid banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The customary toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," having been duly honoured, Bro. Hardy sang the "Village Blacksmith" in capital style, after which Bro. Reeves, I.P.M., said it was a very pleasing duty to him to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Walls had gone through all his offices with the greatest credit, and he now filled the very honourable chair which he (Bro. Reeves) had just quitted, but he was quite sure that the brethren had selected the right man to fill it, and he felt certain that they would have a most successful year under his presidency. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, whereupon Bro. Webb sang the beautiful melody from "Marta" commencing "She Appeared." The W.M., in acknowledging the toast said that by a singular coincidence that very night four years ago he had the pleasure of being initiated into the Kennington Lodge, and he could scarcely realise that, after so short a period as had elapsed between that time and the present occasion, he was presiding over so large and influential a lodge as the Kennington. He might say that when he was initiated, he was so impressed with the principles of the Craft, and the manner in which he was initiated, that he became infatuated with Freemasonry, and within twenty-four hours joined a lodge of instruction, and the result had been that he now found himself holding the high and responsible position of W.M. of the Kennington Lodge. After a few words of encouragement to aspirants to preferment, the W.M. concluded by assuring the brethren that it would be no fault of his if his tenure of office did not prove a successful one. "The Visitors" having been proposed, Bro. Stokes sang "My Pretty Jane" in capital style, after which the most of the visitors gracefully acknowledged the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," and decorated Bro. Reeves with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the latter, in a few appropriate sentences, acknowledged. All the other Past Masters having also briefly responded the W.M. delighted the company with a capital rendering of the well-known ballad "Love me once again," which was warmly applauded. He then, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "the health of the Secretary and Treasurer," who, in replying, both commented upon the very satisfactory condition of the affairs of the lodge, and assured the brethren that it would be their constant aim to promote its interests in every way they could whilst they continued to act as office bearers. The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," took occasion to allude to the controversy which is agitating the minds of Freemasons everywhere just now with regard to raising the initiation fee. There was, he said, a gradual access to the numbers of Freemasons without a corresponding increase in the contributions, and, consequently, the demand on the Charities was exceeding the available funds at their disposal. This was a fact that required investigation. It arose mainly from the circumstance that there was not that care taken in the initiation of candidates into the Order that there ought to be. It very often occurred that brethren were made Masons who had no right to be admitted into the ranks of the Craft, and who, after a very short time, came upon the Charities, and, he thought, this practice ought to be religiously guarded against. He was glad to see that the fees were to be increased. He thought the average fee would soon amount to 12 guineas for initia-

tion; but, for his part, he did not think that this sum was sufficient. The three Charities at the present moment were most powerful, and they must not allow Freemasonry to degenerate into a benefit society, for then they would lose the patronage of the highest in the land. It should be pure and cosmopolitan, but not a benefit society. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Mann, P.M., replied, and in doing so, took occasion to point out that during the last year upwards of £40,000 had been collected amongst Freemasons on behalf of the three Institutions, and also so far corroborated the view of the W.M. as to say that those who sought relief were generally men of only two or three years' standing in the Craft. "The Officers" having been drunk and suitably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably and successfully carried out.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st ult., at the New Cross Hall. There were present, amongst others, Bros. W. A. Simmons, W.M.; Thiellay, P.P.G.S. of Middx., S.W.; L. Beck, P.G.O. of Middx., J.W., W.M. elect; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middx., Treas.; H. Keeble, P.M., &c.; Secretary; Smith, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Cowley, I.G.; Grammant, D.C.; Hubbuck, P.G.S., Hon. P.M. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Bickerton, W.M. 1329; Stephens, W.M. 1475; Isbister, W.M. 1531; Kirk, W.M. 1687; Cooper, P.M. 73; Lightfoot, P.M. 147; Levy, P.M. 188; Burnstead, P.M. 548; Andrews, P.M. 871; Macdonald, P.M. 1158; Moss, P.P.G.R. of Middx., P.M. 1326; Vickery, J.W. 1775; Moffatt, S.D. 1558; Crossland, S.D. 1687; Batchelor, 72; Clark, 79; Long, 1275; Healey, 1348; Dunbar, 1538; Carter, 1687; Livermore, 1687; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c. (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, Bro. L. Beck was duly and most ably installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bro. Hubbuck, assisted by Bro. Cooper as S.W., J. T. Moss as J.W., F. Walters as D.C., and E. Smith as I.G. The impressiveness of the proceedings were considerably enhanced by the organ accompaniments of Bro. Gibbs, P.P.G.O. of Kent. The officers appointed and invested for the year were Bros. Thiellay, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Walters, Treas.; Keeble, Sec.; Gibbs, Org.; Green, S.D.; Cowley, J.D.; Grammant, I.G.; Moss, D.C.; Macgillivray, W.S.; Hinton, A.W.S. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hubbuck for his services as Installing Master. The banquet was well served in the large hall, by Mr. G. Leidig, purveyor, of Lewisham High-road. "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.G.M.," and "The P.G.M., D.P.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him at being once more installed Master of a lodge. During his connection with the New Cross Lodge, he had received nothing but kindness and courtesy from its members, and he took that auspicious opportunity of returning them his very sincere thanks for their consideration. He pledged himself that he would carry out the duties of his position to the best of his ability. He had served the office before, and, consequently, was acquainted with the onerous and arduous responsibilities attached to the Masonic chair. In conclusion, he hoped to leave the position in the possession of their fullest confidence, supplemented by an unanimous opinion that he had done ample justice to the lodge, but, as self laudation was no praise, he should bring his remarks to a finish by quoting the homely phrase, "that the proof of the pudding was in the eating." In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. took occasion, in very feeling terms, to allude to the serious illness that had overtaken Bro. Simmons at the very commencement of his Mastership. He was, however, greatly improved in health, and he hoped that that happy state of things would long continue. It afforded him (the W.M.) the highest possible pleasure in being the vehicle of conveying to the I.P.M. the substantial marks of the esteem of his brethren of the New Cross Lodge, which had taken the forms of a very handsome Past Master's jewel and time-piece. In concluding his remarks, he trusted that the I.P.M. would live many years to come among them as one of their most highly esteemed and honoured Past Masters. The I.P.M., in reply, briefly thanked the brethren for their handsome gifts, and hoped that his health would enable him in the future to devote his energies to the well being of the lodge. That night, twelve months ago, was one of sorrow to him, for he was then dangerously ill, but it was an anniversary now of rejoicing. Notwithstanding the precarious state of his health, he had endeavoured to carry out his duties conscientiously, and as a proof of his interest in the lodge, as one of its founders, he was happy to be in a position to state, that on the next occasion, he should introduce, subject to their approval, four initiates and two joining members. "The Visitors" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. The former toast was acknowledged at length by Bros. Burnstead, Kirk, and Crossland. In introducing the latter toast, the W.M. paid a high compliment to the efficient and zealous services of their veteran Bro. Walters, in the capacity of Treasurer, and eulogised the care and attention bestowed upon the Secretarial duties by Bro. Keeble. This pledge having been acknowledged, the toasts of "The Officers" and "The Masonic Charities" terminated the proceedings. The enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the pleasing singing of Miss Moss, of the R.A.M., who was assisted by Bro. Solomon and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Saturday in May.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—This lodge held a further meeting on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. Among the other brethren present were, Bros. John Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Hyland, S.D.; Cook, J.D.; Deller, I.G.; Holt, D.C.; Smith, W.S.; Sella, Lloyd, Barcham, Dovey, Bennett, Merion, Jacques, Callaghan, Armstrong, Philpott, Nixon, and visitors:—Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; J. J. Michael, Thompson, Ravensbourne, H. Stiles, Cooch, Kauffman, and Speedy. The W.M., who was suffering from a very bad cold, raised Bros. James W. Smith and E. Tompkins; passed Bro. W. R. A. Cole; and initiated Messrs. Ben. P. George, John Wells Wheeler, and P. Jagels. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet; after which the usual toasts were honoured.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Courtfield Hotel, South Kensington, on the 18th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Read. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and Bros. Duistan and Barclay were examined and approved, and retired for preparation, and the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, they were severally passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Messrs. Kirk and Norman were initiated. A proposition for initiation was made, and the W.M. informed the brethren that the Grand Secretary had certified his assent to the bye-laws of the lodge, and that they would be printed and circulated among the members without delay. At the conclusion of the business the lodge, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Bro. Silcock. In responding to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Read called the particular attention of the members of the lodge to the words of sound advice given by the Grand Secretary at the consecration banquet, that their great aim should be to obtain, as members, men who were worthy of being enrolled in the Craft, and that in his opinion the mere idea of making a lodge great in numbers was a mistake, and that by introducing into Freemasonry men whom they would not care to know otherwise, they would not be doing their duty to the Craft. We understand that Bro. Silcock, the landlord of the Courtfield Hotel, is again seeking a full license for the house, and we hope that he will be successful, as the accommodation of such a house is much needed in the neighbourhood.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE (No. 1777).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 25th ult., when there were present:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. S.G., D.P.M., P.Z., W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsey, Hon. I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; J. Daly, Tyler, and others, with visitors:—Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P. Prov. G.P., and Cannon. Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Hullis, C. J. Axford, and C. W. G. Wood having been entrusted, were passed to the Second Degree, and the ballot having been taken for four gentlemen, the two who were present, Messrs. Walter S. Dunkley and W. A. Villais, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, was indisposed, but managed to get through the ceremonies in his usual style, except the passing, which was very kindly taken by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M. After discussing some business matters, the lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be on the 22nd of March. The brethren partook of refreshment, when the usual toasts were honoured, that of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Col. F. Burdett) and the Provincial Grand Officers" being ably responded to by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P. Prov. G.P., and the party separated at an early hour.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the lodge-rooms, Stramogate, on Thursday, 30th ult., at three o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. Geo. McKay presided, and was assisted by Bros. John Banks, S.W., W.M. elect; Watson, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; John Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M.; Hogg, Sec.; Nelson, P.M.; Harrison, Theobald, Gooding, Baron, Taylor, B.J., Atkinson, Medcalf, Winder, and about fifty other brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the approach at the door of the lodge of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., was announced, and on that Worshipful Brother's entrance he was saluted as became his office and rank. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bro. John Banks, W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. McKay, who opened and closed the Board of Installed Masters, assisted by Bros. Bowes and Nelson. All the newly-invested officers were placed in their respective situations, and their jewels and duties fully explained by Bro. John Bowes, who also presented the working tools of the Three Degrees to the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for the banquet. The newly installed W.M., Bro. John Banks, presided, and was supported on the right by the Deputy Grand Master; Bros. McKay, Titus Wilson, Hogg, and others, and on the left by Bros. John Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Wilson and others. The company numbered over fifty. Grace after meat having been said by Bro. the Rev. H. Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening was spent. We are glad to be able to congratulate this old lodge on its increasing vitality. It has always borne a good name for correct working, and now there is a goodly number of efficient Past Masters

ever ready to afford instruction to the members in the lower degrees. So mote it be.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday evening, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. J. Rymer Young, was supported by Bros. C. E. Hindley, S.W.; Dr. Young, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; James Paterson, S.D.; John Harding, P.M.; Dr. Mackie, F. Walter, Geo. F. Curzon, Robt. Gibbon, A. Crawford, and Thos. Domville, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484, Prov. G.S.B.; D. W. Finney, W.M. 1250, Prov. G. Steward; W. Pollitt, P.M. 1250; W. H. Jenkins, J. H. Galloway, W.M. 1250. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded, Bro. Sec. reported that he sent the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, an extract from the minutes just read relating to the passing of Bro. Flatan, and read that brother's acknowledgment of the same. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Archibald Crawford, as a fit and proper person, which proved unanimously in his favour, and he being present, was initiated by the W.M. in a manner that called forth the congratulations of the "elder brethren." The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., Bro. Dr. Young, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Bowes. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and no other business presenting itself, the lodge was closed.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th ult. Present, Bros. Schiemann, W.M.; Roberts, S.W. (W.M. elect); Nicholes, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Pears, S.D.; Cousins, J.D.; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; D. C. Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D. Org.; Dick Radclyffe, P.G.S., I.G.; Apted and Andrews, Stewards; Hume, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., Middx. P.M.; Stedwell, P.P.G.W., Middx. P.M.; Strange, P.P.G.D., P.M.; Bryett, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., and others. Visitors:—Bros. Biggs, P.P.G., Sec.; Mallam, P.M. 108; W. Beattie, W.M. 142; W. V. Brown, W.M. 771; Taylor, W.M. 1046; Fleck, S.W. 771; Cantrell, P.G.J.D., J.W. 771; Bingham, P.G.S.D., P.M. 771; Barrett, No. 3; Scott, P.M. 101; Masters, 145; Green, P.M. 27; Pattison, 34; Green, 1022; Newman, 1101; Ridley, 1101; Manley, 1257; Sharples, 348; Johnson, 771; Glover, 100, 305, 574; Spence, 185, and others. As the W.M. had not arrived at the time named on the summons, the lodge was opened by Bro. Moss, I.P.M., who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wilson, P.M. Bro. Pantling was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Hume here again occupied the chair of W.M., and proceeded to instal Bro. Roberts as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. Nicholes, S.W.; Pears, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, P.M., D.C.; Tolley, P.M., Org.; Cousins, S.D.; Dick Radclyffe, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Andrews, A.D.C.; Apted and H. J. Stollery, Stewards. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Sir D. Gooch, P.G.M.; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; and Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, who expressed their regret that previous engagements would not enable them to be present. On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel for banquet. The usual toasts were given in good style by the new W.M. Bro. Dick Radclyffe, as on former occasions, gratuitously provided the floral table decorations, and seemed on this occasion, if possible, to exceed his previous efforts.

STOWMARKET.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 516).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Friday, the 24th ult. It was numerously attended. Bro. J. W. Sheridan, P.P.G. Registrar, who for the second time has been installed Worshipful Master of the lodge, named Bros. E. Beveredge and Jas. Hughes, his Wardens, and Bro. C. Turner, Senior Deacon. There was a goodly number present, including Bros. J. S. Cockledge, S. H. Wright, C. Turner, W. Ransom, Geo. Tydeman, Rev. Angell, and A. H. Diaper (W.M. of the Lodge of St. George and Corner Stone, London). After two candidates had been initiated, and the usual Masonic business gone through, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, a banquet having been provided by Bro. Edward Bridges, of the Fox Hotel. After many dainties had been enjoyed various toasts were given, including that of the worthy Secretary, Bro. S. H. Wright, the brethren showing by their demonstration how much they appreciated the long and valuable services of that gentleman. Bro. C. W. Sutton returned thanks on behalf of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," as also did Bros. Ranson, Smith, Peddar, and Gudgeon. Bro. Wright proposed "The Health of their highly-respected Bro. Spencer Freeman," which was responded to by Bro. James Hughes, who spoke of the deep love Bro. Freeman had for Masonry; although from ill-health unable to be present, his heart was in the cause of charity, which was Masonry. After several songs had been sung the proceedings terminated, all trusting that the coming year may be a happy one for their W.M. and brethren.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The January meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on the 29th ult. The W.M., in consequence of a recent severe family bereavement, was not able to be present, and other brethren were kept away by the severe weather, still there was a goodly number present. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer, and he was supported by Bros. Prior, P.M., Secretary; Coombs, S.W.; Thody, J.W.; Carter, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Verey, I.G.; Canon Breerton, Chaplain; Col. Stuart, P.M.; Cuthbert, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Billson,

P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; and Bros. H. Allen; Foster; Kilpin; Thompson; Whittaker; D. Stuart; Page; Bosanquet, and as visitors, Bros. Usher and Bro. Blackburn, a resident in Bedford. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bosanquet was duly raised, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Prior, P.M. The Lodge was then returned in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sergeant, P.M., passed Bros. Page and Dugald Stuart. Our Brother Carter, the S.D., deserves praise for the manner in which he did the duties of his office. Several items of business were disposed of, and upwards of twenty brethren sat down to supper and spent a pleasant evening.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The annual meeting took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday the 21st ult., for the purpose of installing as Master for the ensuing year Bro. T. H. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W., Wiltshire, who had filled the office of S.W. of this lodge (of which he is now a member) during the past year. There was a considerable muster of the brethren to do honour to the much esteemed W.M. elect, including Bros. J. Wilkie Burman, M.D., W.M.; Harry Howse, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg., Wilts, Sec.; J. A. Randall, J.D.; the Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Wilts, Chap.; G. S. A. Waylen, Stwd.; the Rev. T. F. T. Ravensham, P.M., P.P.G.C., Eng., P.P.G. Chap., Wilts; J. Chandler, P.M. 355, 663, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Wilts; Thos. Raymond, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Wilts; H. J. Ward, P.M., and other members of the lodge; whilst amongst the visitors were, Bros. J. V. Toone, P.M., 1478, P.P.J.G.D., Wilts; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P., Somerset; Quartermaster-Sergeant Davis, and Sergeant-Major Archer of the 90th Regiment (from the newly-established 38th Brigade Depot at Devizes), and others. After the usual preliminaries the retiring Master, Bro. Burman, duly installed his successor, Bro. T. H. Chandler into the chair of K.S. in a Board of 12 Installed Masters. The new Master appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Dr. Burman, I.P.M.; W. H. Burt, S.W.; H. Howse, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., Chap.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Nott, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Randall, S.D.; G. S. A. Waylen, J.D.; S. Badham, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., M.C.; F. S. Hancock, Stwd.; John Hayter, Tyler. Addresses to the officers on their investment were given by Bro. Nott, and the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by the installing Master. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for his conduct in the chair during the past year. Bro. Nott on behalf of his daughter, Miss L. Nott, presented to the lodge a handsome alms bag, which she had worked in velvet and silver. It was accepted with great pleasure, and the warmest thanks of the lodge were ordered to be conveyed to her for the same. Before the lodge was closed the alms bag was sent round as usual, the proceeds on this occasion being devoted to the funeral expenses of Alice McHugh, daughter of a deceased P.M. of this lodge, who, until her death on Christmas morning last, had been for some years maintained by the brethren. After the completion of the business and the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. Raymond had provided an excellent banquet, aided as usual by liberal contributions of venison and game from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

NORWICH.—Gabbell Lodge (No. 807).—On Thursday evening, the 30th ult., the brethren of this lodge met at the Rampant Horse Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. Pankhurst, as W.M. for the ensuing year. About forty brethren attended, including Bros. George Baxter, Horace Lacey, Butters, Mansfield Bailey, Hunt, Roslin, Barnes, Chambers, Reeve, Dr. James Offord, P. Soman (*Norwich Argus*), G. Thirkettle, T. Campling, J. W. Taylor, W. E. Provart, R. Baldry, J. W. Lacey, A. E. Atkinson, Green, S. N. Berry, and Madge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. M. F. Morgan, P.P.D.G.M.; Barwell, P.G.S.; Moore, W.M. Social; G. C. Riches, P.M. Sincerity, Dunsford, P.Z., P.M. 213; H. Jewson, W.M. Sincerity; Tyce, Quartermaster Mills, W.M. Walpole; J. Stanley, W.M. Perseverance; J. E. H. Watson and H. Youngman; Perseverance; Isley, Walpole; T. Watson, Doric; C. Cubitt, W.M. Union, and other brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. A. J. Berry, the retiring Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. Baldry, P.M., who gave the address in a manner not to be surpassed. Bro. Campling, P.M., acting as Master of the Ceremonies. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. J. Berry, I.P.M.; S. N. Berry, S.W.; G. Green, J.W.; L. Butters, S.D.; J. Hunt, J.D.; Chambers, I.G.; Madge, Organist; J. W. Lacey, Treasurer; W. Murrell, Tyler; and that indefatigable Bro. G. Baxter, P.M., Secretary. After the installation the brethren sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. Coleman in his best style, the table being tastefully decorated with plants and flowers bountifully supplied by Bro. Daniels. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given, that of "The W.M." with full Masonic honours. The question of the Masonic Charities formed the staple of the speeches—and very rightly too—the P.G. Secretary obtaining numerous promises of support from visiting brethren by his powerful appeal. This province is decidedly waking up to its duty towards our Institutions. We wish Bro. Pankhurst every success during his year of office, and if he follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bro. A. J. Berry (who, we may add, was surprised by the presentation of a beautiful Past Master's jewel), the well-working and success of the lodge will be ensured. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Baldry, Taylor,

Dr. Offord, and others. Bros. H. J. Minns and W. N. Smith (of the Cathedral choir), were unavoidably absent.

EAST DEREHAM.—Sondes Lodge (No. 996).—The installation of Bro. J. Whear as W.M. of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday week at the Eagle Hotel, Host Minn preparing an excellent banquet. The after-proceedings were of a very enjoyable character, the Eagle being "all in a flutter" of excitement till past high twelve.

BRADFORD.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1083).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Mosley Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 3.30, by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the officers of the lodge. The following visitors were present, representing neighbouring lodges:—J. W. Abbott, 1030; H. E. Clauson, 1077; P. F. Brownbridge, 1459; H. Darbyshire, 581; J. Parker, 993; R. Cauldwell, 1458; J. Bridgford, 1077; W. Dumville, 1011; J. Whittaker, 277; J. Bedford, 581; J. Westall, 852. At 4 p.m. the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Hoyland, S.W.; who is also a P.M. of this lodge, was for the second time installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. P. M. Cauldwell, 1458, 1011 and 1077. The following brethren were then appointed to the several offices:—Bros. S. R. Brown, S.W.; C. H. Smith, J.W.; John Wood, I.P.M., Treas.; C. Hanmer, (by proxy) Secretary, (for the second year); G. Higham, P.M., as D.C., (by proxy) (being absent through a sudden illness); J. T. Clark, S.D.; J. Dickinson, J.D.; Downs and Ashworth as Stewards; E. Barlow, as I.G.; Blackshaw, as Org.; and J. Sly, Tyler. The address to the Master was ably given by the Installing Master, the address to the Wardens by a visiting P.M. Bro. John Parker, the address to the brethren by Bro. Bridgford, P.M. 1077. Bros. P.M. Darbyshire, Bridgford and the Installing Master, invested the officers with the collars and jewels of their respective offices, when by virtue of the power invested in him the Installing Master closed the lodge in the several degrees, and then adjourned for refreshment. The banquet was well served up by Bro. S. Atherton the host. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly given and responded to by the several officers and brethren. Bro. P.M. Coupe in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a great honour to be appointed for the second time in one lodge to the important office of W.M., it said we are satisfied with your past services and we have confidence for the future. After a song from Bro. Wm. Dumville, the W.M., responded in a few appropriate remarks. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bro. Wood, I.P.M. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. John Parker, P.M. 581, thanking them for the very liberal spread, which, at all times, is well known to be put on the festive board of the Townley Parker Lodge. Bro. Parker reminded the brethren that this lodge was an offshoot of the Lodge of Faith, to which he had the honour to belong, and congratulated them upon the position the lodge had attained, and concluded by expressing a hope that their prosperity might continue, and a desire to see any brother at the next regular meeting of the Faith Lodge. The last toast being proposed, the brethren separated at 10.45, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the Townley Parker Lodge.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at 5 p.m., and the proceedings were of an unusually interesting character. The W.M., Bro. Capt. Frederick Huth, having opened his lodge, initiated Mr. Charles Walter Kelly, son of the esteemed Vicar of Hove, into the mysteries of the ancient Craft. A thoroughly hard working Master, Capt. Huth spared not himself, but gratified the brethren by his admirable rendering of the "Charge," and exposition of the First Tracing Board. To demonstrate the fact that he was supported by officers, men versed in the ceremonies of Masonry; the W.M. then called upon Bro. Capt. Stratford, P.M. and J.W.; who, having seated himself in the chair of K.S. examined Bros. Alexander S. Price, and Henry E. Price as to their proficiency in the First Degree; finding them perfect, Bro. Stratford, entrusted them with a test of merit and dismissed them for preparation. He then opened the lodge in the Second Degree and proceeded to pass the aforesaid brethren to the degree of Fellow Craft. Capt. Stratford having thus furnished proof of his capacity for work, then gave place to Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and S.W., who expounded the Second Tracing Board. This concluded the actual work of the lodge. Few lodges perhaps have been so singularly fortunate as the Hova Ecclesia in possessing members whose practical interest has apparently had but one object in view, that of making their lodge renowned, not only for its "good working," but for its completeness in detail of its furniture, and ornamentation. Consecrated not yet five years back, the lodge, numbering now some thirty-one members, has from time to time received many valuable gifts. At its consecration, a splendid set of silver jewels was presented by the widow of one of the founders of the lodge—one held indeed in "high estimation among his brethren and his fellows"—the lamented Bro. Jabez Gomez. This handsome gift was then supplemented by the presentation of three pairs of gauntlets, by Bro. Capt. McWhinnie. Bro. Capt. Huth signalled his installation by presenting three handsome oak arm chairs for the W.M., S.W., and J.W., next Bro. Capt. Stratford added a beautiful set of tracing boards, with an etasel for their better demonstration, then came Bro. Robert Neil who gave a large tessellated carpet. On this present occasion Bro. H. A. Donett, rose and asked the W.M. to accept a chair, for the S.D. Bro. W. H. Cockburn making a similar request, his chair being for the

J.D., Bro. H. Price adding a chair for the I.G., and Bro. Alexander Price, three chairs for the I.P.M., Chaplain, and Secretary, respectively. All the chairs were made to match Capt. Huth's, and were splendid specimens of work. Bro. C. J. Smith next requested the W.M. to accept on behalf of the lodge a pair of pillars, representing those which of old were wont to arrest the attention of those of our ancient brethren who sought the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple. Bro. Smith said he had, during the long time it had taken him to hunt up what there was known of the originals, and superintend the production of these, put on paper some notes which the lengthened tale of work during the evening forbade his inflicting upon the brethren on this occasion, but he hoped to find an opportunity in the early future of submitting them to the lodge; and perhaps find them honoured by a place in the columns of the *Freemason*. These pillars were magnificent specimens, the workmanship affording abundant evidence that in entrusting his designs to Bro. H. Hagher, the son of the respected Tyler of the province, Bro. Smith had been more than justified. Standing upon pedestals, rendered in imitation of red granite, the columns, four feet six inches high and twelve inches in diameter, spring from ebonized bases, and are capped by handsome chafers, the carved work thereon being beautifully carried out, the net work, lilly work and pomegranates being most accurately illustrated, columns and chafers being gilded in such a manner as to represent brass rather than gold. Two globes, celestial and terrestrial fly crown the whole; these were presented to Bro. Smith, by Bro. J. Malby of Little Quen - street, London, and were exquisite samples of his art. The admiration of the brethren was excessive at the impressive appearance of these pillars, which in all stand between eight and nine feet high. Votes of thanks to the brethren who had made the various presentations, among whom Bro. Malby was included, were carried by acclamation, and the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon its good fortune in possessing Masters who evidenced so practically the interest they felt in their lodge. The following were the brethren present:—W. Bros. Capt. F. Huth, W.M.; C. J. Smith, S.W. and P.M.; Capt. Stratford, J.W. and P.M.; Capt. McWhinnie, I.P.M.; W. H. German, P.M., Treasurer; Bros. Rev. E. Richards Adams, Chaplain; H. A. Dowell, S.D.; A. S. Price; Captain Lutman Johnson, D. of C.; W. Toore St. Auburn; T. T. Skipton, Reginald Huth, W. H. Cockburn, J.D.; H. E. Price, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Morley, Capt. Francis Handley, C. W. Kelly, and T. Hughes, Tyler. Visitors, W. Bros. W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward, P.M. 811; Geo. Smith, P.M. 732; E. Folkard, G. Vickers, and H. Hughes.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 609).—There was a very large assembly of brethren at the usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. There were altogether nearly 100 brethren present, several of the visitors hailing from a great distance. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., was as usual in his place, and his officers present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.G.S., P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Secretary (acting S.D. and J.D., in consequence of the absence of the brethren holding these offices); H. P. Squire, J.S., acting I.G.; R. Burgess, Hon. Org.; W. Savage, S.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Mr. John Wainwright, Mr. F. J. Stimson, Mr. George Henry Parezo, (professionally known as Dixon, of Mason and Dixon), Mr. Walter Hemming, (professionally known as Witty Watty Walton), and Mr. Henry were duly initiated into the Order, and seven candidates were passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. P. Lowndes, Hon. Treasurer of the recent dramatic performance at the Royal Amphitheatre for the decoration of the banqueting-room of the Masonic Hall, reported that there was likely to be a nett balance for the purpose, of upwards of 100 guineas, after paying all expenses. Bro. Marson, P.M.; and Bro. J. M. Boyd, an indefatigable and esteemed private member of the lodge, were unanimously elected Auditors of the performance accounts. The W.M. said the House Committee had shown a disposition to absorb the money in the proposed general scheme of decoration, apparently forgetful of the promise given to the members of the Dramatic Lodge when the subject of the performance was first mooted, that they would be allowed to entirely decorate the room indicated, at their own expense, and according to designs approved by the House Committee. It was unanimously resolved that the money realised on the occasion of the performance at the Royal Amphitheatre (of which the W.M. is one of the lessees) should remain in the bank to the credit of the lodge until the Committee allow the original understanding on the matter to be carried out. It was agreed on the motion of Bro. A. Woolrich, Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. Bell, P.M., to invest the S.D.'s chair with a life governorship (in perpetuity) of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, as the outcome of recent private subscriptions by the brethren of the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the representatives of about twenty lodges, and the business closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where they secured as much social enjoyment as the miserably cold, cheerless, and comfortless nature of the apartment would allow poor shivering Masonic humanity. There were a few speeches of the standard kind, and recitations and songs were furnished by several members, including Bros. R. J. Roberts, F. J. Stimson, Dr. Johnson, Woodend and Howard (of the Tynwald Lodge, Isle of Man). Bros. R. Burgess and J. Skeaf, P.G.O., provided the accompaniments for the "songists," and the meeting closed shortly after seven o'clock.

BRIGHTON.—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1626).—On Tuesday, 21h ult., additional interest centered in the annual meeting of this lodge, in consequence of an official visit by the E.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., attended by the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The proceedings took place in the Royal Pavilion, and at the close of the business a splendid banquet was provided for near 100 guests in the banqueting-room. Bro. C. Sandeman was duly installed as Master for the year, the ceremony being performed very ably by Bro. J. Eberall, who vacated the chair, and to whom was presented a Past Master's jewel for his services. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bro. Eberall, I.P.M.; W. T. Nell, S.W.; S. T. East, J.W.; H. Payne, Treasurer; A. J. Hawkes, Secretary; R. T. Nye, S.D.; E. J. Pope, J.D.; W. H. Gibson, D.G. W. Roe, Organist; Smithers, Std.; W. R. Wood, I.C.; and Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. The lodge closed at 8 o'clock, and soon after the "refreshment" of the inner nan commenced, Messrs. Sayers and Marks discharging the duty of caterers with marked success. Among the guests were the E.W. Prov. G. Master and the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, Bro. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton and P.M. Royal Brunswick); John St. Clair, W.M. 1722, Prov. J. G. Warden; Cave-Brown-Cave, P.G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Secretary; W. Hale, P.G.S.D.; Mark B. Tanner, P.M. 811, J.G.D.; C. Tomlinson, P.M. 811, P.G. Supt. Works; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, P.G.A.D.C.; Jo. Farncombe, P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.G. Org.; W. T. Nell, P.G. Purst.; A. J. Hawkes, G.T. Evershed, F. J. Ruble, F. B. McWhinnie, Frank Holford, Prov. G. Stnds.; J. W. Side, Royal York, P.P.J.G.W.; G. H. Day, P.M. Royal Brunswick; N. H. Delamere, 1248, P.P.G.S.D.N. and E. York; W. H. W. R. Barrall, Ockendon; C. W. Hudson, Royal York; S. W. Chaucer, 1540; S. P. Weston, Royal York; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; W. Smith, P.M. Royal Brunswick; A. Campbell Doric, 933; H. Abbey, W.M. Yborough; T. H. Pator, Mayor of Arundel and P.M. Howard; E. W. Byass, W.M. Ockendon; A. Taylor, W.M. Trian; B. Bennett, W.M. Royal Brunswick; T. J. Sabine, P.M. 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; S. H. Soper, Koal Brunswick; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. Union; H. V. Hauxwell, Royal Brunswick; T. M. Crouch, W.M. Lodge of Friendship, P.P.G.D.; W. Seadell, Royal Brunswick; E. Martin, Royal Brunswick; P. O. Rickards, Royal Larence; C. Greenwood, jun., Grove; J. N. Staples, Royal York; W. C. Bayliss, Royal York; S. T. Ridley, Royal Brunswick; W. J. Smith, Royal York; H. N. Jenner, Royal Brunswick; G. D. Legge, Royal Jublee; R. Willard, Royal Brunswick. Among those present were nearly all the members of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and over thirty Past Masters of various lodges in the province.—The customary loyal and Craft toast were honoured as is the custom in the Craft, Bro. Kibe responding as a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England on behalf of that august body.—The W.M. gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and said the province of Sussex was particularly fortunate in having so popular and energetic a chief. Sir Walter Burrell, in responding, spoke in flattering terms of the excellent working in the St. Cecilia Lodge, the admirable manner in which the books were kept, and the general management of its affairs. Bro. M. Davey, Mayor of Brighton, in giving "The Deputy Prov. G. Master and the rest of the Provincial Officers," spoke of J. H. Scott as a most efficient lieutenant to an excellent captain, who had associated with him a body of officers who were of the highest Masonic distinction in the county. The toast was suitably acknowledged, as was also that of "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Eberall. Other minor toasts followed. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent songs and glees by Bros. S. H. Soper, E. Broadbridge, Mellion, W. Roe, G. Cole and Boxall. The accompanists were Bros. Kibe, S. Gates and W. Roe. The former gave two of his brilliant pianoforte solos, and received enthusiastic applause. The installation of the St. Cecilia Lodge was one of the most enjoyable Masonic gatherings which has taken place in the provinces for some time.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—An ordinary meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., when the Deputy Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, paid the brethren a visit. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and immediately raised to the Second Degree, when several brethren were passed, the ceremony being ably performed by the Master of the lodge, Bro. J. Sim Woolley, Prov. G.D.C., who subsequently lowered the lodge, and initiated four candidates to the E.A. Degree. Some propositions having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form. The members and visitors afterwards met at the festive board, and after Bro. B. Williams's catering had been fully appreciated, several toasts were proposed. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the hearty way his health had been drunk, congratulated the Master on his excellent staff of officers, and from what he had seen, predicted a creditable future for the lodge. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. E. Sladen, of Indefatigable Lodge, 1523, and Bro. Jno. Rees (Silurium), replied. The Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed "The Officers," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Pennington, J.W., and Hemming, Secretary. The latter proposed "The Health of the Treasurer," and expressed a regret, in which he was sure the lodge fully joined, that Bro. Podmore was about resigning his post on leaving for Yorkshire. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Podmore, who tendered his good wishes for the future of the lodge. The proceedings were varied by the songs of Bros. Collier, Perry, and J. H. Thomas, I.G. The monthly meetings of this lodge have been changed from the third to the fourth Monday.

INSTRUCTION.
WANDSWORTH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Bro. F. Reed was the W.M., but, after ably working the First Degree, he resigned the chair to Bro. W. A. Morgan (the esteemed W.M. of the 1044). Bro. C. Digby afterwards presided, when he rehearsed the Third Degree (Bro. F. Reed being the candidate) in a very impressive and correct style. The S.W. was Bro. A. A. Denham, and the J.W. Bro. P.V. Denham. The other brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, J. Frost, W. Marshall, J. G. Carter, and C. M. Monk. Bro. A. A. Denham proposed, Bro. Carter seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.*, that Bro. Marshall be elected a member. The Secretary (Bro. Denham) will be the W.M. at the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Stramongate, on Thursday, the 30th ult., at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Joseph Bintley, through domestic affliction, the first chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.N., as Installing Principal, who was supported by E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z., Prov. Grand H.; John Holme, P.Z., Prov. Grand J.; Titus Wilson, P.Z.; John Talbot, H., Z. elect; Geo. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., J., H. elect; Nelson, P.S., J. elect; Banks, Taylor, Bell, and a goodly number of other members. The chapter having been opened by the Principal, assisted by other distinguished members of the proper rank, the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. E. Comp. Bowes then proceeded to install the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.,—E. Comps. Talbot, McKay, and Nelson, each being presented by E. Comp. Titus Wilson, P.Z., Treas. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the subordinate officers were invested, and the usual proclamation, salutations, and greetings were observed. The proceedings were closed with the ancient benediction by the Installing Principal. We regret to observe that several exaltations were of necessity postponed for want of time, as the Craft lodge held its annual meeting in the same room at three o'clock. We would recommend that in future, exaltations due should be cleared off at a chapter of emergency, held prior to the annual convocation, as it is scarcely ever convenient to take them on the same day.

Mark Masonry.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall-buildings, Banks Town, on Thursday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and, no doubt, it was very pleasing to the brethren, to see among the members of the lodge, Bros. F. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, and P.G.M.W.; Lewis Finch, P.G.M. Treas. of Kent; also Bros. A. Spears, P.M., P.G.M.S.W.; C. Austin, P.G.M.S.D.; and Lieut. B. D. Acland, P.G.M. St. B., all of Kent. Officers present:—Bro. J. Bagshaw, I.P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.M. Asst. Sec.; F. J. Penney, S.W., W.M. elect and P.P.G.M.J.W.; J. T. Nixon, J.W., and P.P.G.M.S.O.; M. J. Sullivan, M.O., P.P.G.M.D.C.; H. A. Johnson, S.O., and P.P.G.M.S. of Wks.; C. Austin, J.O., and P.G.M.S.D.; G. T. Green, S.D., and P.P.G.M.O.; T. G. Redmond, J.D.; J. Bridges, as I.G.; and J. A. Khurst, Tyler. Through the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. Firminger, Bro. Past Master Spears opened the lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing was then proceeded with by Past Master Spears, who was most ably assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. J. Penney, the W.M. elect, being duly presented by Bro. Lewis Finch, the W.M. Treas., was installed into the chair of A., proclaimed and saluted in due form. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—in the absence of the late Master a P.M. was invested for him as the I.P.M.; Bros. J. T. Nixon, S.W.; in the absence of Bro. J. Hascock, B. D. Acland was invested for him as J.W.; M. J. Sullivan, M.O.; C. Austin, S.O.; G. T. Green, 30; A. Spears, P.M., Treasurer; C. Perkins, P.M.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Secretary; T. G. Redmond, S.D.; T. H. Smith, J.D.; J. Bridges, I.G.; and B. J. Akhurst, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes of the lodge to Bros. F. Binckes, A. Spears and L. Finch, for their efficient services to the lodge. The meeting was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, when the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Mrs. Green, with her acknowledged taste and skill. After grace and the cloth removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of the Mark Degree. In returning thanks for the G. M. Lodge, Bro. Binckes earnestly advocated the true principles of charity, and gave an account of our noble Masonic Institutions, and their probable future; also Bros. Spears and Finch responded on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent, and expressed their regret that, through a prior engagement, the new D.G.M. was unable to attend. The W.M.'s health having been proposed by the I.P.M., and most fraternally responded to by the brethren, he replied and said he felt it a great honour to be installed the W.M. of Adams Mark Lodge, and he could sincerely say that nothing should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a successful one. Feeling certain he should receive the same kind support from the P.M.s. as others had done before, it afforded him much satisfaction in proposing their very good health, which was suitably responded to by P.M. J. Bagshaw. The W.M.

next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he had no doubt he should receive their hearty and cordial assistance in carrying out the duties of the lodge, coupling the name of Bro. J. T. Nixon, S.W. with the toast, who in replying assured the W.M. that he and his brother officers would render him all the assistance that lay in their power. With several pleasing songs, the evening was spent in peace and harmony.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—Prudence Preceptory (No. 75.)—At the quarterly meeting of this preceptory on Wednesday evening, held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Sir Knight Rev. R. N. Sanderson presided, and after installing Comps. Armstrong and Perrot, from Bury St. Edmunds, and Comp. J. B. Pearce, from Norwich, Sir Knight Frederick Long was installed as Preceptor for the next twelve months, appointing Sir Knights Tracy, Constable; W. H. Lucia, Marshal; Grimwade (Hadleigh), Sub Marshal; Shepherd, Captain of Lines; Sanderson, Prelate; and Luff, Registrar. Sir Knight Pitcher having, from ill-health, resigned the Treasurership, he was elected an hon. member of the preceptory, and Sir Knight Mills was unanimously elected in his stead. After labour, the usual refreshment was partaken of.

India.

BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757) E.C.—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, on Monday, the 11th November, 1878. Present, M.E. Comp. Counsell, P.Z.; V. E. Comp. Watson, P.H.; M. E. Comp. Barrows, P.P.Z., as P.J.; M.E. Comp. Rowe, P.P.Z.; Comp. Tomlinson, S.E.; M.E. Comp. McKenzie, P.P.Z., as S.N.; Comps. Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st A.S.; Beale, 2nd A.S.; Robinson, Treas.; Seager, Janitor; and Comps. Jones and Sowden. Visitors:—M.E. Comps. Gordon, P.Z., No. 154, S.C.; D'Arcy, No. 757 E.C.; and Darabak Cluchgur, 124, S.C. The summons convening the convocation was read. The minutes of the previous committee were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. R. Sowden, J.W. "Concord" No. 757, E.C., a candidate for exaltation, and declared quite clear. The ballot for Comp. John Jones, as a rejoining member was taken and also declared quite clear. The resignation of Comp. Molkensteller was read and accepted with regret. Comp. Davie then signed and received his Grand Chapter certificate. Bro. Sowden having been duly elected a candidate for exaltation, and having taken the O.B. of a R.A.M., he was introduced in due form and passed out for further preparation, after which he was admitted. The addresses were impressively delivered by the Three Principals to the edification of the newly-exalted companion, as also all the companions present. Comps. Sowden, Jones and Beale then signed the bye-laws. M.E. Comp. Rowe proposed, and M.E. Comp. McKenzie seconded, that three companions who have been duly served with the notice of exclusion be now excluded; carried unanimously. There being no further business the chapter was closed in due form at 8.45 p.m.

Jamaica.

PORT MARIA.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 554) S.C.—The annual installation of officers of this lodge, took place at the lodge rooms in this town, on Thursday, 12th December, 1878. The heavy rains prevalent, prevented several of the members attending. The Master elect, Bro. Isaiah Issachar Lyon, was inducted into the seat of E.S. by the retiring Master, Worshipful Bro. Amos D. C. Levy, President of the Board of Provincial Grand Stewards, and the following are the officers of Bro. Lyon's administration:—W. Bros. J. J. Lyon, Master; A. G. C. Levy, I.P.M.; Bro. T. C. Dias, Depute Master; T. G. D. Broughton, S.W.; G. F. Coward, J.W.; D. A. Berwick, Sec.; James Nelson, Treas.; A. A. Lindo, S.D.; W. L. Mathews, J.D.; Henry F. Hire, I.G.; J. Alleyne Hinds, Tyler. After lodge the brethren assembled at the ball room of the Court-house, where a large party of gentlemen had been invited to partake of a sumptuous banquet, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, as well as "The Grand Masters," "Prov. Grand Lodges," "Masters," &c., &c., the company separating at a late hour.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, 1/2d. each; parsnips, 1/2d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls. Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

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BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Sussex Daily News," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "Victoria C. Woodhull's Life Sketches," "The Manchester Guardian," "The Hull Packet," "The Civilian," "The Broad Arrow," "Touchstone," "The Scottish Freemason," "Brief," "The Citizen," "Thrift," "Risorgimento," "Kensington," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Hajnal," "Caslon's Circular," "European Mail," "Public Ledger Almanac, 1879," "Proceedings of an Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia," "The Advocate," "Sunday Times," "Masonic Token," "On the ventilation of rooms, household aims, etc.," by Bro. P. Hinckes-Bird, F.R.C.S., "Our Home," "Westminster Papers," "New York Dispatch."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

OHREN.—On the 29th ult., at St. Mark's-road, Sydenham, the wife of C. M. Ohren, of a daughter.

VINCENT.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Thomas Vincent, of 1, Arthur-st., East, E.C., of a son.

WIGHT.—On the 31st ult., at 428, Liverpool-road, N., the wife of George Wight, of a son.

DEATHS.

GRIFFITHS.—On the 2nd inst., at 4 thebert House, London-road, Worcester, C. C. Whitney Griffiths, J.P., 30.

SMITH.—On the 27th ult., at Rawul Pinder, Punjab, Emma Corrie, wife of Major W. Smith, R.A., in her 31st year.

WALFORD.—On the 1st inst., at 2, Nelson Crescent, Ramspate, Edward Berry Walford, of Rounford House, Upper Norwood, aged 66.

NOTICE.

The *Freemason* of next week will consist of twenty pages, and will contain a full report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to the usual matter.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1879.

OUR NEW W.M.'S.

Our lodges have recently been very busy, and still are, and still will be, for a short space, in installing the new Masters for 1879-80, and we cannot but earnestly express the hope that the choice has been wisely made, and on public grounds alone. Just now an incompetent W.M. is a sorry sight, a great anomaly, and we wish we could think that neither private partiality nor unreasoning cliqueism had anything to do with the elevation to the Master's chair, and that public running and private worth were the sole claims and conditions of high office. No doubt in this, as in other matters, the public opinion of the Craft, and the good sense of the brethren are rendering such elections amongst us a test of merit and a proof of duty. Still, as here and there, the old heresy lingers, we feel constrained to "testify," once more to-day, against possible abuses and probable laxity in this respect. Now, we admit at once, if even the sternest censor taking the high Masonic moral line disapproves, that lodges have a right, if they so think, to elect a brother whose social position gives a sort of prestige to the lodge itself, especially in the eyes of the world profane. We can quite understand such a position, and make allowance for it, but then a lodge can only do that once in its existence; if it repeats the "little game," it sows broadcast the seeds of its own eventual disruption and dissolution. But, with this one exception, we contend that the Master should be the most skilled brother attainable, a "bright Mason" technically, morally, and one who is not ashamed to do his own work, who is willing to learn, able to instruct. To put a mere "parrot" or an "automaton" into the Master's chair is, to use an old simile, as if you planted a birch broom in the ground and expected it to blossom and to bloom. And not only must the W.M. be an "expert Mason," he must be a "fair man," a just man, a brother in whose decisions all can confide, to whose ruling none can properly object. As long as he is W.M. and in the "curule chair," he must sink his individuality in that of his office, and should never forget that just as he presides over "work," so is he the interpreter of "law," and is bound to give a courteous hearing, and ensure just rights and liberty to all. It is always a pitiable sight when a W.M. hurries over business, slurs over difficult questions, and rules out discussion, simply because "it is late," or because the complaisant Steward has announced "dinner on the table." We know of few more important positions than that of W.M., in which more good or more evil may be done, and, therefore, we desiderate in all lodges a selection of the W.M. on the true principles of Freemasonry, namely, merit, character, and ability.

THE POWERS OF A QUARTERLY COURT.

As some misapprehension appears to exist on this subject at the various meetings of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, it seems well to point out what are the exact powers of the Quarterly Courts. In the first place they are the Supreme Courts of Appeal and of Legislation. They are completely superior to the General Committee, whose decisions on nearly every subject they can approve or reject, and from their final decision, there is no appeal. They ultimately approve of all the candidates for the number of vacancies, and, in fact, are supreme in all matters affecting the general interests of the Schools. The election of officers, is, however, reserved to the General Committee, except in certain specified cases,

where the House Committee appoints, or the Secretary recommends an assistant. Indeed, there are practically no other limits to the powers of a Quarterly Court, except such as the laws of the Institution provide, or the common sense regulations of public meetings prescribe. Some one has been pleased to contend, we believe, that the Quarterly Court cannot order an inquiry as to the laws, appoint a Committee, or receive a report, but that all such arrangements must be left to the General Committee. But we need not point out to our readers that the Quarterly Court can appoint, from its own inherent authority, and from the necessity of the case, any number of committees, and receive any number of reports, and that the General Committee has nothing to do with the matter at all necessarily. Indeed any such view can only be based on a impossibility of interpreting the objects of the laws on the one hand, or pure inability to understand the Queen's English on the other. Any such objection is utterly futile and ridiculous, and can neither could it be seriously made by a sensible person, nor properly entertained by any competent chairman of a Quarterly Court. True it is that under the former laws a notice was to be given in writing at a General Committee of the intention to move a new or alter an old law. But this is done to ensure notice being given, so that no Life Governor need be taken by surprise, and is not meant to detract from, as indeed it could not, the legitimate functions and normal duties of the Quarterly Court. We hope we have heard the last of this "word encing" and "hair splitting" which are a great hindrance to the due discharge of business, and that brethren who are so fond of interrupting the legitimate course of needful "agenda papers," will kindly remember in future that time is precious to all, and that as Freemasons we should be above needless objections, and frivolous fault finding.

WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR AMENDED LAWS FOR THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

A very curious and interesting discussion arose at the last general meeting of the Girls' Committee, on Thursday last. Two girls came up on petition for admittance who had sisters in the School, and in the first place it was held that they were ineligible by virtue of the new laws, but, subsequently, it was decided to admit these petitions, as the new laws were not confirmed. As a general rule, as we know, all alterations in laws require confirmation, in some form or other, to prevent mistaken haste or inadvisable impulse, and at the meetings of the special court for the consideration of the amended bye-laws, it was understood, and, in fact, announced, that those laws would be read for confirmation at the next Quarterly Court. Indeed, it is necessary absolutely to do so, as the boys and girls have now different qualifications as regards subscription to the lodge. By the new laws confirmation is necessary, and, therefore, until confirmed, the new laws do not, as is the general case, take effect. But, curiously enough, though it was assumed that there was a confirmation under the old laws there is apparently none, and this alone constitutes one proof, if proof were wanting, how defective on many points the old laws really were. It may be doubted whether we may not now ask, under which law, "Bezonian say," we are, and the response will be somewhat difficult, perhaps, at first sight, as though caution and common sense are on the one side, it is more than doubtful whether the old laws are not really on the other. Hence, being in a "fix," to use a modern slang expression, the best thing to do is to try and get out of it as soon as we can, and we, therefore, are glad to think that until the Quarterly Courts are held, and the new laws are confirmed, we shall give poor petitioners the "benefit of the doubt." There is one point, however, which we think has not been taken into consideration, namely, that the minutes of each preceding Quarterly Court must be read for "confirmation" and not merely for "information," and on confirmation it is within the power of all to move the non-confirmation of any previous resolution, or portion of the minutes. Sub-

stantially, therefore, the power exists by the nature of things, though not given in special provision, or by express words. We are aware that some doubts exist on the subject, and that different opinions have prevailed, and much confusion has been created, in respect of the minutes read for "confirmation" and "information." But we are equally clear, that the "right of non-confirmation exists," and that the minutes of each preceding meeting, whether of Quarterly Court, General Committee, or House Committee, must be read for confirmation, (not merely for information), and be confirmed or non-confirmed at the subsequent meeting by the members present. At the Quarterly Court the minutes of the preceding Quarterly Court must be confirmed, though the minutes of the General Committee, House Committee, &c., are read for "information." We hope we have heard the last of this mistaken view of things, as the result has been hasty legislation and overhand treatment of matters, almost without consideration, and certainly without appeal. By the restoration of the undoubted privilege of "confirmation," possible abuses are checked, and matters soon fall into a reasonable and legal groove.

RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

We are privileged in being able to state, that a meeting of Freemasons, under distinguished auspices, will be held on Tuesday next, February, 11th, at Freemasons' Tavern, in the Ladies Coffee-room, to form a Committee to assist in restoring in whole or in part the West-Face of the Abbey. The chair will be taken at 4.30. This is a subject full of interest to Freemasons.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT ANNIVERSARY.

Before we greet our readers again the Anniversary Festival of this excellent Institution for 1879 will have taken place. We hope that in our next issue we may be able to announce another proof of the unchanging activity of Masonic charity and a happy result to the labours of Bro. Terry, and an unprecedented list of Stewards.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

VOTES FOR THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
By your kind permission I am permitted to ask such of my brethren, Life Governors of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, who have not promised their votes and have no special case to support, to kindly spare me such of them as they can at the approaching election. I will only say that they will be gratefully received, and faithfully applied to their destined purpose, by
Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.
18, Upper Porchester-street,
Hyde Park-square, W.
February, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,
As the time is now approaching for the election of the boys and girls to those celebrated Institutions belonging to the Fraternity, would you allow me to call the attention of the London subscribers especially to two candidates for the Boys' School with their last application each, in order to secure if possible those votes as yet unpledged, in their behalf. The names of the two boys are Christian Frederic Frost and Frank Arthur Giles. The former is one of four children, who has been entirely dependent upon the mother since 1871. The father was a Life Subscriber, and has been Steward for both Institutions; he also held the rank of W.M. and Grand Steward during his eight years of Masonic life.
The father of the latter was 12½ years a subscribing member of the Old Kent Lodge, No. 15; the child is one of four dependent upon a stepmother, the present Mrs. Giles having no surviving issue. These unfortunate ladies appear to have been entirely deserted by the former friends of their late husbands; they have had empty promises and that has been all. Now, brethren, there is an opportunity of showing what London can do, by wiping out the disgrace of the last October election, when out of three candidates on their last application, only one was returned, and that a partially Provincial case. Up to this time these boys have only received ten and three votes respectively, and I trust this reminder will be all that is necessary to give them the benefits of the Institution, to which their father's services so justly entitle them. The London Masonic Charity Association has taken up these

cases, and will gladly receive proxies on their behalf. With regard to the girls, there are fortunately no last applications, except those who have already one or more sisters in the School. The case taken up by the Association is, Eliza Emma Williams, whose father is afflicted with that dreadful scourge, insanity.

I remain, dear Sir and Bro., yours respectfully and fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL,
Treasurer to L. M. C. A.

"OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the under-mentioned additional donations, and desire, at the same time, to mention that I unwittingly scheduled the "Friends in Council Lodge, £5 5s." twice, viz., on December 7 and 21st. The second should have been "Grand Masters." The total sum collected for the poor old lady is £60 14s., and I heartily thank one and all for kind and fraternal help and sympathy, and none more than yourself, through whose charitable courtesy the good has been done.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN B. MONCKTON.

Grand Master's Lodge, 1	...	...	...	5	0
Bayard Lodge	...	...	...	5	0
Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.S. and W.M.	...	...	...	1	0
Bro. Hy. Browne, P.G.D.	...	...	...	0	10
" Wm. Stephens, P.M.	...	...	...	0	10
" John Barker, P.M. P.Z.	...	...	...	0	5
Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,	...	...	...	0	5

MASONIC CHARITIES AND ITINERANTS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I certainly think that Bro. James H. Neilson, whose letter appears in your issue of last week, is to be congratulated upon his very successful experience in regard to itinerants, because, as he says, "that out of several hundred cases he has only been imposed on once by an unworthy brother, and has only come across one impostor."

I am sorry to say that my experience has been widely different, for out of every hundred applicants at least twenty have been either unworthy or rank impostors.

Bro. Neilson's course of procedure might do very well for Ireland, but I fear it would not work in England.

His suggestions (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are, I think, usually followed, but No. 5 (as to the telegrams) would not be practicable. For instance, during the last twelve months, had I followed the course suggested, I should have had to wire to several parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, America, India, the Cape of Good Hope, Germany, France, Switzerland, &c., which would have entailed some considerable expense. Even supposing I had confined my telegrams to the United Kingdom, I fear I should have had to wait in many cases a long time for replies, as W.M.s. do not often visit the lodge rooms except on lodge nights.

No. 6 is very well in theory but not in practice. Only last week I received a letter from a correspondent, as under, "Have reason to know that Bro. ——— has not gone to Glasgow, although our Tyler bought his ticket for him," and I have known cases where tickets have been obtained to distant places, and the applicants put into the train, which they have left at the first important town on the road, and have positively stated to the parties to whom they applied in the latter places "that they have never been relieved before." In fact, I may say, I can trace many such cases from reports I have received.

Now, what we want is some medium by which lodges, Committees, and Almoners can be put on the alert without delay. It is beyond all reason to expect to do this by circular, and I can only see one channel, and that is by your publishing a sheet with your weekly issue, which, if necessary, could be charged as a small additional subscription, this could easily be pasted in a guard book and indexed, thereby, at once forming a complete reference. I shall be glad if some one will improve upon the schedule in my letter of the 25th ult.

Yours fraternally, ALMONER.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I should feel obliged if you would answer the following questions in your excellent paper:—

1. Are brethren, who have served as Wardens of warranted lodges in other constitutions than the English, entitled to be elected Masters of lodges, or is it necessary to have been a Warden in an English lodge?
2. Would a P.M. of another constitution, who had never been a Warden, be eligible for the Mastership of an English lodge?
3. Is it correct for a Royal Arch Mason to visit a lodge (Craft) in Royal Arch regalia? and would the Master of the lodge be justified in refusing admission to companions in Royal Arch clothing, who are well known to the M.M.?
4. Does the degree of Royal Arch entitle a brother to rank as a P.M. and remain in a lodge during the installation of the W.M.? and what would probably be the penalty imposed by the Grand Lodge on a brother so transgressing?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
F. IRVING DE LISLE, M.D.,
Napier, N.Z., Nov., 1878. J.W. 1577.

[1. No. Yes. 2. No. 3. (1.) Certainly not. (2.) Most certainly. (3.) No. But we fancy this question alludes to a confessed "Crux," very difficult to deal with and decide. By the English law and usage none but "Installed Masters" can form the Board of "Installing Masters," "Passing the Chair," once in vogue,

has been wisely abolished. The "comity" of conflicting jurisdictions in the colonies may, perhaps, induce a W.M., (without much actual blame), to allow a P.M. of the Irish jurisdiction for instance, simply "passed the chair," (who can prove himself to be a P.M.), to be present in a Board of Installing Masters. The Degree of R.A. conveys no privilege of a P.M., and under the English laws, on complaint to the Board of General Purposes, a W.M. disobeying the laws would be undoubtedly, we think, suspended "ex officio."—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Is a brother who has never filled either of the chairs able to take the W.M. chair as the first Master of a new lodge?

Yours fraternally, SEC.

Feb. 4, 1879.
[Strictly speaking, perhaps not, but we fancy it is sometimes conc.—Ed.]

APRONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you kindly allow the following to appear in the *Freemason*?

What authority have we to have the blue edging of our Master Mason's apron two inches deep?

"Nov. 26th, 1728. The Stewards for the year are allowed to have jewels of silver (though not gilded) pendant to red ribbons about their necks, to bear white rods, and to line their white leather apron with red silk.

"On March 17th, 1730. 1. The Grand Lodge (to cure some irregularities) ordered, that none but the Grand Master, his Deputy, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sword Bearer (who are the only Grand Officers) shall wear their jewels in gold, pendant to blue ribbons about their necks, white leather aprons with blue silk, which sort of aprons may be also worn by former Grand Officers."

The following is copied from Bro. T. Manningham's, D.G.M., letter to Bro. Saucer, at Haag, 12th July, 1757, which appeared in the *Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of Aug. 15th, 1868, which letter Bro. Hughan well remembers from the part he took in the controversy at the time of its appearance:—

**** "The only distinction of ribbons or jewels that we make in our lodges, you will find in our "Book of Constitutions," viz., Grand Officers wear their jewels gilt, pendant on blue ribbons, and their aprons lined with blue; those brethren that have served the office of Steward at our grand feast (from which number all Grand Officers, except Grand Master, must be elected) wear their jewels of silver on red ribbons, and lined their aprons with red; all other brethren wear white aprons, and their jewels pendant on white ribbons, neither are they suffered to wear other jewels than the square, level, and plumb, the compass belonging only to the Grand Master."

The Book of Constitutions edition, 1871, p. 124, after describing the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft's aprons, describes the "Master Mason,"—"The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half-inch deep."

The Grand Steward and Grand Officers have their edging three-and-a-half inches.

Page 125. The Prov. Grand Officers. "The garter-blue edging to the aprons must not exceed two inches in width."

Two inches is also the regulation of the edging in the R.A. apron.

Will some brother who is well versed with the apron be kind enough to give an account of the different styles that it has gone through to the present time. It will be instructive and interesting to many of the readers of the *Freemason* besides
Yours fraternally, R. W. O.

Reviews.

IRISH FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR 1879.

As usual this useful and interesting publication deserves the notice of the reviewer and the thanks of Freemasons. To Irish Freemasons it is both valuable and authoritative. Though we fear we are not in much favour (we know not why), in Molesworth-street, we venture to make a suggestion. Why not give the names of all the Irish Provincial Lodges, as well as of the Dublin ones? We cannot understand why not, or why the Irish Provincial Lodges (as in Belfast, for instance) are to be deprived of their names, and only mentioned by their numbers. Though people often ask "what's in a name,"—there is a good deal in it—especially Masonically and in lodge life, and we fancy the little blot only requires to be pointed out to be attended to. We feel sure that such an addition would add greatly to the value of the Irish Masonic Pocket Book, and the convenience of the Irish and English brethren. Bro. Oldham, as the editor, deserves, as we have before observed, both praise and thanks.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

We have received the February number of this Parisian Masonic magazine, and rejoice to see our good old friend and brother, Adrien Grimaux, in great force, if in "bad form." To adopt some words of a recent correspondence in the *Times*, the brother who expects to test the science of Freemasonry by the charlatany of French Masonic writers just now, like our amiable opponent Grimaux, will surely find no equal antagonist outside a lunatic asylum. Though our worthy confrere attacks the *Freemason*, "more suo," and talks of the "bile du journal Anglican," (we are, unfortunately, somewhat bilious at times,) we do "not usually employ a "park of artillery to overthrow a house of cards," and we are not "going to be so silly as to dignify" our good brother's tirade, "by any close criticism."

We are amused to find the *Monde Maçonnique* coming to the rescue of the "Grand Conseil," but we are surprised at nothing. Apparently Bro. Grimaux does not yet realize that the Grand Lodge of England has nothing in this world to do with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or that they are two independent bodies. Neither does he apparently value the honest utterance and manly independence of the *Freemason*, a pure Craft journal. But here we stop. The *Monde Maçonnique* is otherwise well worth reading.

BRIEF, VOL. II.

We like this new volume of a well-known paper much, and we feel sure that *Brief* is destined to become a very successful venture. If short, it is always sweet; and if brevity be the soul of wit, *Brief* has countless claims to commend it to the artist, the student, the professional man, the "fellahs" we daily meet, who read little, and understand less; and, above all, to the family circle. It is very good reading, and improves on longer acquaintance. We can honestly commend it.

SCOTTISH MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879.

A very useful and well-compiled little book of Masonic information and reference. For Scottish Freemasons it must be often consulted and much valued.

VIVISECTION NECESSARY TO PHYSIOLOGICAL DISCOVERY. By E. WARD. James Burns, 15, Southampton-row.

We never have read a publication with greater pain, and we may add loathing. It is simply a record of unjustifiable experiments, morbid horrors, and, in our opinion, useless cruelty. Its moral appears to be that two American citizens have "done" the police, Mr. Busk, and the Home Secretary. Let us hope that many of the statements in the pamphlet, especially as regards "squaring," &c., must be taken "cum grano salis." We cannot believe that medical science is advanced by such, to us revolting acts.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ANDREW'S MARK LODGE, No. 237.

The ceremony of consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, with the accustomed solemnities. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province of Kent, including many Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. the Rev. W. Sicklemore, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, was not able to be present, through indisposition, but we were glad to learn that much interest had been taken in the formation of this new Mark lodge by the M.W. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, who, although he could not attend personally, was represented by several of the Grand Officers. The Consecrating Officer was the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary; assisted by V.W. Bro. D. Dewar, P.M.O., Asst. Grand Secretary. The clergymen who took part in the more solemn portion of the consecrating duties were Bro. the Rev. C. A. Solbe, Prov. Grand Chaplain; and Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain; the latter delivering an eloquent and deeply learned oration on Mark Masonry and its intimate connection with religion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, W. Bro. Capt. George Wattson, P.M., G.J.D., was installed as the First Worshipful Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge, 237, under the registry of the Grand Lodge of England; the following officers were then appointed, for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. S. Warne, S.W.; T. Wyles, J.W.; R. C. Burfield, M.O.; J. P. Griffin, S.O.; J. Willmott, J.O.; Rev. T. Robinson, Hon. Chap.; T. Elliott, Sec.; Lewis B. Biggs, Treas.; Ashdown, S.D.; W. Watson, J.D.; Penfold, D.C.; E. Barrell, I.G.; and J. Oram, Tyler.

Several brethren were then advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. The inaugurate banquet subsequently took place at the same hotel, at which there was a large gathering of brethren. The usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were duly honoured, the entire proceedings of the day passing off in the most satisfactory manner. In honour of this occasion the Mayor, F. F. Belsey, Esq., who is also the Constable of Rochester Castle, gave permission for the city flag, as well as the flag of the new lodge to be hoisted upon the castle from the "Gundulph" Tower, which act of kindness afforded much pleasure to the brethren for the ready manner in which their application was granted.

PROVINCE OF DEVON.

A largely-attended meeting of the officers of the Masonic lodges in Devon was held on Tuesday 21st at Plymouth to consider the propriety of forming a fund for the clothing, educating, and establishing in life of the children of destitute or deceased brethren of the Province. Bro. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M., presided. It was determined to establish a fund for the purpose named, and a committee, representing various lodges in the province, was appointed to carry out the scheme, to frame by-laws, to call subscribers' attention to the scheme, to receive applications of candidates, to call a meeting of life governors and subscribers within three months, to assist the trustees, and, if practical, to elect candidates. It may be added that subscribers will have one vote for every five shillings subscribed, and a contribution of five guineas annually will constitute a life governorship. The object of the scheme is to supplement the educational facilities of the London Masonic Schools by raising a fund for the education of children in the province without removing them from their friends, and by this means to help many children whom it would be impossible to get into the London Schools. The meeting was very unanimous and hearty on the subject.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The following companions were present:—Comps. S. Rawson, as Z.; Capt. Platt, as H.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, as J.; John Hervey, E.; Erasmus Wilson, N.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, 1st A.S.; Henry C. Tombs, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; H. G. Buss, Standard Bearer; Joshua Nunn, as Director of Ceremonies; C. B. Payne, Janitor; H. J. P. Dumas, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. Duff Filer, Col. Creaton, James Glaisher, Peter de Lande Long, J. M. Case, John A. Rucker, F. P. Morrell, Powell, Hyde Pullen, R. A. Grey, E. J. Barrow, C. F. Hogard, H. C. Levander, H. A. DuBois, Wm. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, M. D. Loewenstark, J. W. Clever, E. H. Letchworth, J. W. Lambert, T. Massa, P. Wagner, W. Noak, F. G. Baker, E. H. Thielley, Col. Somerville Burney, W. H. Perryman, W. Dodd, D. M. Goss, Peter Robinson, John J. Pakes, Charles Hudson, E. J. B. Bumstead, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

After the minutes of last Quarterly Convocation in November had been read by Comp. Hervey, E., and confirmed, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Col. Creaton, President, seconded by Comp. F. P. Morrell, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. F. P. Morrell, the Grand Chapter adopted the recommendation of the Committee and granted the prayers of the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry France as Z., John W. Ridsworth as H., Mark Potter as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to be called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Riding, of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Egglefield Collin as H., Thomas Mandie as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called the Nicholson Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, in the county of Cumberland.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Wellsmas as Z., Henry Wadham Dalwood as H., John Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1389, London, to be called the St. Dunstan's Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the city of London.

Permission was also granted to the Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, to change its name to the "John Hervey Chapter," following the permission already given to the "Hervey Lodge" to change its name to that of the "John Hervey Lodge."

Col. Creaton then read the following paragraph of the Committee's report:—

The Committee regret to report the lamented deaths of Comp. Benjamin Head, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed Member of the Grand Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th December, and of Comp. John Boyd, P.Z., No. 145, an elected Member of the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in whose place Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of some other companion.

Comp. Rawson then rose and said—Companions, I am sure you will all join with me in a feeling of regret at the death of these two companions. I do not know whether I shall be in order in proposing from the chair that our regrets be expressed in this Grand Chapter; but I am certain, if I am not out of order, this Grand Chapter will agree most cordially in my own expression and wish, that the minutes of Grand Chapter should record our regret at the death of two companions so highly respected as our Comps. Benj. Head and John Boyd. I will, therefore, move "That the regret of Grand Chapter for the death of Comps. Head and Boyd be recorded on the minutes of Grand Chapter."

Col. Creaton—I shall have great pleasure in seconding it.

Comp. John A. Rucker, P. Soj., thought that a letter of condolence should be written to the relatives of the deceased companions.

Col. Creaton said this was not necessary.

Comp. S. Rawson afterwards announced that the M.E.Z. had appointed Comp. A. J. Duff Filer on the Committee in place of the late Comp. Head.

Comp. William Stephens was elected in the place of the late Comp. John Boyd.

Col. Creaton, said he had received a note from Comp. S. Leith Tomkins, the son of the late Comp. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, informing him that the balance due to Grand Chapter by the Grand Treasurer at the failure of the late firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers, had been paid in full from his late father's private estate that day. (Applause.)

Grand Chapter was then closed.

[We understand that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have also received in full, from the private estate of the late Grand Treasurer, the balance due to them by the failure of the bank in which he was a partner.]

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Phillips, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

The consecration of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, will take place on Monday next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Consecrating and Installing Officer will be Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart occupied the chair, and there were likewise present, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; C. J. Perceval, A. Tisley, A. Durrant, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, J. M. Dossell, F. Adlard, H. T. Thompson, W. F. C. Moutrie, Richard Tyrrell, W. Paas W. Hobuck, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes announced the death of Bro. Benj. Head and Bro. John Boyd.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford then said that he thought it would ill become the brethren, considering the long and valuable services of Bros. Head and Boyd to the Institution and to Masonry generally, and the high respect in which they were held by the whole of the Craft, if they separated without recording an expression of their deep regret at the loss they had sustained by the death of these old and valuable friends. He would, therefore, move "That an expression of the deep regret of the brethren at the death of Bros. Benj. Head and John Boyd be entered on the minutes of this day's proceedings."

The motion was seconded by Bro. S. Rosenthal, and carried.

On the motion of Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie, seconded by Bro. A. Durrant, the Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence to Bro. A. H. Diaper, the grandson of Bro. Benj. Head, and to Bro. Jermyn Boyd, the son of Bro. John Boyd.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

One candidate was placed on the October election list, and one other was deferred.

An application was read from a former pupil for assistance to enable him to go to the Military College at Sandhurst, his own friends being about to raise some of the necessary funds. As the Committee can only do this to the amount of £20, and this pupil had already received the usual outfit of £5, the Secretary was directed to ascertain whether there was a reasonable prospect of the friends of the pupil making up the whole of the difference between the £15 and the requisite sum, and if so, that a further application should be made to the Committee. The Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Friday, the 31st ult. Present:—Comps. W. W. Beach, M.P., the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent; W. Hickman, H.; H. Cawte, J.; J. E. Le Feuvre, S.E.; R. L. Loveland, S.N.; G. F. Lancaster, P.S.; M. E. Frost, Treas.; J. W. Wilmott, Std. Br.; C. B. Whitcomb, D.C.; R. Osborne, O.; C. W. Arnold, Z. 1395, G.A.S., and Prov. G.J. Surrey; J. Cawley Eager, 1395, P.G.A.S.; W. A. S. Elliot, S. G. Kirchhoffer, 859; W. Payne, 342, P.P.G. Std. B.; G. F. Lancaster, 487, P.P. G.A.S.; R. Eve, 723, P.P.G.J.; S. Cole, Z. 723; P. Benham, P.S. 723; J. S. Hickley, P.Z. 723; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; S. T. Smith, S.E. 723; J. Harrison, P.Z. 804, P.P. G.S.B.; E. E. Street, S.E. 804; T. Francis, 804; F. Powell, S.N. 903, and other companions.

The P.G. Treasurer, M.E. Comp. M. E. Frost, having produced his accounts, showing a satisfactory balance in hand of over £60, was unanimously re-elected, and the Auditing Committee were instructed to report as to the amount which should be subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent invested his officers as follows:—

Comp. W. Hickman, 394.....	Prov. G.H.
" G. F. Lancaster, 487.....	Prov. G.J.
" J. E. Le Feuvre, 394.....	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. Hacker, 723.....	Prov. G.S.N.
" S. Cole, 723.....	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Harrison, 804.....	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. Payne, 342.....	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" M. E. Frost, 487.....	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Osborne, 487.....	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Benham, 723.....	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. E. Street, 804.....	Prov. G. St. B.
" F. Powell, 903.....	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Osborne, 487.....	Prov. G.O.
" J. Biggs, 130.....	} Prov. G. Janitors,
" J. Exell, 487.....	

and on appointing Comp. Hacker, Scribe N., in the name of the Panmure Chapter presented him with a handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of his chapter, in recognition of his very valuable services in the Order.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a first-rate dinner was provided.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

The annual general meeting of the above-named committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 24th inst. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., Chairman, presided. Bro. Coancliff Lunt, P.M. 823 occupied the vice-chair, and there was a numerous gathering of members. The minutes of the previous Quarterly General Committee and of the several meetings of the House Committee were read by the Honorary Secretary (Bro. J. T.

Callow, P.G., Treasurer), and were unanimously confirmed. On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Bro. Robert Wylie was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823 proposed the re-election of Bro. Councillor Lunt as Vice-Chairman, a proposition (seconded by Bro. Thomas Salter, J.W. 241) which was carried by acclamation. Bro. J. B. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., the Hon. Treasurer, submitted his annual statement of accounts, which, after being circulated amongst the brethren, was taken as read. These accounts showed that £43 was derived from the rent of lodges, £105 from chapters, £46 from miscellaneous rents, £41 from lodges of instruction, with other items, made the total income £827 18s. 9d. After paying all demands the Treasurer had in hand about £64 in connection with the Masonic Hall Committee; £43 8s. for the furnishing and decorating fund, and £23 odd for the building fund. The Chairman congratulated the brethren on the highly satisfactory character of the balance-sheet, and trusted that they would be able at the close of another year to show even a larger surplus. The Hon. Treasurer said that the rents of all the lodges had been paid, and the committee at the close of the year did not owe a single farthing. He also said that, as compared with last year, there was a decrease of £23 4s. 7d. in the gas account, in consequence of the alterations in the cooking arrangements. On the motion of Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G., Secretary, seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G., Registrar, Bro. Goepel was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer; and on the motion of Bro. Cottrell, P.M. 823, seconded by Bro. Ballard, P.M. 724, Bro. J. T. Callow was also unanimously re-elected Honorary Secretary.

The brethren then balloted for twenty-one members of Committee, and the following were declared elected:—Bros. J. Pemberton, Dr. Smith, J. Hayes, Ballard, R. Martin, Jan., J. Houlding, A. C. Wylie, D. Jackson, R. P. France, R. H. Evans, J. Hocken, H. Jackson, Cotterell, J. W. Burgess, T. Clark, H. S. Alpass, H. Ashmore, W. H. Cooper, G. Broadbridge, R. Robinson, and H. Firh. Bros. Boulton, H. A. Tobias, W. T. May, and Thomas McCracken, were appointed Auditors for the coming year.

The Chairman, before the conclusion of the business, said he had a very gratifying announcement to make. Bro. McCracken had generously offered fifty guineas towards the general decoration of the Masonic Hall, if the other brethren would personally subscribe the other 200 guineas. (Applause). He hoped a general scheme of decoration would soon be carried out, and that Bro. McCracken's generous offer would induce the brethren to subscribe liberally towards the object in view. (Hear, hear.)

A letter was read from Bro. Major Turner, P.P.G. Treasurer, contributing five guineas, and the following other donations were announced:—Bro. J. Houlding, ten guineas; Bros. Alpass, Dr. Smith, R. Wylie, H. A. Tobias, R. Robinson, and J. R. Goepel, five guineas each; Bros. J. W. Burgess, Pemberton, R. H. Evans, Cooper, A. C. Wylie, and J. T. Callow, two guineas each; and Bros. A. Hart, J. Hayes, R. P. France, D. Jackson, J. L. Houghton, J. Hocken, Webster, T. Clark, Reader, and Ballard, one guinea each. It was incidentally stated that a plan of decoration, which would cost about £1500 to carry out, had been submitted to the House Committee, but this was left over for future consideration.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, for their services during the past year.

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT, "ALBERT EDWARD."

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir,—
I trust the accompanying communications particularising the important services of the Freemasons' "Albert Edward" lifeboat on the 24th ult. will be of sufficient interest for insertion in the *Freemason*.
I am, yours faithfully,
RICHARD LEWIS.

The Freemasons' Lifeboat, the "Albert Edward," belonging to the National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrumental, on the 24th ult., in rendering most important service to a shipwrecked crew of fourteen men. Signals of distress were seen from the vessel in question about seven o'clock in the morning, at which time the wind was blowing very strong from the east, accompanied by a heavy sea. The Lifeboat promptly responded to the signals, and on reaching the Swin Middle Sands, she found a large barque ashore there. She proved to be the "Hebe," bound for London with a cargo of timber. The sea was furiously breaking over the unfortunate ship, bumping her on the sandbank, and threatening every instant to destroy her. The crew were huddled together on the port quarter. They had previously lost four boats, and a steamer had tried to save them, but found it impossible to do so, and now they eagerly watched the efforts of their brave rescuers. The Lifeboat had no easy task before it. Three times it was filled with water. Six times the plucky crew strove to get near the wreck and failed. Again they tried, and eleven lives rewarded their perseverance. Then the "Hebe" shifted and the heavy sea and wreckage made it too dangerous to lie by her; but, after much anxious labour and one or two narrow escapes, the rest of the crew (which numbered fourteen in all) were hauled into the boat by means of life lines. A great number of people heartily welcomed the Lifeboat and freight when returned. The shipwrecked Norwegian sailors presented a pitiable sight on landing. Several were unable to walk

from cold and cramp, among them the captain, a man advanced in years, who had to jump overboard with a life-line, and in doing so struck heavily against a floating spar. In a room kindly opened to them by the spirited proprietor of the Royal Hotel the poor fellows received the utmost attention from Dr. Main and many other gentlemen, who are always ready and foremost in rendering help in such matters. After the Lifeboat took in the crew, its cable had to be slipped in order to save it and its crew.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this noble and successful effort to save life, under most trying circumstances on the part of the "Albert Edward" coxswain, and crew, who are a willing, able, and disciplined set of men, and we feel sure the Freemasons will be highly gratified by this second proof of the value of their gift, and thankful for such answers to their best wishes. On Sunday morning, by the invitation of the worthy President of the Branch (the Rev. H. Law, Vicar of St. Paul's) both crews attended divine service at St. Paul's, when special prayers were offered up; and the Vicar, in most suitable and feeling terms, alluded to the event. The crews walked to and from church in couples, and in returning, some of the inhabitants fell in. Several of the Local Committee and the Hon. Secretary also were present. In the evening the crews attended the Wesleyan Chapel, a large number of people being present at the service.

The National Lifeboat Institution having conveyed the intelligence of this lifeboat service to the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, through General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., C.B., his Royal Highness directed the following answer to be sent to the Institution:—

"Sandringham, Norfolk, Jan. 27th, 1879.

"Sir,
"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. In reply to the same, I am directed by the Prince of Wales to beg you will assure the committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution that the information you communicate of the lifeboat 'Albert Edward,' which was presented to the Institution last year by the Freemasons of England, having been instrumental in saving, on the 24th inst., a shipwrecked crew of fourteen persons, has caused his Royal Highness much pleasure and satisfaction.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,
"Your obedient servant,
"DIGHTON M. PROBYN, L.C.,
"Comptroller.

"To Richard Lewis, Esq., Secretary
"Royal National Lifeboat Institution."

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. H. BARTLE.

The funeral of Bro. W. H. Bartle, whose death was announced in the *Freemason* of the 25th inst., took place on Saturday week at Kensal Green Cemetery. The cortege left the house of Bro. J. Bartle, 236, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, at half-past one. Several hundred persons were present, Bro. J. Bartle, the father of the deceased; Mrs. Bartle, the mother; three Misses Bartle, the sisters; Bro. Francis Bartle, the uncle; and many near relatives; together with several of the friends of the family followed the hearse.

Among the brethren and officers of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge who attended were, Bros. Parkhouse, W.M.; G. Penn, I.P.M.; W. J. Murlis, P.M.; E. M. Lander, S.W.; S. Smout, jun., S.D.; J. Woodman, W.S.; Hook, Steward; J. Pushman, R. Scholefield, P.M.; R. C. Green, C. Rowlands, F. Crabbs, J. T. Newland, W. W. Buckland, J. R. Roberts, J. Empson, E. Rogers, J. Whittlesea, R. H. Pearson, P.M.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M.; Dr. Pocock, H. Pardoe, P.M.; J. Johnstone, J. Adkins, F. Webster, J. Kelley, F. Monson, C. E. Woodward, P.M.; G. C. Harding, G. Arrowsmith, E. Monson, T. Heath, Henry Stevens, W. Oldrey, J. H. Wood, and B. Jeffries. About seventy brethren, chiefly members of the lodge took the lead, each bearing a sprig of acacia. The funeral car with six horses bore the remains of the deceased in a polished oak coffin covered with a violet silk pall, a large velvet quantity of choice azaleas, camellias, lilies of the valley, &c., &c., in baskets and wreaths surmounting it. The mourners were conveyed in two mourning coaches, and about twenty private carriages, many of them belonging to members of the lodge followed. The whole of the work people of Bro. Bartle came next, numbering about sixty. The brethren formed single file line at the entrance of the chapel and the cemetery, and a square about the bier in the chapel, and at the grave. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., performed the service most impressively, and at the words "earth to earth," &c., the brethren threw their sprigs of acacia into the grave. Bros. Garstin, of Wigmore-street, were entrusted with the funeral.

Brethren desirous of possessing a copy of the *Freemason Card Almanack* for 1879, with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, should make early application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. The Publisher will be pleased to send a copy to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of two penny stamps.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition, whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions, and the excitement of healthy action in the bowels, are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.—[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

At Grand Chapter on Wednesday last Col. Creaton announced to the Companions present, that he had received a letter from Bro. S. Leith Tomkins, son of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, informing him that the balance due to Grand Chapter at the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., had been paid in full out of the private estate of his late father. Our readers will also be pleased to learn that the balance due to the Masonic Institutions has also been paid in full out of Bro. Tomkin's estate.

We learn from the *World* that Bro. the Hon. Lord Ossulston, 33^d, is lying ill of fever at Peshawar. We extract the following remarks from our contemporary. "The heir to an earldom and a fine estate, courted and caressed by the world of London society, the young Guardsman abandoned the Capua of St. James's about four years ago, and exchanged into the 4th battalion Rifle Brigade, then in India, with the view of seeing service if possible, and also being with his brother who is in the same battalion."

A warrant for the formation of a new lodge to be called the Coborn, to meet at the Bow Vestry Hall, has been granted by the M.W.G.M. The consecration will take place as soon as the necessary preliminaries are arranged.

Bro. G. S. Graham announces that his 14th Annual Evening Concert will be given in the Angell Town Institute, Gresham-road, Brixton, on Thursday next, the 13th inst. Several well known artists will appear.

A Masonic Ball, under the auspices of Lodges 279, 523, and 1560, will take place in the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on Tuesday, February 18th under distinguished patronage.

The *Birmingham Gazette* announces the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, of Worcester. He was a magistrate for the city, and held high rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

A CHARMING GATHERING.—Bro. Alderman J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035, the respected Mayor of Bootle (a borough immediately adjoining Liverpool), signalled his year's office most pleasantly on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Bootle, where about 200 youngsters of both sexes, whose ages ranged from five to fifteen, were entertained and present at a fancy dress ball there. The scene was a most charming one, and the little ones seemed to enjoy their piquant and novel gathering as only children can. Bro. Newell was accompanied by the Mayoress, and amongst the "children of older growth" present were:—Bros. S. E. Ibbis, J. P. McArthur, Major Pierce (town clerk), J. Wells, and others. Bro. H. Molyneux and Miss Molyneux conducted the "ceremonials" as a labour of love, and Bro. Duncan's band discoursed dance music for the multitudes of little dancers.

CLOSING OF DRURY-LANE THEATRE.—Last Tuesday evening notices were suspended outside the theatre, Drury-lane, stating that owing to unforeseen circumstances it had been found necessary to close the theatre for the present. It is said that Mr. Chatterton, finding that the Pantomime was not remunerative, had proposed to the performers to consent to a reduction on their salary, and that the majority agreed to do so. Some, however, refused to accept of any reduced payment, and therefore Mr. Chatterton determined to close the theatre. Numbers of persons came to see the performance, and had to go away disappointed.—Standard.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book* for 1879 is now ready, price, post-free, ss. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advrt.

Winchester, the oldest chartered corporation in the kingdom, having nearly reached its 600th anniversary, is about to provide its chief magistrate with a gold chain and jewel badge, at a cost of 300 guineas.

The ball in connection with the Cripplegate Pension Society will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday week, Feb. 17th, under the patronage of Bro. Sir Charles Whetham, Lord Mayor of London; Bro. George Burt and Bro. Thomas Bevan, Sheriffs of London; and Bro. Alderman Knight. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. U. Knell, Hon. Sec.; 77, Fore-street, City.

An emergency meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England will be held at No. 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C., on Tuesday next, at 2.30 p.m., to vote an address of condolence to her Majesty the Queen on the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The name of Dr. Holt was erroneously given for that of Dr. William Hope, Deputy Master Elect, No. 2, in our report last week of the General Committee of this Institution, as one of the candidates for the House Committee.

Bro. S. C. Hall has retired from the position of editor of *Social Notes*, and in the current number of that periodical expresses his thankfulness for release from a very heavy labour, and his grateful sense of the aid he has received from many men and women of great ability.

The meetings of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, will in future be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are expected to arrive at Windsor Castle from Osborne about the 20th inst.

The Duke of Edinburgh has accepted the post of President of the Ashford Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The "Masonic Magazine" for February is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
 For the Week ending Friday, February 14, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpab, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1791, Creaton, F.M.H. (Consecration.)

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Henrietta-st.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- Festival R.M.B.I., see Advt.
 Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 Mark, Old Kent, M.H., M.A., Basinghall-st.
 Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq. W.
 S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Fauouce Arms, Fauouce-pl, Kenngtn at 8.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H. Camberwell.
 Chap. 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix, 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 15, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.H., Birkenhead.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N.Hill-st. L'pool
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire. The festival, as will be seen from the list of subscriptions given below, was a grand success, and is one more proof of the growing interest which is being taken in the Masonic Institutions. This interest was also evidenced by the immense gathering of ladies and brethren who assembled on the occasion, for, except when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was Chairman of the festival, a larger company has not been gathered together. The entertainment was admirably managed, and, while reflecting the greatest credit on the Stewards, obtained in all directions the warmest praise. The arrangements at the dinner table were perfect, and in the Temple, where a concert was given, the greatest attention was paid to the comfort and convenience of the visitors.

Amongst the brethren who supported the Chairman were Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Col. Creton, P.G.D.; Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec.; Bro. Dr. Barringer, Col. Somerville Burney; Dr. Jabez Hogg; Dr. Strong; Honorary Surgeon to the Institute; Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; The Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P.; Bro. W. Ough, P.G.P.; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secy., R.M.I. Girls; Bro. F. Binckes, Secy., R.M.I. Boys; Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.S., G. W. Kent; Bro. W. Beattie, P.M., 142; Bro. F. J. Macaulay, W.M., 142; Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes; Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. E.S., West Yorkshire; J. L. Hine, Manchester; Bro. George Kenning, P. Prov. S.D., Middlesex; Bro. H. A. Dubois, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, Marshall, Bro. Ramsay, Bro. T. W. Tew, Dep. Grand Master W. Yorkshire; Bro. Headon, Bro. Freeman, Bro. Moody, Bro. Lambert, Bro. W. Lake, Bro. Saillart, Bro. Jolliffe, Bro. Dewar, and Bro. Massey (Freemason.) Nearly 400 sat down to dinner. The Board of Stewards, numbered 283 (an unprecedented number), comprising many of the most influential brethren in the Craft.

When the cloth had been removed, grace was beautifully rendered by the professional ladies and brethren, and the list of toasts was then gone through.

In proposing the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Chairman after alluding to the great loss Her Majesty had recently sustained in the death of the Princess Alice, assured the brethren that Her Majesty took great interest in the Masonic Institutions. He also added that Her Majesty's grief at the present time was shared in by the Craft, and that in all her joys and sorrows the Freemasons, who were among her most loyal subjects, felt them as their own.

The Chairman afterwards proposed "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., the Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family;" "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M.;" "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers," the last of which was responded to very briefly by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Suffolk.

The toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," was the next on the list.

The Chairman: Ladies and Brethren—The next toast I have the honour to propose is one which, of itself, on the present occasion, must necessarily commend itself to your notice, it is that of "The Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." It is for the advancement of this Institution we are here assembled; and it is for its success we all here have exerted ourselves; and I now pledge you in the remarks that I may make, to drink to its continued prosperity. I feel perfectly sure, from the support the Masonic

body has given, and, I am happy to say, the support of those not belonging to our body have given, and by this numerous and influential company now before me, that nothing that I can say in favour of this Institution can fix the benefits of the same more deeply in your minds than they are fixed, no eulogiums that I can express or find words to adduce, can, I am sure, add any more to the zeal of you here present, or to those brethren in London and in the provinces who have worked so hard, and so successfully, on this, and on other occasions for the furtherance and maintenance of this Institution, and when I look around me and see the enthusiasm exhibited by those present, I feel the deeds of those present and of those whom they represent, put quite into the shade any remarks that I may make to enhance the furtherance of this good cause, but, as President on this auspicious occasion, it behoves me to make a few remarks on the origin, the rise, the nature and objects of this Institution. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons has two separate interests. First, the aged Freemasons, and second, the widows of Freemasons. I will take the first portion as being the oldest part of the Institution. The Institution for granting annuities to aged Freemasons was suggested by the M.W. G.M., his late R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in 1842, since which time 487 brethren have been elected on its funds. After the last election there were 145 brethren receiving £40 per annum each, or, in all £5800. The permanent income is as follows:—

Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter	£600	0	0
Dividends in Funded Property	787	0	0
	£1387	0	0 p. annum.

The residue of the income, including the working expenses of this branch of the Institution, has to be provided for by donations and annual subscriptions. There are thirty-five candidates for election in May next and only twelve vacancies. The second branch of the Institution is the widows of aged Freemasons. The Treasurer's Fund was established under the sanction of the late Earl of Zetland in 1849, since when 260 widows have been elected. After the last election there were 135 widows receiving £32 per annum each, or, in all £4220. There are also eleven widows receiving half their late husband's annuity (for three years from death) amounting to £220.

The permanent income to the Widows is as follows:—

Grand Lodge and Chapter	£350	0	0
Dividends on Funded Property	560	0	0
	£910	0	0

The residue of the income, including working expenses, has also to be provided for by donations and annual subscriptions. There are forty-three widows, candidates for the next election, and only five vacancies. There is an asylum at Croydon, attached to the Institution, affording a home for thirty-three annuitants in addition to the annuity, each of whom has two rooms, and are provided with coals during the winter months and Medical attendance gratis. Thus, you will plainly see, that the only reliable income for these two branches of the institution is £2297, and the expenditure at the present rate is £10,340, being an expenditure of £8043, to be provided for by charitable donations. Such, ladies and brethren, is a brief summary of the origin, expenditure and mode of raising the funds for this Institution. This extra sum of £8000 is raised by the voluntary donations of Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters, private Chapters and Lodges, private Masonic brethren, and much to their honour, some who are not members of our Order, and without the aid of these voluntary gifts it would be impossible to pay the number of annuitants now receiving relief, of keeping up a sufficient staff of officers to carry on the business of the Institution or maintaining the Asylum. There are, as you are aware, two other noble Masonic Institutions attached to our Order, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, both for the benefit of the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons. These two Institutions have well ordered and noble buildings not far from the Metropolis; each of these Institutions, the boys', the girls', the aged Freemasons', have their peculiar advantages, their particular sphere of action and their special claims, and there is this great claim and benefit in the well doing of each of these noble Institutions, that there is no clashing in their various interests, neither does the working or the prosperity of any one of these interfere with or deter the prosperity of the other two. There are, as I dare say most of you know, three great and distinct Orders of architecture which Masons particularly prize, and attach great weight to—these are the Doric, the Ionic, and the Corinthian. Carrying out the comparison with regard to these three Institutions, each possessing in itself a definite mark and charm, yet not clashing with the others, and, as in the three styles of architecture, each has a particular feature of adornment and attractive line of beauty, so in each of these three Institutions there is an element of beauty and harmony, which adorns the Masonic structures, without in any way diminishing the benefits conferred by any one of the three preponderating over one another. I feel sure, as I look around me on this present assembly, that I have no need to resort to special pleading for any particular Institution that may form part of the Masonic charity, but, as our meeting here to-day is on the occasion of the annual festival of the aged Freemasons and widows, our aspirations and desires naturally turn themselves to the well-being and furtherance of this Institution in particular. It has been the custom amongst all civilized nations, both ancient and modern, heathen and Christian, to pay respect to the aged of their communities, and therefore, amongst a body of men like we Masons, whose principles are founded on the truest lines of charity, honour,

virtue, and morality, a respect for the comforts of old age amongst its members, and a desire to make the latter end of life pleasant to those who when in former years were in more affluent circumstances, but whom the storms of adverse fortune have overcome, must naturally exist. There can be no more pleasing sight for anyone than that of an old man or old woman whose locks, like the snow-drifts of winter wreath round their heads as a garland of silver, passing the remainder of their allotted life in comfort and in happiness. Neither, on the other hand, can there be a spectacle which will conjure up in a well-regulated mind more feelings of pity, and regret, and compassion than that of an aged and forlorn creature, perhaps a cripple, with no one to care for him or her, no one to cheer them, dependent on uncertain charity for a miserable bare existence—one whose case is so pathetically described by one of the most descriptive of our English poets of the last century:—

"The wretched woman, forced in age, for bread,
To strip the brook with mantling rushes spread,
To pick the wintry fagot from the thorn,
To seek her nightly shed, and weep till morn."

It is to avoid such misery as this that the Masonic community has instituted, organised, and maintained the Institution for the benefit of whose funds we are met together. A celebrated Roman orator, and no mean philosopher, has recorded that each portion of age has its charms, and each phase of life has its definite period assigned to it, so that the feebleness of boys, the high spirit of young men, the steadiness of more fixed manhood, and the maturity of old age has something material which ought to be enjoyed in their time, and we know that old age, especially an honoured old age has so great authority that this is of more value than all the transient pleasure of youth, enjoyable as they may be. But as neither grey hairs nor wrinkles can of themselves command respect, let the former portion of a man or woman's life when such life has been honourably spent, reap the just esteem of mankind in general, and if of a Masonic life, should they be so circumstanced, the benefits of this Institution, which is a mark of the esteem of the Masonic brethren, for great care and caution is exercised in admitting members into this Institution, and the former character and mode of life is strictly enquired into before any one can be admitted to partake of this Institution's benefits. It has been said of old, in Greece, when that country was the centre of civilization, of arts and science, that Lacedaemon was the most honourable abode for old age. I say here this day, in this great Metropolis of the world, of England, of commerce, and enterprise, and of Masonic sentiment, that for a Mason this Institution is the most honourable abode for old age of all I know, for nowhere is so much conceded to that time of life, nowhere is age more respected. The times of year naturally instance the life of mankind. Spring represents the time of youth and the promise of future fruits, the remaining seasons are left for the development, ripening, and gathering of these fruits, as therefore in nature so in Masonry if the first conduct of the young Mason be good and healthy, and the blossom of his early career ripens still further into perfection, his case in old age will be similar to the ripened fruit which when plucked from the tree comes off of its own accord, without wrench or violence, and is amenable to all who partake of it, and if misfortune, or adversity overtake such a one, his fruit will be stored in the orchard home of this Institution, and the trunk that bore the fruit will not be left to wither and decay, unheeded and neglected, but cared for and preserved in the garden of the Masonic Fraternity. We are perfectly aware, that as a community, we, like all others, must exist for good or for evil, and if only performing certain duties, which duties must be founded on true noble principles. But we can contend for the former and avoid the latter, for all communities have necessarily an effect more or less on society at large, and we say that we have performed, and are performing, duties which have been, and are now, for the benefit of mankind also. We have passed away as a body of men from the utility of construction as Masons, but the deeds of those of our Order who existed in former ages are written in tablets of stone, and in indelible monuments of our history (I am now speaking of Freemasonry in England) from one end of England to the other, through the length and breadth of the land. These are visible in the works of man's handicraft—our old parish churches, round which slumber the remains of our forefathers, some nestling in our beautiful Southern vales and dales, some raising their elegant tipped spires to the vaulted roof of Heaven, serving as beacons to travellers here, and pointing to a road beyond this earthly orb, or turn we our eyes again to those splendid efforts of architectural skill, our minsters, our cathedrals, our abbey, mediæval mansions, and castles, within whose walls the literature of the dark ages has kept secure, and from whose embattlements the engine of war kept at bay the invading foe. These we point to as example of those men who have preceded us, and though some have been ruthlessly destroyed through fanatic frenzy and heated turmoil, still, even their beauty in their ruins adds a charm to the beholder, and cannot fail to awaken the feeling that there were master minds in those days whose talent and skill in beauty of Gothic architecture, now has been destroyed. And here I may mention that there is set on foot a committee of Freemasons, under the patronage of the P.G.M. of Herefordshire, to restore the west front of St. Alban's Cathedral. But now we have another duty to perform, and our efforts for good to mankind have taken a different direction, we are a body of men who want to cultivate virtue and charity amongst ourselves, for the benefit of our Order and for the example of the outer world. What the Masons in the old dark ages did by constructing these noble buildings, which have been of so much use to mankind, and so ornamental in their appearance, we now wish to emulate, by raising a structure of education and morality for the still furtherance of the general good, and, as we expect to see

some of those grand buildings destroyed and in ruins, so to prevent our brethren, when overcome by misfortune, figuratively speaking, being neglected, we have instituted this change, along with the two others I have before named. That it is your wish that this noble Institution should not fall a ruin I feel certain, by your zeal and your presence here to-day. What time is assigned to each to live, with that each ought to be content, for as it is not necessary that a drama should be performed entirely by one actor, but that each actor should so shape his part to help the piece through for the general success of all engaged, so we all, in the drama of life, ought to help each other, and in no way can we do so better, as Masons, than by supporting this Institution as we have done to-day, for we must bear in mind that, in adding comfort to the recipients of a charity like this, we are not only performing a pleasant duty to ourselves, but also to others whose lot in life otherwise would be one of suffering and want. For to the aged all comfort that can be expected must be recalled from the past, and the past is soon exhausted, all the events and actions of which the memory can afford pleasure are quickly recollected, and the harvest of old age is the recollection of blessings previously secured. Hours indeed depart from us and days, and months, and years, nor does time past ever return. Providence has ordered our life in this world to be as an inn to sojourn in, not a place of habitation, and the happiest end of life is when the mind and the other senses, being unimpaired, the same hand that put it together, takes assunder without violence, placidly, and tranquilly, his own work. To make the end of their days comfortable here to the best of our ability is I am sure the wish of everyone here present. I call on you now to drink the toast of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Col. Creaton, P.G.D., responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren for honouring it so enthusiastically. He assured the brethren that the greatest care was manifested in the management of the Institutions, that unremitting attention was paid to all details, and that the interests of the annuitants and the subscribers were confided to a staff of officers in every way qualified to give the utmost confidence.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary, then read out a summary of the following magnificent list of subscriptions, prefacing it with the observation that an initiate had commenced his Masonic career by giving to this Institution £105. We believe this initiate is Bro. H. B. Marshall (C.C.), who took his degree in the Royal Hanover Lodge.

LONDON:—

No. of Lodge.	Bro.	£	s.	d.
	Bro. Edgar Bowyer	85	0	0
1	John G. Stevens	110	0	0
1	Edward Fenner	15	15	0
1	James Holah	25	14	6
2	Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	41	0	0
3	John Larkin	43	11	0
4	R. Gresley Hall	15	15	0
5	F. Woodhouse Braine	44	3	6
7	Geo. Jeffery	32	11	0
8	Joseph Fenn	13	1	6
9	Samuel Coste	37	15	6
10	Rev. R. P. Bent	27	13	0
11	Dr. R. T. Pigott	30	0	0
12	W. H. Bateman	100	0	0
12	A. H. Lilley	52	10	0
Chapter				
12	Comp. Joseph Clever	31	10	0
Lodge				
14	Bro. P. C. F. Tatham			
15	Henry Martin	45	0	0
21	George Watson	38	0	0
23	E. C. Davies	22	15	0
Chapter				
25	Comp. H. H. Smith	34	2	6
Lodge				
28	Bro. G. H. Wright	26	5	0
30	Joseph Driscoll	96	15	0
33	John Davis	41	17	0
45	Henry Follett	47	4	0
46	Geo. H. Savage, M.D.	64	1	0
55	John Hy. Dodson	56	19	6
59	C. Harrison	36	4	6
141	Chas. Dairy	107	10	0
Chapter				
142	Comp. H. C. Levander			
Lodge				
144	Bro. Geo. D. Skeggs	33	11	0
147	Henry Bartlett	69	5	0
162	H. J. Fenner	19	8	6
167	Ralph Firbank	46	3	0
174	G. T. H. Seddon	135	10	0
180	A. L. Annett	115	10	0
181	Joseph E. Turner			
197	Edward Henry Burnell	16	16	0
198	James T. Rowe	35	2	0
205	A. M. Cohen	34	17	0
228	Robt. H. Halford	112	1	0
235	Edward H. Hewett			
235	Joseph Kincaid			
256	R. H. Davis	40	19	0
256	Chas. Birch	10	10	0
259	John A. Rucker	115	10	0
435	John Holden	30	0	6
511	W. Game	22	5	0
569	Lewis T. Crook	74	10	6
657	Wm. Maple	100	16	0
704	E. W. Young			
715	Henry Birdseye	29	18	0
733	H. A. Stacey			
742	F. A. Pallen	21	0	0
754	David Roberts	31	10	0

No. of Lodge.	Bro.	£	s.	d.
766	Bro. George Newman	31	10	0
780	W. M. Gardiner	43	9	6
781	Clement Breden	178	0	0
813	Wm. Stead	31	10	0
822	Frederick Williams	38	17	0
860	T. B. Dodson	46	15	0
861	Wm. Groome	57	10	0
871	Jas. Geo. Thomas	26	5	0
	"	10	10	0
898	C. P. Mills	63	0	0
907	W. H. Farnfield	41	9	6
933	T. J. Barnes	325	10	0
969	Wm. Henry Cotton	50	18	6
1017	W. H. Gulliford	28	7	0
Chapter				
1056	Comp. Jno. Hy. Leggott	10	10	0
Lodge				
1076	Bro. Jno. White	49	6	0
1118	L. G. Gordon Robbins	157	10	0
1155	Joseph Wilson	57	16	0
1178	Joseph Stock	118	3	6
1196	E. G. Legge	51	16	6
1260	Jno. H. Southwood	105	0	0
1278	Wm. J. Crutch	10	10	0
1288	Thos. Goode	116	0	0
1319	Wm. A. Tinney	38	15	0
1339	Henry E. Frances	35	10	0
1348	G. S. Blythe	30	18	6
Chapter				
1348	Comp. Peter Parsons	33	17	0
Lodge				
1351	Bro. Henry Porter	56	17	6
1366	E. C. Daines	92	10	0
1381	Thos. Chas. Walls	51	5	0
1383	K. R. Murchison	113	8	0
1397	Robt. Wm. Inglis			
1420	W. H. Kempster	42	5	0
1426	James Freeman	151	2	0
1460	W. T. Howe	15	15	0
1471	John L. Mather	113	8	0
1524	Neville Green, Thos. Chas. Chapman	44	10	6
1539	Wm. Ramsey	5	5	0
1540	E. Spencer Stidolph			
Chapter				
1540	Comp. J. J. Hooper Wilkins	42	0	0
Lodge				
1585	Bro. J. W. Robinson	110	14	0
1589	Greene McAhew	27	5	0
1602	Wm. Norris	25	13	6
1607	Frederick Brown	134	18	6
1612	Thos. Kingston			
1613	Geo. M. Felton	111	6	0
1615	Lieut.-Col. H. S. Burney	31	10	0
1623	John Johnson	66	8	6
1657	Rev. Dr. Brette	106	11	6
1668	Joseph D. Barrett	42	0	0
1671	Walter W. Medcalf	120	15	0
1685	Walter C. Claridge	65	11	0
1687	John Hy. Onthwaite	40	0	0
1693	Alfred H. Trewinnard	63	5	0
1704	J. Bagot Scriven	58	4	6
1716	Jno. Dennis	67	5	0
1732	W. M. Stiles	50	0	0
1766	Wm. Beasley	40	8	0
BERKS AND BUCKS:—				
574	Bro. Barron Fielder	36	15	0
1770	J. Blandy Jenkins	31	10	0
	Robert Bradley	36	15	0
209	Dick Radcliffe	136	12	6
	Robert Roberts	36	15	0
414	Chas. Oades	47	10	0
771	W. J. Goddard	10	10	0
		£336	7	6
BRIISTOL:—				
	Bro. Edward Thos. Inskip	£15	15	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND:—				
	The Province Bro. G. J. McKay	£63	2	0
DERBYSHIRE:—				
731	Bro. Cawthorne Webster	£23	8	6
DORSETSHIRE:—				
	The Province Bro. J. P. F. Gundry			
EAST LANCASHIRE:—				
	Chairman	£105	0	0
	Provincial Grand Lodge	525	0	0
	" Chapter	52	10	0
Lodge				
300	Bro. Geo. Mellor	84	0	0
64, 274, 1697	Bro. Edward Ashworth	105	0	0
191 and 1012	W. O. Walker	63	0	0
64 and 1009	J. L. Hine	300	0	0
62 and 1392	Edmund Ashworth			
64, 345	R. H. Hutchinson	10	10	0
64, 300	S. D. Lees, M.D.			
64, 645	Wm. Harrison, J.P.	52	10	0
146	Thos. Glastier, J.P.	42	0	0
64, 226	Beswicke-Royds, C.R.N.	66	13	6
64, 1170	James A. Birch	42	0	0
645	C. F. Matier	137	11	0
116	Lt.-Col. T.G. Parker, J.P.	21	0	0
1134	John Barker			
1633	T. J. Hooper	10	10	0
346	T. S. Ainsworth	31	10	0
64, 645	Chas. Heywood	10	10	0
64, 277	J. F. Tweedale	120	1	6
37, 64, 231	John Tunnah	52	10	0
1030	Edwin Hardon	26	5	0
44	Peter Royle, M.D.	31	10	0
P.G.M. Lodge	G. P. Brockbank	63	0	0
64, 221, 1723	Thos. Entwisle	31	10	0
	Robt. Harwood	5	5	0

No. of Lodge.	Bro.	£	s.	d.
219	Bro. Edmund Hartley	47	5	0
317	J. H. Sillitoe	21	0	0
163	Geo. F. East	115	10	0
215	Thos. Hargreaves	36	15	0
64, 221, 1723	J. W. Taylor	10	10	0
269	W. H. Cunliffe	10	10	0
1161	Julius Arensberg	10	10	0
348	Hy. Greenwood	10	10	0
62	Captain H. A. Bennett	10	10	0
345	Bro. S. Goldstone			
350	Martin Thomas			
152	Thos. Chorlton	99	15	0
42	Jas. W. Kenyon	21	0	0
1129	C. M. Jones	31	10	0
37	Samuel Crowther	10	10	0
37	James Walker	5	5	0
37	Jas. Newton	210	0	0
44	A. B. Bennett	10	10	0
62	Chas. A. Schuster	41	9	6
Chapter				
62	Comp. Geo. Higgins	31	10	0
Lodge				
191	Bro. Alfred Hopkinson	42	0	0
221 and 1723	Bro. J. M. Rutter	10	10	0
221 and 1723	Bro. Geo. Ferguson	10	10	0
266	Bro. Samuel Clegg			
266	Richard Gorton			
266	Robt. A. Bridge			
269	Jas. Bertwistle	21	0	0
269	T. T. Mercer	21	0	0
283	R. H. Hardman	63	10	0
288	Thos. Schofield	66	0	0
317	Wm. Nicholl	10	10	0
348	John Wolstenholme	31	10	0
369	J. E. Anderton	15	15	0
645	Geo. Marshall			
935	Benj. Taylor	31	10	0
1009	C. E. Austin	10	10	0
1030	W. H. Vaughan	26	5	0
1253	J. Z. Hoffgaard	52	10	0
1519	Edmund Heywood			
1634	Henry Heys	26	5	0
1723	Nathaniel Nicholson	10	10	0
1723	Wm. Court	10	10	0
37	Johnson Mills	10	10	0
37	Rooke Pennington	10	10	0
462	John W. Walmsley	17	17	0
146	John Duxbury			
1253	J. W. Maclure	10	10	0
317	J. E. Lees	5	5	0
467	Rev. W. Chaytor	10	10	0
467	James L. Page			
1504	Jno. Collinge	10	10	0
126	Jno. Ballard			
221	Thos. Morris	10	10	0
345	Denis Towers	42	0	0
1077	Geo. Jackson	26	5	0
		£3542	0	0
WEST LANCASHIRE:—				
1353	Bro. Francis Geo. Dale	£36	18	0
ESSEX:—				
Chap.				
1000	Comp. Rev. H. Jno. Hatch	11	0	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE:—				
592	Bro. Jno. Hyde	52	10	0
839	R. W. White	85	12	0
	Hy. Godfrey, (J.P.)	10	10	0
		148	12	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT:—				
151	Bro. Rev. E. W. Watts	63	8	6
723	Thomas Benham	42	10	0
1428	Geo. P. Arnold	81	10	0
		187	8	6
HERTFORDSHIRE:—				
449	James Shilcock	16	5	0
504	W. C. Maddever	43	1	0
869	F. D. R. Copestick	84	15	0
		£144	1	0
KENT:—				
77	Bro. Wm. Hicks	62	17	0
1096	Alexander H. Des. Barres	95	7	6
1206	R. Joyces Emmerson	10	10	0
1201	H. M. Baker	202	13	0
1414	E. Evans Fronk	30	14	6
1436	Thos. J. Pulley	30	2	0
		£432	4	0
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND:—				
	The Province Bro. Rev. Wm. Langley	115	4	0
	Geo. Toller, jun.	10	10	0
		£125	14	0
LINCOLNSHIRE:—				
1282	Bro. F. R. Sutton	22	10	0
1283	Wm. Pigott			
1294	Thos. Coates	20	18	6
1600	F. Higgins	25	6	0
		£68	14	6
MIDDLESEX:—				
	Bro. George Kenning	10	10	0
382	G. T. Carter	10	10	0
382	Chas. J. W. Davis	59	17	0
1238	E. C. Woodward	15	15	0
Chap. 1293	Bro. Thos. Cubitt	128	15	0
Lodge				
1293	Bro. Wm. Geo. Kentish	31	16	0
1309	Chas. Horsley	42	4	0

No. of Lodge.			
1637 Bro. Wm. Stephens ...	...	15 15 0	
1787 " Joseph Tanner ...	...	20 5 0	
1707 " Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C. }		105 0 0	
The first labour of an Entered Apprentice. }			
MONMOUTHSHIRE :—			
The Province Bro. Wm. Williams	...	105 0 0	
Lodge.			
1429 Bro. Wm. Watkins ...	...	31 10 0	
NORFOLK :—			
The Province Bro. H. G. Barwell	...	154 2 0	
Lodge.			
52 Bro. Wm. A. Tysen Amherst	...	52 10 0	
NORTHS AND HANTS :—			
1764 Bro. Hamilton W. Parker	...	50 0 0	
NOTTINGHAM :—			
402 Bro. Chas. T. Jacoby ...	...	
OXFORDSHIRE :—			
357 Bro. E. L. Hawkins ...	...	31 8 0	
478 " James Cavom ...	...	
1399 " Thos. B. Brown ...	...	10 10 0	
SOMERSETSHIRE :—			
The Province Bro. Captain A. T. Perkins...	...	38 17 0	
SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION) :—			
The Province Bro. Robert Margrave	...	225 0 0	
SUFFOLK :—			
81 Bro. Wm. Page T. Phillips	...	55 12 0	
114 " Wm. Clarke ...	...	110 5 0	
1457 " W. O. Chambers ...	...	5 5 0	
SURREY :—			
889 Bro. J. J. Holland ...	...	
1046 " Horatio T. Taylor ...	...	21 0 0	
1395 " Rev. C. W. Arnold ...	...	106 1 0	
1714 " Henry Hacker ...	...	37 10 0	
SUSSEX :—			
315 Bro. A. J. Hawkes ...	...	105 0 0	
315 " R. J. Pope ...	...	21 0 0	
WARWICKSHIRE :—			
567 Bro. Joseph Boddington ...	...	38 17 0	
WILTSHIRE :—			
The Province Bro. Wm. Nott ...	...	237 10 0	
WORCESTERSHIRE :—			
377 Bro. Geo. Taylor ...	...	42 0 0	
YORKSHIRE (N. AND E. RIDINGS) :—			
57 Bro. Thos. Thompson ...	...	22 1 0	
1611 " Thos. Cooper ...	...	
1611 " J. S. Cumberland ...	...	
1611 " A. T. B. Turner ...	...	50 5 0	
" W. P. Husband ...	...	
YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING) :—			
R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards...	...		
139 Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Hamilton-Gell	...		
" W. H. Brittain ...	...	
" Joseph Bromley ...	...	
" Edward Tozer ...	...	
" J. F. Littlewood ...	...	
" W. D. Allen ...	...	
154 " W. H. B. Tomlinson (J.P.) ...	...	
208 " R. J. Critchley (J.P.) ...	...	
290 " Wm. Harrop ...	...	
302 " Henry Smith ...	...	
303 " Benj. Broughton ...	...	
304 " John Batley ...	...	
304 " C. L. Mason ...	...	
380 " Capt. J. Wordsworth ...	...	
448 " C. T. Rhodes ...	...	
904 " John Fawcett ...	...	
910 " W. F. Clark ...	...	
LIST SINCE IN :—			
1612 Bro. Thos. Kingston ...	...	21 9 6	
862 " " ...	...	29 8 0	
Making a total, for London and the Pro-	vinces, of	13,926 8 0	

Loud and long continued cheering followed the reading of this list, and Bro. Woodford, as Chairman of the Board, having, with the permission of the Chairman, asked for three hearty cheers for East Lancashire, which appeal was enthusiastically responded to, the East Lancashire brethren were warmly congratulated on having achieved such a result as a total list for their province of £3542.

Sir Henry Edwards, R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," whom he characterised not only as one of the best of Masons, but as a thorough Englishman, and a most worthy type of the head of the domestic circle.

The Chairman having replied, Bro. Hedges replied to the toast "Success to the other Masonic Institution: the Girls' School (Festival 14th of May); the Boys' School (Festival 25th of June)." There were loud calls for Bro. Binckes, who, in answer thereto, also made a most energetic speech on behalf of the Masonic Institutions generally, but particularly the Boys' School.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Stewards," compli-

mented those brethren on the success of the meeting, and on the admirable arrangements which had been made.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (who sat on the left of the Chairman), President of the Board of Stewards, responded.

R.W. Sir,—At this late hour of the evening it would ill become me to trespass on the patience of the meeting, "anxious to migrate to more harmonious sounds and pastures fair," but I should not be doing my duty, if, as Chairman of the Board of Stewards, I did not return the thanks of my many zealous friends and coadjutors for the honour which this large assembly has done them in drinking their health. If the labours of the Stewards have given pleasure and comfort to the brethren they are heartily satisfied, their anxieties are rewarded, their pains recompensed. Sir, allow me to congratulate all present, on the happy fact, that under your auspices, and with the aid of the energetic brethren of your province, we have so well begun 1879 in the cause of Masonic charity, that Masonic charity, which, we so often say, blesses them who give as well as they who receive, that charity, I repeat, which renders our beneficent Order, the pride of its members, the admiration of its contemporaries, and a real utility and a lasting blessing to mankind. (Applause).

The toast of "The Ladies" was then given, and the brethren joined the fair sex in the Temple, where the concert was held, ably presided over by Bro. Joseph Clever.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some beautiful vocal performances by Madame Ashton, Miss Agnes Ross, Miss Lizzie Evans, Bro. H. Ashton, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, the English Glee Union, Bro. A. Hubbard, and Bro. Theodore Distin, the same artists also performing at the concert given in the Temple. Bro. F. H. Cozens had the direction, and presided, with Bro. Fountain Meen at the pianoforte. Bro. G. S. Graham also gave his startling organophonic performances, which included selections from several operas.

The favour worn by the Stewards this year is worthy of special commendation. In former years a rosette with tassels has been the distinguishing mark of a Steward, but this year a handsome solid silver medallion about the size of a florin, bearing on one side the inscription "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and on the other the Arms of the Chairman, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie took its place. The workmanship was all that could be desired, and is very creditable to the firm entrusted with its execution. We doubt not but that every brother who had the privilege of wearing the medal on Wednesday will carefully preserve it as a souvenir of the most successful festival of this admirable Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, the day after the very successful annual festival of the Institution. Bro. Colonel Creton presided, and there were also present, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, Samuel Hawson, Henry G. Warren, R. H. Giraud, W. Stephens, James Brett, John A. Farnfield, John G. Stephens, Charles F. Hogard, John M. Case, William Hilton, C. A. Cottebrune, W. F. Nettlehip, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Henry Smith, Thomas W. Tew, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. Terry, after reading the minutes, reported the death of six annuitants and one candidate for next election. Bro. Terry also read a letter from Bro. E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., Solicitor, enclosing £990 19s. 10d., which he had received from the private estate of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Treasurers. Bro. Terry stated that the result of this was that the Institution did not lose one farthing by the failure of the firm of bankers of Willis, Percival, and Co. Bro. Terry likewise said he had now to report, as most of the brethren were aware, that the festival of the Institution, held on Wednesday evening, was largely attended, that Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, presided, and that the subscriptions amounted to £13,875 10s. 6d., with fifteen lists to come in. There had been a Board of Stewards numbering 288 brethren, the largest Board of Stewards they had ever yet had. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks was then passed to Col. Starkie for presiding at the festival. Another vote of thanks was also passed to the Board of Stewards for their great and successful efforts for the comfort and convenience of the visitors.

The Chairman then said that the brethren had heard of the great success of the Institution the night before, and a great deal of that success was due to the Board of Stewards of East Lancashire, and more especially to the Chairman of that Board, Bro. J. L. Hine. He thought it would be a graceful compliment to that brother if they elected him a Vice-President of the Institution for his services.

A motion was made to that effect, and carried unanimously.

Cheques for annuities, men £1280, and widows £1097, were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that there were thirty-three male candidates and seventeen to be elected at the election in May, and forty-three women, and four to be elected.

The Chairman said that after the great success of Wednesday, and seeing that there were only four vacancies for widows at the next election, he thought the Institution might elect ten extra candidates.

The Committee agreed to this.

The balloting papers were afterwards settled, and a letter having been read from Bro. S. L. Tomkins, Manager of the Capital and Counties' Bank offering to receive subscriptions for the Institution, the Committee accepted the offer with thanks.

The Committee then adjourned.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at Anderson's Hotel, where the new lodge room afforded ample room for what would have been elsewhere a crowded assembly. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M., presided, and there were also present, among 104 brethren, of whom fifty-seven were visitors, the following:—Past Masters Buss, Atkin, Greene, Harrison, W. H. Gibbon, C. B. Payne, D. Jacobs, S. J. Samble, J. Coultis, Hoare, Walker. Visitors:—Bros. T. Bull, P.M. 145; Masters, 145; Smith, 144; Barlow, 95; Gray, 704; S. W. Webb, W.M. 1607; H. H. Pendlebury, 1056; Green, W.M. 1524; Lee, P.M. 1524; Hollands, P.M. 1321; Banger, S.W. 435; Smith, 157; Butler, 414; Leslie, 1604; Richards, 154; Hume, P.M. 209; Read, 73; Reed, 1287; Geo. Teddle, 11; Brookmer, 1541; Wood, 1446; White, 340; McGowan, 1287; Binckes, Goodman, W.M. 147; Lloyd, 1201; Hooper, 435; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Summers, 871; Rudderforth, S.D. 13; Webster, 807; Berry, 1695; Corrick, 101; Rushton, 1677; Wells, 299; Smeed, 1585; Anley, 177; W. W. Morgan Lee, 211; J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; Ellis, 554; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Pevott, 861; Waters, P.M. 1201; Daniels, P.M. 65; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Spurrell, P.P.G.S.W.; Kent, 615; W. T. Howe, G.P.; Waghorn, P.M. 946; Dance, I.P.M. 754; Wills, P.M., G.S.W. Kent, 299; Musto, P.M. 1349; Harvey, P.M. 299; Jones, 1612; and Kenard, 145. The W.M. first installed Mr. James Francis Hale, and afterwards, on presentation duly made to him, installed Bro. William Richards as Master of the lodge before a Board of Installed Masters, numbering thirty-four. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. T. J. Maidwell, I.P.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Coulson, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M., Sec.; Kemp, S.D.; Cuthbertson, J.D.; Grammer, I.G.; Murch, D.C.; David Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; King, Assistant W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, which were fluently given by Bro. Maidwell, the lodge voted £25 to a distressed brother, fifteen guineas to the Girls' School for Bro. Maidwell's list, and £2 to a brother, late a member of the lodge, who was in distress. Lodge was then closed and banquet served. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Buss, Asst. G.S., and Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers," but, the hour being late, the speeches were made very short. Bro. Maidwell, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the brethren had seen very little of the W.M.'s working that evening, although what they had seen had been perfectly done. Referring to the old adage that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," he would ask the brethren to wait to see what the W.M.'s capabilities were before they came to any conclusion on the matter. The W.M., in reply, said that if he did not say so much, and that so ably as some of his predecessors had said, it was for the reason that a long address was not his forte. He had been in this Egyptian Lodge many years; he had spent some of his pleasantest hours in it, and made some of his firmest friends in it; therefore he felt great honour in presiding over the brethren. Last December they paid him the highest honour they could in electing him without a dissentient vote, and while he was their Master he would endeavour to justify that vote of confidence. In proposing the toast of "Bro. Maidwell, I.P.M.," the W.M. presented that worthy brother with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and said that he believed every brother would endorse his observation, that Bro. Maidwell had performed his duty as Master as well as any brother who had held the chair of that lodge, adding that he knew the jewel would be valued by Bro. Maidwell as one of his greatest treasures. Bro. Maidwell, responding, apologised for any defects in his reply, which he hoped the brethren would excuse, because of the novelty of his position as a P.M. He highly appreciated the unanimous feeling the brethren had shown towards him, and assured them that what little he had done had been dictated by the love he had for the lodge. He first came among the brethren as a joining member and after he had been among them many times as a visitor. He came so often as Bro. Jacobs' visitor, Bro. Todd's visitor, and as the visitor of other brethren, that at last he was ashamed to come in that character any longer. Still, he was always pleased to be a visitor at the Egyptian Lodge, but when he became a member he tried to prove, from the office of D.C. upwards, that it was his earnest endeavour to do the best he could for the lodge, to work to the best of his ability, and to uphold the dignity of the old lodge. As long as that met with the approbation of the brethren he was satisfied, and he should ever regard the jewel just presented to him as one of his most valued possessions. Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., responded for "The Visitors and the Masonic Charities." For five-and-twenty years he had advocated brethren visiting lodges, as there was nothing which tended more to do away with sectional organisation. Every one naturally considered his own lodge the best, and it was only by going among other lodges, instituting comparisons and drawing contrasts that the brethren derived a large amount of information. Bro. Buss had alluded to one subject which he (Bro. Binckes) could not suffer to pass by unnoticed. The Egyptian Lodge had never forgotten the great principle of charity, and while he saw in this old lodge worthy traditions handed down from a time-immemorial foundation, he, as a visitor, and as an official charged with duties connected with the great Masonic Institutions, had to thank the brethren both for their hospitality and their charity. He concluded by wishing that these great virtues might long

of the distinguishing characteristic of the Egyptian Lodge. Bro. Maidwell then announced that he had secured on his list 111 guineas for the Girls' School. Bro. Buss replied for "The P.Ms., Treasurer, and Secretary," and said it gave him great pleasure to see the lodge prosper from year to year and its funds increase. He was always pleased to see the lodge liberal in its charity, but, while entertaining that feeling, he was anxious to check too great liberality of the funds would soon be swamped. It was a principle of Masonry that the Master should not err, but it was extraordinary to see how he erred on the side of extravagance as soon as he became a P.M. There were very few lodges which had supported the Charities for the last twenty or twenty-five years as the Egyptian, and if it ever occurred that the funds of the lodge at the end of any year would enable them to give twenty-five, thirty, or even fifty guineas to the Charities he should never stand in the way. Bro. Poole, P.M., Secretary, also responded, and Bro. David Jacobs, P.M., W.S., replied, in very happy strains, for the honour the brethren had done him in drinking the toast so heartily. He assured the brethren that in the position he held he should try to promote the happiness of the brethren. The S.W. having replied to the toast of "The Officers," the Tyler's toast was honoured, and the brethren separated. Bro. Knight Smith treated the brethren to music and singing during the evening.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. M. Spiegel, W.M., presided for the first time, assisted by Bros. Hymans, S.W.; Campion, J.W.; Bakes, S.D.; L. Myers, J.D.; Benjamin, I.G.; Lazarus, P.M., D.C.; and Bann, Steward. After reading the minutes, ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred Davis, Alexander, and Gardiner, which proved unanimously in their favour. Bros. B. and M. Hart, having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hart passed to that degree. Resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the above named three gentlemen were then duly initiated, and the brethren seem highly pleased with the excellent working of their new W.M. After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned for light refreshment, and the usual loyal toasts were respectively proposed. For "The Grand Officers" Bro. Albert, P.G.P., responded, and Bro. Bean for "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," Bro. Hickman, S.W., proposed "The W.M.," and in his remarks mentioned the many years the W.M. worked faithfully in the Craft, and more especially for the Lodge of Joppa, and they all rejoiced in seeing him in the chair, which he so worthily occupies. The W.M. briefly responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Candidates," and implored them never to forget the time when they were placed before the W.M. in the East, and to remember the three great principles on which our Order is founded, which he explained briefly. Bro. Davies replied, and Bro. Fletcher, 180, replied for "The Visitors." The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and in his remarks said, on his installation he compared the Past Masters as the ornaments of the lodge, and further, as one of the three great pillars which supports our lodges, namely, beauty, but finding this evening the assistance he had from the Past Masters he came to the conclusion that they were in reality "the" three great pillars, as without them no lodge could properly be carried on, now regretted that in former years he spoke so lightly of them, and admitted he did not know their value. Bro. Dodson, P.M., replied, Bros. Hymans, S.W.; Campion, J.W.; Baker, Benjamin, and Bann replied for their respective offices. Bros. Benjamin, Fletcher, B. and M. Hart, and A. Davis gave great satisfaction to the brethren by their excellent vocal entertainment, more especially a duet sung by Bros. Benjamin and Davies. Visitors present were Bros. Fletcher, 180; Samuel, and Barrett.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The February meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M.; Cohu, P.M., acting S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Bright, Fisher, Lucas, Chillingworth, jun.; Perkins, Barker, Goddard, Pratt, Lorkin, Carter, Copelin, Agutter, Groves, Cook, and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Cook was raised to the degree of Master Mason, and Bro. James E. Groves was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. Charles Arkell, with thirteen votes, Bro. Rickwood polling nine votes. Bro. George Kenning, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treas. Bros. Carter, Goddard, and Agutter were elected on the Audit Committee. The consideration of the alteration in the bye-laws was adjourned to the October meeting. The audit meeting was appointed for Thursday, the 20th inst. A distressed brother was relieved with £5 5s. od. The lodge was then closed.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Anderton's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Tucker, presided, and a very large number of the brethren honoured the occasion with their presence. The members of the lodge present were numerous, and the Past Masters who attended were Bros. Tucker, I.P.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., and Installing Master; and P.Ms. J. Bowron, W. Wainwright, W. Yetton, J. Giffin, W. R. Marsh, R. Ayton, J. Taylor, and John G. Stevens. The list of visitors includes Bros. Latreille, P.M. 1056; Browne, 194; Solomon, 194; G. Chappell, 147; W. Chappell, 147; Stedman, 172; Taylor, W.M. 1421; Harrison, P.M. 206; Carter, P.M. 1044; Cook, 1585; Cramner, 334; Alston, 193; Nash,

79; Myers, P.M. 820; G. Ward Verry, P.M. Burdett Coutts; Dance, P.M. 754; Musto, P.M.; Charles Lacey, P.M.; Motion, P.M.; McCarthy, Joyce, Goodhall, J. Harrison, Richards, Wayland, Stephens, W. H. Ellis, Calverley, P.M. 1349; H. Massey (Freemason). After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., took the chair of W.M., the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Bowron, P.M., and the J.W. chair by Bro. Wainwright, P.M. Bro. Barnes then installed Bro. Charles Isaac Digby, W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office were Robert James Tucker, I.P.M.; George Hollington, S.W.; William John Edney, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treasurer; John G. Stevens, P.M., Secretary; George A. Payne, J.D.; Stephen Crane, I.G.; S. Fromm, D.C.; G. Williams, W.S.; G. T. H. Seddon, Organist. The offices of D.S. and Tyler were left open, as the brethren who were to fill those offices were absent through unavoidable causes. After delivery of the charges by Bro. T. J. Barnes, and the transaction of some formal lodge business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," spoke of her Majesty as taking great interest in the Craft, and in everything that concerned Freemasonry. In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," his worship said that the Prince of Wales was also very much interested in Freemasonry, and that other members of his family were likewise faithful supporters of the Order, for only a twelve-month ago the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold occupied the two Wardens' chairs in Grand Lodge. The other formal toasts having been given, Bro. Tucker proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so, he said that he and Bro. Digby had been associated together ever since he had taken the Third Degree. Bro. Digby had followed him step by step, and he was pleased now to see him in the honourable position now occupied by him. Bro. Digby was a brother whom he (Bro. Tucker) very much respected, and he was sure those brethren connected with the lodge when they had had an opportunity of forming his acquaintance would respect him equally. Bro. Digby was a brother who was never known to have the slightest ill-feeling towards anyone, and no one had the slightest ill-feeling towards him. Bro. Digby was determined to be respected by every one that knew him, and he had succeeded, and there was no better proof of it than in this Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he was deeply grateful for what had been said of him, but such eulogistic terms were used in proposing this toast that they had really taken his breath out of his body. He was not prepared to receive such commendations as he had heard, but he hoped they were deserved. At the end of his year of office he hoped the brethren would be pleased to say he had done his duty. He would endeavour by every means in his power to discharge his duties faithfully, diligently, and with energy. It was just ten years ago that he was introduced into Masonry. Bro. Barnes was then Master, and the way the ceremony of initiation was performed by him on that occasion created such impressions on his mind as had never been eradicated, and never would. On the contrary, having grown, as he had grown, older and stronger, they had now resolved themselves into firm, irremovable convictions that Masonry was one of the grandest, if not the grandest and noblest institution in this land or any other land. The toast of the "P.M.s." followed, to which Bros. Tucker and Barnes replied. In the course of his reply Bro. Barnes said the Past Masters had the interest of the Doric Lodge deeply impressed on their minds and embedded in their hearts. When the time came, which could not be far distant, when he would be removed from the brethren, some other brother, he felt, would be ready to succeed him, and would be found fully equal to the performance of the duties that had fallen on himself, and would do everything that was necessary for the welfare of the lodge. To "The Health of the Visitors," Bros. Harrison, Carter, Myers, Lacey, and Musto replied. Bro. Barnes replied to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," and as an old Past Master, who was standing Steward for the lodge at the festival of the aged Freemasons next day, he exhorted the brethren to support those Institutions which had grown from very small beginnings, and had taken upon themselves obligations which they were bound to fulfil. The toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. Bros. Seddon, Steadman, and J. G. Stevens entertained the brethren with some excellent songs.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at half-past four by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. C. Mount, and his office-bearers, Bros. Robert Payne, S.W.; John Rhodes, J.W.; J. W. Thomas, Chaplain; Fred. West, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, Sec.; P. Turner, S.D.; D. F. Kirk, J.D.; A. Mount, D.C.; Oswald Gardner, I.G.; and T. Wilson, Steward. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was read, which showed that, besides contributing several handsome sums to the Masonic Charities, there were abundant funds in hand. The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. A. Sturt, seconded by Bro. Maysfield, and carried unanimously. There being no initiations, passings, nor raisings, Bro. Robert Payne, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. R. C. Mount, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of installation in the most effective way, and the charges which were read by the Secretary, Bro. James Lewis Thomas, P.M., were answered in a very satisfactory manner. After this, Bro. Payne proceeded to the investment of his officers for the ensuing year, appointing Bros. Wm. Rhodes, S.W.; Benjamin Turner, J.W.; Frederick West, Treasurer; J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary; Walsh

Thomas, Chaplain; Frank Kirk, S.D.; Oswald Gardiner, J.D.; Frank Swain, I.G.; S. Wilson, D.C.; Albert Mount, Wine Steward; and Woodstock, P.M., P.Z., Tyler. The I.P.M. then proceeded to charge the newly elected W.M. on the manner of performing the duties of his office, and delivered his farewell address to the brethren with much eloquence and effect, after which the Worshipful Master presented P.M. Mount with an elegant Past Master's jewel, in consideration of the effective way in which he had acted during his tenure of office. Bro. Mount who was warmly congratulated on the acquisition of the decoration, very appropriately acknowledged the gift, remarking that he would always regard the jewel as one of the happiest mementoes of his life, for he felt that it was a testimony of his having earned the good will and esteem of all the brethren of the Granite Lodge. The lodge was then formally closed and the brethren repaired to the banqueting-hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, where a magnificent banquet was served. Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present, Bros. John Oliver, P.M.; George Hackford, P.M.; H. W. Collins, P.M.; W. Henry Mudgegier, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M.; A. Stuart, Wm. F. Rowell, Allen James Hewitt, Fredk. S. Osmond, G. W. Chapendy, D. W. Pearce, John B. Lee, E. J. Pain, W. Parkins, W. F. Tomkin, Geo. Lansdown, W. Wilkinson, W. Cooke, W. Wood, Fred. Worssam, R. Masefield, F. Swain, Robt. F. Giles, W. W. Kell, J. Browning, Richard Coad, Septimus Baker, and A. C. Shelley. Amongst the visitors present we observed the following:—Bros. H. T. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; S. Wheeler, I.G. 414; D. Matthew, 12; James Cutbush, P.M. 1385; John Crake, 1687; Thos. Leigh, 1687; C. E. Jueiqua, 1687; Wm. Beattie, P.M. 143; Macaulay, W.M. 142; Fred. Cambridge, 1706; James Kendall, 1420; Geo. Collier, 1237; Geo. D. Bundy, Wm. Dyer Burnaby, Sec. 42; Thos. A. Hull, 595; E. Letchworth, P.M. 1237; T. Wilkens, 1420; W. Maple, P.M. 657; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728; A. Tryner, 18; D. H. Witherbon, 414; J. Early Danks, S.W. 1101; J. T. Brown, P.M., P.G. Sup. of Wks. Betks and Bucks; Jno. Hernaman, M. Glaisher, F.R.S.; H. H. Collins, P.M. 23; J. Peters, P.M. 1460; M. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, 685; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (Freemason). After the cloth was removed the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and Craft," said that it had always struck him as being singularly apposite that the toast of the Queen should also comprise that of the Craft, because it was an essential element—in England at all events—that Royalty formed part and parcel of its constitution. It was unnecessary for him to occupy the time of his audience by commenting upon the virtues of Her Majesty. He would simply express the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe might long spare her to reign over a prosperous people, and that the Craft might continue to flourish under her benign influence. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the brethren remaining standing while they sang the National Anthem. The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," in proposing which the W.M. observed that H.R.H. had shown himself to be a patron of the liberal arts and sciences, and the brethren as Freemasons all knew that the liberal arts and sciences were an essential part, he would not say of the education, but of the principles inculcated in the minds of Freemasons. They made them a study, and His Royal Highness had set them a bright example in this respect, which he (the W.M.) trusted the brethren would all endeavour to emulate. (Hear, hear.) Bros. T. Baxter, Geo. Carter, and W. Wian then favoured the company with an effective rendering of the glee by Davy, entitled "Just like Love." The next toast was "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was cordially responded to, whereupon Bro. Geo. Carter sang in exquisite taste the pretty ballad "Sweethearts." Bros. Glaisher P.G.D.; Cottebrune, P.M.; and Thomas, P.M., Secretary, very suitably acknowledged the toast. The former trusted that at all times the Grand Officers would command by their conduct that esteem and respect which at present they enjoyed. (Hear, hear.) He was quite sure that if they in any way followed the bright example set by the Earl of Carnarvon, who performed every Masonic duty with which he was charged in a manner that was a pattern to every one, they would always stand high in the estimation of Freemasons. Nor could he say that Lord Skelmersdale was less energetic, less careful in the performance of his Masonic duties. (Hear, hear.) He believed the Grand Officers generally were Grand Officers because they had carried out to the letter the principle enunciated by the I.P.M. that evening, that no effort of his should be spared in the endeavour to devote the best of his ability to perform the work he had engaged to do with credit to himself and benefit to the lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Glaisher concluded by pointing out that during the last twenty years the number of lodges had increased from 600 to 1800, a circumstance from which the brethren would gather that there were only a limited number of offices in the Grand Lodge every year. But the Granite Lodge, he was glad to say, already claimed among its numbers one whom he (the speaker) had very much pleasure in frequently meeting at the Grand Chapter—Bro. Thomas. (Hear, hear.) He thanked the brethren most heartily in the name of the Grand Officers for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bros. Past Masters Thomas and Cottebrune having also offered a few graceful remarks in acknowledgment of the toast, the I.P.M., Bro. R. C. Mount rose, and said it was unnecessary for him to tell the brethren why he had monopolized their attention for a few moments. He had to propose one of the most important toasts of the evening. He wished only that the proposition should have come from some one that could have done it more justice than he could, although no one in the room entertained a stronger desire to do it justice than himself. He had the pleasure

of proposing "The Health of the W.M." There were many around the table that evening who knew the W.M. much more intimately than he (the speaker) did, and who could speak of his good qualities outside the pale of Freemasonry. Unfortunately for him he knew him only as a Freemason. But in that connection he could bear testimony to his honour, truth, his manliness of heart, his geniality of temper, and his skill in the Craft. (Applause.) Ever since Bro. Payne had come into the lodge in a state of darkness he had been a thorough Mason. He had gone through every office with the greatest credit, and he (the speaker) thought that fact alone spoke volumes for what the brethren might expect of him in the chair. The toast having been heartily drunk Bro. Winn, who was in excellent voice, delighted the company by singing the familiar song "Vanity let it be," for which he was loudly encored. The W.M. in reply said when he was put into the chair of King Solomon that evening it was the most crucial point of his existence, but he thought it was equalled, if not excelled, by the position in which he was placed at that moment. To occupy the chair of King Solomon by their suffrages, and those suffrages unanimous, was an event which he could not help thinking marked an epoch in his life. It showed him that his endeavours to do what was right and proper to gain their brotherly esteem had not been without its reward, and thankful and proud he was that he had been enabled to attain that very enviable position. But the acclamation with which the brethren had received the toast of his health had rendered the task of responding an exceedingly embarrassing one, because he felt the obligations he had taken upon himself as their Master were of an exceedingly responsible nature. He could only say—and he thought it was the most grateful recognition of all the kindness he had experienced at their hands, from the first moment that he entered the lodge until the present occasion—that, God helping, him no effort of his would be wanting to fulfil his duties. He always held that whatever a man put his hand to that he should do with all his might; and if he had felt that he could not occupy the position of presiding over them he would never have accepted it. (Hear, hear.) "The Visitors" having been proposed and drunk, the glee from "Macbeth," "When shall we three meet again?" was admirably sung by Bros. Baxter, Carter, and Winn, after which Bros. Burnaby; Burney, P.M. 1615; Peters, P.M. 1160, J.G.W. Middlesex, and Letchworth, P.M. 1237; replied in suitable terms. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," in a few complimentary sentences, after which Bro. Baxter gave an excellent rendering of "Norah, the Pride of Kildare." In replying, Bro. Mount, I.P.M., said he could not disguise the fact that he felt a little melancholy at the idea of passing away from the active work of the lodge—that the various offices he had filled should know him no more. But it was a satisfaction to feel that having passed through those offices, having finished his work, and having gained such applause and approval as he had received that evening, he should now sit at his ease as a Past Master with the magnificent pendant which hung at his breast. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the manner in which they had drunk the health of the Past Masters. In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. congratulated the brethren on having two such efficient officers as Bros. West and Thomas. Nothing was left undone by those brethren that could in any way further the affairs of the lodge. "The Pilgrim of Love" was then very ably sung by Bro. Carter; and Bros. West and Thomas acknowledged the toast in a few appropriate remarks. "The Officers" having been drunk, and replied to by the S.W., Bro. Rhode's "Mynter van Dunk" was sung by Bros. Carter, Baxter, and Winn, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably carried out, Bro. A. Mount, who has always acted as W.S. at the installation banquet, leaving nothing undone to provide for the comfort of the brethren.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Havlock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 30th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Bernard Meyer, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Neville Green, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M. Sec.; T. C. Chapman, P.M.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; E. Dignam, S.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; C. Beame, J. Symes, J. Varney, T. Norman, G. Ferrar, R. Polak, F. Brasted, W. H. Brand, A. Ferrar, E. W. Silk, R. George, A. R. Olley, C. Olley, W. Beasley, C. Lorain, J. Hill, J. Bell, A. Loeffler, F. Bonner, E. A. Harding, H. Robinson, W. J. Watkins, and the following visitors:—J. Terry, P.G., J. W. Harts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; John Green, P.M. 27; Charles B. Payne, Grand Tyler, P.M. 27; R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194; Elias Somers, P.M. 1602; W. Fieldwick, S.W. 1364; T. Cross, J.D. 1194; J. Brown, 975; C. Barrow, 1424. After the usual introductory business had been transacted, the chair was assumed by Bro. Lee, P.M., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. Neville Green, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Chapman, P.M., for installation, and a Board consisting of ten Past Masters having been formed, he was duly installed, according to ancient custom. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year:—Bros. W. H. Brand, S.W.; F. Brasted, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; E. Dignam, S.D.; C. Lorain, J.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; A. Ferrar, D.C.; R. Polak, Steward; W. G. Christ, Tyler; the whole of these appointments being highly satisfactory to all present. After the completion of the ceremony, some propositions for initiation were received, and the lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment then took place to the banquet table, which was well supplied, under the superintendence of Bro. W.

Ferrar. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, Bro. Green, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally received and duly honoured, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung by the brethren. The W.M., in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," referred to the many valuable services his Royal Highness had rendered to the Craft, and to the great success it had attained under his rule. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Cross. The W.M. then proposed "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," with which he coupled the name of Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, and eulogized the efforts of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale in the cause of Masonry, expressing the pleasure felt by all Freemasons in having such "good men and true" as Grand Officers, and the pleasure felt by the lodge in being honoured on this occasion by the presence of Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, who, they were all very glad to see, and hoped that he would come amongst them many times during the present year. Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, returned thanks for the Grand Officers and expressed his acknowledgments for the compliment paid to that distinguished body. Bro. Buss then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed the pleasure he felt in having the opportunity of being present at the installation of Bro. Green. He had known the W.M. since the latter first came to London, and he could assure the brethren that in Bro. Green they had a W.M. who was not afraid of work and who would spare no efforts to make his year of office a success. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren upon the thorough success which had attended the proceedings, which augured well for the future of the lodge, Bro. Green was well supported by the Past Masters, who, he was sure, would render him every possible assistance. This toast was received with great enthusiasm, clearly evincing the popularity of the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Green, W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech acknowledged the toast, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been received, and assured them that he would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said that he felt proud to be surrounded by the distinguished brethren who had favoured him by their presence. At that late hour he could not call upon them all to respond, and as he intended to reserve Bro. Terry for another toast, he would ask Bro. John Green to reply. Bro. John Green, P.M., Egyptian Lodge, 27, in reply, said he was sorry it had not fallen to the lot of some more competent brother to respond to this important toast. He could only thank the W.M. for the genial terms with which he had welcomed the visitors, and the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge for the hospitable manner with which they had been entertained. It had given them all very great pleasure to witness the cordiality and good feeling which had characterised the proceedings of the evening, the whole of which had given the greatest satisfaction and delight to the visitors. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and stated that Bro. Chapman, P.M., and himself had undertaken to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped they would receive the hearty and substantial support of the brethren on behalf of the Institution to which he had referred. He would call on Bro. Terry to respond, and he hoped that every brother present would place his name on the list. Bro. Terry, Secretary, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied in an eloquent and stirring speech setting forth the claims of the Masonic Charities in general, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in particular, and he trusted that as the lodge would be represented by two Stewards at the approaching festival, the list would be creditable to the brethren, and that the name of every brother present would be found as a contributor, if even to a small amount. He could not, considering the state of the balance-sheet expect a grant this year from the lodge funds, but he was sure the brethren would, notwithstanding this drawback, send up a good list. This appeal was favourably responded to by the brethren, and a handsome sum was subscribed for the Charity. The W.M. then rose to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," saying that he knew the brethren would receive and drink the toast with the same pleasure that he proposed it. He well knew that he should not rely in vain on their assistance during his year of office, with this toast he should couple the names of Bros. Lee and Chapman. Bro. Lee, P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the health of the Past Masters, and assured the brethren that Bro. Chapman and himself would use their utmost endeavours to promote a continuance of that cordiality and good feeling which had been so prominently exhibited that evening. In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him in doing it, as from the way the appointments were received by the brethren they evidently thought with himself that he had made a very good selection, and hoped that there would be plenty of opportunities of proving their proficiency. As the hour was late he would call upon Bro. Brand, S.W., to respond for the officers. Bro. Brand, S.W., responded for the officers, and thanked the W.M. for the honour he had done them in appointing them to office, and promised him a cordial and hearty support. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were highly satisfactory throughout. Bro. Cross presided, during the lodge business, at an American organ, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Lorain, J.D., and at the pianoforte after the banquet. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Brasted, Cross, Lorain, Olley, and others.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—This lodge held its first meeting this year on the 5th inst. at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney

and in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. W. T. Morphew), the I.P.M., Bro. Robinson, took the chair. Having opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, he resumed to the First, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. He then took the ballot for Messrs. Outram and Collick and also for Bro. Hulatt, which proved in each case unanimous. Bro. White having been examined and entrusted was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Marshall having also qualified himself, was duly raised to the M.M. Degree. P.M. Wright then kindly relieved Bro. Robinson, and initiated the foregoing candidates. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till February.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—The first meeting of the lodge since Christmas was held at Freemason's Hall, on Friday the 7th instant. Present: Bros. W. E. Gordon Leith, W.M.; B. F. Cramer, S.W.; H. M. Sydney, J.W.; Hyde Pullen, Treas.; D. W. Dewar, Secretary; J. B. Stevens, J.D.; Joseph Steele, I.G.; Chas. E. Soppet, I.P.M.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; G. J. Robinson, Mark Beaufoy, D. W. Rees, G. W. Justin, Eugene Delacoste, W. L. Harvey, John B. Ball and Chas. Waters. Visitors: Bros. Col. Randolph, W.M., 1383; C. W. E. Pines, P.M., 257; G. Pigache, 12; H. S. Hansard, 197; E. S. Lintott, 1687 and E. Valeriani, 1687. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Pullen, at the request of the W.M., raised Bro. Harvey to the Sublime Degree of a W.M. The W.M. having resumed the chair, passed Bros. Ball and Waters to the Degree of F.C. The rest of the business having been transacted, the lodge adjourned to refreshment and spent a very pleasant evening under the genial presidency of the W.M.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, Feb. 10th, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel. Brethren present:—The Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, W.M.; Hyde Pullen, acting S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; Thomas Jones, Secretary; Rev. R. Lee, Dr. H. Alder Smith, E. Y. Jolliffe, S. White, Thomas Benskin, Alfred Brookman, Dr. S. Benton, John Jackson, and H. C. Levander. Visitors:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M. 192; T. J. Thomas, W.M. 28; J. H. Sillitoe, 317, P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; N. B. Hcadon, 1426; Edwd. Humphrey, 538; John H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; E. J. Altman, 101; E. Marner, 1673; G. De Luca, 101; G. S. Snellgrove, 12; J. A. West, 76; Bertram Noakes, 92; Geo. Watson, 21; E. J. Jauau, 1641; A. J. Protheroe, 22; H. S. Legg, 171; Dr. Great Rex, 22; Walter Lumley, 4; and Ellis Jones, 28. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette then installed Bro. A. J. Altman into the chair in a most able manner. Bro. Altman after investing Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette as his I.P.M., appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. H. Alder Smith, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Jones, Secretary; W. S. Chapman, S.D.; Alfred Brookman, J.D.; Dr. S. Benton, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, D.C.; S. White, Steward; John Jackson, Steward; Thcs. Benskin, W.S.; W. Steedman, Tyler. A very handsome gold jewel, set with a large diamond, was presented to Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette as a mark of respect and affection entertained by all the brethren towards him as a wise, generous, and well instructed Master, discharging his duties with true Masonic precision, upholding the high standard of charity as the end of all Masonry, and as a brilliant expert in the theory and practice of our most ancient rites and ceremonies. It was proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., for his gift to the lodge, qualifying it as Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ordered to be entered on the minutes. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M., that ten guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to the Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund, which was carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the preceding business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the charge of the newly elected W.M., A. J. Altman (one of the founders of the lodge). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with great effect by the presiding and retiring W.M.s, and responded to by various brethren, Bros. Hyde Pullen, Brette, Legge, White, Alder Smith, and others. The brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge regard Bro. A. J. Altman with much affection, knowing that the prestige of the lodge will be maintained, and its usefulness continued under his prudent management. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette attended the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as Steward for this lodge the amount of £106 11s. 6d. being contributed.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Newbury-place, Poplar, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., there being present Bros. J. Dennis, W.M.; J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, I.P.M.; J. S. Turner, S.D.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. Hoque, D.C.; J. Groul, Org., and several other brethren, members of the lodge, also the following visitors:—Bros. H. May, P.M. 212; T. Burne, 162; T. Brown, 1362; and E. Martin, 879. The work consisted of two raisings, two passings, and two initiations, Bros. Rundell and Pittam being raised, Bros. the Rev. J. H. C. McGill and H. W. Fenner passed, and Messrs. Robinson and Day admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the Degrees were worked by the W.M. in his own inimitable style, the officers ably supporting him. Bro. the Rev. McGill was then invested Chaplain by the W.M., who said it gave him great pleasure to make the appointment, as the presence of such an officer greatly added to the

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BIRTHS.

BENSKIN.—On the 6th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, the wife of Thomas Benskin, of a son.
 CHURCHILL.—On the 10th inst., at Holm Lea, West Dulwich, the wife of Cameron Churchill: (1610), of a daughter.
 FERMS.—On the 6th inst., at Stockport, Cheshire, the wife of A. E. Ferms, of a son.
 HIRSCH.—On the 5th inst., at Leinster-square, Bayswater, the wife of O. Hirsch, of a daughter.
 LYTTON.—On the 6th inst., at the Government House, Calcutta, the Lady Lytton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BRIGDEN—WESTON.—On the 6th inst., at Brighton, Frederick Brigden, to Kate, only daughter of Oliver Weston.

DEATHS.

CHADWICK.—On the 5th inst., at Forbes-st., Edinburgh, the wife of E. Chadwick, Esq., of a daughter.
 WOODALL.—On the 9th inst., at St. Nicholas House, Scarborough, John Woodall, Esq., in his 78th year.
 WHITE.—On the 3rd inst., at his residence in London-street, Swindon, R. L. White (1295), aged 45.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1879.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL FOR 1879.

The scene witnessed on Wednesday evening will not soon be forgotten by those who were present, and before a crowded hall, and an enthusiastic auditory, Bro. Terry announced, considering many attendant circumstances, a result really marvellous, and one that reflects no little credit on our generous and warmhearted Craft. For what was it that Bro. Terry read out which brought down such enthusiastic cheers?—it was—that with 15 lists yet to come in, the returns amounted to £13,875. This sum will probably reach to over £14,000 when all is returned, and we repeat it is a very wonderful result, and one that reflects every credit alike on the brethren, the Stewards, the lodges, and Bro. Terry. To the Province of East Lancashire, whose amiable and genial P.G.M. so ably presided at the festival, the thanks of all friends to the Institution are truly due, and we congratulate Bro. Hine, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, and our many excellent and true hearted friends in East Lancashire, on the success of their noble and praiseworthy efforts in the cause of Masonic charity. At this festival the provinces, including Middlesex, have sent up in round numbers £7644, as against £6230. East Lancashire heads the list of course with the munificent contribution of £3542. West Yorkshire *semper vivens* as the gallant and esteemed Prov. G.M. would say, follows with £550. Kent is not very far off with £430; and Bucks and Berks succeed with £336. Middlesex is close at hand with £311, and Norfolk does not retrograde with £306. South Wales, western division, produces £225; while Hampshire is credited with £187; Suffolk with £171; Surrey with £165; and Norfolk and Gloucestershire run a tie with £144. In the metropolis the highest amount brought in is by Lodge 933, T. J. Barnes, £325 10s. No. 781, Clement Bredan, sends £178; 1426, James Freeman, remits £151 2s.; while 1118, L. G. Gordon Robbins, sends £157 10s.; 174, T. H. Seddon, forwards £135 10s.; 160; Frederick Brown, £134 18s. 6d. We, therefore, on this our first great Masonic charitable festival for 1879, are glad to announce to our Order on this striking proof of its vitality, zeal and charity, and congratulating Bro. Terry on this happy response to his eloquent appeal and untiring labours, we desiderate earnestly for Bros. Hedges and Binckes the same felicitous results, the same brilliant returns.

THE RESTORATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBANS.

By a report elsewhere our readers will perceive that a meeting has been held to form a Committee in London to co-operate with a Committee of Hertfordshire brethren, for the purpose of the restoration of the remarkable and beautiful Minster at St. Albans. Owing to various causes, the meeting was not so largely attended as could have been wished, the notices not having been extensively distributed, and many brethren being ignorant of the assembly. But we are glad to call the attention of our readers to the report of the meeting elsewhere, and to say, that an adjourned meeting of the Committee will take place next Wednesday at 4.30, at Freemasons' Tavern, when all brethren interested in the subject will be welcomed, and it is hoped that some may bring brethren friends with them. That wonderful structure at St. Albans appeals to Englishmen and Freemasons very forcibly, and directly, in order that it may be revived from decay and devastation, and be rendered, as "God's House" should be, "exceeding magnificent." As Freemasons, let us bear in mind, that all the operative Guild legends mention Alban or Albanus, as the president of a Guild assembly,

as the procurer of a charter, as one who settled the price of wages. We probably have in this a confused account of the proceedings of a Roman operative Guild of Masons under his protection or direction. Be this as it may, there is every reason, as it appears to us, why we Freemasons should not be ashamed of those old operative legends, why we should seek to participate in so good and so needful a work, and lend our aid to the complete restoration of this noble building on patriotic, archæological, and Masonic grounds. It will be seen that H.R.H. the Grand Master has given his name and subscription, and we invite attention to the list of subscriptions already promised or paid, which will, no doubt, soon be much larger. The maximum amount has been fixed at five pounds, but as it is hoped that the subscription will be universal among English, and we would fain hope may even be aided by American Freemasons, any lower sum will be accepted by the active Secretary, Bro. Keyser. Any communication to him should be addressed C. E. Keyser, Esq., 47, Wilton-crescent, S.W. We hope on Wednesday, the 19th, to see a numerous assembly in so good a cause.

LEGACIES TO FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Frederick Thomas Wethersill, of Woodside, Bowden, and Mansion-street, Manchester, has left £1000 to the Masonic Charities, to be disbursed on the recommendation of the W.M. and the Wardens of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44. We are glad to note the fact, not merely for the money itself, but because we think Masonic legacies to our great Charities are good things, per se, and to be encouraged in moderation and common sense. We know too much of the history of many of our great general Charities in this country to admire very much, if at all, the animus which has marked and controlled many of the donors of sums for public charities. Probably, as a good old commissioner of charities used to say, we hardly see in anything else in life so many proofs, if proofs be wanting, of the littleness, of the animosities, of the vindictiveness of humanity. But though we are aware that, as in anything here, everything is liable to be abused, whether we regard the best longings of our race, or the most thronging impulses of our nature, the gifts we possess, the faculties we employ, yet as abuse never takes away use, we think that in due moderation we may fairly laud and encourage such acts of Masonic memory and good will. Many of our brethren may fairly bequeath a legacy to the charities or to their lodges, and we have always thought that our whole Masonic existence would be more free and elevated, more removed from cold calculation or sordid apprehension, if our lodges possessed a certain amount from capital to apply to the general purposes of the lodge, and the particular claims of charity. Of course there are evils in everything here below, and we do not shut our eyes to what others have pointed out as possible complications in this respect, but, in our opinion, the advantages so counterbalance the disadvantages, that we are pleased to note Bro. Wethersill's kindly recollection of the Order to which he belonged, and to hold up his example to the imitation and example of our readers.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— Referring to the queries of our Bro. Dr. Irving de Lisle, J.W., Victoria Lodge, New Zealand, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 8th February, I notice a similar question in the Masonic department of the *New York Dispatch*, of January 19th, relative to the presumed status of Royal Arch companions in a Board of Installed Masters. For myself, I do not know how many, or what grades are included in the degree of Royal Arch, as prac-

tised in Ireland; but, under the Scotch and American Constitutions, the degree of Past Master is included merely as a grade like that of Mark Master. This is how Bro. John W. Simons, M.W. Past Grand Master, State of New York, and Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, disposes of the question as to status of Royal Arch companions in a Board of Installed Masters. I give the query and answer, *verbatim*—

QUESTION—"Has a Royal Arch Mason a right to be present when the Past Master's Degree is conferred on the Master elect? If so, has he (the Royal Arch Mason) a right to instal the officers?"

ANSWER—"A Royal Arch Mason, who has been the duly elected and installed Master of a blue lodge, has a right to be present when a Master elect is qualified for installation—not otherwise; and hence, the mere fact of a man being a Royal Arch Mason, does not qualify him to instal the officers of a lodge. He can only gain that privilege by having been lawfully elected, installed, and having served as the real Master of a just and duly constituted lodge, which means that a mere ceremony does not take the place of actual service."

The italics in the above, I may observe, are mine. My especial reason for quoting the authority of our distinguished American brother is, that it may be accepted with greater force, coming, as it does, from a jurisdiction where the chapter degrees are much more extended and diversified, than they are under the rule of the Grand Chapter of England.

The question of our Bro. Dr. Irving de Lisle, and its very apparent difficulty, is plainly the result of chapters working simultaneously in New Zealand, under the three separate jurisdictions of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

W. F. LAMONBY, P.M.
Lodge 1002, H. Chapter, 119.

MASONIC CHARITY AND ITINERANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Almoner's letter in this week's *Freemason*, and do not wonder at his experience and mine differing so widely, as I have little doubt but he has been imposed on to nearer ninety per cent. than twenty per cent., and that three-fourths of the certificates shown to him have been bought ones.

Nearly thirty years ago I met a similar gang of swindlers (non-Masonic).

I would suggest to Bro. Almoner to obtain (as said) the assistance of a smart policeman, who will doubtless be able to give him the history of most of his applicants, and he will find that they are well known in the city where he resides, especially his American, Indian, and foreign friends.

My system of telegraphing costs me only a few shillings a year, although I send them all over the United Kingdom, and pay for the reply; doubtless doing so stops Bro. Almoner's friends coming back.

I have never met a case of an answer not being returned same day.

True foreign cases are seldom met with, and the greatest caution should be taken with them.

As to breaking the journey there is no way of avoiding this. A good safeguard (in doubtful cases) is to endorse the relief on the certificate. This should not be done generally.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

5, Up. Mount-street, Dublin.

BRO. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Would you be so kind as to mention in the next *Freemason* that my husband Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, has been very dangerously ill and quite unable to attend to any business? Indeed, last week, from Wednesday to Friday, I hardly expected he would live. He is now a little better but extremely weak, and still unfit to resume his usual pursuits. If you would kindly state this in the *Freemason* it would be a sufficient reason for the delay which has unavoidably occurred in answering the letters of his many Masonic correspondents throughout the country.

Yours faithfully,
Hounslow, Feb. 11th 1879.
MAY MACKENZIE.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to bring under the notice of the Grand Lodge of England a case which occurred here a short time since. A resident in this town was proposed as a member in Lodge 471, but withdrawn, as his proposer and seconder were informed that if he went to the ballot he would be rejected. To the great surprise of nearly all present he was visitor at the last lodge, having been accepted at Lodge No. 15, in London. The question is asked is it right that a lodge, that distance from the town where the person is living, with three lodges in it, should accept any one without first making enquiries whether he has been proposed in either of them and why he was not accepted?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A MEMBER OF No. 471.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of the 1st inst. a letter from "A Prov. S.G.W.," asking whether a P.M., when attending a lodge of which he is not the I.P.M., has a right to wear a blue collar with a P.M. jewel suspended to it.

Your answer is, that he has that right.

I would now ask whether it is customary for him to avail himself of it?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W.M. 1768.

Reviews.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY AND FAMILY MAGAZINE, January. Chicago, U.S.

This well-known American Masonic magazine comes before us under the sole editorship of Bro. J. W. Brown, the veteran writer and cyclopaedist. Bro. Albert Mackey seems to have resigned the co-editorial pen, and like the "last rose of summer," Bro. Brown is left to bloom and blossom alone. But, certainly, the *Voice of Masonry* in 1879 with undiminished vigour, and speaks with no faltering or failing tones. It contains fifty-three articles, longer or shorter, as the case may be; some, no doubt, very short, but it is well "got up" and edited, and deserves patronage and will repay perusal. The *Voice of Masonry* may fairly be considered one of the leading Masonic journals in the world, and there are few which can compare with it, either in the variety and interest of its matter or the clearness and ability which its contributors display. We always receive it with pleasure and read it with care.

KEYSTONE. Philadelphia.

Our good old friend the *Philadelphia*, edited by our confrere Clifford P. MacCalla, gives week by week abundant tokens of good sound Masonic life. Long may it continue to flourish, and may our brethren in America and Pennsylvania estimate aright, as no doubt they do, the value and importance of so cultivated and conscientious an editor as our most esteemed friend and correspondent.

PUBLIC LEDGER ALMANACK, 1877. J. W. Childs, Philadelphia.

We welcome once again this most useful and interesting publication, and are glad to call the attention of our readers to it, especially all about to visit Philadelphia, all who are interested in those things which a "fellah ought to know."

A FREEMASON. An extract from the works of ZSHOKKE. Translated from the German by Bro. ERNST E. WULFF.

We have been much struck with a little translation from Zshokke, which, executed by Bro. Wulff, of Glasgow, is now issuing from the printing office of the proprietor of the *Freemason*, and of which an early copy has been sent to us. It seems to us to be well done and likely to be much read. It is alike interesting and forcible, correct and convincing in itself, and cannot fail to do away with some misconceptions, of and dispel many objections to, Freemasonry. It appears to us to be alike opportunely and wisely published, and though we fear if Masonic books are many Masonic readers are "few and far between," yet we still trust in the dawn of a better day for Masonic literature, when its writers shall be more appreciated, and its readers will no longer be counted by units, but by thousands. We are glad to call attention, then, to this unpretending, but useful "brochure," which is very neatly printed, and is both readable and amusing in the highest degree.

ON THE VENTILATION OF ROOMS, HOUSES, &c. By Bro. P. HINCLES-BIRD. C. L. Marsh and Co., 138, Fleet-street, E.C.

A very broad and well-written pamphlet, worthy the attention of householders and house builders.

THE WESTMINSTER PAPERS. Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

To all lovers of chess and whist, &c., this publication is most interesting. We always read it with pleasure and profit.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT BRIGHTON.

A wedding of more than usual interest, combining the civic and Masonic elements, took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the fashionable town of Brighton. The proceedings commenced with the merry peals ringing from the belfry of St. Nicholas Church, the crowds assembled in the vicinity of St. Peter's indicating that one of those interesting events in which the majority of mankind take an interest, was about to be consummated. Needless to say, the indications were correct, and the happy "contracting parties" on this particular occasion were Miss Kate Weston, only daughter of Bro. Councillor Oliver Weston, North-road; and Mr. Frederick Bridgen, third son of Bro. Alderman J. L. Bridgen, J.P., Ex-Mayor of Brighton, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W. Sussex, of the Western-road. Fifteen minutes past eleven was the hour fixed for the wedding, and long before that time the approaches to St. Peter's Church were densely crowded. An almost similar condition of things reigned within the sacred edifice itself. The wedding party arrived within a minute or so of the appointed time, the bride being conducted to the altar by her father, who subsequently "gave her away." In close attendance were the three bridesmaids—Miss Jessie Bridgen, Miss E. White, and Miss Ettie Thorpe. The bride was attired in a white satin dress surmounted by an embroidered veil. The bridesmaids wore white cashmere dresses trimmed with ruby velvet, their hats being similarly adorned. The Rev. J. J. Hannah conducted the marriage service, and the responses were given in a clear audible tone. As the party were retiring to the vestry, Mr. Crapps played Mendelssohn's spirited "Wedding March" on the organ. A move was then made for Wentworth House, Marine parade, where a satisfactory dejeuner was served by Mr. Booth, of East-street, and was partaken by a large number of friends who had assembled to wish the newly-married pair "bon voyage." The company present included Mr. Albert Adams, Mr. Felix Adams, Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Bridgen, Miss Bridgen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bridgen, Bro. and Mrs. Buckman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke,

Miss Goldsmith, Rev. Julius Hannah, Bro. Alderman Lamb, ex-Mayor of Brighton, the Mayor Bro. Alderman Davey, J.P. (P.M. 732), Mr. and Mrs. R. Perry, Mrs. Reffit, Mr. and Mrs. Tugwell, Miss Thorpe, Bro. Councillor Oliver Weston, Mrs. White, Bro. Sturt Weston, Miss Emily White, Mr. O. Weston, jun., and Master W. C. Weston. During the "after-breakfast" proceedings, the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Davey) proposed the "Bride and Bridegroom," which was acknowledged by the bridegroom. "The Bridesmaids and Best Man" were toasted at the invitation of Bro. Alderman Lamb, and responded to by Mr. J. Bridgen, who had officiated in the latter capacity. The graver responsibility of proposing "The Parents" was undertaken by the Rev. Julius Hannah, and appropriately replied to by the respective "heads" of the families. In order, we presume, to pay a special compliment to the ladies—the value of their co-operation under similar circumstances being so obvious—Bro. Sturt Weston asked the company to drink the health of the "Visitors and Ladies," which was characteristically replied to by the Mayor. The "happy pair" started on their honeymoon by the 3.45 for London, and after spending a week in the "great city," they will proceed to Leeds. We subjoin a list of the presents:—

Set of six fish knives and forks, Mr. James Bridgen; tea pot, Mr. A. Adams; coffee pot, Mr. F. Adams; sugar basin, cream ewer, and sugar tongs, Mr. Steer; biscuit canister, J. O. Nichols, Esq.; butter dish, Mr. J. Dell; gilt egg stand; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard; cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bridgen; polished oak sardine box and marmalade ditto, Mr. O. Weston, jun.; salad spoon and fork, Mr. and Mrs. Boucher; Sevres china bijou dejeuner set, the Mayor; gilt inkstand, Master W. C. Weston; cut glass lustres, Miss Jessie Bridgen; elegant floral-pattern plated table epergne, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perry; pickle stand, Mr. and Mrs. White; gilt sugar vase and tongs, Mrs. T. Tugwell; table service (45 pieces), Mr. and Mrs. T. Tugwell; six silver tea spoons, Mrs. S. Gosling; silver brooch, Mrs. Parsons; bread platter knife, Mr. White; Bible, silver tea spoon, pair of oil paintings, mahogany cabinet of games, and Parian clock, by the father of the bride; walnut-wood inkstand, Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe; mantel clock, Mr. Lambert; glass water bottles and goblets, Master Reffit; Japanese card holders, Mrs. J. W. Fuller; set of table mats, Miss E. Barker; set of toilette furniture, Miss Emily White; china dessert service, Mr. S. P. Weston; glass flower epergne, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke; engraved glass service, a Friend; china tea service, an old Servant; pair of China cupid spill vases, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Eyles; set of Majolica ware jugs, ditto teapot, ditto egg stand, Mrs. Payne; Oriental china tea service, Mrs. Reffit; Majolica ware cheese stand, the employes of Messrs. Oliver Weston & Tugwell, North-road; Olive-wood Cigar Cabinet, Mr. J. Tugwell; Bisque China toilet service, the Misses McLean; book slide, Mr. Guille; silver-mounted carver, fork and steel, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley; pair of blue pot pourri jars, Mr. and Mrs. Buckman; three papier mache tea trays, assistants of Messrs. O. Weston and Tugwell, Cliftonville; dining room marble mantel clock, Mr. S. P. Weston; pair of bronze equestrian figures, Mrs. Funnell; pair of mantel vases, Miss Goldsmith; Parian jug and silver spoon, Mrs. Ballard; gold bracelet, Mr. Fred Bridgen (bridegroom); cruet frame, Mr. J. Young; black and gold whatnot, Bro. Alderman Bridgen and Mrs. Bridgen; nut crackers, Mr. Councillor Farr.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 819.

The New Concord Lodge, No. 819, held its annual ball in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. There was a full muster of the members present, besides the usual large contingent of visitors whom the ball in connection with this lodge yearly attracts. Shortly after nine o'clock the genial and popular Master of Ceremonies, Bro. R. Johnson, entered the hall, and dancing soon commenced, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part in the first quadrille:—Bro. Wm. Stead, W.M., and Mrs. Harper; Bro. W. H. Main, P.M., and Mrs. Notson; Bro. J. R. Gillant, P.M., and Miss Bryant; Bro. T. Bartlett, P.M., and Mrs. Bartlett; Bro. R. R. Harper, S.W., and Miss Todd; Bro. R. R. Harper, jun., and Miss Fisk; Bro. J. Stillwell, and Mrs. Stillwell; Bro. W. Pierpoint, D.C., and Miss Stillwell; Bro. A. J. Patter, and Miss Sharvell; Mr. and Mrs. Turnham, Mr. and Mrs. Worth.

Dancing was kept up briskly until twelve o'clock, when the company which, by this time, numbered about 170, repaired to the supper-room, where there was provided a splendid cold collation, over which the W.M., Bro. Stead, presided, supported by the Stewards.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The New Concord Lodge," were duly honoured. Bro. Bartlett suitably acknowledged the latter.

"The Ladies" was next proposed by the W.M. in a happy speech, and was responded to, in equally felicitous terms, by Bro. Main.

Dancing was resumed shortly after one o'clock and kept up till about four o'clock in the morning. The programme was elaborate and varied, much of the music arranged for the dances being selected from some of the most popular of the latest comic operas. The band, under the leadership of Bro. H. J. Dane, very efficiently supplied the music.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be worked at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday evening next at 6 o'clock, by Comp. William Stephens, P.Z., &c.

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efficient working of the ceremonies, and proves an assistance to the W.M., who, in the absence of a Chaplain, usually recited the several prayers. The investiture was applauded by the brethren in Masonic form. Bro. W. H. Farnfield, I.P.M., then moved that, as the W.M. would represent the All Saints Lodge at the R.M.B.I. Festival, the sum of £5 5s. be placed on his list from the funds of the lodge. This being unanimously agreed to, the W.M. expressed thanks, and stated he had then a sum of fifty guineas, and relied on the individual efforts of the brethren to supplement the amount. This resulted in a further sum of ten guineas being then and there collected. A circular having been read from Bro. F. Binckes, asking for a Steward from the lodge for the annual festival of the R.M.B.I., Bro. Coleman, S.W., announced it was his intention to serve the office, and trusted the brethren would support him. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the after proceedings, which consisted simply of light refreshment (this being a non-banqueting lodge), the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and in responding to that of "The Visitors," Bros. May, Burne, Martin, and Brown severally expressed gratification at their reception, and all agreed that the work in the lodge had been performed in a manner never surpassed at any lodge they had attended.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This new but highly prosperous lodge met on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur; W. M. C. Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. Middx., J.W. and Secretary (pro tem.); Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.O. of Middx., Hon. I.P.M.; Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably raised Bro. C. Potter, passed Bro. Strugnell, and initiated Mr. William Williams into Craft mysteries. The ballot was then taken and declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Royal Hanover Lodge, as a joining member. The following notices of motion were then considered—by the S.W., "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge, and placed in its name upon the list of Bro. Ramsey, P.M., as Steward to the forthcoming festival in connection with the R.M.I. for Girls." By the Hon. I.P.M., "That for services rendered to the lodge, Bro. Hart, of the St. James's Union, be elected an honorary member." Both of these motions having been duly seconded were carried nem. con. The visitors present were Bros. Rickin, W.M. 1536; Murden, S.D. 171; G. Manners, J.D. 1589; Hart, St. James's Union; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very feeling terms by the I.P.M., in which he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him and the members of the lodge at seeing the W.M. once more among them in the apparent enjoyment of good health. On the last occasion when the lodge met two months ago, the most serious reports were rife as to the W.M.'s condition, it being stated that it was only a question of a few days whether he would succumb or not. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U., however, to restore him to health, and he hoped that it would be many years before Bro. Jackson would be called upon again to undergo so severe an ordeal. The W.M. having made an able response, immediately proposed "The Health of the Initiate." In introducing this toast the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the advent that evening of a brother whom he was sure would not only reflect credit upon the lodge of his adoption, but upon the Order generally. He was necessarily one of the youngest Masons in the Craft, as he had only just attained his majority. In conclusion he hoped that in the course of time he would become an able exponent of the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Williams, in reply, briefly thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and also expressed his obligations to the brethren for having admitted him as one of their number. As the W.M. had predicted he hoped to become a good working Mason, but if unable to achieve that end, he would promise to do nothing that should disgrace Freemasonry. "The Visitors," followed, and having been responded to, the W.M., in very felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the Officers." This toast having been duly acknowledged, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Louis Stean, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; J. Cox, Hon. Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; R. Marshall, S.; G. C. Young, Org.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Besides a good attendance of members of the lodge, there were also present, Bros. W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; W. Hester, P.M. 749; E. S. Parker, P.M. 1579; C. W. Cox, S.W. 1566; R. W. Biggs, J.D. 1421; A. Wagstaff, 188; S. J. Wolton, 1693. From the reading of the minutes, it appeared that at a lodge of emergency, Bros. Funston, Waynforth, King, and Matthews had been raised to the Sublime Degree. After the usual formularies, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson, was duly entrusted with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bros. Tidball, Thrower, and Drysdale were then duly passed to the F.C. Degree. Mr. W. J. Stevens was balloted for and afterwards initiated into the ancient

mysteries of the Order, the work being admirably done. Bro. W. H. Brand, No. 1524, was elected a member of the lodge. Other business was also transacted, and a sum of £10 was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. Beasley having undertaken to serve the office of Steward at the forthcoming anniversary festival. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson with the collar and jewel of Chaplain of the lodge, and Bro. G. C. Young, who had previously been appointed Organist, was now likewise formally invested. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, which was served by Bro. Grist in his usual excellent manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson warmly acknowledging the kindly spirit and excellent working of the Worshipful Master, and the visitors expressing high approval of the conduct of the Master and his officers, as well as the unanimity which appeared to exist amongst the whole of the brethren. The meeting was altogether of a very satisfactory character, and this new lodge is evidently making very satisfactory progress.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 6th inst. Bro. J. Lever occupied the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, and a fair number of brethren being present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Mr. Whitfield was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and was then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry as an E.A. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., this ceremony being performed in a most impressive and able manner by the I.P.M., Bro. D. Doubar, and who had also previously performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing with Bro. Lisenden; after which the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

RYE.—Wellington Lodge (No. 341).—On Thursday, Feb. 6th., an official visit was paid to this lodge by the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. of Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.). He was attended by his officers, most of whom left Brighton by the 7.55 morning train. It was the annual meeting, and Bro. Francis Milson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was held at the George Hotel. An initiation having been exceedingly well performed by Bro. Rubie, the outgoing Master, Bro. W. Dawes, P.G. Registrar, went through the ceremony of installing the new Master in an elaborate and masterly manner. At the conclusion of the business (2.30), the brethren adjourned to the Cinque Ports Hotel to dinner. This early hour was fixed that the Prov. G.M. might return home the same evening. An excellent repast was provided, and the arrangements generally were very satisfactory. In responding to the toast of his health, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Sir Walter Burrell said that although the town of Rye had been reached by them at considerable inconvenience, owing to bad railway accommodation, it had afforded him and his officers considerable pleasure to be present, and especially to witness the very efficient working of the lodge. On referring to the minute book he said he found it was eleven years ago to the day that a similar official visit had been paid, but his intention being to attend each lodge at short intervals, he hoped to see the brethren of the Wellington Lodge again ere long. The other toasts were of the usual complimentary character, "The Health of Bro. Rubie," who had occupied the chair during the past two years, being given in especially flattering terms. Several officers and brethren of the province of Kent were also present.

WIMBORNE.—St Cuthberga Lodge (No. 622).—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the W.M. elect W. Bro. C. H. W. Parkinson, P.M., 386, and P.G.J.W. (Dorset) was installed Worshipful Master of "St. Cuthberga" Lodge. No. 622, he having been elected to fill that honourable position in his own lodge at the last meeting of the brethren in January. W. Bro. Hammond (P.M. 622), conducted the installation ceremony in a very efficient manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—W. Bros. J. Atkins, I.P.M.; C. W. Wyndham, S.W.; Bro. W. Wyke Smith, I.W.; W. Bros. Rev. W. M. Heath, Chap.; T. T. Budden, Treas.; J. Whitehead Smith, Sec.; Bros. Lodder, S.D.; Bugden, J.D.; Clifton, I.G.; Haylett, Tyler; W. Bro. Hammond accepted the collar of D.C.; and W. Bro. J. Whitehead Smith that of Organist. A large number of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren were present, and after the business of the lodge was closed they adjourned from the lodgeroom to the Corn Exchange, where a very elegant and substantial banquet awaited them, provided by Bro. Hoare, of the Criterion Hotel, Bournemouth. About fifty sat down to the banquet, including the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Montague Guest, the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. P. Gundry, W. Bros. Hambro (W.M. of the Blandford Lodge) and Bryan, (W.M. of the Winchester Lodge); Captain Hanham, G. Burt (of Swanage and London), Rev. W. M. Heath, the Masters of the Poole and Wareham Lodges, and Past Masters from Ringwood, Bournemouth, Weymouth, Blandford, and Shaftesbury. The usual Masonic toasts were given, not forgetting "The Charities," for which W. Bro. H. C. Burt responded. The collection at the table in aid of the charities amounted to £7 7s. The banquet was well served, well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, under the presidency of the W.M., and a few songs and recitations added interest and harmony to the meeting, which proved one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of "St. Cuthberga," and W. Bro. Parkinson is to be congratulated for such an auspicious commencement of his year of office. It may

be noted that the lodge at their meeting on Monday voted £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the like sum for the Girls, and a similar sum for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Parsons Hall, presided, assisted by a goodly number of Past Masters, including Bros. W. Hillinan, Weeks, Purnell, Harrison, Good, and Francis, and a very large number of brethren. Additional interest in this meeting was probably created by the presence of a number of visitors; the W.M. having generously invited the seven brethren who were the founders of the recently constituted Landport Lodge, Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G., Treasurer, and many officers and brethren from the neighbouring lodges. The ceremony of raising a brother was very efficiently and creditably performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by a well-drilled and intelligent staff of officers. After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, and partook of an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Purnell's best style. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given with considerable confidence and ability by the W.M., Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas., responded for the P.G.M. and his officers, and humorously alluded to their former visits, especially the laying of the foundation stone of the new Hall in such unfavourable weather. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that he considered this toast as the principal one that evening, as they were delighted to honour the founders of the Landport Lodge, and officially recognised them in their good work in establishing another centre in the large and populous borough of Portsmouth for spreading the benign influence and genuine tenets of Freemasonry. The toast was received with great cordiality and enthusiasm, and ably responded to by Bro. John Clarke, S.W., who, with his usual earnestness, replied at some length to Bro. Hall's kind remarks. Bros. E. S. Main and A. Riddell, Past Masters, 1776 also responded. The W.M. of the Landport Lodge, Bro. R. J. Murrell, was unable to attend, in consequence of a meeting of the Watch Committee of the Town Council. Some capital songs by Bros. J. Stroud, J.W. 1705, and G. T. Cunningham, 1776 concluded a most agreeable and harmonious meeting.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The first meeting of this lodge, after the feast of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, S. Ferguson, J. Towers, J. Borrowscale, C. H. McCall, T. C. Fearon, J. C. Nicholson, T. Mason, and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason). The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mason, having given proof of his proficiency, claimed preferment, was intrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and he was re-admitted, and duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. in first-class style. The new officers, also, performed their work in the most correct and effectual manner. The working tools were presented by the J.W., and the charge of the degree delivered by the S.W. After the lodge was closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Black, I.P.M., warmly complimented the W.M. on the ability displayed by him in the chair. The W.M. subsequently, in sympathising terms, congratulated Bro. T. C. Fearon on his recent providential escape from shipwreck. Bro. Fearon, it may be observed, is the son of the Secretary of Skiddaw Lodge, and was initiated in that lodge four or five months ago, passed in his mother lodge, and raised in Antient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool, prior to shipping to South Shields, as chief officer of the Dorica, bound to Valparaiso, with coal. The vessel foundered in the Bay of Biscay, on the 21st of last month, and the whole of the crew were fortunately rescued by the S.S. Zena, which landed them at Liverpool, two days after. Bro. Fearon, under such circumstances, it may be readily conjectured, received a hearty welcome at the hands of his brethren of Skiddaw Lodge. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Lamonby, P.M., gave notice of motion for the formation of a Masonic library, in connection with the Skiddaw Lodge, with the appointment of a committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters, and Secretary, to carry the same into effect.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The installation festival of this lodge, postponed from the previous monthly meeting, on account of a serious accident to the W.M. elect, was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst. The lodge has recently removed to its old quarters at the Keswick Hotel, which is a decided improvement on the cheerless, uncomfortable, and utterly unsuitable nature of the previous quarters at the County Court Rooms, whatever sceptics may say to the contrary. Without for a moment attempting to bolster up the practice of lodges holding their meetings in hotels, in this instance it was a matter of choosing the lesser of two evils, for we are thoroughly convinced that, had the late lodge premises been keenly inspected by some high authority, they would at once have condemned the building on Masonic structural grounds. Greta Lodge, we may add, although, for the first few years of its existence, a flourishing concern, has latterly fallen into decay; but it is to be hoped that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon Masonry in the "capital of the lakes;" indeed, there is now every indication that such will soon be a *fait accompli*.

To revert to the business of Monday, the members were summoned for five o'clock, but, although there was an initiation on the summons, it was half an hour ere the lodge was opened. The members present were:—Bros. William Lamony, W.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Hinks, W.M. elect; D. Pape, S.W.; Jos. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; Jon. Scott, S.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org.; W. Gaspey, D.C.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; C. Thompson, Tyler; J. Wales, F. Jackson, W. Thornton, J. Rushford, T. Usher, D. Crowden, and A. Pettitt. The visitors were:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M., 149; Willie Laren and 1225; Barrow-in-Furness, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. B. Gibson, P.M., 119, P.G., Secretary; J. C. Hunter, P.M., 962; Workington, and 1225; R. Hooker, P.M., 1225; J. Huartson, P.M., and Treas., 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; J. T. McIntosh, 1225, and W. F. Lamony, P.M., 1002, P.P.G., Reg. (*Freemason*). Bro. Hinks, the W.M. elect, it should be stated, attended the meeting under very disadvantageous circumstances, he having pluckily travelled all the way from Barrow-in-Furness, a complete cripple, the result of the accident before noted. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, adjourned, including alteration of the date of meeting from the Monday before full moon till the first Tuesday in each month. W. F. Lamony, P.M., was invited to take the chair, when Mr. James Coward, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and regularly initiated into Masonry. The initiate, having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cook, P.M., 119 and 1225, assumed the presiding officer's position, and performed the whole ceremony of installation, inclusive of the investiture of the officer's said charges, with a correct and rhetorical ability scarcely to be excelled anywhere. The officers were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. W. Lamony, the P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; D. Crowden, J.W.; J. Barrow, Treas. (re-elected); J. Wales, Sec.; W. Hodgson, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; G. P. Abraham, Osg. (re-elected); J. Rushford, the I.G.; T. Usher, D.C.; C. Thompson, Tyler (re-elected). On the proclamations being put from the chair, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the installing Master for his kindness in coming so far, and the elaborate manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also

INSTRUCTION.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The above lodge met on the 3rd inst. The officers were Bros. G. H. Stephens, 1623, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, 1623 S.W.; W. Stuart, P.M. 1141, J.W.; W. Pennfather, S.D. 1623, I.P.M.; and E. Mallett, Secretary. The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. S. P. Catterson, S.D. 548.
- 2nd " " R. Tilling, S.D. 765.
- 3rd " " T. Butt, S.D. 907.
- 4th " " J. Taylor, D.C. 554.
- 5th " " H. J. Lardner, S.D. 1745.
- 6th " " W. Stuart, P.M. 141.
- 7th " " H. J. Lardner, D.C. 1623.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. Perkins, S.D. 765.
- 2nd " " Moss, 1275.
- 3rd " " Davison, P.M. 765.
- 4th " " Rumball, S.W. 141.
- 5th " " Stuart, P.M. 141.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.
- 2nd " " J. McButt, I.G. 1623.
- 3rd " " Pennfather, S.D. 1623.

Among the numerous brethren present were noticed Bros. Themans, P.M. 141; Mansfield, P.M. 1137; Smith, 1623; Greenwood, 1623; Van Raalte, J.W. 917; Tilling, jun., 765. The whole of the working was of a high character and an intellectual treat.

METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE.—After a lapse of several years an attempt has been made to revive this once famous Mark Lodge of Instruction. The first meeting took place on Wednesday last at eight o'clock at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by Bros. Manden (W.M. Thistle), W.M.; Farwig, S.W.; H. Longtom; (J.W. Brixton), J.W.; Baber, as S.D.; Burrell, I.G. As this is the only lodge of instruction in the Metropolis for this degree it is hoped that Mark Masters will attend regularly at eight o'clock punctually at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street.

Royal Arch.

PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER (No. 145).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall; there were present, Comps. E. H. Thiellay, P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; J. C. Cox, H.; H. Venn, J.; and the following Past Principals, Comps. H. Dicketts, T. Bull, E. Moody, W. Platt, G. S. States, P.Z., S.E.; G. Biggs, P.S.; W. H. Braine, and Ast.; H. Sadler, Janitor; J. G. Manby, Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J. Chinnery, J. H. Leggot, J. Moon, T. W. Leuty, C. A. Woods, J. Waugh, T. A. de Leliva, H. Hall, A. Daw Kerrell, G. Clark, M. A. Woodliffe, the Rev. W. H. Frazer, and the following visitors Comps. Smallpeice, P.Z.; and W. Kippis, P.Z. The minutes of the preceding convocation were read and confirmed, Bros. A. W. Martin and H. Smith the candidates present, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and duly exalted by the M.E.Z. The ceremony being performed by the officers in the excellent manner which has become so notorious with the Prudent Brethren Chapter, an address of condolence was voted to be forwarded to Comp. Jermyn Boyd, son of the distinguished Mason who has so recently departed from this life, leaving such a vacancy never to be forgotten in the

Chapter of Prudent Brethren. Owing to this lamentable occurrence, the M.E.Z. requested Comp. Thos. Bull, being the eldest eligible member to take the Treasurership of the chapter, until the next annual election of officers; which generous responsibility was cheerfully accepted. Letters of apology for non attendance were received from Comp. D. Haslet, S.N., and others. Business being ended, the chapter was closed and adjourned. The companions dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, due solemnity being observed.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE.—A meeting of the members of this distinguished and prosperous lodge was convened on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street. There were present, among others, Bros. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., acting W.M., in the absence, through severe indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. Charles Jacques; E. C. Mather, S.W.; Henry Venn, J.W.; J. H. Wynne, P.M., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M., &c., &c., Secretary; J. Moon, M.O.; H. Dicketts, S.O.; W. B. Date, J.O.; J. O. Wood, J.G.; S. Rosenthal, P.M., &c.; W. Roebuck, P.M., &c.; A. Solomon; and Rawles, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. J. Pulley, P.M. 54, and T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.M. Eleanor Lodge, was ably advanced to the M.M.M. Degree by that veteran in Masonry, Bro. Poore. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was unanimously in favour of Bros. Mather, Wynne, and Rawles. Previously to the lodge being closed, a notice of motion was given that the annual subscription should be raised. The Old Kent has attached to it a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and when the Mark business was concluded, Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.C.N., proceeded to open the lodge in the former Degree, for the elevation of several distinguished brethren who were in attendance for that purpose. The respective chairs of J. and S. were ably occupied by Bros. Poore and Roebuck, and Bro. Rosenthal officiated as P.C.N. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. C. Walls. The brethren who were inducted to this very interesting degree were Bros. Tanner, Dicketts, Wood, Pulley, and Rooks. Upon the conclusion of the work, Bros. Mather, Wynne, and Rawles were unanimously elected to the respective offices of W.C.N., Treasurer, and Warden. The brethren then adjourned to a well served collation, ably presided over by Bro. Roebuck. Bros. Dewar, Wynne, and Rosenthal replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was acknowledged by his *locum tenens*, Bro. Roebuck. In response to "The Advance," Bro. Tanner expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the two ceremonies of the Mark and Royal Ark Degrees had been performed. In concluding his speech, he hoped that the members of the Old Kent would never have occasion to regret having admitted him among them. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Poore and Walls. "The Health of the Past Masters" was given, and drew in response from Bro. Dewar a stirring appeal on behalf of the funds of the new educational scheme in connection with the Mark Degree. The brethren, to show their appreciation of Bro. Dewar's efforts to promote this laudable undertaking, and as a mark of their unanimous approval, subscribed £5, which handsome amount was duly handed to the Treasurer, for the purpose of its being forwarded to the proper quarter. "The W.M. Elect" came next in order, and his toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Mather modestly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Health of the Officers," Bro. Roebuck dwelt at some length upon the great and valuable services of Bros. Wynne, Treasurer, and Dewar, Secretary, and to whose exertions the prosperity of the Old Kent was mainly due. In concluding his remarks, he said that the other officers were equal in working capabilities to any Mark lodge in London, and he hoped that they would in turn ultimately arrive at the proud position of W.M. in the Old Kent. This pledge having been responded to, the Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday last, at half-past five o'clock, the W.M., W. Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., in the chair. Bro. C. P. Mackay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; G. Clark, jun., M.O.; J. Curtis, S.O.; Acland, acting J.O.; J. Baldwin, Secretary; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; and K. Potter, Tyler. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Acland, 139, as a joining member, and having proved unanimous, the next business was to ballot for Bros. J. J. Gibson, Belgrave, W. Weekes, Stuart, and A. T. Pearce, Carnarvon, and the two latter being in attendance were duly advanced to the honourable degree. The ceremony was well performed by the W.M., the musical portion being very efficiently rendered by W. Bro. W. G. Brighton, G. Mark Sup. Works, and Prov. G.S. Middx. and Surrey. There were several honorary members and visitors present, among whom were Bros. J. H. Leggett, J. W. Thistle, J. K. Pitt, W.M. elect 198; Pulman, G.M.S.; M. J. Laribam. After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed and adjourned until the second Saturday in May.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervousness and want of Energy.—When the nerves feel unstrung and listlessness supplants energy, it is the right time to take some alternative as Holloway's Pills to prevent disorder running into disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weakness. They act so kindly, yet so energetically, on the functions of digestion and assimilation that the whole body is revived, the blood is rendered richer and purer, the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition, they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body and confidence to the mind. —[Avert.]

CONSECRATION OF THE CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

The consecration of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 10th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of Freemasons. The following is a list of the brethren who took part in the interesting ceremony:—Bros. Col. Creaton, W.M. designate; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain; John Hervey, G. Sec., Consecrating Officer; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, A.G.D. of C., P.M. 142; James Terry, P.P.G. J.W. Herts, 1580; Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.M., P.G.J.W. Middx.; C. Nunn, P.G.S.B.; G. Skeggs, W.M., 144; E. Pactel, 1624; W. Mann, 749; W. Banfield, W.M. 31; W. Honeyball, J.D. 1681; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., 2; E. Powell, J.D. 1624; H. Pearce, P.S.W., 2; W. Hope, S.W. 2; J. Cernshere, W.M. 1441; Seymour Lucas, 1441; W. Rennolds, 1441; S. Ward, 186; Heather Bigg, P.M. 1; John Rucker, P.M., G.D.; Frank Percival, 1341; Pixley, P.M. 29; B. C. Payne, P.M. 27; Galt Fisher, S.D. 1624; W. Park, 511; L. B. Pullen, P.M. and Treas. 180; E. Farini, W.M., S. James's Union, 180; E. Collins, P.M., Westbourne, 733; Woodward, P.M., Unity, 1637; Ferguson, 173; W. Williams, 173; Hewett, W.M. 235; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; S. Carrington, 1314; E. Collins, 25; J. S. Pierce, P.G.S. 2; E. Bridge, 784; C. Taylor, D.C. 1624; G. Slingsby, 1624; J. C. Flatterly, W.M. 1624; S. Jones, J.W. 1624; G. Biggs, P.M. 435; T. Matthews, 1624; G. Dyer, P.M. 186; L. Burgoyne Pillin, I.P.M. 180; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met in an ante-room of the hall, at half-past four, and thence, forming themselves into processional order, marched into the lodge room, where they received the Consecrating Officer, Bro. John Hervey, P.M., Grand Secretary, who, on taking the chair, appointed as office bearers pro tem., Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D., as S.W.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., as J.W.; J. Terry, P.P.G. J.W., Herts, D. of C.; and J. Dyer, P.M. 1314, as I.G. The lodge being opened by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., he addressed the brethren with his usual clearness and effect. He said, that they were again assembled to form a new lodge, and one, too, which has taken the name of an honoured brother amongst them—Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton (applause), and to whose services to Freemasonry, for many years, alike for the Craft at large—the Charities in particular, he could bear most ample testimony. He hoped all success would attend the Creaton Lodge, and he felt sure, that in its future career, it would never derogate from the high character of him whose name it bore. Bro. Hervey then went on to say, that with this repetition of consecration and applications for new lodges, not only were we now almost beginning another hundred on the roll, and entering into 1800, but he felt he was bound to say a few words of kindly caution. It was to be feared that many now were seeking Freemasonry from its material benefits, its remarkable educational institutions, its helpful annuities, but he thought it right to point out that Freemasonry ought not to be merely strong in numbers, but in the character of its members, and, therefore, too much care and discrimination could not be exercised in the admission of new members. He might say a good deal more, Bro. Hervey continued, but as we have a long evening before us, I will now, congratulating the brethren on the present assembly, proceed with the appointed ceremonies of consecration. (Applause.)

Bro. Hervey's address was evidently most welcome to, and in accordance with, the sentiments of the influential gathering.

The usual ceremonial on such occasions was followed and interspersed with some most effective music, and at the proper place, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., delivered the following oration:—

M.W. Consecrating Officer—I have been requested to deliver the customary oration to-day, at the consecration of the Creaton Lodge, and the duty is, on personal grounds as well as for Masonic considerations, rendered alike to myself a deep pleasure and a great privilege. In the first place, I am very glad to be permitted to take part in the always interesting ceremony to the attached members of our Order, as a mark of respect, esteem, and attachment to our common friend and brother, Colonel Creaton, whose services to the Craft have been so many and so real; whose interest in all our Charities never wavers, whose personal merits have so rightly attracted to him the confidence of his brethren, and whose whole Masonic and public career has attached to him so many applauding and admiring comrades. To myself, V.W. Sir, I venture to repeat, it is a subject of very great personal pleasure to be permitted, in my humble capacity, to be associated with these proceedings, and to act as one of the Consecrating Officers under your distinguished presidency, when a new lodge is about to be devoted by our ancient ceremonial to the service of Masonry, to the welfare of mankind, and is henceforth to be known amongst us by the name of my excellent and distinguished friend and brother, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as the Creaton Lodge. Some opposition has been hastily made to the adoption of the names of living Masons for our lodges, but in this view, I, for one, cannot concur. We have many names of lodges amongst us which recall pleasantly to our memories old friends and long services to Masonry, (and which I need not mention, being known to us all), and there is this one advantage in it, as it appears to me, in all deference to those who think differently. We have in the names whether of departed Masonic brethren, or patron saints, or the cardinal virtues, or social qualifications, or local cognomina, after all, what is so distant and what is abstract, a custom of the past, partly mythic, partly historical, as the case may be, and only appealing, after all, to ourselves, in what is ideal, what is philosophically true, or welcome, or admirable, or commendable. But in the name of our brethren we have the practical proof of what Freemasonry is, what it does, what it teaches, inasmuch as in admiring their talents, or sympathising

with their merits, recalling their good services to our common Order, or offering to them the tribute of our heartfelt attachment, good will, and respect, we seek to perpetuate in their honoured names, familiar to our lips as household words, those Masonic attributes we most desiderate, those Masonic excellences we most commend, these Masonic services we deem to be the most deserving of our affectionate recognition, or our grateful recollection. But I pass on to other topics. In the next place, I rejoice to think that the Creation Lodge, which we consecrate to day, represents what is, after all, the very life of true Freemasonry in England, the aggregation of individual brethren who know each other, who value each other, who respect each other, who are attached to each other, and who thus essay to form within the sacred enclosure of the lodge another pleasant retreat of mutual sympathy, friendship, content, and goodwill. This new lodge has not, I understand, been formed hastily, or unadvisedly; it is not marked either by the unsatisfactory condition of too rapid growth, or mere personal anxiety for office; it is the result of much consideration, and is established to meet a want of many brethren, some of old standing in the Order, of congenial tastes and pursuits and well-known respectability, to find a nucleus of adhesion, a centre of attraction and a bond of union in the important duties and pleasant sociability of a Masonic lodge; and I feel sure that it will be the hope of all now present, that this Creation Lodge may prosper, alike in its material and its Masonic condition, that it will be noted among our many other distinguished bodies of Masons for its obedience to authority, its love of order, harmony, and concord; its hospitality, and its liberality, its good Masonic work, and its large Masonic heart in the cause of Masonic charity. As one of the Consecrating Officers to day, I beg to express the sincere wish, which I believe will be echoed by my superior officer and coadjutors, as it will be, I feel sure, by all present, that no cloud may obscure its bright and onward career, but that it take a foremost place among English lodges, and be a source of pride to its brethren and an ornament to the English lodges. And, thirdly, V.W. Sir, I, for one, as a very old Mason now (like yourself), venture to rejoice in the creation of a new lodge. I hear, sometimes, remarks that we are forming too many new lodges, and that we are moving on too rapidly. I, for one, do not believe it. On the contrary, I feel sure that in every new lodge, when rightly conducted, we have a fresh incentive to every moral, and every social virtue; we have an additional guarantee for the peace and good order of society; we have a new declaration of the great principles of toleration, and civil and religious liberty; we have a reiterated appeal to loyalty and obedience to law. For what is that which Freemasonry really does proclaim, that good old Order of ours, so often assailed by the ignorant and the credulous; so often maligned by the preverse and prejudiced; so often ridiculed, and even excommunicated by the petulant and the intolerant? What is it that it certainly does teach to all, to neophytes and to men? Am I wrong, Sir, in saying that Freemasonry, though not religion, (as it cannot be), and never professes to be, is a most religious Fraternity, in that it makes both the foundation stone and the keystone of its glorious Masonic arch which spaces the universe, acknowledgment of, reverence for, and trust in God Most High, the Great Architect of the Universe, Kings of Kings, Lord of Lords? Freemasonry does not seek to dogmatize, as regards either, the belief or the conviction of men; it imposes no tests; it asserts no formulae of inflexible or fallible authority. Its only Theology is that which bids us to believe in the great fatherhood of God, and the living brotherhood of man, and strictly to obey God's law, and avoiding all controversies, and rejecting all discussions, just as it repudiates all persecution for conscience sake; it seeks to unite all who can say "Our Father which art in heaven," around its beneficent and peaceful altars of simple religious faith and earnest religious duty. Freemasonry bases all its goodly moral teaching, on what? On the dicta of Masonic authors, or Masonic philosophers, or Masonic sages? On the axioms of antiquity, or the didactic excellence of mere human morality? Most certainly not! It simply and solely builds up its whole moral lore on God's Holy Word—the Bible—ever open in our lodges, the first great light in Masonry, and which constitutes alike the strength and the unity, and let us add the glory and the bond of Anglo-Saxon Masonry; that which gives cohesion to our whole moral teaching, which throws its holy and purifying light over the whole circle of Masonic morals, which while it reminds us of our needful sympathies and wants and conditions of men, never forgets to own to, to look up to, to confide in God Most High. And thus based on the best of books, the inspired source of Divine wisdom and truth, Freemasonry bids us be loyal subjects, and good citizens, exemplary members of that family, and home life so dear to us as a wise and understanding people, and impresses upon us due regard to all our public and private callings, and enjoins us to carry out on all occasions daily and hourly, both abroad and at home, the principles we profess, the teachings we avow. In this world of change and imperfection, where all is still morally in disorder and weakness, where infirmity too often accompanies the best resolution, and failure attends on the most consummate plans, we cannot hope or suppose that Masons are exempt from the errors or weaknesses of mortality, or that in our numerous brotherhood we all, be we who we may, can always square our duty with our inclinations, or our practice with our professions. But still it is well to remind ourselves from time to time, (making due allowance for human imperfections), that as Freemasons we profess to be a band of brothers, rejoicing in each other's prosperity, grieving in each other's adversity, foes to detraction and slander, and averse to backbiting and animosity, and

even bound to uphold what is fair, and proper, and due from one brother to another, by proving ourselves, alike in dark as in sunny hours, above the paltry and time-serving propensities of our fallen nature, and ever ready and anxious to commiserate the sorrows and relieve the wants of those whom we call friends and brothers to day. Remembering these truths, we seek to drive from our midst the fawning voice of flattery and the base accents of dissimulation. We endeavour to be true to one another, and to be alike considerate and compassionate, making needful allowance for human feelings, as bearing in mind our common mortality, but promptly generous and large-hearted to alleviate the misfortunes of others by kindly words and actual deeds. Brethren of the Creation Lodge, let me earnestly impress upon you to day those sublime precepts of our Order, which inculcate mutual sympathy, mutual forbearance, mutual tolerations and mutual goodwill, and, and above all, let me remind you that Freemasonry, though great and goodly in itself, though having many striking gifts and pleasant hours, is nothing without its nobler and higher aims of charity and goodwill to the great brotherhood of man. Without Masonic charity we should be, perhaps, a decorative building indeed, adorned with precious stones and cunning ornamentation, but the spirit would be wanting, and we should have the crumbling walls of a perishing tabernacle to meet, and avert the encroaching hand of time. But illustrated and adorned by the exelling grace of charity, Freemasonry helps and ennobles its own professions by the reality of its services to the brotherhood and to mankind, and standing now before the world as the most zealous and energetic of all earthly institutions in its advocacy and support of charity, let us trust that it will never forget that it owes to that great truth a great part, at any rate, of its usefulness to its members, and its blessings to the world at large. Sir, I have done, and I will only now repeat that I am glad to be permitted, once again in my Masonic career, to bear my humble testimony to the utility, the value, the importance of Freemasonry, alike to the order and stability of society, the happiness and advance of the brotherhood, and the lasting unity and peaceful progress of every portion of the habitable world.

After the reading of the oration, which was frequently applauded, the 133rd Psalm was sung, and the formulae of the programme were duly and solemnly performed, the musical arrangements being ably carried out, under the direction of Bro. Ion Cante. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, the rest of the brethren retiring, and the W.M. designate was formally installed in the chair of King Solomon. The brethren, on being readmitted, saluted the W.M. in the customary form in the Second and Third Degrees, after which the W.M. appointed and invested for the ensuing year the subjoined officers:—Bros. H. J. Johnson, S.W.; John Williams, J.W.; J. Nielson, S.D.; John H. Buck, J.D.; and J. I. Cante, Secretary. The remaining office-bearers will be appointed at the next meeting. The W.M. then proposed that the following brethren should be elected as honorary members of the lodge:—John Hervey, P.M., Grand Sec.; A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; J. Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; and E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., all of whom, having been unanimously elected, briefly acknowledged the honour thus conferred upon them. The Secretary next read the names of several joining members, and this constituting all the business before the meeting, the lodge was formally closed until the second Thursday of March.

It goes without saying that, under the direction of such distinguished and able officers, the proceedings throughout were most ably and impressively conducted. The business being over, the brethren retired to the banqueting hall in the Freemasons' Tavern, where they were provided with a sumptuous banquet. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by his officers. Grace was said by the Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford. On the cloth being removed, the customary Masonic toasts were drunk.

The W.M. said the first toast of the evening which he had the honour to propose was one always given at every assembly of Englishmen and Freemasons. It was the health of the first lady in the land, the first sovereign in Europe, the daughter of a Mason and the mother of Masons (hear, hear), "Her Majesty the Queen," and he begged to connect with the toast "The Craft." The toast was enthusiastically drunk, all the brethren standing while the National Anthem was sung. The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." which was cordially responded to, Bro. Cante singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing "The Grand Officers Present and Past," the W.M. referred in eulogistic terms to the unceasing interest and the great ability which all the Grand Officers shewed in connection with the Craft. After this Bro. W. G. Reynolds gave a recitation, entitled "Doncaster St. Leger," in a very effective manner. In replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, remarked that he always felt very great diffidence when he rose in the presence of so many distinguished Grand Officers to return thanks for the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. But he felt sure that with their usual kindness the brethren would accord him a few moments of their attention while he ventured to express on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself their earnest thanks for the honour conferred upon them that evening. The Present and Past Grand Officers were deeply sensible of that honour; and he assured the brethren that the Grand Officers were always happy to retain the good opinion of their brethren in Freemasonry, and were always glad to render their services on all occasions when they were needed and useful. (Hear, hear.) There were many reasons why the Grand Officers were pleased to be present that evening, namely, to rally round their excellent Consecrating Officer, the Grand Secretary, one of the most hard worked men in

their Order, (cheers), and offer to him that humble support which his important duties and high merits so fitly claimed. He need say nothing as to the regard, attachment, and, he would say, affection, which the entire Craft entertained for their valued friend. (Cheers.) And, in the second place, they had come in such numbers to support their old and esteemed friend the new W.M. (Applause.) It had been his (the speaker's) good fortune to know the W.M. for many long years, and he believed he could say the same of many round the table that evening, and he knew that the whole career of the W.M. as a Mason had been guided by one great principle—not his own welfare, not his own promotion, not his own self-gratification, but the welfare of his brethren, the advantage of their great Charities, and the diffusion of kindly feeling and brotherly goodwill among all the brethren with whom he was brought in contact. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He was himself happy, and he felt convinced he was expressing the feelings of every Grand Officer present, to have been permitted to be present, and to inaugurate the Creation Lodge. As a member of the Craft he felt more and more proud of English Freemasonry. It was now standing before the world in a position which it had never previously attained. Its Charities were the pride not only of the brethren, but the admiration of the outer world, and he hoped and trusted that they would all long continue to remember that the great aim of Freemasonry was not merely office or rank, or power, or splendour, or even social enjoyment, though that was most excellent in its way, but it was to endeavour to show sympathy for the sufferings of their fellow-creatures, to bind up the wounds of broken-hearted brethren, to pour in the balm of consolation into the afflicted bosom, and to show that goodwill, that sympathy which ought to be the distinguishing aim of every human being, and which he trusted would ever be the leading characteristic of every true-hearted Freemason. (Cheers.)

The W.M., again rising, said he had now come to what he might term the toast of the evening—the health of the brother who had done such good service that evening. He referred to the Grand Secretary. He was sure they all felt a deep debt of gratitude to him for coming to the ceremony of consecration, and discharging the duties, which he had done so ably and nicely. Bro. Hervey was always ready to give his services when required, and, notwithstanding that he was slightly indisposed, he had done his work most admirably. (Hear, hear.) Anything that he might say beyond that was quite unnecessary. Bro. Hervey was so well known that among Freemasons his name was a household word.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which Bros. Ion Cante and Frank Percival delighted the company by singing the beautiful melody from Balfe, "Excelsior."

Bro. Hervey, in acknowledging the compliment, after thanking the brethren for the cordial reception which had been accorded him, begged to remind his hearers that the praises awarded to him were divisible. He had been admirably supported that evening, as he had on previous occasions, in carrying out the ceremony which the brethren of the Creation Lodge were desirous that he should perform. They all knew what a host Bro. Woodford was when he put his shoulder to the wheel, and assisted in performing the ceremony of consecration. They all knew also (and he did most especially) how much they were indebted to Bro. Terry (hear, hear) for the kind and courteous way in which he had extended that substantial assistance which he was always ready to give. He (the speaker) always felt that when he had Bro. Terry at his elbow he had someone whom, if he went wrong, he (Bro. Hervey) could always rely upon to assist him in his own default. He had also very good Wardens in the persons of Bros. Fenn and Barrow. (Hear, hear.) If the brethren would allow him he would supplement those remarks he had made with a few others, which, he trusted, would be more to the gratification of the brethren than what he had already uttered. They had all met to consecrate a new lodge. That had been done, and the W.M. had been installed in the chair. He was now in harness. He had his work before him and he was sure that all around that hospitable board hoped that he might prosper in his undertaking. He (the speaker) did not think there was any reason to doubt that such would be the case, because all those who knew Bro. Creation were well aware that he was fit to overcome any difficulty. They knew that in the Charities of the Order the Committees were not always amenable to the *dolce far niente*, but were somewhat disposed, occasionally, to run riot, and who could control them better than the worthy brother who now sat at the head of the table? (Hear, hear.) He had done more than perhaps he could with money—he had given that which was of infinitely more benefit to the Charities, namely, his time and attention (hear, hear); and his efforts to promote that unity which should prevail in every Charity Committee were untiring. No trouble was too great for him, and he was sure all the brethren knew that in his Masonic career he had not got a single enemy. (Hear, hear.) If that were the case, then he (the speaker) was quite sure that the W.M. would carry out his duties in connection with the lodge in a way that would satisfy not only the members of the lodge, but the members of the Craft generally. (Hear, hear.) He would, therefore, ask them to drink to the newly installed W.M.

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, Bro. E. Collins very effectively sang the well-known song, "Dear Betty," which was loudly applauded.

The W.M., in replying, after thanking the brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been received, said he had had the honour of being placed in the chair of the Lodge of Antiquity, and he had thought—he would not say hoped—that when he retired from that position he

would have been out of harness. But there he was, and he assured the brethren that he would endeavour to fill the post to the best of his ability. (Hear, hear.) He would just say, in conclusion, that he felt convinced he had got officers who would work with him heart and soul; and one thing which they had decided upon was that they should not forget the Charities. (Cheers.) The W.M. then said they were honoured by a large number of visitors. It would be quite impossible for him to speak of each individual, but speaking in the name of the Creation Lodge he would say that the members were all delighted to see that so large a number of visitors did them the honour of coming there on that occasion. He was expressing the opinion of all the members when he said they hoped and trusted they would have the pleasure of seeing all the visitors on a future occasion. Bro. Pearse, P.G. Steward, very appropriately replied, and in doing so remarked that it was not the first time he had been placed in the position. He was quite sure all the visitors had been intensely gratified by what they had seen in the lodge. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps enough had been said about the consecration ceremony, but if the brethren would allow him he would add the testimony of the visitors to the great gratification they had received by the manner in which that ceremony had been performed. It did not fall to the lot of every Mason except a few times in his lifetime to see a consecration ceremony. He could only say that something like nineteen years had elapsed since he had witnessed one himself, and he never regretted that so great a time had passed until he heard it conducted that evening. After referring in eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day, Bro. Pearse concluded by saying that he trusted the P.G. Chaplain's address had appealed to all the brethren as it had done to him, and that they would long remember and profit by it.

Bro. John Cantle then gave an excellent rendering of "I fear no foe," which was loudly applauded. "The Treasurer," was next proposed in a few complimentary words by the W.M.; Bro. James Kift immediately following with a humorous song entitled "Proverbs," which he rendered with considerable effect. The Treasurer briefly replied, giving an outline of the history and origin of the Creation Lodge, and concluded by assuring the brethren that he would do all he possibly could to forward its interests.

"The Officers" having been drunk, and acknowledged by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bro. Percival, notwithstanding that he was labouring under a severe cold, sang in capital style the popular ballad, "The Blue Alsatian Mountains."

In replying to the toast of "The Charities," Bro. J. Terry, speaking on the flourishing condition of the Institutions, observed that the outer world wondered how it was that they were able to hold their own. He would simply remind them that over £49,030 had been received last year in behalf of their Institutions. That was a great deal to say, remembering that six years ago they were able only to give hardly the half of that amount. (Hear, hear.) Their Institutions were doing an enormous amount of good. 200 girls, 210 boys, and 290 old men and women were not a very small family to keep, but they had only to appeal to the Freemasons, and they were cheerfully and generously responded to. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure the Creation Lodge would be no exception to this rule. After a few more words from Bro. Terry, the Tyler's toast was drunk, and Bro. Reynolds having given a humorous recitation entitled "Hans Breitmann on Smoking," Bros. Percival and Jon. Cantle brought a very happy evening to a close by singing the duet, "All's Well."

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

A meeting was convened in the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday last, to consider the subject of the restoration of this fine old cathedral, and to form a London Committee to act in conjunction with a Committee organised in Hertford for that purpose. There was a very small attendance. On the motion of Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. was called upon to preside. The Chairman in opening the proceedings said there was scarcely to be found a finer building than St. Alban's Cathedral, and they, as Freemasons, ought to be proud of the opportunity of helping in the restoration of what was really a noble work of architecture. When Bro. Keyser, the Secretary of the Hertford Committee, had communicated to him (the Chairman) the wish of the brethren in Hertfordshire that a London Committee should be formed, he lost no time in saying how happy he would be in giving what little help he could towards that object. He concluded by hoping that a great number of the brethren would rally around them, that they might be enabled to collect the sinews of war, so that they might help the Hertford Committee in their noble object of restoring the edifice. Bro. C. E. Keyser, S.D. 400, Secretary to the Committee, then entered into an elaborate explanation of the nature and cost of the proposed restoration, at the same time tracing the history of the movement through all its phases. He was himself, he said, one of those who are not at all in favour of restorations. But he took an interest in this because he thought it was a special exception to the general rule of such projects, and because the restoration of St. Albans would conduce very much to the honour and credit of those who undertook it. The work was very beautiful, and the finest of the kind in existence. The architecture was contemporary with such examples as are to be found at the Lincoln, Salisbury, Winchester, and Ely Cathedrals. The cost of the reconstruction of the west front of the building, taken roughly, according to the late Sir Gilbert Scott and Mr. Chappell (Clerk of Works), would be about £9000 alto-

gether. Of course that was a very large sum. The architect's estimate for the restoration of the central porch was £2500, and for each of the side porches £2000. That was of course leaving out the window. The work was of a very elaborate character, and he believed that the carving of one of the capitols alone would occupy a workman something over a month. The brethren in Hertford did think that they could do something for themselves, but the cathedral had cost such an immense amount of money already—fifty or sixty thousand pounds—that the gentlemen of Hertford had been pretty well drawn upon, and they came to the decision that in any undertaking by the Masonic body it was only fair that all the Freemasons of England should combine to aid in the work. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., then addressed the meeting. He said he had been requested to say a few words as to the connection of St. Alban's with Freemasonry. It would be remembered by some present that Bro. Havers, when he proposed a grant of £2000 for the restoration of St. Alban's in Grand Lodge (which he was sorry to say had not been carried), based a portion of his proposition on the early connection of St. Alban's with the traditional history of Freemasonry. St. Alban, or as he was called Albanus, was, as they all knew, the first British martyr; and all the legends of the guilds, without exception almost, referred to the fact of his having held a Grand Lodge of Masons at Verulamum, now St. Alban's, and arranged for the pay of the Masons. In all probability Albanus was the protector of a Roman Guild of Freemasons. But the fact was undoubted that the ancient operative Masons had always proclaimed St. Alban as the first Grand Master in England, be they right or be they wrong. In the seventh century Offa raised a church to the memory of St. Alban, of which Mr. Chappell, the Clerk of the Works, could tell them a portion still remained, and this was said by the chroniclers to be erected the "hond Masones," or hand Masons. Under these circumstances they had a right, it appeared to him, to look upon the restoration of St. Alban's not only as a local, but as a national Masonic duty, and to assist their Hertford brethren in carrying into completion that noble undertaking. He might observe that the earliest manuscript which mentioned St. Alban's in connection was dated in the fifteenth century. The speaker concluded by saying that he could see no possible objection to Freemasons combining, whether in lodge or out of lodge, to further the good work; and he felt assured that if it was once begun it would be carried with their usual energy to completion. (Applause.)

Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M., Suffolk, then moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting, having heard the statements of Bro. Keyser and the other brethren who have taken part in the discussion, is of opinion that the Freemasons of England be invited to undertake the restoration of some special portion of St. Alban's Cathedral, as a memorial to St. Alban, the first reputed English Mason, and the founder of the first lodge in England."

He had the greatest pleasure in moving the proposition. Like Bro. Woodford, he was exceedingly sorry that the motion of their esteemed Bro. Havers was not carried in Grand Lodge, because he thought it would have been a good work, and worthy of the Freemasons of England. (Hear, hear.) Passing, however, from that, he thought if they could not make up a regular Masonic memorial by the restoration of St. Alban's Cathedral in the fullest sense of the word, there could be no possible reason—but, on the contrary, every possible argument in favour of it—why individuals as Masons should not join together to promote this great and magnificent work. If they could bring about such a magnificent work as this, it would be an evidence and an answer to those who tried to put down the Craft, that there was something high in its professions. (Hear, hear.) He thought it was the bounden duty of everyone to try and help on the project. He was very sanguine that, when it came to be known what their object was, they would not long fail to effect their purpose for want of the necessary funds.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Wilson Iles, P.G. Sec. Herts, and, having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford then proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Bro. J. Kent, P.G.J.D.:—

"That the whole or a portion of the west front commends itself as the most fitting object to be undertaken by the Craft."

After a short discussion the motion was carried. Bro. Chappell, Clerk of Works, next briefly addressed the brethren, reading several extracts from correspondence which he had had with the late Sir Gilbert Scott. One of these extracts expressed the opinion that there is not a finer work in England than St. Alban's Cathedral, and Bro. Chappell observed, that in his conversations with Sir Gilbert on the subject, the latter had often remarked if he could see the restoration, which the brethren so much desired completed, it would be the pride of his life.

The Chairman being obliged to leave the meeting at this stage, Bro. Martyn, on the motion of Bro. Woodford, replaced him.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried, that the following brethren should act on the Central Committee:—Bros. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, &c.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, &c.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G.D., &c.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Tebbs.

The Chairman next proposed "That the Deputy Grand Master be requested to act as President of this Committee."

This motion, which was seconded by Bro. Woodford, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Woodford, again rising, said they must have a Secretary, and as there was no brother who took a greater interest in their object than Bro. Keyser, he respectfully moved that he be asked to act as Secretary to the Committee."

The motion having been seconded and carried, Bro. Keyser, in a graceful speech, accepted the office.

Bro. J. W. Edwards, I.P.M., 1479, proposed "That Bro. J. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M., be the Treasurer."

Bro. Wilson Iles having seconded the resolution it was carried unanimously. The Secretary then read the following subscription list towards the Restoration Fund:—

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.	£5 0 0
" H. R. H. The Prince Leopold, Prov. G.M., Oxon	5 0 0
Bro. J. Havers, P.G.W.	5 0 0
" Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov., G.M., Suffolk	5 0 0
" Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., W.M.	5 0 0
" The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks	5 0 0
" Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. G.M. Sussex	5 0 0
" J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.	5 0 0
He also begged to say that he had received promises of the following sums:—	
Bro. Abel Smith, M.P. No. 403	£5 0 0
" His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. Hunts and Northants	5 0 0
" J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.	5 0 0
" The Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G.M. Cambs.	5 0 0
" The Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire	3 0 0
" The Lord Henniker, S.G.W.	2 2 0
" R. Grey, P.G.D.	5 0 0
" Brooke, P.M.	5 0 0
" E. S. Snell, P.G.D.	5 0 0
" J. W. Edwards, I.P.M. No. 1479	5 0 0
" A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain	5 0 0
" C. E. Keyser, S.D. 404	5 0 0

Bro. Woodford then moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Secretary, and Bro. Martyn, for their services on that occasion, and the brethren adjourned till Wednesday next, when a meeting will be held at 4.30, in the same place, to consider what further steps will be taken in the matter.

The brethren are requested to take notice that the adjourned meeting will be held at Freemasons' Tavern at 4.30 on Wednesday next, when it is hoped Bro. Keyser will be rewarded by a full attendance.

Public Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL STRAND.—The new farcical comedy at this popular little house entitled "The Snowball," by Sydney Grundy, is one of the brightest and most happy, and withal, well constructed comedies that has been produced during the present generation. Space will not permit of a lengthy description of "The Snowball." We can only say that it is most efficiently carried out by the whole company. Especial praise is due to Mr. W. H. Vernon, for his very realistic rendering of a character, in every sense of the word, difficult. Bro. Harry Cox, in the part of "Uncle John," is a host in himself, and carries out the details of the character to perfection, and to the great delight of the audience. Miss Ada Swanborough executed the rôle of "Mrs. Featherstone" with the greatest ease imaginable. The careful study demanded by the peculiarity of the character was faithfully given by the actress, and a great deal of the success of the piece depended upon the audience properly appreciating "Mrs. Featherstone's" every new move. Miss Lottie Venn as at first the innocent "Penelope," and then as the Snowball rolled on, the "Penelope" who meant to make capital out of the situation, was an impersonation worthy of the greatest praise. Mr. F. Wyatt performed the part of "Harry Prendergast" (the suitor for the hand of "Ethel") with efficiency, as also did Miss Gwynne Williams as "Ethel." We venture to think the "Snowball" will long occupy its place in the "Strand" programme.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—The sixth Irish stew dinner was given on Wednesday by the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C., to several hundred poor children, in their Conder-street Hall, Limehouse, E. The Hall was well filled three times with these little ones. They eat ravenously and fully enjoyed the substantial meal which through the kindness of our readers had been provided for them. There seems to all appearance as much need as ever for such charity. The meal gave much credit to Mr. and Mrs. Waller (formerly father and mother of two boys' homes) who had served it to the satisfaction of all present. The dinners lasted three hours and it did the hearts full good to see the gratitude written on their faces. No child was turned away.—There were many cases of great interest among the recipients brought under notice by kindly disposed persons. This mission by its evangelistic and benevolent work is doing much practical good, and these dinners are a great boon to the poorly clad and hungry little ones. They will be continued as long as benevolent people send their kind and timely gifts, which will be gratefully received by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

Brethren desirous of possessing a copy of the *Freemason Card Almanack for 1879*, with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, should make early application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. The Publisher will be pleased to send a copy to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of two penny stamps.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We have the pleasure of informing our readers that in addition to the forthcoming papers announced to appear during the ensuing months in the pages of the *Masonic Magazine* from the pen of Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., that learned brother will contribute to the June number a descriptive sketch, entitled "A Queer Career, Nocturne in A Minor, the Key of the Street."

Mayfair states (Feb. 11th) that the *Masonic Magazine* is really the monthly digest of Freemasonry which it calls itself. It is a well edited serial with features interesting to a large public.

The *City Press* announces the death of Bro. James Perry, of the Ship, Ivy-lane, for many years associated with the Licensed Victuallers' Associations, and a member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to the advancement of the societies, and was a man of the strictest integrity, whose loss is deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends. His death is ascribed to congestion of the lungs, after a very short illness. He was 58 years of age, and was buried at Kensal Green, on Saturday last.

On Monday night Miss Helen Hopekirk, daughter of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, the young Edinburgh pianist whose successful appearances at the Leipsic Gewandhaus concerts and in London have constituted not the least interesting events of the musical season, gave a recital in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Miss Hopekirk was assisted by Mr. A. C. Mackenzie (violin) and Mr. Carl Hamilton (cello). There was a large audience, who emphatically confirmed in the course of the recital the favourable verdict hitherto gained by Miss Hopekirk wherever and whenever she had appeared in public.

The "Masonic Magazine" for February is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[A.D.V.T.]

We extract the following from *The Whitehall Review*:—M. Desanges must be congratulated on his portrait of the H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, painted for the Rose Croix Chapter. Prince Arthur is not the least comely of a comely race, and his military bearing adds a dignity to an appearance which is essentially soldier-like. His features, however, are indisputably Teutonic, and if, as is the case, there is a tenderness in his lustrous blue eyes and in his classical mouth which relieves the hardness of his profile, it needed the ideality of a true artist to render his likeness poetical. That M. Desanges has achieved this strikes one at once, nor is this favourable impression lessened when you come to examine the portrait critically. The picture itself is three-quarter length and in outline oval. "The Royal Duke stands 'four-square,'" reminding one in his pose of Aristotle's perfect man. He is in evening dress, with the conventional and infinitesimal white tie, but his decorations almost convey the notion of his being in uniform. He wears the broad white and gold sash of the Third-third Degree, with the badges of the Supreme Council of the Masonic Craft and of the Sovereign of the Rose Croix Order, termed technically the Studholme Chapter. These badges are very effective, and they are so arranged as almost, yet not quite, to obscure the ribbon and star of a yet more coveted order—that of the Garter. The Duke's right hand hangs listlessly, but the foreshortening of the left arm and the attitude of the fingers of the left hand indicate that he is about to address the brethren of the illustrious Rose Croix Chapter, the legitimate representatives of chivalry. It is needless to add that as regards texture and tonality this splendid portrait is worthy the reputation of M. Desanges, still less that the inevitable realism of a portrait is quite forgotten by the spectator in the naturalness and charm of its treatment. Seldom have I seen a picture which more fully rose to my standard of what portraiture should be. The Duke of Connaught gave the artist a final sitting for the portrait on Monday last."

The members of the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, at their meeting on Monday week, voted £10 10s. to each of the Masonic Institutions.

The number of out-patients at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, registered for the week ending Feb. 1st., 1879, was 1339.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1879 is now ready, price, post-free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—A.D.V.T.

The installation meeting of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. Bro. S. J. Byng, the W.M., will install his successor.

The annual ball of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 7th inst. A full report will appear in our next impression.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold has fixed Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., for the fifty-fifth anniversary and distribution of prizes of the Birkbeck Institution.

Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Hall have issued cards for the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

The Hour of Meeting of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104, on Friday next, has been altered from 5 o'clock to 5.30 p.m.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—A.D.V.T.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 21, 1879.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon Street Hot.
 " 1364, Earl of Zeland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Kew.
 " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, Kings Cross, 269, Pentonville-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 802, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st. W.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Grand Mark Lodge (Emergency), 2, Red Lion-sq., 2.30.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 Rose Croix, Chap. 44, Bard of Avon. 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Fauces-pl, Kenning at 8.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- House Com. Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark Lodge Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.
 " 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-st., W.
 Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row, W.
 " 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 P.G.C. and L., Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 22, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1315, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot, Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—In the presence of upwards of eighty brethren, Past Masters, and visitors, Bro. Geo. S. Pare, S.W. of the above lodge, which holds its meetings at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., was on the 17th inst. installed its chief. Prior to the ceremony, however, the retiring Master, Bro. David Posener, raised Bro. Balver to the Third Degree. In due course Bro. Pare was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and having declared himself qualified, and giving his pledge to uphold and guard the regulations and landmarks of the Order, was placed in the chair of his predecessor according to ancient form, the rather onerous duties of the ceremony being performed by the Installing Master in a manner gratifying alike to himself and his hearers, as was amply shown by the applause which greeted him at the end of the addresses. The newly-installed Master next invested his officers as follows: Bro. D. Posener, I.P.M.; W. T. Bayley, S.W.; F. Croaker (by proxy), J.W.; J. Peartree (by proxy), Treas.; P. Levy, Sec.; Geo. Bilby, P.M., Org.; T. W. C. Bush, L.D.; J. Barber (by proxy), J.D.; Staley, I.G.; B. D. Barnett, D.C.; Sol. Barnett, W.S.; Potter, Tyler. The W.M. next invested Bro. D. Posener with a handsome gold P.M. jewel voted by the brethren to mark their appreciation of his services. The auditor's report was then read and adopted, which disclosed a very satisfactory financial condition, the lodge balance being £201, and the balance of the benevolent fund £853. Bro. John Constable, P.M., having given notice of motion on a previous occasion, proposed that the sum of thirty guineas from the lodge fund be given in equal portions to each of the three Masonic Institutions, which, after a friendly discussion, was agreed to. A very ample and exceedingly well-served banquet followed. After grace was sung the usual toasts followed, characterised in this instance by the absence of all stereotyped claptrap, the speakers confining themselves to a few common sense remarks, following the example of the new Master. Replying to the toast of his health, proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.M., the W.M. gave expression to his sense of the good feeling shown towards him throughout the whole period of his connection with the lodge, and promised his best attention both to the interest of the lodge and the enjoyments of the festive board. Among the speakers were Bros. Cubitt, Albert, J. D. Burnett, J. H. Ross, Constable, Lazarus, Spiegel, and others. Past Master S. Solomon spoke on behalf of the benevolent fund, calling attention to its flourishing state and absence of applicants for its benefits, which rendered needless all appeal for subscriptions, yet he trusted the fund would continue growing, so that in case of emergency the power might be in their hands to render substantial aid to any members whose needs may entitle him to sympathy, as they had frequently done in the past. Under the general direction of Bro. Pare the proceedings could scarcely fail of success, the diversions being greatly aided by the renowned skillful vocalists, Bros. D. Moss, Barrett, Kenningham, and De Lacy. The visitors present were Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Bassington, W.M. 205; Lazarus, W.M. 1017; Spiegel, W.M. 188; Kent, P.M. 879; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Mickley, P.M. 449; Chaloner, Sec. 1178; Peprill, 180; Russell, 1227; Moss, 1706; Barrett, 1706; Herold 1056; Cullon, 1031. The P.M.'s were S. Solomon, M. Harris, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Defries, J. D. Barnett, J. Constable, N. Gluckstein, E. Gotther. Universal regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. John Peartree, P.M. and Treas., he being prostrated by a most dangerous illness. May the G.A.O.T.U. speedily restore him to health and vigour.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Henry Mug-

geridge, the Senior Past Master, installed Bro. Edward Phillips W.M. for the ensuing year (whose installation had been deferred from January, in consequence of the severe and painful illness of Bro. Phillips, caused by a cold caught in Paris during the Exhibition.) The new W.M. appointed the following brethren to the different offices, viz., Bros. A. C. Cope, S.W.; Henry Watts, J.W.; Ernest Zwinger, S.D.; Harry Bennett, J.D.; J. C. Howell, I.G. Bro. S. G. Myers was invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Henry Muggeridge as Secretary. Bro. William Birdseye, the I.P.M., who had been previously invested with the Past Master's collar and jewel, and presented with the usual gold jewel for his good and valued services during the year 1878, accepted the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on Wednesday, the 14th day of May next. This lodge was consecrated in October, 1857, by Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., who installed Bro. Henry Muggeridge the first Master. Bro. S. G. Myers, in whose house the idea of the lodge originated, was first Junior Warden, since which Bro. Muggeridge has installed every Master of the Panmure Lodge, with the exception of the Master in 1872, Bro. William Bennett, who he subsequently installed as Master of the Ancley Lodge, 1397. Bros. Muggeridge and Myers are the only two original members remaining in the Panmure Lodge, in addition to whom there were present Bros. Phillips, W.M.; W. Birdseye, I.P.M.; Watts, J.W.; Zwinger, S.D.; John Gale, P.M.; H. Birdseye, P.M.; Crossfield, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Weedon, P.M.; Shayer, and Richardson; there were also present the following visitors, viz.:—Bros. J. Clever, P.M. 12 and 171; W. C. Banks, S.W. 1225; W. F. Kibble, I.G. 1426; J. M. Walter, 763; E. M. Hubbuck, P.G. Steward; W. McCall 103. The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet, prepared by the good people of Cannon-street Hotel, which they appeared to enjoy very much.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—This excellent lodge has now we believe definitely taken up its quarters at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Its old dwelling place at Tidal Basin will, however, long be remembered as the birthplace of a lodge that has, during the time of its existence, added perhaps more members to the Masonic fraternity than any lodge in the Metropolis. The causes that have led to this change are in no way prejudicial to Bro. Hillier, host of the old house of meeting, but to the fact that he having found it necessary to enlarge and alter his house at Tidal Basin, could not accommodate the brethren during the alterations, and hence the removal. The meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst., was both large and enthusiastic. Among the visitors were:—Bros. G. Stephens, 1623; J. J. West, P.M. 548; J. Manning, W.M. 1472; Jas. Thomas, 704; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The officers of the lodge present were:—Bros. F. Brien, W.M.; E. West, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; J. Dorton, I.P.M.; P. McCarthy, S.W.; H. Taplay, J.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M., and Treas.; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; J. W. Job, S.D.; W. Dorton, J.D.; W. Nevins, I.G.; Mat. Stierwin, Org.; A. R. Mason, D. of C.; R. Brown, and W. Harris, W.S.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a style seldom surpassed at any lodge, and Mr. N. Sykes, having already been balloted for, was initiated into Freemasonry. There being no further work before the lodge, it was closed and the brethren adjourned to a plain but elegantly served repast. This having been discussed and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which were becomingly honoured. Bro. P. M. West, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," a privilege of which he was proud. He felt sure they would agree with him when he said that from the manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties entrusted to him that evening, not only in ruling and governing the lodge, but as well in performing the solemn ceremonies of initiation and raising, the honour of the lodge was safe in his hands. It must have been very gratifying to them, as it was to him, and if their Master continued so to carry out those duties, they would never have reason to regret having placed him in the proud, yet responsible position he now so well and worthily held. (Applause.) Bro. Brien, in reply, said he must in the first place thank Bro. West for the kind remarks with which he had accompanied the toast, and in the second the brethren for its hearty reception. Bro. West had said, "that if he continued as he had commenced his duties, the brethren would be satisfied with him." He would promise them that if he did not improve, at least he should not be any worse (cheers and laughter), but he trusted so to continue, by a constant care and undivided attention to the duties of his office, and the interests of the lodge, that at the end of his year they would say that he had done his duty as a Master and a Mason should, to a lodge like the Capper, over which he had the honour to preside. (Applause.) The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and Bro. Sykes suitably responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bro. West, P.M. 548, and Thomas, 704, and Bro. West, in response said he had to thank them very much for the manner in which his name had been placed before, and received by the lodge. He could only say that he was very pleased to be with them. It was his first visit, but he trusted it would not be his last. He was pleased to see the good and effective work done in the lodge by the W.M., and while they had such an officer to preside over them, their lodge could never go wrong. (Cheers.) Bro. Thomas was exceedingly pleased at this his second visit to the Capper Lodge, to find that they had come to that locality. His own lodge was held there, and he trusted that an unity might spring up between the lodges that would be beneficial to them both. He could without flattery congratulate the lodge upon its W.M. and officers, and they had treated him so well upon that occasion, that with their permission he should come again.

(Laughter and cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," and in giving it, the W.M. wished to express to them his extreme regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. White, their esteemed and valued I.P.M., which absence had been caused by serious domestic affliction. He had received a telegram from Bro. White, stating that on account of the illness of his children he should not be able to be with them that night. Bro. White had a large family, and he felt sure that he was only expressing their wishes when he trusted that nothing serious would arise to cause a pang to the heart of their esteemed brother. (Hear, hear.) There was another thing that made him sorry for the absence of Bro. White. It was only yesterday that the good brother had paid fifty guineas into the Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum which entitled their lodge to a Vice-Presidency. Had he been present he would have been able to tell them something about the gathering. (Cheers.) There were, however, present an array of Past Masters such as any lodge might be proud of, and if he could find words sufficiently to express his obligation to them, and the many services they had rendered the lodge, he might go on till midnight. (Hear, hear.) He would now ask them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. Bro. West, who in the absence of P. M. White, acted as I.P.M. during the evening, responded, and said, that anything the Past Masters could do for the benefit of the lodge they would only be too happy to do. The whole of them deeply deplored the cause of Bro. White's absence, and trusted the cause would soon be removed. The next toast was that of "The Masonic Press," to whom the W.M. said they were much indebted for reports of the proceedings of their lodges. He believed that by seeing the good work done by other lodges they were stimulated to try and emulate them. The *Freemason* carried reports of their meetings all over the world, and many a brother of the Capper Lodge in distant lands, when he got his *Freemason* felt his heart glow with pride when he saw in its columns how the good old lodge was flourishing. (Cheers.) He, therefore, asked them to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved. Bro. Jolly having suitably replied for this paper, the W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," especially complimenting the S.W. and Secretary for the many helps they had rendered in the work of removal, and said from S.W. down to Tyler a better set of officers no lodge could boast of. (Cheers.) Bro. McCarthy and Mitchell having replied, the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable evening in the annals of the Capper Lodge.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—This lodge held its principal meeting of the year at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday last, when the brethren assembled at four o'clock to transact a large amount of business. The W.M., Bro. Edward Jacobs presided, and was well supported by his officers and a large number of lay brethren, in addition to which some forty or more visiting brethren from other lodges came to witness the installation of Bro. Arthur John Ireton, the W.M. elect. Among the visitors were several eminent Masons, including the following Grand Officers:—Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G. Purst.; Tibbets, P.P.G. Reg. Leicester; Louis Beck, P.G. Org.; F. Binckes, Secretary for the Boys' School; and Hedges, Secretary for the Girls' School. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ireton was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Thereupon the W.M. proceeded to address some remarks to the body of brethren assembled, and thereafter Bro. Ireton having given his assent in the usual manner to the ancient charges, recited by the Secretary, was duly obligated. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, to whom Bro. Ireton was presented, and installed into the chair of K.S. with the usual solemnities. On the return of the brethren the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the customary form, and then proceeded to appoint his officers which are as follows:—Bros. John Mason, S.W.; J. J. Sterne, J.W.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, Cnap.; John Coutts, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. Kedgley, S.D.; S. Jacobs, J.D.; W. H. Gulliford, I.G.; George Stacey, Org.; George Coleman, D.C.; J. E. Collins, W.S.; C. Wyman, A.W.S.; John Jacobs, Steward; R. J. Potter, Tyler; all of whom were invested, except Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, who, it was understood, was absent through illness. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were then delivered by Bro. P.M. Edward Jacobs, by whom the entire ceremony was performed in a most able manner. No sooner had the new Master assumed the reigns of government than his skill was put to the test, for there were no less than five candidates for initiation in attendance, viz.:—Mr. Thos. Bourne, proposed by Bro. Ireton, seconded by Bro. Coutts, P.M. and Treas., P.G.P.; Mr. Alfred Bush, proposed by Bro. Coutts, seconded by Bro. Wyman; Mr. Henry Kelsey, proposed by Bro. Coutts, seconded by Bro. Ireton, who were balloted for and approved; and Mr. William Sage and Mr. F. Owen, already balloted for. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by Bro. Ireton, although it was rendered unusually arduous, from the fact that in consequence of the pressure of time the whole of the five candidates were necessarily taken at the same time. The only other business paper was a notice of motion by Bro. A. J. Ireton, given in open lodge on Tuesday, 14th January last, "That the initiation fee be increased from ten to fifteen guineas, and that bye-law No. 10 be altered accordingly," which having been put and carried, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony. It was now past seven o'clock, and the brethren and their guests at once adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous

repast was served to them in the best style, to which ample justice was done. A very handsome dessert of all the fruits in season was generously provided by the W.M. himself. About eighty brethren sat down. On the waiters retiring, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and heartily responded to by all present. In proposing the first toast the W.M. remarked upon the excellent qualities of the Queen and the good fortune of Englishmen to be under such a ruler, and also referred to the recent bereavement she had sustained, and the deep sympathy that had been felt for Her Majesty by the whole Masonic body. "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." the Sovereign of Freemasons, was responded to with enthusiasm. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," also received a very hearty response, the W.M. in proposing it remarking on the truly admirable manner in which the Earl of Carnarvon carried out the work of Grand Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and that of the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," the chairman remarked that they had always a Grand Officer in the lodge in the person of Bro. Coutts to keep them informed of the doings of Grand Lodge, but that on this occasion when they had a number of other Grand Officers present, he should couple this toast with the name of Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. Bro. Hogg in responding said that he had much pleasure in availing himself of the privilege accorded him and after a few remarks upon the good qualities of his fellow Grand Officers expressed the pleasure it gave him to see Bro. Ireton in the proud position acquired that evening. The W.M.'s name was one not unknown in English history, and he was quite sure that the brethren had done well in placing him in the chair of K.S.; that Bro. Ireton had come into the lodge resolved to attain the honour of the chair, and that having done so he was ready to give the brethren the advantage of his Masonic knowledge and his services. The brethren could not do better than rally round him and support him on every occasion. Bro. Hogg expressed himself as being extremely gratified at the working of the lodge, the gratification being the greater because it so seldom happens that a Master just installed, initiates five brethren in one night. And under such circumstances it was not surprising that the W.M. should propose to increase the initiation fee. He agreed with the W.M. in his desire to limit the number of the lodge. As regarded more particularly those for whom he was responding, the Grand Officers were always ready to do their duty and render their assistance whenever occasion demanded, just as the Deputy Grand Master was always ready in the absence of the Pro G. Master to carry out the work of G. Lodge. Bro. Edwd. Jacobs, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., and in doing so remarked upon the great support that Bro. Ireton had bestowed upon the Masonic Charities, and upon his many good qualities and fitness for the office he had assumed, and trusted that the brethren would all give their Master their most cordial support. Bro. Ireton.—Brethren, a Worshipful Master has a most difficult task to perform during the evening—he has to reply for himself. That time for me has arrived, and I know not what to say, for I fear I have not deserved any of the praise which our Immediate Past Master has passed upon me. You have elected me your W.M., and nothing I can do shall be omitted, no talent that is placed within me but shall be exercised to promote that hospitality that should exist among Freemasons. I desire to make this a model lodge—that as it is in the centre of the metropolis it shall be a centre of Freemasonry. That is the object with which we endeavour to promote the Covent Garden Lodge, and strive to make it second to none in Freemasonry. You have had several good Masters and there are several coming on—men of education, men who know what the world is and possess all the qualifications for a W.M. I have to thank Bro. P.M. Jacobs for the very kind manner in which he has spoken of me. I shall perform the office to which I have been elected with all the ability I possess, and I think I have the brethren all with me, and I thank you for the very unanimous way in which you have recorded your sympathy with me in drinking the toast to my health. The next toast that we come to is "The Health of our Chaplain." No! "The Health of the Initiates" comes next in order, but as I mentioned the Chaplain I will say that his absence is involuntary. I have received a beautiful letter from Bro. Holden, and am sorry to tell you that it is indisposition that has prevented his being with us this evening. I will now pass to the toast of "The Initiates." We have initiated five candidates to-day, and when, brethren, you know as much of them as I do you will rejoice at their admittance into our body. They are men not only of position, but men whose minds are Masonic in every way. They were Freemasons though they did not belong to our body. They are imbued with a feeling of good fellowship and all the Masonic virtues. We should always try to select men so well fitted as these are to become candidates, bearing in mind that it is not the length of the chain but the quality of the metal it is composed of that makes its strength. This toast was responded to very heartily, and having been briefly responded to by each of the five initiates, the W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Edward Jacobs, remarking on the skill and ability with which he had transacted the business of the lodge, and the large number of brethren he had initiated during his year of office, concluding by presenting him with a handsome Past Master's jewel and expressing the warmest wishes for his health to wear and enjoy the mark of esteem won from the brethren by his own merit. Numerous other toasts were drunk including "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a conclusion at a somewhat late hour.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, the chief business of the evening being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Philip Braham, J.W. There was a good assembly of brethren, Past Masters, members, and visitors. The W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, was supported by about twenty P.M.'s and W.M.'s of other lodges. The lodge was opened at 4.25, and the minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, a letter was read from the D.P. G.M., Bro. Else, apologising for absence, on the ground of previous engagement; also a notice from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, announcing the festival to be held in May, and asking that a Steward might be sent from No. 41, consideration of which was deferred. The W.M. then vacated the chair, and Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. and Treas., took it for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. After the customary introduction and address, the Secretary read the ancient charges, and the W.M. elect having given his consent thereto, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, in whose presence Bro. Braham was duly installed. The board having been closed, the M.M.'s were re-admitted, and subsequently the F.C.'s and E.A.'s, in both cases the lodge being brought down to those degrees. The usual proclamations and salutes were given, and the officers appointed as follows:—Bros. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M. 43 and 958, &c., received the collar of S.W., which appointment was hailed by the brethren with great acclamation, he having rendered many valuable services to the lodge during his five years' sojourn amongst them, being ever ready to assist in any of the ceremonies, always willing to deliver charges, addresses, and Masonic lectures, &c., and at all times prepared to give instruction to brethren who may require such, or any other assistance Masonically, and in regard to the proper working of charity and other useful branches of the society, always exerting an interesting himself. The collar of the J.W. was given to W. Hunt; C. W. Radway, Sec.; T. P. Ashley, Treas.; R. B. Cater, S.D.; E. J. Mercer, J.D.; Thos. Wilton, D.C.; J. Rubie, Asst. D.C.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; A. Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Peach, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The installing Master then gave the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great effect, indeed, the whole ceremony was marked by great impressiveness and solemnity, but previously, at his request, Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins gave an address to the I.P.M. in most impressive manner, and explained Masonically the symbolism of the emblem on his jewel, that is the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid. Bro. Wilton then, in the name of the lodge, and in most earnest and feeling manner, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Frank Wilkinson, with a handsome silver inkstand, to be accompanied by a scroll on vellum, as a testimonial for the able and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. of the lodge for two successive years. We would like to give this address in extenso, for it contained such truly Masonic and hearty brotherly feeling as rarely is found existing under any ordinary circumstances, but space will not permit. The I.P.M., on rising to return thanks, evidently affected with much genuine emotion, was received with such an ovation that for several minutes he was unable to speak, when, however, he proceeded to return thanks he was heard with the most profound attention, and without ostentation or humility of language thanked the lodge in very suitable terms, expressing his full determination that so long as he may be spared and able to do so he will still assist in maintaining the prestige of this, the oldest lodge in Somerset. On resuming his seat he was again greeted with hearty exhibitions of good feeling. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins then announced that he had received a prospectus from Bro. Hughan, of the publication of another important Masonic work in a few weeks, and solicited the brethren to become subscribers for copies. He eulogized the usefulness and qualities of the author as well as of the work, and the beautiful manner in which it is being got up. A few orders have been placed in the hands of Bro. Hopkins. Bro. F. Wilkinson then proposed, and Bro. J. S. Turner seconded a candidate for initiation. Bro. Ashley presented a very ancient Bible, and a very old record of the lodges in this part of the country, for the library of No. 41. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the visiting brethren, which was responded to by Bro. C. Collins, W.M. Royal Sussex; Bro. Powell, of "Gooch Lodge, Wilts," Bro. Moutrie, 906, and others. Bro. F. Wilkinson then gave notice for the agenda paper of next month, that he should propose a vote of ten guineas to be given to Bro. General Doherty, on his going up as a Steward to the Masonic Girls' School at the ensuing festival. There being no further business the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 6.15, after which the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the banquet, which was capitally served by Bro. Rubie, P.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the cloth was cleared the usual toasts were given and some capital songs and glees by various members of the lodge, assisted at the piano by very much respected Bro. Pyne, organist at the Abbey Church, who also gave three or four excellent songs in his best style. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins in responding to the toast of "S.W." alluded to a rather singular coincidence, that last week occurred the thirtieth anniversary of his investiture in his mother lodge, No. 43, in the same office he this day assumed in No. 41, both lodges having been founded or rather received a warrant of confirmation in the same year, 1733. Bro. T. P. Ashley, in proposing the "Masonic Charities," appealed to the brethren in a most urgent and feeling manner for increased support, alluding, of course, to the recent successful election of the boy Cooper into the School, and, we believe, that during the evening many promises and some actual donations and subscriptions were received by him for all the Institutions. After a most

enjoyable evening and cordial votes of thanks to the visitors, amongst which were some American brethren, and a hearty invitation for all of them to revisit their respective lodges, the brethren separated just at high twelve. We subjoin a list of the brethren who attended lodge, which was largely increased at the banquet. Bros. F. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; J. S. Turner, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M.; R. Mann, Hy. Leader, J. Maggs, James Robinson, F. W. Willis, Walter E. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Jacob Smith, Wm. Morris. Visitors:—Bros. R. Ford, P.M. 534; W. H. Peyton, 284; J. A. Innes, 639; Jno. Banks, W. H. Young, 906; General H. E. Doherty, C.B., P.M. 906, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Dutton, P.M. 53, and 855; F. Neebe, 1254; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P.; S. Edwards P.M. 53; Jas. Powell, 1295; Morris, 1295; C. Collins, W.M. 53; Wm. F. Collins, J.D. 53; E. T. Payne, P.M. 53; J. S. Bartrum, P.M. 379; and others. Besides the officers &c., mentioned in their proper places above. This report would be incomplete without mention of the ease and effectiveness with which the new W.M. conducted the proceedings of the evening, and that on this account, and the character of the officers he has appointed, a general impression prevails that there is every prospect of a happy and prosperous new year in store for Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Court-place, on the 5th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M., presiding, supported by the following officers:—Bros. F. Clarke, S.W.; H. Dunn, J.W.; H. Wilkins, P.M., Treas.; W. De Jersey, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Quick, S.D.; W. Courtney, J.D.; H. Saunders, I.G.; S. Barter, Tyler, and about forty brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, and two joining members, in each case proving successful. Bro. Wright was then examined, entrusted and then passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Quant and Reed having given proofs of proficiency retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree when Bros. Quant and Reed were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in his very able and impressive manner. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree Bro. Wright was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Messrs. Baigent, Newport, and De Jausserand, were admitted and initiated according to ancient custom. On the usual questions being put, the S.W. (Bro. F. Clarke) rose, begging the W.M. to accept for Mariners Lodge, the portrait of the most distinguished brother amongst them. This painting he said was a humble present from our artist, Bro. Boutillier, to his mother lodge, and he (the S.W.) begged to propose that the lodge defray the expense of a suitable frame, with inscription. The I.P.M. (Bro. R. Smythson), in seconding the proposition, further proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the donor, and that the same be recorded in the minutes of the lodge; this was carried unanimously. The W.M. then rose, and said, Bro. Boutillier, it is the portrait of myself which you have so kindly given to the lodge and I beg of you to accept my sincere thanks as well as the thanks of the lodge so cordially given. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the banqueting room, where an excellent spread was laid out, to which the brethren had been specially invited to remain, as it was provided by the brethren of the 10th Regiment, stationed in Guernsey. After justice had been done to the good things, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said—Brethren, you all know the toast which, as I.P.M., it is my pleasure and duty to propose, and I know you will receive it enthusiastically. Time was when Bro. Gallienne came amongst us and objected to our drinking his health except on his birthday, but now we will take care that he has twelve good ones this year. The W.M., in rising, said it would be ungrateful on his part did he not respond to the kindness of the brethren. He thanked them, and wished to give them a little advice, but he begged them to remember that he did not wish to be thought invidious. He wished them to take it as kindly as it was meant, coming from one of some experience in Masonry, he having nearly attained his thirtieth year of Masonic life. He then pointed out some of the duties of members in and out of lodge, and concluded an able speech by saying, "Our lodge is now in a prosperous condition as contrasted with what it was but a very few years since, but we must be cautious that that prosperity does not make us careless, and unmindful of the real purport of Masonry—charity. If we have done a little good in the past, let us try and do a great deal more in the future." "The P.M.s." being given and responded to, was followed by "The Initiates and the newly passed Brother." In proposing "The Health of the newly raised Brethren," the W.M. referred to the manner in which military men went through the ceremonies—the strict attention they gave, as if the discipline of their bodies was reflected on their minds. He would couple with this toast that of their hosts, the two newly-raised being part of them; personally he had always objected to anything of the sort being given; amongst some, he said, it was impressed as the correct thing when a brother was raised to provide a spread, but this was not necessary in this lodge, and if it had not been a spontaneous offering on the part of the brethren of the 10th Regiment, which, he thought, it would be ungrateful not to accept, he would have set his face against it. Bros. Quant and Reed (the newly-raised brethren), as also Bros. Biggs, Potton, and Battershill briefly responded. "The Officers" elicited a response from several of them, as also did that of "The Visitors." The Tyler's toast at length brought a very pleasant evening, which had been interspersed with some very good singing, to a close.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the lodge room, Foord's Hotel, on Monday evening, Feb. 10th. The W.M., Bro. J. Johnson Field, in the chair. The lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m. The following brethren were present:—W. Budd, I.P.M.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. M. Taylor, P.M., Chaplain; W. Fisher, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. H. Porrett, P.M., S.W.; J. McFaden, J.W.; Val. Fowler, J.D.; C. W. Scrivener, P.M., D.C.; W. Jefferson, Tyler; W. B. Jackson, Thos. M. Ler, James Barwick, H. A. Darby, R. Dobson, P.M.; R. Land, Wm. Cranswick, C. Ireland, C. Nicholson, E. Nesfield. Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Smyth, P.M. 712, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; G. H. Wahan, W.M. 1760, P.P.G.D.C.; these were installing Masters in the place of Bro. J. Woodall, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who, by the death of his father the day before, could not attend; Sir W. L. Fielden, Perseverance, 345; G. Wilkinson, P.M. 250; A. E. Hudden, P.M. 818, South Africa; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200; C. W. Winterbottom, 734, Sec.; Fred Hogg, British, 8; J. C. Lamb, 1610; G. Dixon, Org. 1760; G. O. Crowther, 1248; H. H. Prince, 298, P.P.G.S.B. Lin.; B. Shaw, Org. 200; W. B. Richardson, S.W. 200; A. S. Kirk, 304. Bro. W. B. Jackson, P.S.W., was installed as W.M. for the current year, the ceremony having been most ably performed by the Installing Master. After a most excellent dinner, presided over by the newly-appointed W.M., and served by Host Bro. Wilborn, in his usual profuse and liberal style, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally received. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of all England" was the next, and after that "The Provincial Grand Officers," which was ably responded to by Bro. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The I.P.M. then gave "The W.M.," and, in an eloquent speech, took the opportunity of highly complimenting the members of the lodge resident in Filey, and also the Scarbro' brethren, and concluded by calling for musical honours, which were duly accorded. The W.M. responded in very warm and genial terms, thanking the brethren for having placed him in so high and coveted a position, and promising to do his utmost for the support and well-being of the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Retiring W.M. and his Officers," to which Bro. Field, the I.P.M., responded in a very appropriate speech. Bro. Land, 200, here favoured the brethren with an excellent song, which was highly applauded. Bro. Taylor, P.M., the highly respected Chaplain of the lodge, gave "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Field responded in his character of Steward, and in a most feeling and impressive manner, calling upon the brethren present to exert themselves to the utmost to sustain those who, less fortunate than themselves, needed the kindly assistance and support of all such as could lend them a helping hand. Bro. McFaden, S.W., gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Prince, Hogg, and Lamb, severally responded. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Darby," as the oldest member of the lodge, who acknowledged the compliment by expressing the very great pleasure it afforded him, at his advanced age, in still being able to come amongst his highly esteemed brethren. The I.P.M. then called upon all present to drink "The Health of Bro. Fisher, P.M.," the very efficient and painstaking Secretary, and warmly thanking him for his valuable and untiring exertions on behalf of the Royal Lodge. Bro. Fisher briefly, but forcibly replied, expressing the pleasure he always felt in doing everything within his power to promote the interests and welfare of his mother lodge. The next toast proposed by the W.M. was that of "Bro. Woodale, P.M.," who was to have acted as Installing Master, but was prevented doing so by the death of his father, the highly respected banker of Scarbro', and upon the deceased gentleman the W.M. pronounced a high and deserved eulogium. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. Shaw, Organist of Old Globe, 200, and Bro. Dixon, of Leopold, 1760, greatly promoted the pleasure of the evening by their admirable rendering of solos and concerted pieces, each receiving an encore and the warmest thanks and applause of all the brethren. This very joyous and harmonious meeting was then brought to a close, amidst the heartfelt expressions of nearly fifty brethren who were present, that they might all meet again at the next anniversary in the same spirit of fraternal amity as now united them. The W.M. elect must have been highly gratified with the support accorded him by representatives from lodges situated in distant parts of the kingdom, and by the full attendance of Masons from the immediate neighbourhood, and a gratifying fact was also announced by the Treasurer, that the lodge, in the face of every outward depression, was in a flourishing financial condition. The W.M. appointed as his officers:—Bros. J. McFaden, S.W.; V. Fowler, J.W.; R. M. Taylor, P.M., Chap.; W. G. Long, P.M., Treas.; W. Fisher, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. Land, S.D.; T. M. Lee, J.D.; W. Budd, P.M., E. Wesfield, Stewards; W. Cranswick, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Tuesday, February 11th, at the Masonic Hall, St Alban's-street, Bro. W. V. Brown, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, Bros. Fleck, S.W.; Cantrell, J.W.; J. S. Barton, S.D.; Manley, J.D.; R. G. Barton, I.G., and Past Masters Tolley, P.P.G.D.; Captain Cutler, P.P.G.J.W.; Grisbrook, P.P.G.D.; Bingham, P.P.G.D.; Powell and Nixon, together with Whitehouse, Treas., and P.P.G.S. of W.; Ralph Thorowgood, and others. The visitors were, Bros. Wilson, P.M. 209; Ashby, 162; Roberts, W.M. 209; R. C. Hallows, 33; W. Seward, jun., 1612; Wheeler, P.M.; Norman, P.M. G. Stewards' Lodge; Smith, 152; Glover, 100, 305, 574, P.P.G.O. The ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Wm. Brown Holderness as a joining member, and for Mr. F. B. Kitto as a candidate for initiation. Both proved to be unanimous, and the latter gentleman was duly admitted. Bros. Vogel and Spooner were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies being most

ably carried out by the W.M. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Fleck, which was most impressively done by Bro. Tolley, P.M., assisted by Bro. Powell. The officers invested were, Bros. Cantrell, S.W.; J. S. Barton, J.W.; Whitehouse, Treas.; J. S. Tolley, P.M., Sec.; Manley, S.D.; R. G. Barton, J.D.; John Goddard, I.G.; W. H. Powell, D.C.; Hannis, A.D.C.; Ashby, Willett, and Seymour, Stewards. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he carried out his duties during his year of office, which has been signalled by the re-decoration, at a cost of nearly a hundred pounds, of the beautiful little hall which belongs to this lodge, of which its members are so justly proud. One great improvement effected is the introduction of a centre sun light (with the letter "G" pendant), the light from which falling upon the newly decorated walls is most effective, while over the stalls, with which the hall is seated, the names of the Past Masters of the lodge since its formation have been inserted, leaving space for additions to be made for twenty years to come. The whole cost has been raised by the private subscriptions of the members and a few friends, together with a contribution from the Etonian Lodge, which meets in the same building. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Brown for his exertions in the matter, nor should the name of the indefatigable and deservedly popular Secretary, Bro. Tolley, be omitted. The banquet was held at that well-known hotel, the Castle, where a most sumptuous banquet was put upon the table by Bro. Kemsley, the excellent fare, wines, and particularly the waiting, giving the greatest satisfaction. Afterwards the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with music, under the direction of Bro. Tolley, by Bro. Thornton, of St. Paul's, Smith, Eton College, Tolley and Thorpe Briggs, St. George's Chapel, while Bros. Glover and Kemsley contributed to the harmony of the evening, the former singing, by special desire, his Masonic song, "Woman, Dear Woman."

KNUTSFORD.—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist of this flourishing lodge was held in their splendid lodge-room, at the Royal George Hotel, on Monday 10th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing year. Besides a large attendance of the brethren of De Tabley Lodge, including the R.W.P.G.M. Lord De Tabley, there were present, Bros. Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M., P.G.C.; Rev. N. Tanner, P.P.G.C.; J. Siddeley, P.M., Scamford; J. H. Evans, W.M. Earle of Chester Lodge; H. Bratt, Lodge of Sincerity; J. F. Smith, W.M. 1009; G. Fairhurst, J. Weston, J. Jackson, Bro. W. Leigh, S.W. having been unanimously elected was duly installed and invested. Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M., was the Installing Master, and was highly congratulated by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, and the brethren for the efficient and impressive manner in which he performed that duty. The Worshipful Master then appointed the following officers:—Bros. W. Nicholls, P.M., I.P.M.; D. Kinsey, S.W.; W. Taberer, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.M., P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Siddeley, P.M., P.P.J.D., Treasurer and Secretary; C. Sherwin, S.D.; J. Partington, J.D.; A. M. Palmer, I.G.; J. Tuis, Organist; M. Alcock, Tyler; W. Fair, P.M.; J. B. Cutter, P.M.; J. Hodgkinson, P.M.; A. Noakes, Stewards. The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Caldecutt, which reflected the highest credit upon her capability for catering upon such occasions. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with all the Masonic honours, and some excellent speeches were given upon the beauties of Masonry and its Charities. Bro. Farr, P.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Lord De Tabley," in a most feeling and interesting speech, giving a full account of the position the province stood with reference to our Masonic Charities, and the progress that had been made since his lordship had held the government of the Province of Cheshire. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm and applause, with all Masonic honours. The R.W.P.G.M. Lord De Tabley responded to the toast in a most eloquent and feeling speech, advocating the cause of the Masonic Charities at great length. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, in rising to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge" said, "Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest pleasure to be here to-day, and visit the lodge which does me the honour to bear my name; and being the first Worshipful Master of the lodge, I have always felt a deep interest in its working and prosperity, and am very glad to find it stands in so good a position with regard to our Masonic Charities, and earnestly hope the lodge will never lose sight of those noble Institutions, the pride of our Order, and the glory of our land; it therefore affords me great pleasure to propose "The Health of Bro. Leigh, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge." To me it is the greatest satisfaction to see such a good attendance of the brethren, such excellent working, and the efficient and impressive manner in which the Installing Master, Bro. J. Nicholls has performed that duty to-day is worthy of imitation, and gives credit to the lodge. I hope you will follow the example set you to-day, and at the end of your year of office be able to take the position he now occupies. I also trust you will have a pleasant and prosperous year of office, and that the peace and harmony of the lodge will in no way be disturbed, but will be more closely cemented by fraternal friendship and brotherhood. Bro. Leigh having responded in suitable and feeling terms for the honour, the R.W.P.G.M., Lord De Tabley, had done him in proposing his health, and the brethren for having placed him in the proud position of Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge, assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the dignity and lustre of the lodge, and hand it down as pure and unadulterated to his successor as he had received it. Bro. Siddeley, P.M.,

1045, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" said, "Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be present upon this occasion, and have the honour of proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Nicholls." The able manner in which he has performed that duty, and gone through the ceremony to-day, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the lodge, and is worthy of your imitation, and I hope you will all follow, and take him as a pattern for your future progress. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm and Masonic honours. Bro. Nicholls returned thanks in a suitable and feeling speech, assuring them it was for the love he had for the Craft which he had deeply at heart, that he worked to promote its best interests, and maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge to which he had the honour to belong, and so long as it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to give him health and strength, he should continue to do so, and his best services would be always at their command. A most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental harmony, by Bros. Young, Pearson, Burgess, and Fairhurst.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The installation festival of this lodge, postponed from the previous monthly meeting, on account of a serious accident to the W.M. elect, was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst. The lodge has recently removed to its old quarters at the Keswick Hotel, which is a decided improvement on the cheerless, uncomfortable, and utterly unsuitable nature of the previous quarters at the County Court Rooms, whatever sceptics may say to the contrary. Without for a moment attempting to bolster up the practice of lodges holding their meetings in hotels, in this instance it was a matter of choosing the lesser of two evils, for we are thoroughly convinced that, had the late-lodge premises been keenly inspected by some high authority, they would at once have condemned the building on Masonic structural grounds. Greta Lodge, we may add, although, for the first few years of its existence, a flourishing concern, has latterly fallen into decay; but it is to be hoped that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon Masonry in the "capital of the lakes;" indeed, there is now every indication that such will soon be a *fait accompli*. To revert to the business of Monday, the members were summoned for five o'clock, but, although there was an initiation on the summons, it was half an hour ere the lodge was opened. The members present were:—Bros. William Lamonby, W.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Hinks, W.M. elect; D. Pape, S.W.; Jos. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; Jon. Scott, S.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org.; W. Gaspey, D.C.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; C. Thompson, Tyler; J. Wales, F. Jackson, W. Thornton, J. Rushford, T. Usher, D. Crowden, and A. Pettit. The visitors were:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M., 119 Whitehaven, and 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmorland; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Secretary; J. C. Hunter, P.M., 962, Workington, and 1225; R. Hooker, P.M., 1225; J. Huartson, P.M. and Treas., 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; J. T. McIntosh, 1225, and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*). Bro. Hinks, the W.M. elect, it should be stated, attended the meeting under very disadvantageous circumstances, he having pluckily travelled all the way from Barrow-in-Furness, a complete cripple, the result of the accident before noted. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, including alteration of the date of meeting from the Monday before full moon till the first Tuesday in each month, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, was invited to take the chair, when Mr. James Coward, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and regularly initiated into Masonry. The initiate having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cook, P.M. 119 and 1225, assumed the presiding officer's position, and performed the whole ceremony of installation, inclusive of the investiture of the officers and charges, with a correct and rhetorical ability scarcely to be excelled anywhere. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. W. Lamonby, I.P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; D. Crowden, J.W.; J. Barrow, Treasurer; (re-elected); J. Wales, Sec.; W. Hodgson, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org. (re-appointed); J. Rushford, I.G.; T. Usher, D.C.; C. Thompson, Tyler (re-elected). On the proclamations being put from the chair, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master for his kindness in coming so far, and the elaborate manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also given to the Provincial Grand Secretary for his presence on the occasion. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 having been elected an honorary member of Greta Lodge, in recognition of his willingness at all times to assist in the work of the lodge, hearty good wishes were tendered from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in form. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, which was duly discussed, and an hour and a half was spent in toast and song, the proceedings, however, coming to an abrupt conclusion at ten o'clock, when the programme was little more than half through, in consequence of the discovery that the hotel, being situated to the north of the River Greta, and therefore out of the boundary of Keswick, must be closed at that early hour. The idea of an extension for an hour or two, it seems, had never entered the minds of the lodge committee, and unfortunately no justice of the peace was of the party, else he might have been prevailed on to hold a special licensing session. It was with deep regret, therefore, that the happy party were forced to separate in the very midst of their harmony and conviviality.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A very distinguished gathering of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 5th

inst., the occasion being the anniversary meeting of the above lodge, and the installation of its W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by Bro. George Pipes, P.G.O., the retiring Master. Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Derbyshire, subsequently assumed the chair, and then Bro. Joseph Heathcote, S.W., was presented by two Past Masters Bros. S. Pipes, P.P.S.D., and J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was thereupon proceeded with by Bro. Bobart. It was most efficiently and impressively performed, and called forth high encomiums. The newly installed Master invested Bro. G. Pipes, the I.P.M.; Bro. Bobart, the Treasurer; and his officers as follows:—Bros. W. B. Hextall, S.W.; J. O. Manton, J.W.; W. Butterfield, Sec.; J. E. Russell, S.D.; C. D. Hart, J.D.; J. Parkins, M. of C.; J. Pakeman, I.G.; and G. Johnson and J. Lane, Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, was afterwards presented to Bro. G. Pipes, in recognition of his very able Mastership during the past twelve months, and was suitably acknowledged by him. There was also an amount of ten guineas voted from the lodge funds to the Masonic Charity for Girls. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. At an early stage of the evening the W.M. was compelled to retire, owing to indisposition; the toast of the evening, that to the W.M., therefore, was robbed somewhat of its interest; nevertheless the W.M. was very highly spoken of, and his work in the subordinate positions in the Craft was very favourably commented upon. The toast to "The Visitors" was the next in interest, and showed that the Hartington Lodge heartily welcomed members of other lodges, and that its welcome was fully appreciated. Next, perhaps, stands the toast to "The Officers of the Lodge." In the selection of the S. and J.W.'s. it was confidently anticipated that the chair of the lodge would not lack a suitable occupant at least for some time to come, and as regards the other officers, their work hitherto proved that much might yet be looked for amongst them. Our space is too limited to give the names of all those present, and it is a difficult matter to make a selection from such a large assembly of Masons of high rank. However we give a few names:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. Taylor, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Marsden, P.M.; and F. Campion, P.M.; all of whom are also P.P.S.G.W.'s. of the province, E. R. Ward, W.M. 253; T. C. Hammond, P.M. 253; G. Small, P.M. 787; and W. Merry, P.M. 1179; Bro. Stone, the Tyler was almost overlooked in our report, but such a deserving officer and such a well informed Mason, is at all times prominent, and as it happens be very suitably "tyles" this report.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present, viz: Bros. T. B. Fairclough, W.M.; J. T. Barras, S.W.; John Crowther, J.W.; John Walmsley, P.M., Treas. as S.D.; Jas. Barker, Secretary; J. Kenworthy, I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; and J. Wainwright, P.M. John Barker, P.M.; Thomas Lang, P.M.; A. A. Stott, P.M.; and J. F. Crowther, P.J.W. The lodge was opened; in due form in the First and Second Degrees, when Bro. R. Lister, F.C. now entered the lodge, and having answered the usual test questions, was entrusted and retired. The W.M. now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.Z., &c., who opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Lister to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive and solemn manner. The chair was again resumed by the W.M., and the lodge closed to the First Degree, when a most valuable and interesting present was made to the lodge by Bro. J. Wainwright, P.M., namely a piece of stone, originally forming part of one of the pillars of King Solomon's temple. This stone was obtained by our Bro. Wainwright himself on his recent visit to Jerusalem, and has been now given to the lodge, the members of which will long think of the giver with the most kindly feelings. It is scarcely necessary to say that a hearty vote of thanks was given to our worthy brother for his present, which was duly acknowledged by him. A candidate having been proposed the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, in ancient form.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—A meeting of this young but successful lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on the 1st inst., when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was an excellent attendance of the brethren, comprising the following:—Bros. J. R. Nichols, W.M.; W. Dunham, P.M.; John Mason, S.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; J. Elliott, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Pearson, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.D.; Rev. J. Jackson Wray, Prov. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, Chaplain; F. Jacob, J.D.; W. H. Goodall, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler, and the following brethren:—Bros. J. Harris, G. R. Nichols, H. Randle, J. Dixon, C. T. Green, F. A. Pemberton, T. D. Dutton, E. W. Winter, W. W. Elliott, J. Fletcher, J. Davie, C. R. Schmidt, J. W. Bellamy, R. C. Smith, F. Wadson, G. T. Church, and R. A. Fraser. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Fischel, 1381, and E. E. Crombie, 1623. This was the first regular meeting of the lodge since the installation of the popular W.M., and it amply confirmed the wisdom of the appointment. Bro. Nichols performed the whole of his duties to the gratification of every one present, raising Bros. Schmidt and Church, passing Bro. Fraser, and initiating Bro. William Dormer in an excellent manner. The Worshipful Bro. John Mason, by consent of the W.M., made an eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, which met with a hearty response. The duties being concluded, the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the viands were all of the usual excellence, leaving nothing to be desired in the matter of either quantity or quality. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity, that

of "The P.G. Officers" being acknowledged by the Chaplain and Bro. John Mason. "The Health of the W.M.," proposed by the Treasurer, was received with acclamation, and acknowledged in brief but well chosen remarks. Bro. Goodall responded for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an evening which, miserable without, was distinguished by that feeling of good fellowship and brotherly love which is the distinguishing mark of our Craft in general and of the Elliot Lodge in particular.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; W. Hanly, W.M. (Military Lodge 4th Dragoon Guards); and many other officers and brethren. The business consisted of a ballot for a candidate, and the passing of Bro. York to the Second Degree. The W.M. announced that Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., would be unable to attend the Benevolent Festival in London that week as he had fully intended, since he was suffering from very severe illness, but that he himself and Bro. A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C., hoped both to be present and would take up a list of about £40. This was very encouraging for so young a lodge. Great sympathy was expressed for Bro. T. Cooper, who is universally respected as one of the finest old Masons that York has produced, and the father of the Eboracum Lodge.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This very prosperous young lodge met in great strength, (it being election night) on the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel. The lodge was opened punctually at 6 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c. There were present also, besides others, Bros. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespiigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. of Middx., Chaplain and J.W.; Smith, W.M. 201, acting I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512, Sec.; B. R. Ashton, S.D.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., W.M. elect 1381, I.G. (Freemason); Forge, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with his customary ability raised Bros. Emms and Drummond. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. Heinrich Gerhold, and having been declared unanimous, that gentleman together with a Mr. Henry Ellis, jun., (already balloted for), was initiated into the Order. The ceremony being well performed. The next business on the agenda was to consider a notice of motion by Bro. Walls, "That the day of meeting be the second instead of the first Monday in the months of February, March, November, and December." This motion having been supported by the Chaplain, Secretary, and other officers, was put to the meeting as a resolution and unanimously carried. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously, with the exception of one vote, in favour of Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, who briefly returned thanks. The election of Treasurer and Tyler fell unanimously upon Bros. Nutball and Gilbert. Upon the motion of Bros. Hurst and the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, a jewel of the value of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. for his able services in the chair during a period of two years. The W.M. having in a few well chosen sentences thanked the brethren for this mark of their esteem and confidence, proceeded to close the lodge. This ceremony having been duly performed, the brethren adjourned to a very substantial collation, ably catered for by Bro. Andrews. In consequence of the extreme lateness of the hour the toasts were necessarily curtailed and but briefly responded to. The installation meeting will take place on the second Monday in the ensuing month.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when the following were the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; A. N. Newens, S.W.; A. B. Walker, J.W.; W. J. Huntley, S.D.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; F. W. Wardroper, I.G.; J. Frost, Sec.; S. C. Landon, D.C.; S. Steed, Tyler; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; J. G. Kewney, P.M.; and Bros. R. Walker, John Stirk, George Fortescue, and A. A. Denham (Mid-Surrey Standard). The visitors were:—Bro. C. Digby (the newly-installed W.M. of the Doric, 933), and Bro. W. S. Stewart (of the Strong Man Lodge, 45), who wore the centenary medal. The lodge being duly opened, the W.M., very impressively initiated Mr. Thomas Arnison, Truro-villa, Wimbledon, and Mr. W. T. Bell, of New Wandsworth. The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect two Past Masters as trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and, after some discussion, Bros. Carter and Boddy, were unanimously chosen. The lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made to the banquet room. The W.M., upon the cloth being removed, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with his usual felicity. Bro. Digby in reply to "The Visitors," referred to a remark from the W.M. that brethren were always welcomed at the 1044. He (Bro. Digby) had heard of "knife and fork" Masons, but he thought that, as the ruling principle of Freemasonry was charity, that more attention to the charities, and less to the Fourth Degree (laughter) would be better. Bro. Stewart also humbly replied, and said that in his lodge the brethren were induced to forego a banquet so as to subscribe more to the charities. He thought such a sacrifice—one of the stomach—was deserving all praise (laughter). The other usual toasts having been given, the Tyler's brought the evening's meeting to a close.

METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Harp Hotel, Jermyn-street. Present:—Bros. J.

Mander, W.M.; Copeland, S.W.; Smallpicer, J.W.; E. Baber, Sec.; Tredwell, S.D.; and others. The ceremony of advancement was ably worked by the W.M. This Lodge of Instruction meets now every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—A largely attended convocation of this chapter assembled on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, to witness the ceremony of installation by Comp. W. Stephens, who occupied the First Principal's chair, Comp. Clarke, Prov. G.D. of Cer. Suffolk, the chair of H., and Comp. Wood, Z. of the Vane Chapter, the chair of J. Amongst the visitors were Comps. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. of the Grand Lodge of England; the Rev. C. W. Hill, P.G.C. of Kent; Spencer Compton, Prov. G.H., Surrey; G. E. Wainwright, P.Z. 372; Lindus, P.Z. Vane Chap., and many other Companions of distinction. After the installations of the three Principals had been most solemnly performed; the chairs were occupied by Comps. Clarke as Z.; Brown as H.; and Stephens as J.; Walker, Scribe N.; and Wyer, P. Suj.; Massa acting as candidate. The ceremony was most impressively rendered, and much appreciated by the visitors, who expressed their admiration in unmeasured terms of the excellent working of the Chapter of Improvement, after which all were admitted members, and the nominal joining fee paid. A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. W. Stephens for performing the ceremony of installation, many Companions having travelled a long distance to witness it, to which he briefly replied, thanking the Companions, and offering his humble services on any other occasion. This chapter of improvement is generally well attended, and any Companion seeking a knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree will be well repaid by a visit. Comp. Gompertz was elected Z. for the next term, Wyer H., and Lawrence J. We regret the absence by illness of Comp. T. W. White the Scribe E., who is at all times most indefatigable in his exertions for the good of the Royal Arch Degree.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present:—Comps. P. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H.; J. Mander, J.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Elsam, I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, S.N.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Moss, P.S.; Stewart, 1st. Asst. S.; Davis, and Asst. S.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Loewenstark, P.Z.; Whitey, Gispert, Pratt, Ellborn, J. Hurst, and Longstaffe, acting Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. in consequence of the candidate for exaltation not being present, ably worked a portion of the ceremony. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted in each case unanimously in favour of Comps. Robinson, M.E.Z.; Manour, H.; Walls, J.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; Moss, S.N.; and Stewart, P.S. The election of Janitor was postponed. A jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. There being no other business before the convocation, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Best, and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the First Principal gave the customary Royal Arch toasts which were duly honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was warmly proposed by the I.P.Z. who spoke in high terms of the Masonic abilities of Bro. Wagner. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the M.E.Z., briefly responded by thanking the companions for the support that they had given him during his year of office. He was sorry that he had no candidates for exaltation, but notwithstanding that misfortune, his term had not been altogether profitless, for they had "worked" the ceremony on more than one occasion. He hoped that his successor would have better fortune, because without the introduction of fresh blood into the chapter, it would necessarily in a few years assume but very small proportions. In conclusion, he heartily thanked them for having voted him a Past Principal's jewel which mark of their esteem he should ever regard as a most interesting souvenir of his year of office, and he hoped to be spared many years to come among them in the character of a Past Principal. "The Health of the M.E.Z. Elect," and "The Past Principals," followed, and these toasts having been drank were briefly acknowledged by Comps. Robinson, and Elsam. The First Principal then proposed, in very flattering terms, "The Health of the Officers," which was responded to by all the companions thus honoured, with the exception of Comp. Stewart who had left. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty the companions adjourned at an early hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Chapter (No. 594).—The first ordinary meeting of this chapter after consecration, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was attended by an amount of success which gives good token of future prosperity. The attendance was good, and the working of the chapter was such as must have astonished every one. The First Principal was particularly impressive and efficient, and the other Principals and chief officers vied with each other in maintaining the excellence thus displayed by the M.E.Z. The chapter was opened in prompt time, amongst those present being Comps. R. P. France, M.E.Z.; John Hayes, H.; J. L. Houghton, J.; J. Whitfield, S.E.; F. Barnett, P.S.; Wynne Parry, R. Williams, T. Lillocock, John Pyc. The visitors were:—Comps. B. B. Marson, P.P.G. Soj.; A. D. Heskith, T. Williams, John Stockes, A. Woolrich, and Joseph Wood (Freemason.) There were ten candidates exalted, eight of whom belonged to the Downshire Lodge, viz., Bros. James Montgomery, Richard Maddox, Thos.

Boswell, Wm. Evans, W. Peacock, Jonah Milner, W. Larker, and W. H. Vevers; one (Bro. W. Evans), to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge; and one (Bro. J. Waller), to the Mariners Lodge. As we have said already the work was splendidly performed, and Comp. F. Barnett, who was only exalted at the previous meeting, merits honourable mention for his P.S. work, in which he was assisted by Comp. B. B. Marson. The companions subsequently supped, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, on the 12th inst. Present, Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; J. Willing, jun. H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I. C.); Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; E. Judd, Prin. Soj.; A. Lucking, I.P.Z.; Rev. A. F. Heaton, Visitor, Comp. A. J. Ireton, Mount Lebanon, 73. There being no candidates for exaltation, the companions proceeded to the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz.:—Comp. J. Willing, jun. Z.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, H.; W. Pissey, J.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treasurer; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E. (re-elected); E. Judd, Scribe N.; J. R. Hemmann, Prin. Soj. Some candidates having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The annual installation of Principals in connection with this highly prosperous chapter took place recently at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a very large and highly influential gathering, which included Comps. R. Brown, Z.; Joseph Bell, P.Z.; B. B. Marson, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; J. A. Edginton, H.; W. J. Chapman, J.; A. Heaketh, Scribe E.; Jno. L. Houghton, Scribe N.; Lindo Courtenay, P.S.; E. Paul, Asst. S.; Peter Lassen, Janitor; Alfred Woolrich, Treas.; James Keet, S. Nickson, James Cotes, Thos. D. Dutton, F. Horne, Edward George, R. F. Milton, H. P. Squire, J. W. Williams, R. W. Barnes, G. Maxwell, T. Holden, H. Pritchard, J. M. Askey, R. Burnett, A. Martin, L. H. Pryce, Sandbrook, and T. B. Myers. The visitors were Comps. F. Barnett, P.S. 594; R. P. Francer, Z. 594; John Hayes, H. 594; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z. 1094; Thos. Salter, S.E. 241; Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*). Comp. B. B. Marson, P.P.G.A.S., most impressively installed Comp. J. A. Edginton as M.E.Z.; W. J. Chapman as H.; and Lindo Courtenay as J. The other appointments and investitures were Comps. Robt. Marin, jun., P.S.; A. D. Hesketh, S.E.; F. G. Dutton, S.N.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; and P. Larsen, Janitor. A special and cordial vote of thanks was given to Comp. B. B. Marson for the faultless manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The following candidates were elected and exalted:—Bro. G. Lewis, 1356; A. Hemming, 1319; C. Courtenay, 1609; T. Davies, and E. H. Thomson, 1609; and R. Barnes, 1609. Two joining companions were also elected. The chapter having been closed, the companions, to the number of forty-eight, adjourned to the old lodge room, where a most excellent dinner was provided by the House Steward. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the M.E.Z., Comp. Edginton, returned thanks for the chiefs and himself to Comp. Brown, for the kind manner in which he had submitted their healths to the companions, and after expressing a desire to do their best for the happiness and prosperity of all, proposed the next toast. He called on the companions to join with him in the pleasure of drinking "The Health of the J.P.Z.," remarking that his efficient rendering of the ceremonies had proved his great ability as a Royal Arch Mason, whilst his inimitable mirth and wit had greatly increased their social enjoyment, expressing how highly he prized the opportunity of presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, which the companions trusted he would accept as a slight token of their esteem and regard. Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the toast, stated that it had been his good fortune to form many warm friendships in the chapter, and he hoped to increase their number on those future occasions which he should have great pleasure in attending. The Z. then gave "The Health of the Past Chiefs," reminding the members that their great success was principally owing to the exertions made by their predecessors, and coupled with it the name of the Installing Principal. Comp. Marson, acknowledging the tribute paid to past service, stated that it was always a pleasure for them to be present to do what they could to further the interests of the De Grey and Ripon Chapter, as each meeting seemed happier than the preceding one, and in their minds nothing but pleasing memories of its past could remain. Comp. Bell also remarked that it would be a happy privilege to place their future services at the disposal of the chapter should occasion require it. "The Newly-Exalted Companions" were ably represented by Comp. Barnes, whilst Comps. Dr. Johnston, D. Bennett, and France, Z. of the Downshire Chapter, responded, in eloquent terms, for "The Visitors," and Comps. Chapman, Brown, Woolrich, Myers, and others, contributed in a marked degree to the musical enjoyment of the evening.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following were present:—Bro. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (*Freemason*); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M., as M.O. and Chaplain; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; H. Peacock, S.D.; F. Jackson, Steward, as J.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Brash, of

Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, having been previously balloted for, was admitted, and duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to six brethren, after which Bro. W. Paisley, Steward Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1003, was proposed as a candidate for advancement. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite:

TRURO.—Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix.—At the annual meeting of the above chapter, the following officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested:—Bro. Edward Dixon Anderton, M.W.S.; Nicholas James West, C.E., P.M.W.S.; Chas. Truscott, jun., H. P. and Recorder; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 1st G.; Dr. William Mason, and G.; Alfred Luke, Treas. and R.; William Lidgley, G.M.; Thomas Hicks, C. of G.; Dr. R. E. Stephens, C.; John Hocking, jun., Almoner; Richard Carter, Org.; P. F. Simcoe, D.C.; W. D. Rogers, 1st H.; William Rooks, Sentinel.

Obituary.

BRO. J. S. CUTHBERT, S.W., 823, 1576.
After an illness of considerable duration, Bro. James Stuart Cuthbert, S.W., of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, and who held a similar position in the Dee Lodge, No. 1576, meeting at Parkgate, Cheshire, expired at No. 2, Priory-road, Liverpool, on the 5th inst., greatly regretted by the numerous circle of brethren to whom he was well known, and by whom he was very highly respected, by reason of his genuine Masonic character, his amiable disposition, and his generous nature. His body was interred in Anfield Cemetery, on Saturday morning, the 8th inst., and the large attendance of brethren clearly demonstrated the general esteem in which he was held by the brethren of his own and other lodges. The Everton Lodge, in which Bro. Cuthbert had served every office until reaching the S.W.'s chair, was represented by Bros. Henry Ashmore, W.M.; John Houlding, I.P.M. (Chairman of the West Derby Board of Guardians), Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M.; William Wilson, P.M.; Thomas Shaw, P.M.; J. Boyle, Secretary; J. Beesley, J.D.; Brassey, I.G.; R. Webster, S.S.; Galley, J.S.; J. Jacobs; D. Callow; T. Bloomfield; and Micalle. The Dee Lodge was represented by Bros. T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire), P.M.; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; A. Richardson; W. Jones, Secretary; W. Foster; and D. Davies; and amongst others present were Bros. J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; W. O. Jones, J.W. 292; and J. Jenaway, 2496. At the conclusion of the funeral services, the assembled brethren threw sprigs of acacia into the grave, and many took a last look into the resting place of a worthy brother with tearful eyes.

BRO. JOSEPH FRANCIS.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Joseph Francis, which took place on Jan. 12th, at his residence, 101, East-street, Kingston, Jamaica. The time was when the deceased held his place among the first of our mercantile men in the fancy and general dry goods line, but the lapsing of a policy of insurance and the occurrence of a devastating fire a few days thereafter, ere the policy had been renewed, cast him into deep and ever since continued difficulties; from that time his life had been a series of perplexities, nevertheless, throughout his difficulties he never lost sight of that gentlemanly and urbane deportment towards those with whom he was brought into association, which was always a marked characteristic of his life. In his hey-day he was ever charitable and kind to the poor, gaining at all times the esteem of a large circle of friends who amidst weal or woe ever entertained the kindest sentiments for him, and who now unite in regretting the demise of one whom they had learnt to regard as a truly honest and worthy man. Bro. Francis belonged to the Craft, and was among its leading and most respected members. By them his loss will be deeply deplored, and with them we unite in tendering to his bereaved wife and children our earnest condolences.

DEATH OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

We regret having to record the death, at the advanced age of eighty, of the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, Bro. the Rev. J. Bowles, D.D., Vicar of Staunton Lacey, Salop. The deceased gentleman was the oldest Provincial Grand Master but one, having held the appointment since June, 1848. The younger brethren of the Province had not the opportunity of his acquaintance, the rev. gentleman for some few years past being able to devote but little time to the duties of his office owing to failing health, but by the elder members he was held in the greatest respect.

The principal work of his parish has also been for the same reason for several years entrusted to a curate.

In the parish of Staunton Lacey the deceased gentleman was highly esteemed and beloved, and the poor will miss a good friend.

The Rev. Joseph Bowles, D.D., was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, and graduated B.A. in 1835 and M.A. in the year following. He was ordained deacon in the same year, 1836, and priest in 1837, by the Bishop of Lincoln; was domestic chaplain to the Duchess of Inverness and Rector of Stoke, Oxford, 1837 and 1838. He was appointed incumbent to the Donative of Sanford, Oxon, in the latter end of 1838, and in the same year was elected Chaplain to His Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex. He was rector of Woodstock, Oxford, from 1841 to 1847, in which latter year he accepted the living of Staunton Lacey, Salop, which he has held from that date until his demise. The living of Staunton is of the gross value of £564 and vicarage, and is in the gift of Lord Windsor, who has just attained his majority.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence and quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President, Joshua Nunn, sen., Vice-President, and James Brett, jun., Vice-President, during the early part of the evening. Afterwards Bro. Joshua Nunn took the President's chair, and Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., the Senior Vice-President's chair. The other brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, A. J. Duff Filer, P.G. Swd.B.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., Deputy Master No. 2; C. Cottebrune, P.G.P., R. H. Giddy, District Grand Master, Griqualand; W. Mann, W. T. Howe, G.P., P.M. 186, E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; H. Bartlett, P.M. 147; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; W. T. Christian, P.M. 1662; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; H. T. T. Ross, G. Waterman, Samuel G. Hunt, C. S. Taylor, John G. Stevens, E. Branbridge, W. Keene, S. W. Braine, E. G. Legge, G. L. Moore, A. M. Cohen, John Palmer, S. J. Herapath, G. P. Britten, J. H. Leggett, W. Chick, Fredk. Moman, C. Buckhurst, A. Withers, W. Stead, J. Freeman, H. Young, Walter Mitchell, F. F. Johnson, John Dixon, J. Dawn, E. Squirrel, T. Cochran, J. F. Rowe, B. Peacey, E. E. Pottle, E. Farwig, James Smith, B. H. Swallow, H. G. Heald, R. G. Tolmie, John Holden, W. Meadway, W. Allen, John Coe, F. W. Smith, A. B. Baker, John Avery, J. A. Hudson, J. H. Southwood, C. R. Cutmore, Wm. Stephens, George Read, H. King, S. H. Parkhouse, A. Beygram, C. R. McKay, George W. West, Elias Somers, Thos. Edmonston, W. C. Parsons, W. Smallpeice, C. B. Payne, G.T., and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren, after the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge had been read, first confirmed grants made at the last meeting to the amount of £580. There were thirty new cases on the list, twenty-seven of which were relieved with a total amount of £542, two taking £75 each (£150), four £30 (£120), one £25 (£25), four £20 (£80), five £15 (£75), eight £10 (£80), two £5 (£10), and one £2 (£2).

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

No more pleasant festive gathering could possibly be found than that which has taken place for several years as part of the arrangements of the principals of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The lodge, during its existence, has deservedly secured a prominent place in the estimation of the fraternity in South-west Lancashire, and, as the annual merry meeting is held for the purpose of giving aid to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, it invariably secures a large share of patronage. The fourth annual ball, held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., was again eminently successful. There was an attendance of about 150 brethren and ladies, and, as all the arrangements were of a complete and satisfactory kind, the festive gathering assumed the feature of a happy family party. Bro. S. Schonstadt, W.M., was present, and amongst the other principals of the lodge were Bros. R. Robinson, P.G. Registrar, P.M.; A. Jones, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; M. Hart, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, J.W.; S. J. Henochsberg, Sec.; M. Aronsberg, S.D.; and M. P. Tieski, J.D. The W.M. was the Chairman of the Ball Committee, and the other officers were Bros. A. Lyons, Hon. Treas.; H. M. Silver, Hon. Sec.; A. J. Henochsberg and H. A. Tobias, Captains of the Stewards; and S. J. Henochsberg and A. Hart, P.M. 724, efficient Masters of Ceremonies. During the evening an excellent supper was served, under the direction of Bro. Ludlow, manager of the hotel, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by all who were present at the "Israel" ball.

FATHER SUFFIELD AND THE FREEMASONS.

Father Suffield has made the *amende honorable*. Some ten or twelve years ago he was at West Hartlepool, a Dominican friar, founding, as he says, the Roman Catholic cause in that place, when he took occasion in a lecture to denounce Freemasonry as "bad, atheistic, and revolutionary." He was warmly brought to book by Bro. Emra Holmes and Bro. G. M. Tweddell, enthusiastic brethren of "the mystic tie;" but you may bring a horse to the water and not succeed in making it drink. The Rev. Father read the letters in the *Mercury*, but did not recant. He has done so now. The opportunity having been furnished by a reference to the correspondence in a "Masonic Memoir" of Bro. Emra Holmes, prefixed to his book just published, Mr. Suffield, now no longer a "Father," writes that when he denounced Freemasonry he did so upon an authority—the authority of the Pope—then believed by him to be "overruled by Providence," but which he has since discovered to be "an unrighteous assumption over God and man." Acting as "a freed man and an Englishman," his earnest wish has been to seek admission into a society promulgating the very principles he holds—"the worship of God and the service of man;" and has only been deterred from gratifying the wish by circumstances over which he has had no control. Dating from Oak Hill House, Broomhill, Sheffield, January 23rd, and addressing Bro. G. M. Tweddell, he desires it to be distinctly understood that, though not a Freemason in fact, he is in spirit.

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A CRUSADER.—Many thanks.

ERRATA.—In our edition of the 15th inst., referring to "Legacies to Freemasonry," the name should have been Frederick Thomas Mothersill, of Marsden-street, Manchester, and not Frederick Thomas Wethersill, of Mansion-street, Manchester.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"The Western Daily Mercury," "Kelet Orient," "Broad Arrow," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Touchstone," "The Alliance," "The Scottish Freemason," "Citizen," "The Masonic Eclectic," "The Advocate," "Bundes Presse," "Our Home," "Masonic Advocate," "Insurance Journal," "Australian Freemason," "Jersey Express," "Risorgimento," "Grand Lodge Records, Connecticut; Ninety-first Annual Report, Vol. X., No. 1."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

KENSINGTON.—On the 14th inst., at 69, Grosvenor Square, S.W., Lady Kensington, of a daughter.

SAVAGE.—At Aubrey Street, Everton, Liverpool, on the 7th inst., the wife of Bro. Savage, jun., S.S. of the Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609), of a son.

DEATHS.

BOWLES.—On the 8th inst., at Staunton Lacey, Salop, the Rev. Joseph Bowles, D.D., Grand Master of Herefordshire, aged 80.

DALE.—On the 13th inst., at Spring Bank, Lancaster, Martha, the wife of Francis G. Dale, I.P.M. 1353.

FRANCIS.—On the 12th ult. at Kingston, Jamaica, Joseph Francis, deeply deplored.

SMITH.—On the 14th inst., suddenly, Josiah Smith, of 28, Hatton-garden, in his 75th year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1879.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

The more we consider the result of this great gathering the more we are struck with its figures, the more we must applaud the efforts of all concerned. The totality of the Stewards' lists is alike a striking fact and remarkable reality, per se, and the festival of Wednesday week will long remain an "Alba Dies" in the annals of that useful and beneficent Institution, a "landmark," so to say, in its kindly and useful career. Last week we shortly glanced at a "general resumé" of the incidents and announcements which accompanied the last festival, to-day we propose to consider one or two other points in those speaking returns, which may not be without interest to our readers, or without profit to ourselves to peruse and ponder over. The metropolis has returned £6300 in round numbers, and in round numbers £1200 less than the provinces. No doubt, in the nature of things, this is but natural, and must be expected, seeing that London lodges and brethren stand in relation to the rest of the Craft as one-sixth against five-sixths. Indeed, the metropolitan returns, judged by an ordinary standard, are very marvellous in themselves, and reflect the highest credit on the zeal, energy, and benevolence of our metropolitan brethren, whose hearts, as many of us well know, are always in the right place. In our last notice we pointed out that the six highest returns from London varied from £325 10s. the highest, to £134 18s. 6d. the lowest. But we think it well to supplement that enumeration with the names of a few more lodges, from which, by the aid of the Stewards, three figures have been returned to gladden Bro. Terry's heart, and augment the funds of the charity. Such are Lodges 1671, W. W. Medcalf, Steward, £120 15s.; 1178, J. Stock, Steward, £118 3s. 6d.; 1288, S. T. Goode, Steward, £116; 259, J. A. Rucker, Steward, £115 10s.; 180, A. L. Annett, Steward, £115 10s.; 1363, H. R. Murchison, Steward, £113 18s.; 1471, J. Mather Steward, £113 8s.; 1613, G. M. Felton, Steward, £111 6s.; 228, R. H. Halford, Steward, £112 1s.; 1585, J. W. Robinson, Steward, £110 14s.; J. G. Stevens, Steward, £110; 141, C. Dairy, Steward, £107 10s.; 1657, Rev. Dr. Brette, £106 11s. 6d.; 1260, J. H. Southwood, £105; 657, W. Maple, Steward, £100 16s.; and 12, W. H. Bateman, Steward, £100. The other numerous returns vary from £96 15s. to £5 5s. There is one point we feel bound to note, namely this, that from No. 1700 only four metropolitan lodges subscribe anything, and the amount sent by these lodges is £215 17s. 6d. That, no doubt, is a good average, as it would give £50 per lodge, but still we regret deeply the fact that only four metropolitan lodges from 1700 have sent anything, leading to the inevitable conclusion that it is to old friends, not to new, at any rate from No. 1700 in the lodges, that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is indebted for these goodly returns. We wish we could believe that our lodges and chapters were doing their proportion of this work as lodges and chapters. Is it not to be feared that our lodges and chapters are spending all their available income, especially in the metropolis, on "creature comforts," and have little to spare for charity in general or in particular? Is it not the fact, that far too many metropolitan lodges and even chapters are in debt to their Treasurers, often in large amounts, rendering the position of such bodies, not at all a wholesome or a safe one? We do not ask these questions in a spirit of censorious complaint or uncomplimentary cavil, far from us be any such "animus," but we do ask them honestly, fearlessly, and fraternally, that so these "spots" on our "feasts of charity" may gradually disappear from among us, and we may enjoy a far healthier and more satisfactory condition of things both in our lodges and in our chapters. As regards the provinces, what can we say but that they are doing their duty? Since West Yorkshire set the stone a rolling, something like nineteen years

ago, how wonderful has been the development of provincial efforts for our great metropolitan Charities; and long may it so continue. Long may the metropolis and the provinces run a race of friendly zeal and eagerness, like those gallant boys, the Austrian and English "middies," in Syria, some few years back, to plant their national flag on the walls of the surrendered fortress, each endeavouring to do as much as possible for these excellent Charities of ours, which reflect such credit on our Order, and are speaking witnesses both of its goodly profession and its truthful practice, its utility, its reality, its blessing for mankind.

MASONIC SARCASM.

Whether sarcasm is in itself allowable we must leave, we think, to the moralist and the casuist. There are those who declare that sarcasm is not permissible ever, as it constitutes a breach of the spirit of God's great moral law of love. On the other hand, we must not forget, it seems to us, that the sense of the ridiculous, the gift of irony seem to be born with some of us, just as the powers of the mind, the gift of imagination. It appears to us, however, though we are aware we tread on debateable ground in saying so, that sarcasm may sometimes be profitably employed and lawfully made use of in the affairs of life, in the contests of the world. Some of us may remember when the poet, appealing to a great and sarcastic satirist, says,

"Bethink thee Gifford when some future age
Shall miss the promise of thy playful page,
The hand which brushed a thousand fools away," &c.

and, we confess, that in the ineptitude of the hour, the weakness and the "folly of fools," we are often led to believe that such powers of sarcasm are a great gift, to be legitimately used and "properly applied to their destined purpose." The historian of humanity might well also declare that to sarcasm we owe a great many of the most legitimate triumphs of common sense and right reason, alike in the affairs of men and the whirlpool of the world. Some are so constituted as only to be moved by sarcasm, and though some hides are so thick, as is often said, that nothing, "not even sarcasm," can touch them, yet as we ourselves know, there seems often to be a most legitimate sphere for its direct and prevailing use, either when "fools rush on where angels fear to tread," when we have to wage a warfare hourly with folly in various shapes and hues, when we have to contend to the loss of our temper, sometimes with that mournful vacuity of intellect, and that perversity of purpose which antagonize the best efforts and mar the most philanthropic plans. But what can we say of Masonic sarcasm? Is it justifiable? Can it be justified as between professed brother and brother, true to each other, whatever betide, "true and faithful," though oceans divide, though slanderers betray, though the faithless bewray, though the whole world stand in opposition and persecution? To deny to the Masonic mind the sense of the ridiculous, the gift of satire, irony, sarcasm, would be, we venture to think, excessively unreasonable and absurd, but then, by the moral law which Freemasonry promulgates, being that of God's Word, we are taught to control our tempers and our tongues, and to refrain from the full flow of indignant honesty, or justifiable complaint. In the progress of life and human affairs we often see those "jests," or sarcastic effusions, which if witty, amuse, if genial, delight, if reasonable and pointed, excite our hearty admiration, and so far all is well, and many of us can recal to-day the pleasant "pasquinades" of happier and cheery years, when we took life easily enough, when health was good, friends were many, cares were few, "the attic salt" of many a laughing rhyme, and merry "skit" still lingers with us agreeably though time has moved on rapidly since then, and memory seems to point with weird and wasted finger to vacant places at our board, to eyes that are dim, voices that are hushed, and hearts that are cold. But if what is most kindly and intellectual be allowed, what shall we say of those lamentable effusions we sometimes read, which betray nothing but personality and vulgarity, which are the offspring of wounded vanity

or excitable folly; which only grieve the thinking and intelligent, and make the Masonic and kindly-hearted sigh? We can only remark we suppose that they do amuse somebody, though whether that somebody is worth amusing is another and a different question. We saw, for instance, an anonymous fly-sheet the other day, which, very un-Masonic in tone and temper, was vulgar in conception and utterly worthless in its "tout ensemble." It could only have emanated from a very petty, narrow mind, utterly incapable of elevating itself, either to Masonic good feeling, sense, or decorum. There was nothing witty in it, or even amusing, that any one could laugh at a line of it; approval was utterly impossible, since being a merely personal attack, and penned in evidently an unworthy and vindictive spirit, it was as idle as it was ridiculous, and as unjustifiable as it was un-Masonic. Some great and dignified, and intellectual individual had been "sat upon," "snubbed," "snuffed out," "pro tem.," so he prints at once that foolish broad sheet. What a commentary on Masonic good will, Masonic professions, and Masonic brotherly love! But such is the world, "my masters," even in Masonry, and while the puppets move up and down, or talk with squeaking voices, and beat themselves with passion, and throw themselves into ridiculous "poses," the Masonic philosopher shrugs his shoulders, and leave them silently and complacently to that obscurity which is their proper lot, to that oblivion before which happily fade away to-day the impertinences of the ignorant and the personalities of the un-Masonic.

THE POWERS OF A QUARTERLY COURT.

We are told, though we can hardly credit it, that some doubt still lingers as to the real meaning of the laws of our educational Institutions in this respect, and as to the actual powers of a Quarterly Court. It was said at a recent Court, though nobody paid attention to so childish a remark, that the Quarterly Court had no power to receive a report from a Committee, or even to refer anything to a Committee. We could only charitably suppose that any brother who could deliberately make such a statement, and seriously, must, as our young men like to say, be "off his nut." Yet any such contention is really too puerile and too perverse to demand attention, or require confutation. It falls at once with its own inherent absurdity, pre-supposing on the part of the objector an entire unacquaintance with the phraseology and purpose of laws, and the dictates of custom and common sense, the Quarterly Court, we repeat, is superior to all other Committees necessarily, and is, as we before pointed out, supreme. We believe it was contended, and has since been somewhere repeated, that because among the powers of the General Committee it is laid down that it is to receive "all reports from Committees," therefore, admirable logician, no reports can be ordered or received except by the General Committee. If this argument be good, the House Committee could not delegate to a Sub-Committee any work without reporting to the General Committee and the Quarterly Court, the Supreme Court of Appeal, on almost any subject, if it does order a report must submit it first to the General Committee. Had good Bro. Obstructive taken the trouble to read carefully the words of the laws, did he enter into the construction of paragraphs, or the rules of legislation itself, he would understand, if he can do so, that all such provisions must relate to matters in what the lawyers term "pari materia." The laws relative to the General Committee only affect proceedings of the General Committee, and do not profess to touch upon, nor can they touch upon, the procedure of the Quarterly Court on the one hand, or the House Committee on the other. As we said before, we can ourselves hardly realize the fact in our own minds, that such obtuseness and such ignorance should prevail as to the powers of the Quarterly Court, and we doubt very much whether any one competent to understand the question at issue, does seriously entertain any doubt on the matter. We hope that if any such objections be made at the Quarterly Court, it will be at once overruled by the Chairman, as to discuss such a frivolous objection is both a waste of time, and an insult

to the common sense of the meeting. That the Quarterly Court has power to refer any number of questions to any number of Committees, is perfectly clear, and that without any reference whatever to the General Committee, an inferior body itself, we should have supposed must be patent to the dullest mind amongst us. We cannot, however, legislate for thick-headedness and perversity, but we can prevent the valuable time of a meeting being taken up by objections in which nothing is objected, and by casuistry by which nothing is manifested except a spirit of personality, or an insensibility to decorum.

RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

By a report elsewhere it will be seen that this movement progresses, and we are requested to state that all brethren desirous of joining the Committee should send in their names at once to C. E. Keyser, Esq., 47, Wilton-crescent, S.W. The maximum subscription is five pounds, but any lower sum will be received. We wish the proposal all success.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
It was only yesterday afternoon that I found myself in a position to justify a definite correction of a statement which has obtained wide-spread publicity through the columns of both the Masonic and ordinary daily press. Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., were the Bankers of this Institution, and the late Bro. S. Tomkins, a partner, was neither Trustee nor Treasurer, as he was to Grand Lodge and the other Masonic Institutions, and it is held this Institution has no *locus standi* as a claimant on the private estate. The information, therefore, should be—"The claims of all the Masonic bodies on the estate of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., have been paid in full, with the exception of that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

In consequence of the loss thus sustained, in amount £894, and on that account alone, we are compelled to obtain assistance from our present bankers to discharge the bills for the past quarter.

Surely, under these exceptional circumstances, we have the best possible basis for an exceptionally urgent appeal for sympathy and for increased practical support in our hour of need.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
19th, February.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The question is often asked, have representatives any duties? In a circular I have just been sent, and dated December, 1878, and issued by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, it is stated that "the Most Worshipful Campbell H. Johnson, in his official communication as our Grand Master last year, tabulated the following as his views upon the duties of a Grand Representative, and they were approved by the Grand Lodge:—

"First. To visit at all regular sittings the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited; interchange published proceedings, and deposit with the Grand Secretary copies of all official documents emanating from the appointing power.

"Second. To acquaint himself thoroughly with the Constitution, code of jurisprudence, and forces of work in vogue in the Grand Lodge which he represents, that so he may be able to communicate them, when desired, to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited.

"Third. To welcome, vouch for, and introduce worthy Masons from the jurisdiction which he represents; to detect imposters, if any, and to see to the judicious distribution of charity where demanded.

"Fourth. To strengthen the golden chain of pure attachment between the Grand Lodge, encourage mutual customs and goodwill, and give due warning of perils that may threaten to both."

How very few representatives fulfil these four requirements. The majority, I fear, consider themselves ornaments.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES H. NEILSON,
5, Up. Mount-street, Dublin,
18th February.

THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Is it not true that the Grand Lodge should interpose some restriction to prevent lodges accepting propositions for membership from candidates residing at a considerable distance and under other jurisdictions, especially so to prevent London lodges admitting members resident in other jurisdictions and from places within reach of established lodges, thus facilitating the bringing dis-

credit on the Craft by the admission of unworthy members?

Last week's *Freemason* records a similar transaction to one I communicated to the *Freemason* some time since, when a candidate for Masonry, knowing he would be rejected by the two lodges in the town and neighbourhood of his residence, succeeded in securing membership in the Phoenix Lodge, 173, London; and as, in the case recorded last week by a member of 471, the individual intruded himself as a visitor where he would not be received as a member. Surely this is not a proper state of things, and something ought to be done to prevent the repetition of such censurable proceedings. If the credit and good character of the Craft is to be maintained this surely is not the way to secure it.

Will you, Sir, kindly give an expression of opinion on the subject, the *Freemason* being looked up to as an authority.

Fraternally yours,
A MEMBER OF 291.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you afford space in your journal for me to acknowledge, with gratitude, the following sums received since the Festival, on the 12th inst., viz.:

Lodge	£	s.	d.
14 Bro. P. C. F. Tatham	10	10	0
181 " Joseph E. Turner	10	10	0
781 " Clement Breden (additional)	10	10	0
1397 " Robt. Wm. Inglis	28	7	0
Province of Dorset, Bro. J. P. F. Gundry	101	1	0

Amount announced	£	160	18	0
Total	£	13,875	10	6

with ten lists yet to come in.

Your compliance will be much esteemed by,
Yours fraternally,
JAMES TERRY,
Secretary.

Reviews.

DEBRET'S PEERAGE AND BARONETAGE, &c.
Dean & Co., 160A, Fleet-street, E.C.

This most useful work comes before us with much prominence and effect as one of the most handy and needful handbooks of the day. It is, in fact, indispensable to all, and we do not wonder, noting its correctness and fulness, to hear on all sides how much it is appreciated and approved of. We can honestly commend it, and we do so gladly to-day, having proved its accuracy and experienced its want.

THE BROAD ARROW. 2, Waterloo Place.

A publication intended for the public servants of the country, and is ably edited, and full of interesting and important information. We have been struck, however, with a review in the issue of February 8th, to which we think it right to call attention. The review praises the *Masonic Magazine* properly for February, but uses these words respecting its editorial management.

"Both poetry and fiction in this number of the *Masonic Magazine* are unusually good, while the initiated will find much that will attract his special attention. We regret, however, to see that the editor feels it requisite to disavow sympathy with the very best and most sound Masonic article in the whole magazine. Mr. Kenning would do well to clear out of his pages the mass of soft padding which seems to find favour in the eyes of the editor, and give more scope to good, sound, true Masonic principles, such as good Masons abroad as well as good Masons at home are capable of appreciating. We have had too much lately of the sophistication of Masonic truth."

We fear that the reviewer can hardly have read the article. The best of the joke is that the Editor had translated the article itself from the *Chaine d'Union*, but thought it needful to add a note of warning. And for this he is blamed; but what for?

Bro. Berton traces the origin of secret societies to the combination of servants against their masters, oppressed against oppressors, subjects against rulers, and puts forth the theory of a "droit de travail," which does not suit our view of the facts of history, or the progress of Freemasonry. Freemasonry does not come from secret societies qua secret societies.

He, no doubt, recognizes the operative guilds, but more as a combination of trade unions, organized against capital and masters than anything else. It is against this view that the Editor rightly protests as we have always done. It is quite clear that the reviewer knows nothing of the opinions of the editor, or he would not accuse him of sympathy with the "sophistication of Masonic truth." As is well known to others the editor has long been foremost in advocating the simple historical view of Freemasonry but he regrets mistaken theories and mischievous suggestions, as well as crude notions, and is not likely to fall into the rhapsody or nonsense of a French sentimental revolutionary school. We say this in fairness to our contemporary, because we feel the remarks of the reviewer, are alike penned in ignorance and injustice.

OUR HOME. Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.

A very useful little Masonic paper. No. 14, Vol. 1, has appeared, and we wish it heartily all the success it deserves.

THE MASONIC ADVOCATE. Indianapolis, Indiana.
One of the best Masonic papers we know, we are always pleased to see it, indeed too much praise cannot be accorded to it.

THE MASONIC ECLECTIC.

Admirably edited, and always worth reading.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

A Grand Lodge of Emergency of the Mark Degree was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the offices, No. 2, Red Lion-sq., for the purpose of voting an address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Grand Master, presided, the remainder of the lodge being formed as follows:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M.; Lord Henniker, G.S.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., as G.J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Asst. G.S., as G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, as G.I.G.; Thos. J. Sabine, G.M.O.; Rev. H. John Hatch, S.O.; C. Hunter, G. Swd. B.; J. B. Shackleton, G. Std. B.; Thos. W. Murley, P.G.S.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; H. Machin, Sussex; H. Baldwin, Sec. 234; Henry Lovegrove, J.W. 234, as Tyler; W. G. Brighten, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Dewar having read the notice convening the lodge,

Lord Skelmersdale said: Brethren, after taking advice with different members of the Grand Lodge it was thought advisable to call together this lodge of emergency for the purpose for which you have just heard the notice read. It was felt that for us to wait till Grand Lodge next June, which is the next regular meeting, we should be too late—we should be putting off this melancholy duty longer than we ought to do. I can assure you, brethren, that one particular body of Freemasons, viz., Mark Masters of England are not wanting any more than other bodies in loyalty to her Majesty, and under these circumstances I feel we are only doing to her Majesty a duty in voting to her an address of condolence on this occasion. All who knew the late Princess Alice, all who heard of her, must have known what a good woman she was, what a good mother she was, and what a good example she set to all in her station of life. No one can feel more deeply than parents—and many of us are parents—the loss of a child, and when the loss of that child is the first loss a parent has ever felt it must come the more deeply. It has so come to her Majesty. I am sure it is not necessary to say many words on this occasion, as I am sure you will all feel the deepest sympathy with her Majesty in this, the greatest affliction which has fallen on her uniformly happy reign.

Bro. Dewar then read the following address:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty—

"We, the Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and possessions of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, beg permission, respectfully, to approach your Majesty with the humble assurance of our deep sympathy in the loss that your Majesty has sustained by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"Recognising the great and noble qualities of the illustrious Princess, and the bright example that was afforded by her in all the varied relations of life, which she so signally adorned, we venture to hope that your Most Gracious Majesty will find some solace in the bereavement with which it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to visit you, in the knowledge that your grief is shared in by all your Majesty's subjects, without distinction of race or creed.

"Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,

"SKELMERSDALE, G.M.M."

The Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M., I beg to move that the address just read be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Lord Henniker—M.W.G.M., I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution that this address should be presented. I do not think it is at all necessary for me to say one word in addition to what you have said. The fact that the Masons of England are one of the most loyal bodies in this country, and I think the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is not less loyal than any other body of Masons in this country, is enough to recommend the motion that has been made to us. But we have also another thing to think of, which is this, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Order, not of this particular Order, but of the Ancient Order of Freemasons in England. We all of us belong to that Order, and we all feel for him in the great bereavement that he has suffered, and we all feel for the whole of the Royal Family in the bereavement they have suffered. I am told, and I believe with truth, that there is no member of the Royal Family who has felt this grief so greatly as His Royal Highness, and this is one reason which commends this vote to us. Another reason, I think, is this, that among Masons there is nothing which is so much valued as the home life and the purity of the home of the sovereign of this country. I am quite certain that those few words are enough, if it is necessary to add to what you have already said, to recommend the motion to this Grand Lodge. I am bound to say this, that I have been to-day at a meeting of the trustees of the fund which is being raised in this country for the endowment of a hospital at Darmstadt. I am bound to say this in order to explain the matter. The Masons of England, some of them at least, may be anxious to supply subscriptions that way, some may not, but it will be raised entirely privately; but as this motion has come before Grand Lodge I may mention that I am one of the trustees. The subject emanated at Darmstadt first of all; it received the approval of the Queen, the Patron of the whole Order of Freemasons in this country, the Prince of Wales, and a great many people have subscribed to it. A great many other people wish to subscribe to it, not in large sums, but in order to show their affection for the Princess, who, as his lordship said, brought the home life of the Queen and the affection of the Royal Family on to others, and also joined her position in the homes of every day in this country more to

us. I only mention this that I hope some Masons may think it right to subscribe to this fund, not perhaps that they will get any glory by it, or gain any elevation by doing so; but simply because they may wish to show the kind feelings they have for the Royal Family, the great wish they have to carry out not only the work begun by Her Royal Highness herself, but a work which His Royal Highness, the Grand Duke of Hesse wishes to carry out, and hopes to be supported in this country. I have great pleasure in seconding this motion.

Lord Skelmersdale—I think I am right in saying that the fund already amounts to about £1,500.

Lord Henniker—It is nearly £2,000. I hope you will allow me, M.W.G.M., to add that I had no intention of mentioning this matter. I only wished to come and perform my duty as the Senior Grand Warden. I came up on purpose to attend this meeting. I came up fresh from the country, and I had no intention of making this statement; but as I was seconding the motion I really could not refrain from stating what I have stated.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

It was then arranged that the address should be engrossed, and afterwards signed by Lord Skelmersdale and presented to Her Majesty.

Bro. Dewar stated he had received letters of apology for absence, from the S.G.W., the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, and other Grand Officers, regretting their inability to attend Grand Lodge, but expressing their sympathy with the movement.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).

The consecration of this lodge and the installation of the W.M. took place in the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Monday last. The proceedings commenced at half-past four, when the brethren met in an ante-room of the hall, and thence marched in the usual order into the lodge room, where they received the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W., Herts., who appointed as his officers *pro tem.* Bros. W. R. Marsh, P.M. 1672, S.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, J.W.; J. Kemp Coleman, J.W. 1716, I.G.; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C. Suffolk, D.C.; C. B. Payne, P.M. and Grand Tyler, Tyler. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and after the preliminary formulae customary on such occasions had been gone through, the Consecrating Officer delivered an able and impressive dissertation on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, dwelling with especial emphasis on the obligations which the Craft are under to support, as far as each member individually can, the charitable objects of the institution. The ceremony of consecration was then solemnly performed, the musical part of it being efficiently conducted by Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, Org., 907.

The Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the W.M. designate, Bro. C. A. Heimann, P.G.D. Treas., Japan, was presented to the Installing Officer, and was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon.

The brethren having then saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, he, at once, proceeded to appoint and invest his office bearers. Their names and offices are as follows:—Bros. F. J. Hunt, S.W.; W. H. Farnfield, J.W.; Eoinger, Treas.; John Dennis, Sec.; R. M. Talbot, S.D.; W. Seaborn, J.D.; J. Kemp Coleman, I.G. *pro tem.*; G. Harrison, Tyler.

The W.M., in very complimentary terms, moved a vote of thanks to Bros. Terry and Clarke for the very able manner in which they had conducted the ceremonies, and further proposed that they should be elected as honorary members of the lodge, which was cordially agreed to.

In replying on behalf of Bro. Clarke and himself for the compliment conferred upon them, Bro. Terry assured the brethren that nothing could have given them greater pleasure than to inaugurate the Coborn Lodge, which, he trusted, would soon make for itself a name in connection with Freemasonry.

The Secretary next observed that it was his great pleasure to announce that the newly-installed W.M. had handed him a cheque for twenty-five pounds towards defraying the cost of the furniture and other appointments of the lodge, a statement received with loud cheers.

It was subsequently moved by the J.W. that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Heimann for this seasonable and handsome donation. The proposition was carried with acclamation.

The W.M., in a few appropriate remarks, replied, taking occasion to observe that although he could not devote that attention to the chair which he would wish, owing to the circumstance of his having to go abroad, he could never fail to take a lively interest in the affairs of the lodge.

The J.W. and Sec. having mentioned the names of several joining members the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet in an adjoining chamber, over which the W.M. and his principal officers presided.

Besides those whose names we have already given, there were present:—Bros. Farnham, P.G. Steward; A. Ellis, 933; Thos. Bates, I.G. 1716; Leonard Potts, J.W. 1716; Thos. C. Thornicroft, J.W. 1401; James Kift, 789; G. J. Shipway, 813; F. H. Cozens, P.M. 907; Henry Alcock, 162; Hugh Cutter, P.M. 554; Chas. Brown, 1362; H. Ashton, 1185; C. Henry, 201; N. Joseph, 176; F. Farnham, P.M. 29; Chas. B. Payne, P.M., and Grand Tyler 27; E. J. Anning, 1625; Robt. H. Halford, P.M. 228; S. W. Thompson, 9; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*).

After the banquet was over, the usual Masonic toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were drunk with the usual enthusiasm, Bros. H. Ashton, F. Cozens, J. Kift, and C. Henry singing

the National Anthem and "Hail to thee, Albert." The W.M., in proposing the "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," said that as Freemasons they had all reason to be thankful to the Grand Officers for all that they did to promote the interest of the Craft. "True to the Core," was then very effectively sung by Bro. Charles Henry, and Bro. Farnham, P.G. Steward, suitably acknowledged the toast. Bro. Terry next said that, as Consecrating Officer, it devolved upon him to offer for the acceptance of the brethren the toast of the W.M. Bro. Heimann had travelled many miles to be installed Master of the Coborn Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, and he (Bro. Terry) had little doubt would return to Japan again, where he held the high distinction of being P.G.D. Treas., carrying with him a fair fame and high reputation to be promoted to a still higher position. If the honours that the W.M. had had conferred upon him elsewhere were an evidence of anything, it was that the Coborn Lodge would prosper under his Mastership. He (the speaker) knew that the W.M. was most desirous to do all he could to promote the interests of the lodge, and he was certain that when the ceremonies came to be performed they would be conducted in such a manner by the W.M. as to set a worthy example to all those who were to follow him in that high and responsible position. He would simply conclude by expressing the hope that health would be spared to the W.M. to preside over the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. "By Celia's Arbour" having been charmingly sung by Bros. Ashton, Cozens, Kift, and Henry, the W.M., in responding to the toast, whilst regretting that he could not be there during the whole of his year of office, trusted that when he returned to London next winter he would be able to carry out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was "The Health of the Consecrating Officer and Director of Ceremonies." The brethren of the Coborn Lodge had every reason to be deeply grateful to these distinguished brethren for having consecrated it, and he personally was extremely indebted to them for having installed him in the chair. The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, another glee, entitled "Hart and hind are in their lair," was sung, and Bros. Terry and Clarke appropriately replied.

The remaining toasts, "The Visitors," "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Charities," were duly honoured and responded to, being interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. Ashton, Kift, Cozens, and Henry, and the Tyler's toast brought a happy evening to a close.

All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably carried out, the Secretary, who acted as W.S., leaving nothing undone to provide for the comfort of the brethren.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE CARNARVON AND MIZPAH LODGES, Nos. 1572 AND 1671.

The third annual ball of the above lodges was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 7th inst., under very favourable auspices. Amongst the brethren present we noticed, Bros. Hale, W.M. 737; Hall, W.M. 455; Haan-ger, I.P.M. 455; Edward Terry, I.P.M. 1319; Bergmann, J.W. 1671; Maidwell, I.P.M. 27; Stevens, W.M. 1730; Jenner, J.W. 455; Curtis, 145; Foreman, 34; Brock, 765; Barham, J.L. 144; Brown, P.M. 765; Clark, J.D. 1632; Hopkins, 1572; Hellier, W.M. 1572; Wooton, 1671; Nelson Reed, 1671; Perkins, 1572; Carter, 1728; Gow, 619; Noakes, 92; Blenkinsop, 754; Wiles, 1671; Hardy, 1572; [and several other brethren and gentlemen.]

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit till five o'clock in the morning. The band was supplied by Bros. Coote and Tinney. An excellent supper was supplied by Bro. Rand, the manager of the Hotel.

Bro. Nelson Reed occupied the chair, and after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, gave "The Health of the Ladies," thanking them for their kindness in gracing the meeting with their presence, and called upon Bro. Jas. Curtis, 145, to respond. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Curtis, in reply, said: Bro. Nelson Reed, brethren, and gentlemen—I rise with feelings of the greatest possible pleasure to respond to the toast of "The Ladies," which you have pledged with the enthusiasm it deserves. The pleasure is, however, mixed with a sense of responsibility, but if I am overwhelmed I know I shall be "overwhelmed in a sea of glory." Bro. Nelson Reed has, with that modesty which always characterises and so well becomes him, forbore to enlarge upon the good qualities of the ladies, but I feel that to-day surrounded by such a galaxy of beauty I must recite their praises. It is a pride and an honour to reply on their part, and, therefore, sinking my individuality, I appear for the time as a lady, and say—

"We are here as a boon and a blessing to men,
Like the Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen."
Some of you may not, perhaps, regard Mrs. Bardell as an enviable lady, yet she had, withal, her good qualities. Now, see the allusion to the owl. It is a well known fact in natural history that a young owl grows more beautiful every day, so does a good woman become daily more and more estimable. Carry it further, and what does Waverley suggest but a train of thought, as exhaustive as it is correct, in believing that the author of Waverley spoke forcibly and well, as in his poems he declared—

"When pain and anguish wring the brow
A ministering angel thou?"
That is a truism, and here to-day we minister to your enjoyment; you would not have had a ball without us, and we are pleased to be your guests, and ye bachelors, if such

words are insufficient to impress you with our worth, learn from Tommy Moore, the Irish poet, that—
 "There's a bliss beyond all that the minstrel has told,
 When two that are linked in one heavenly tie,
 With heart never changing and brow never cold
 Love on through all ills, and love on till they die.
 One hour of a passion so blessed is worth
 Whole ages of heartless and wandering bliss,
 And O, if there be an Elysium on earth,
 It is this! It is this!"

We, being ladies, are, of course, ignorant of the mystic tenets of your Order, but we opine that charity has ever formed the mainspring of all your actions. We, then, claim to represent and to personify charity or love. Our very name is derived from two Saxon words 'Lef diau,' signifying to serve bread, an allusion to the feudal times when we personally doled out bread or distributed charity to the deserving poor. We are pleased to see, and we congratulate you most heartily upon that charity or love which has prompted the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges to join hand in hand this evening to promote our enjoyment. This is "the third time of asking," words in church of momentous import to us. Well, now we regard these words, as this is your third annual ball with much appreciation, because we feel that the success of your ball is ensured, and that for a long string of years to come your gatherings, as your happiness, will be great. Now, as then, we say—

"Stand firm and fast, nor slave, nor lord,
 United bands of faithful brothers be;
 Stand firm and fast, defend of one accord
 Your holy rights and be for ever free."

Bro. Edward Terry, P.M. 1319, in reply to the toast, "The Health of the Visitors," said, I have a very difficult task to perform. It was quite true, as Bro. Nelson Reed has informed you that I have played many parts, and I might also add that I have performed in several pieces, but the part I have to play to-night is a most difficult one, inasmuch as my parts are always written for me, but to-night it is not so. On behalf of the visitors here I must thank you very sincerely for the great treat you have given us to-night at this your third annual ball. I myself have been to each, but think this the most enjoyable and successful ball you have had; I, therefore, trust next year to be one of your guests, as I am certain all my brother visitors hope to be invited again and again.

The Chairman proposed "Continued success to the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges' Ball," to which Bro. Goffin replied.

Bro. Clark, J.D. 1632, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who, in reply, thanked the ladies and gentlemen for responding to his call, and was glad to see such an assembly of fair ladies as was present on this occasion. It was quite true there had been some difficulty in arranging the ball, but that was overcome, as all present must acknowledge. He thanked the brethren and gentlemen for drinking his health, and hoped the next ball would be, if possible, more successful than the present.

Considering the bad times the attendance was good, there being 154 ladies and gentlemen present. The arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, thanks to the great and untiring exertions of the Stewards, the principal members of which were Bros. N. Reed (Chairman and Hon. Sec.), Clarricoats, Goffin, and Warden (Vice-Chairman.)

The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were fulfilled with great courtesy by Bros. Briggs and Reed. The brethren appeared in full Masonic Craft clothing with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of the gathering.

The following were the Stewards on this occasion:—Bros. Bromwich, 1671; Bullock, 1572; Burman, I.G. 1572; Clarricoats, Treas. 1572; Goffin, 1572; Lovebond, 1572; Meier, 1671; Pearce, W.S. 1572; Bisons, 1671; Sull, W.M. 1671; Taylor, 1572; Warden, 1671; Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Willcock, 1572; Wright, 1671; Briggs, J.W. 1572; and Reed, S.W. 1572, and I.P.M. 1671.

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

The adjourned meeting in connection with the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey was held in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday afternoon last, Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, presiding.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, Sec. to the Committee, having been called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., announced that there was a brother in attendance who was to enter an objection to the proposed scheme, and he ventured to think that it would perhaps be better, since, at the last meeting a resolution had been carried to the effect that it was the intention of the meeting to carry out the proposed restoration, to hear the dissenting brother before they should proceed further. After a short discussion upon the rules which regulate the business of public meetings, it was agreed that the minutes be signed as corrected.

The Chairman then said the next paragraph on the agenda paper had reference to the calling upon himself to state the result of his endeavours to get the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, to act as the President of the Committee. He had much pleasure in stating that he had received a kindly letter from the D.G.M., in which he expressed his hearty approval of the object they had in view, and announced that it would afford him great pleasure to allow his name to appear on the Committee. (Applause.) Lord Skelmersdale had so many engagements, as they all knew, that he could not promise to be often present, but he would do his best to promote the work which he (the speaker) was sure the D.G.M. would do with all his heart. He had not heard from any of the Senior or Junior Grand Wardens, but he was in hopes that some of them would also consent to act on the Committee. (Hear, hear.)

The Secretary then announced that he had received letters of apology from several influential brethren who could not be present owing to the pressure of other engagements, and further stated that he had since last week received one or two more answers from patrons of the undertaking, amongst them being Colonel Starkie, Montagu Guest, P.G.M. Gloucester, who would be very glad to throw his influence and best endeavours into the movement; and Viscount Holmsdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent. He had communicated with all the patrons, and he was happy to say he had only had three refusals. He begged also to say that he had received the following subscriptions:—Bros. Montagu Guest, £2; J. W. Edwards, I.P.M. 1479, £5; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, £5; C. Keyser, S.D. 404, £5; Colonel Starkie, £5; Sir Albert Woods, £5; Viscount Holmsdale, M.P., £5; Rev. Dr. Griffiths, £5; and one or two others. (Applause.)

Bro. T. Wardle, I.P.M. 966, then addressed the meeting. He said he had come there that afternoon, as they might expect, with great diffidence, owing to the kind invitation of Bro. Keyser, who had been good enough to reply at some length to a letter which he (the speaker) had thought it necessary to address to that meeting on its first assembling. He would ask the kind indulgence of his hearers whilst he made a few remarks which he had very much at heart, not because he had any enthusiastic notions upon the question they had met to consider, but because it was one to which he had paid, as an amateur, a lifetime's attention. He ought to say that he was associated with men whose names were of the greatest possible weight in art, and, if his observations might appear disjointed, it would be more from his inability to address a public audience than anything else. He had come from North Stafford that morning, at considerable personal inconvenience, to be present at the meeting. He had two objects in coming. One was that as Worshipful Master of a lodge, his last act was to give notice of a resolution, which if passed, should be sent to the Grand Lodge, and to the Provincial Grand Lodge, calling upon Freemasons to try and take care of the buildings which were being so ruthlessly and mercilessly treated. He thought they had been for a long time past neglecting their duty in allowing, without protest, such things to be perpetrated, as had been perpetrated under the name of restoration. So great was his astonishment when he saw, in the *Freemason*, the proposal they had met to discuss, that he at once took the opportunity of writing to the last meeting, with the result that they now saw him there. He was much obliged to Bro. Keyser for writing to him, for that had induced him to come to London and address them. Another reason was that he was one of the promoters of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, having been on its committee from its commencement; although he did not appear there as the agent of that society, or at its wish or suggestion. He would not take up any time by discussing the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey in particular which might lead them into an architectural debate which he did not think was opportune or necessary. He ought, however, to say this, that for some time the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had been using what influence it possessed with the St. Alban's Committee, and the Committee generally, against putting upon the nave the high pitched roof that is proposed, and the society were very glad to find that such protests as they had been able to make had been listened to, and that there was by no means a unanimous acquiescence in this high pitched roof. He was told that members of the Committee had even left the committee rather than be bound to do that which they thought was not right. He had himself heard at one of the committee meetings Earl Cowper say that he disapproved of the proposal.

The Chairman here reminded Bro. Wardle that the scheme was simply to restore the west front of the Abbey.

Bro. Wardle (continuing) was coming to that. He was strictly speaking to the question, as he would show that the putting up of a nave roof would necessitate the raising of a gable to the west front, which would be a most monstrous thing to do. That was why he mentioned the subject of the nave roof. By all means let them have as much of the stone of the old work as possible; but as to doing what the circular proposed to do—which he was happy to find was at variance with what Bro. Keyser had told him in his letter, which said "we propose to restore, not to renew"—he entered his warm protest. Bro. Wardle then read the following excerpt from the circular referred to:—
 "The architect's estimate for the restoration of the central porch is £2,500, and for each of the side porches £2,000, or for the entire west front £9,000. These sums appear at first sight very large, but very much will have to be done on account of the decayed and mutilated condition of the stonework, and the cost of reproducing and repairing the elaborate details of the design will necessarily be considerable. Of those portions which have at some time been wilfully destroyed, sufficient fragments have been discovered to enable the architect to restore the porches in accordance with the original plan of Abbot John de Cella."

He earnestly protested, as far as he might do in politeness and courtesy to the meeting, against any so-called restoration whatever—any building from fragments to imitate what it was before, any re-duplication of the old work, the spiritless carving of masons whose work bore no comparison to, and, in fact, was utterly insipid when put by the side of the work of their older brethren. Let him give an instance. It was proposed to alter the porches—to re-duplicate them—to restore them with modern mimicry. They had only to go to Westminster Abbey to the north porch and see what had been done there in putting up a porch in place of the old one. One would think that the architects would cer-

tainly do their best for Westminster Abbey. He ventured to say it was a most disgraceful structure, and it was not worthy of a second-rate architect's clerk. When once they, as Freemasons, committed themselves to this scheme, they really should have no power to correct the mistake they would make. He knew from experience that they would have no power in controlling what was being done. The architect himself would have no power, because he could not be there constantly and see what was going on. He (the speaker) knew what was going on in the west porch of the Lichfield Cathedral now. The old cathedral was being absolutely destroyed, and Bro. Keyser in his letter, called attention to that as an instance of modern restoration where sad damage was unnecessarily done. He knew he stood alone in this matter, and felt his position very much, but he trusted the brethren would bear with him patiently for a few minutes longer. He had said pretty nearly all that he need say on the point, except this, that he did not wish their Masonic body committed to any work of re-duplication whatever. That was his great anxiety, and it was that which had chiefly brought him there on that occasion. Many mistakes had been made by deans and chapters and other people, who were well enough intentioned in matters of this kind, but let them not follow such examples. He thought they ought to respect the work of their older brethren more than to permit any spiritless imitations to disfigure their beautiful work.

The Chairman having to leave, in consequence of having to attend his lodge meeting, Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. was called upon to occupy the chair.

Bro. Wardle, resuming, said he would like to conclude his remarks by reading to them a quotation from Professor Ruskin's "Seven Lamps of Architecture," giving them all that possibly could be said on the subject.

Bro. Woodford objected to this. He ventured to say that if Bro. Wardle would give his own opinions they would be very happy to listen to what he had to say. Like all other students, he had read and knew well Professor Ruskin's work.

Bro. Wardle, continuing, said he knew at what a disadvantage he stood, because he had no real influence in the matter except a love for the old work, but he would just say that he did very much more strongly than he had done, earnestly and fraternally protest against the proposed scheme. They had no business to commit their brethren to any such re-duplications as were clearly proposed, and, although he knew he would not have a seconder, he begged to move that the resolution which referred to the restoration of the west front of St. Alban's Abbey be rescinded. He would add that if they wanted to do anything to the memory of St. Alban, no one would more willingly join in any suitable project than he. There were plenty of green fields in the county where they might erect a memorial to St. Alban, but let them do something new; but as to tinkering their beautiful old art by restorations he most humbly protested against that.

No seconder to the resolution being found it fell through. Captain Dick wanted to ask Bro. Keyser a question. He understood from the minutes that there was a limit fixed to subscriptions, namely £5. Did this refer to lodge or individual subscriptions?

The Chairman—Only to individual subscribers.

A short discussion here followed, most of the brethren brethren taking part in it, as to whether the Hertford Committee and the London Committee were at one upon the essential principles of the published circular setting forth the objects of the movement.

Bro. Woodford pointed out that a resolution had been unanimously passed at the last meeting to the effect that a Central Committee should be formed in London, and that the Hertfordshire Committee should be incorporated in the Central Committee, and that they had all received a copy of the circular with an intimation that this meeting was to be held, which, seeing that there had been no objections lodged, was tantamount to saying that they generally agreed.

This view being concurred in, it was decided, on the motion of Bro. Keyser, that a remodelled circular, containing some additional information demonstrating the connection of St. Alban with Freemasonry, which Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, kindly undertook to supply, should be sent to every Secretary of the lodges in England.

The Secretary then announced that Bro. George Kenning had kindly consented to act on the Committee, and also that he had received a letter from Bro. John Hervey, P.G. Sec., to whom he had made formal application to be allowed to hold their meetings in the Board Room of the Freemasons' Hall, stating that the Board of General Purposes would be very happy to let them have the room for holding their meetings. Loud applause followed this announcement.

Bro. Woodford thought it well, before the meeting separated, to point out that it must not be supposed that there was no answer to Bro. Wardle's remarks. To this the Chairman and meeting assented, as no opinion had been expressed, owing to Bro. Wardle's motion not having found a seconder.

The meeting was then closed. A meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at 4.30, to further consider what steps are to be taken in connection with the movement.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly Committee of this Association took place at 1, Clifford's Inn, on Wednesday, 19th inst., when new members were elected, the routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, March 5th, at 5 p.m. Brethren are requested to take notice of the alteration.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We understand that, in accordance with arrangements made last year to suit the convenience of several lodges, the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, will be held on Saturday, June, 21st. The place and hour will be advertised in due course.

Amongst the officers specially selected for duty at the Cape is Deputy Commissary Gordon, who has been for some time past in charge of the foreign issue branch in the Ordnance Store Department. Assistant Commissary Spinks, of the same department, will go out in charge of the Ordnance Corps, sailing from Woolwich in the City of Venice on Friday. He was entertained at a special Masonic banquet, given by the United Military Lodge, at Plumstead on Saturday night, and presented with a field glass and diamond ring. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, Marquis of Granby, New Cross, this evening at 7. The Preceptors, Bros. Macdonald and Andrews, will divide the work.

A stroke of good fortune, it is said, has befallen an officer serving with his regiment in the Kyber Pass. Some years ago he quarrelled with his father, ran away from home, and, as is common in such cases, enlisted as a private in a foot regiment. By degrees he rose, and now holds the position of adjutant to his corps. Quite recently his father died, and evidently had forgiven his truant son, seeing that he has left him a fortune of £60,000 and an estate near Rockferry, in Cheshire.—*The Broad Arrow.*

Bro. W. T. Rickwood, of 33, Cheapside, J.W. of Lodge, 191, is a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Metropolitan Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association. Bro. Rickwood states in his circular, that having had some years' experience in similar pursuits he feels sure he could satisfactorily discharge the duties of the office.

We are asked to announce that the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, Junior Grand Warden, Herts, in La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, on Wednesday next, the 26th inst. Brethren will appear in Craft clothing. The lodge meets at No. 2, Maddox-street, Regent-street, W., at 7 p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—We regret that by an inexplicable error on the part of our reporter the Chairman is said to have proposed the toast of "The Board of Stewards," whereas it was proposed by Bro. J. L. Thomas, G.A.D.C.

A presentation of an interesting character took place at the Devonshire Hotel, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness, on Thursday week. For the past nine years Bro. H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W. for W.L., has acted as Secretary to the Committee which has carried out the arrangements for the annual ball which is held in aid of the Masonic Charities. Recently he has intimated his intention of resigning the post which he has so creditably filled. The General Committees of lodges 1021 and 1025 determined to mark their appreciation of the services he had rendered by the presentation of a suitable testimonial, and on Thursday evening he was presented on behalf of the Committees, by Bro. G. B. Nalder, W.M. 1025, with a handsome tea and coffee service. Bro. Bagot in appropriate terms acknowledged the gift.

At the last meeting of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 6th inst., an illuminated copy of the vote of condolence which had been passed unanimously by the lodge at their previous meeting, was signed by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., the W.M., and by Bro. G. J. Fraser, the Secretary, for the purpose of being forwarded to the widow of the late Bro. F. P. Cockerell, G.S. of W., who was a P.M. of the lodge. The vote of condolence was illuminated on vellum, and was a very beautiful specimen of the caligraphic art, serving as an elegant and lasting memorial of the esteem and regard in which our late brother was held.

THE ZULU WAR.—As we have so many readers and brethren in the military and naval services we are glad to note the announcement of a brilliant victory at Rooke's Drift, by Col. Wood and his column, on the 24th January, over 4000 Zulus. We trust ere long to hear that our gallant soldiers have brought their wily foes to reason and submission.

In the report of the Granite Lodge meeting last week the W.M. was made to say that Loyalty formed part and parcel of the Constitution—it is needless to say that Loyalty was intended.

The Masonic Hall, Hackney, has been purchased for £3500, by the church at Cambridge Heath, of which the Rev. W. Marshall is pastor. It is intended to devote the building chiefly to Sunday-school purposes, and accommodation will be thus provided for 2000 children. The large hall will hold 1500 persons. Nearly £4000 beyond the purchase price will be required to finish, fit up, and furnish the building, which is to be designated the "Morley Hall," in recognition of the services of Samuel Morley, Esq., M.P.—*Christian World.*

The consecration of the Sir Charles Brigh Lodge No. 1793, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, at half-past four punctually. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, assisted by Bros. Sir Charles Bright and H. G. Buss. Bros. J. Hurst, R. W. Forge and J. Piller are the officers designate. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The consecration of the South Down Lodge, No. 1797, will take place on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at Hurstpierpoint. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. J. Henderson Scott, Deputy Grand Master of Sussex.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 28, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1793, Sir Chas. Bright, Clarence Hot., Teddington (Consecration).

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingaland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 28, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Fauces-pl, Kenngtn at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Lodge 1421, Langthorne, White Swan, Stratford, E.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st. W.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Bd. of Wks., Catford Bridge.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 1, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Liverpool.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hotel, Rushholme.
Neptune, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delts, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Mariner's, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
" 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 108, Fleet-street, London.

The consecration of the De Vere Lodge, No. 1794, will take place on Monday, March 3rd, at the Mechanics' Hall, Nottingham. The ceremony, which will commence punctually at 3 p.m., will be performed by the W. Bro. John Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts, assisted by the present and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The officers designate are Bro. Isaac Davis, W.M.; Samuel G. Gilbert, S.W., and H. J. Norris, J.W.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, of the South-Eastern Circuit, as a metropolitan police magistrate, in the room of Mr. Benson, who has resigned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony and assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged, without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves. —[Adv't.]

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ANTIQUITY LODGE (No. 2).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Wednesday evening last, at Freemasons' Hall, before a numerous gathering of members and visitors, among whom we noticed Col. Bardett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex; Bro. Mouchton, President of the Board of General Purposes; several Past Grand Officers, as Bros. Rucker and P. De Lande Long, as well as Bros. Lieut.-Col. Peters, Brodie, Hewitt, Jones, Jekyll, and many more. Among the members present we noticed, P.M.'s Col. Stewart, Rae, Sampson, Pierce, E. J. Barrett, Lt.-Col. Creaton, and Bro. Stephen Pearce, Greetingham, Pontifex, Batley, Rivington, Sharon Turner, Leitchworth, Ames, and others. Bro. Ames was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. A. J. Batley passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Hope, appointed by H.E.H. Prince Leopold as his D.M., was then installed according to ancient form, by Bro. Woodford, D.M., P.G.C. The ceremonies were accompanied by some admirable music played on the organ, by Bro. Jekyll, of the Chapel Royal, St. James. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was, as usual with this distinguished lodge, alike most social, harmonious, and agreeable. The brethren separated at an early hour.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, on Monday last. Bro. Simon John Byng, W.M., presided, and there were also present, Past Masters Bros. H. C. Jefferys, (Sec.); T. F. Bringes, Samuel Poynter (P.M. 1491); S. W. Iron, Henry Smith, R. W. Field, E. H. Simmons, Harvey, and Brooks. The whole of the Past Masters were thus present, and there was a very numerous attendance of the brethren, this popular lodge enjoying at the present time an almost unexampled season of prosperity and harmony. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. Joseph Pigot, P.M. 753; W. A. Morgan, W.M. 1044; R. Payne, W.M. 1338; Wm. Thorp, P.M. 463; A. R. Jones, P.M. 1044; Max Sabel, 1490; John Close, W.M. 463; Charles C. Addison, 1305; J. Fredk. Wuest, P.M. 753; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Thomas Castland, 913; Thomas W. Hayes, W.M. 913; J. J. Griffiths, 193; J. Wallace, 907; W. Iron, J.D. 1579; J. Wilson, P.M. 1165; Fredk. J. Sweeting, 1257; B. Oxenham, 115; R. W. Savill, 215; J. W. Lee, 205; J. G. Tongue, 334; J. Pickett, 526; Joseph Scott, 3; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer 1426; C. H. Maisham, 326; E. Gosherton, 193; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1441; Walter M. St. Aubyn, 318, 357; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). Previous to the installation Bro. Byng, W.M., passed to the Second Degree Bro. Williams, Shaw, and Cooper. On presentation duly made by the D.C., the W.M. then formally installed Bro. Henry Alexander Pocock, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the Burgoyne Lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the W.M. for the year:—Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Wales, J.W.; Samuel Poynter, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Jefferys, P.M., Sec.; Gabb, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Wilkins, I.G.; Bundy, W.S.; Brookes, P.M., D.C.; Charles Young, Asst. D.C.; and Shepherd, Organist. Bro. Grant, the regular Tyler of the lodge, being unfortunately confined to his house by illness, the investiture of Tyler was deferred. Bro. Byng then concluded the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, finishing off his work in the same complete style as he carried it on throughout. The result of the audit was announced by Bro. Byng, in the course of the evening, when the highly satisfactory statement was made by him that there was a balance of £45 in the hands of the Treasurer after all liabilities of whatever kind had been met and the Charities not forgotten. Lodge being closed with the customary formalities, the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the

proper time for the proposal of the toasts, the introductory toasts of "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M.," and others, were given by the W.M., and the I.P.M., Bro. Byng, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he knew the brethren would receive this toast most heartily, because it was always well accepted by the members of the Burgoyne Lodge. The reason it was so well received was that they never elected a brother to that office unless they had the greatest confidence in his ability, and Bro. Pocock answered that requisition. The brethren had had an opportunity of seeing what he could do in other positions in the lodge, and could testify to his having brought to bear on his work those great essentials, efficiency and urbanity. He, therefore, felt perfectly sure that the new W.M. would conduct the duties he had just entered on with credit to himself and satisfaction to themselves. The W.M., in reply, said he would not detain the brethren from the enjoyment of their evening, and would, therefore, merely thank the brethren, though he did it with great heartiness, for the kind way in which they had received the flattering remarks of their I.P.M. After some music and singing, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Byng," and in the course of his remarks said the brethren were quite aware how well Bro. Byng had performed his duties while occupying the chair of the lodge. Most of those brethren present had seen how ably he had concluded his year of office by installing his successor in the chair of the lodge. For himself (the W.M.), although he had seen many installations performed, he had never seen one that was performed better. The brethren having at the last meeting of the lodge given an evidence of their approval of his conduct in the chair by voting him a Past Master's jewel, it was his (the W.M.'s) duty now to present it to Bro. Byng, and in placing it on his breast he must say that single token of the approval by the brethren of the Burgoyne Lodge of the late W.M.'s conduct had been fully earned; and, in conclusion, he wished Bro. Byng many years of life and health to wear that jewel in the presence of the brethren. It would be a pleasure to Bro. Byng and to the members of the lodge. Bro. Byng, in reply, said he was deeply sensible of the too flattering terms in which the W.M. had spoken of him, and of the cordial reception by the brethren of the W.M.'s remarks. During the time he had had the honour of presiding over the lodge, his sole anxiety had been not only to further the interests of the lodge, but to contemplate those three great principles on which the Order was founded, and from the very marked manner in which the brethren had responded to the toast of his health he was led to believe he had been somewhat successful. That alone was sufficient recompense for any labours that his occupation of the chair might have entailed. But the brethren in the goodness of their hearts had thought fit to supplement it with something more substantial, by presenting him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. He should always prize it, not for its intrinsic value, but as a lasting and pleasing memento of the very cordial and kind support he had received from all the brethren, without any exception, and that was saying a great deal. For the kindness he had received from the brethren, one and all, during his year of office he begged to thank them most heartily, and he could assure them that it would never be effaced from his memory. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," whom, he said, it was very pleasing to him to see present at his installation. Of these visitors there were thirty present. Bro. Scott (No. 3) replied. He said he had been selected, unfortunately, to reply in preference to other more able brethren, because his lodge was older than that of any other visitor present. Although he had had the pleasure of attending many lodges, he had never on any occasion enjoyed himself more than he had that evening. Everything had passed of admirably, and the superior way in which the work had been done had given him great satisfaction. It was for these reasons he hoped he should frequently have the opportunity of coming again among the brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said it was very gratifying to him to see so many of those brethren present to honour him with their company. Although he had been so short a time in the chair he was glad to have P.M.'s to back him up. The brethren always honoured the P.M.'s because they were all worthy and good fellows. They were always ready to assist the W.M. in the performance of his duties, and they should always be most highly esteemed by the brethren. Bro. Harvey, P.M., replied, and stated that if the W.M. required any assistance during the twelve months he was in the chair he should always be pleased to give it. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer," warmly eulogised the zeal, energy, and prudence displayed by that brother, to which, in a great measure, the present prosperity of the lodge was to be attributed. This toast was very warmly received, and Bro. Poynter, in returning thanks, observed that he had so frequently performed the duty of responding to the kindness of his brethren from that place, although never with greater satisfaction than at that moment, that they must excuse him if he spoke upon something less personal. As for his sense of their cordial appreciation of his labours, *oels va sans dire*, they had it on Scriptural authority that a prophet was not without honour save in his own country and among his own kindred, and it was often said that a man was not thought much of in his own family. With deep gratitude he (Bro. Poynter) could say that in the Burgoyne Lodge the brethren whenever they met did their best to convince him that his was the exception that proved the rule. The learned brother then proceeded to give a detailed statement of the prosperous condition of the lodge at the present moment, and remarked that to some of those present it must recall by contrast other and less favoured times. He attributed much of their present prosperity to the perfect union of the Past Masters, every one of whom

was then present. The speaker then adverted to general Masonic principles, contending that the lodge should represent the family, where a brother should leave his cares, and, at the same time, his passions and his crochets, outside in the ante-room with his hat and overcoat. The brother who, through irritation or, still worse, deliberate animosity, did an action, spoke a word, or gave a vote not under the solemn sanction of his moral—and that is equivalent to his Masonic—consciousness of responsibility, was a traitor to the body among whom he worked, an unfilial member of the family into which he had been admitted. For his own part a formula, with which they were all acquainted, had ever had for him a real, and not merely a conventional, significance, but now in these halcyon days, with even a deeper meaning, a more marked emphasis, a more heartfelt, if that were possible, conviction of its truth, could he repeat of meeting his brethren of the Burgoyne, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again." The worshipful brother resumed his seat amidst considerable applause. Bro. Jefferys, P.M. and Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Secretary," and the S.W. to that of "The Officers." The brethren shortly afterwards separated, having spent a most happy and agreeable evening.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, under the presidency of its highly esteemed W.M., Bro. Thomas Stephens, who, after initiating three gentlemen in a very perfect and impressive manner, proceeded to install Bro. Henry Vickery, the J.W., who had been duly elected the sixth Master of the lodge, into the chair of K.S., it being a sine qua non in this lodge that every W.M. shall install his successor. Bro. Stephens proved no exception to this excellent rule, and in the presence of nearly thirty Installed Masters who formed the Board, the W.M. elect was duly installed and saluted. On the return of the brethren into the lodge the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the year:—Bros. E. A. Whitley, S.W.; D. Channon, J.W.; Warren, P.M., Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Secretary; Thomas Jackson, S.D.; Gaywood, J.D.; Messum, I.G.; Rose, P.M., D.C.; Watkins, P.M., W.S.; Stribling, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the three addresses in so perfect and impressive a manner that all the Past Masters present averred they had never heard them given more feelingly or with better effect before. It is but fair to note that the highly efficient manner in which the Masters of this lodge have acquitted themselves is in a great measure due to the untiring zeal of Bro. Rose, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. After the usual routine business, ten guineas were voted to the Boys' School, and the lodge closed. The brethren, accompanied by over fifty visitors, adjourned to the large and handsome hall used for dramatic and other entertainments, where a sumptuous banquet was laid. Amongst the numerous visitors the purple of Hertfordshire, from the mother lodge of the Installing Master, was conspicuous, being represented by Bros. Dr. E. G. Pottle, the W.M. of 869, P.G.S.B. of Herts; F. D. R. Copstick, P.M., P.G.S.B.; A. C. Wylie, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Gompertz, P.M., P.G.P. Herts. A letter was also received from Bro. James Forsyth, P.M., P.G. S. of Works, regretting his inability to be present, but sending his hearty good wishes. Bro. the Rev. Chas. E. Mayo, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, unable to be present, sent a donation to the Steward's list for the Boys' School, Bro. Stephens having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the forthcoming festival. There were also amongst the visitors Bros. Richards, P.M. 1329; Grammont, 1559; H. Smith, 205; Tholander, 1457; Blackmore, 1672; J. Brown, 1327; J. W. Hunt, 1662; Bickerton, W.M. 1329; Rush, P.M. 1201; Vail, 1155; Hockley, P.M. 172; Barnes, P.M. 1632; James Allen, 1052; Haddington, 217; Voisey, J.W. 1641; J. Garner, P.M. 1622; Sensey, 1632; Henry Gompertz, W.M. 1364; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; Goldmidt, S.D. 1641; Seex, P.M. 1426; Thuc, 1622; Robins, W.M. 25; A. W. Stead, S.W. 1622; Earl, 186; Saul, W.M. 1201; T. E. Smith, W.M. 185; Redding, 917; Pitt, 917; Binckes, P.M., Secretary of the Boys' School, and many other brethren. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, "the perfect arrangements for which they were indebted to the untiring zeal and ready will of Bro. Hilton, who had charge." Grace was sung by four of the brethren of the lodge, and the cloth removed. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly responded to. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Stephens," spoke in feeling terms of his genial and courteous behaviour in the lodge, and of his kindly and consistent conduct as a neighbour and friend, and in placing a very handsome Past Master's jewel on his breast, presented by the lodge, he correctly interpreted the feelings of all the brethren present in saying he hoped he might long be spared to wear it, and the lodge have the advantage of his presence amongst them. Bro. Stephens, in reply, after thanking the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, assured the brethren that although he regarded his mother lodge with the affection of a first love, yet having adopted the Peckham Lodge, he would never forsake her. He was pleased to see so many of his old friends present from his mother lodge and thanked them for their good wishes towards him, but as a Past Master of 1475 his future care and interest for the prosperity of that lodge and for the comfort of its members would be his constant care. The jewel they had so kindly presented him he should wear with pride as a token of their good will towards him. During his remarks the subscription list went round the tables, and it was announced that close on one hundred pounds were added to it for the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes, in responding for "The Masonic Charities," said as there were three gentlemen initiated that evening who, in all probability, knew very

little, if any thing, of our great Charities for their benefit, at the risk of tiring the brethren, most of whom he recognised as supporters of our Institutions, he would go over the old ground, and spoke at length of the financial position of each of the Institutions, and of the benefits conferred, concluding with an earnest appeal for the subscription list of Bro. Stephens on behalf of the Boys' School. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given. The fact that so large a number were present, the W.M. thought to be evidence of the cordial manner in which visitors were always received, and of their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them. Bros. Bickerton, W.M. Sphinx Lodge; Copestick, P.M. Gresham Lodge, 869; and H. Gompertz, W.M. Earl of Zealand Lodge, 1364, replied. Bro. Bickerton spoke in very feeling terms of the pleasure he, in common with the rest of the visitors, had experienced at being in the lodge and hearing the very perfect manner the installation had been conducted; he also spoke of the frequent and kindly interchange of visits by the officers of this and his own lodge, which meet under the same roof, and hoped the same cordial feeling and goodwill would ever exist. Bro. Copestick said, while he regretted the loss of Bro. Stephens from his own lodge, he heartily congratulated the brethren of 1475 for their good fortune in numbering amongst their Past Masters so worthy and zealous worker. Bro. H. Gompertz followed, saying he had been present at the consecration and at every installation since, and in making the progress and efficient manner in which all the duties were carried out he was much pleased, and of the hospitality extended to visitors the large gathering present bore sufficient evidence of their appreciation. Other complimentary toasts followed, and the evening was greatly enlivened by a well arranged programme of songs by the members of the lodge, under the immediate superintendence of Bro. Stribling, the Organist.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 19th ult., the W.M., Bro. John Douglass, in the chair, assisted by Bros. C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732, Secretary; George Clark, jun., D.C., as S.D.; H. Lovegrove, W.S., as J.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks as I.G.; Brummell, Steward. The visitors present were Bros. Fred. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. Boys' School; Pitman, Orpheus; Kauffman, 1732; Blunt, 422; Cleverly, 1107; R. W. Hayday, P.M. 504; W. Hayday, 504; Barrett Kidder, 12; and Brent, 769; and members, Bros. J. J. Steele, Gilbert, jun., Edmonds, Fortescue, Perks, Wiltshire, Dimsdale, Burton, and others. Bros. Clarkson and Shepherd having been entrusted, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Potter and Conolly, but as they were unable to be present there was no other business before the lodge, which was closed down in the Three Degrees. At the banquet table, after the usual toasts of "The Queen," "M.W.G.M.," and "Grand Officers," the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and ably responded to, especially by Bro. Binckes, who, as is usual with him, made a very effective speech in behalf of the Charitable Institutions of the Order in general, and the Boys' School in particular. The speech of this worthy brother had such an effect that a further sum of twenty guineas was collected at the table, in addition to the large sum collected at a former meeting, to be divided between the W.M. and I.P.M. as Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' Festivals respectively. The Tyler's toast was given at an early hour, and the brethren separated.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—This lodge having removed to the Alexandra Palace, the first meeting was held there on Tuesday, the 18th ult., when the members present were:—Bros. W. T. Parkins, the W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; H. B. D. Dunn, J.W.; E. V. Davies, Treas.; A. J. Berry, Sec.; H. C. Frampton, S.D.; J. N. Thompson, J.D.; J. Eldridge, D.C.; G. Edmunds, I.G.; E. Grout, Org.; G. Carey, Steward; C. Hutchinson, T. Jackson, J. H. Bastable, J. Cox, S. Hawkins, G. Chutter, J. Reid, J. Brown, and G. E. Trodham. The visitors were:—Bros. Hollis, P.M. No. 167, P.P.S.B. Heris; J. Rowe, P.M. 167; J. Shackell, P.M. 167; J. Yeoman, W.M. 167; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; J. Scarle, 1288; A. Speller, 217; J. Wilkinson, 167; J. Swinyard, 1178; and A. J. Mucklow, 1685. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Reid was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. Brown was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Frodsham, of Lodge No. 3, was then balloted for as a joining member, and declared unanimously elected. A sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted to be placed on the list of the W.M., who had accepted the office of Steward for the Girls' School. Several propositions for initiates and joining members were then received, when the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a repast was served in a style which reflected the greatest credit on Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, the well-known caterers and proprietors of the Palace. The usual toasts were given, that of "The Visitors" being responded to in the most able manner by Bro. Hollis; and some vocal assistance rendered by the brethren brought to a conclusion a very successful meeting.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The installation of the Senior Warden, Bro. Bone, as W.M. of this lodge for the year ensuing, took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th ult., in the presence of a numerous attendance of brethren, the Board of Installed Masters numbering nineteen, and including the W.M.'s of the Peace and Harmony, the Shirley, and the Albert Edward Lodges, with the Mayor of Southampton, Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. W. Hickman, W.M., and D.P.G.M. of

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and the W.M. elect invested his officers as follow:—Bros. F. H. McCalmont, W.M., S.W.; W. J. Hickman, P.M., J.W.; W. Furber, P.M., Treas.; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; Rev. S. Scott, Chap.; H. P. Aslatt, D.C.; Alex. Paris, S.D.; Henry Lashmore, J.D.; G. Dymott, P.M., I.G.; and Biggs, Tyler. Votes of thanks were afterwards accorded to the D.P.G.M. for his important services during the day; the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Walker, at whose absence, through indisposition, much regret was expressed, and to certain officers for past services. The installation banquet was served by Bro. Dartnall, and presided over by the W.M. elect, to whom many hearty congratulations were tendered.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The usual meeting took place at the Pump-room, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Bro. W. B. Bacon, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; C. Graham, acting J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Hodgkin; T. F. Bates, Sec.; J. Burton, S.D.; J. Dunkley, J.D.; Strange, Tyler; Boorman, T. Elliott, Rule, Read, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and having been closed down to the First Degree, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place, and was unanimous in favour of Bros. A. D. M. Williams; W. S. Elers, P.M.; and Strange. The Audit Committee were appointed, and the members elected to serve were Bros. Cheale, Elliott, and Graham. Bro. Read, P.M., proposed that the usual Past Master's jewel be given to Bro. Bacon. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Williams seconded, that Bro. Lord George Nevill and Bro. Dickenson, both of the Tunbridge Lodge, be joining members of the lodge. An important notice of motion having been given by the W.M. the lodge was duly closed.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The anniversary of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th ult., at the Court House, when there was an assemblage of brethren from all parts of the province. The following were among those present:—Bros. J. H. Lawson, W.M.; E. J. Sykes, P.P.G. St. Bearer, I.P.M.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. R. Duke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Josiah Taylor, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. St. Bearer; P. Le Gros, S.W.; W. Boughen, J.W.; W. Lees, Sec.; W. D. Sutton, S.D.; W. Goodwin, I.G.; G. Smedley, R. Hulme, Stwds.; W. Needham, G. F. Barnard, H. D. Hudson, William Cannell Cheever, John Edwin Harrison, W. C. Moore, S.W. 1688; A. Oram, W. F. Mill, G. Goodwin, T. W. Brittain, J. H. Taylor, John Oram, J. Stanley, Treas. 1769; Jos. Whalley, J. Heathcote, Jas. C. Hyde, and R. H. Hyde. The visitors present were, Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; W. W. Jendwine, P.M. 681, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Wyatt, J.W. 654; W. T. Gunson, 1089; G. J. Wood, J.W. 1028; J. Whitehead, S.W. 654; H. Hirst, S.D. 1405; A. Sandilands, J.D. 1688; A. Stubbe, P.M. 850, P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Geo. Wilson, 1028; A. Schofield, P.M. 1028; W. Milligan, I.P.M. 884, P.J.G.W.; C. J. Bennett, 654. The lodge was opened in due form at two o'clock by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Lawson, who after the usual routine business proceeded to raise Bro. W. C. Cheever, which ceremony he performed in such a manner as to receive the encomiums of all the brethren present. The lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. Milligan, P.M. 889, P.G.J.W., took the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Philip Le Gros, S.W., who was presented by Bro. Sykes, P.M., and Bro. Lawson, W.M. The installation ceremony was performed in a most able and beautifully impressive manner by Bro. W. Milligan, P.M. 881, P.G.J.W., assisted by Bro. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.S.B. East Lancashire. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. H. Lawson, I.P.M.; W. Boughen, S.W.; W. D. Sutton, J.W.; Josiah Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. Smedley, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. Goodwin, J.D.; C. Gwinnell, D.C.; H. Wint, Std. Bearer; G. Marsden, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Lees, I.G.; R. Hulme, and J. Gladwin, Stewards; A. Pyle, Tyler. An adjournment was then made to St. Ann's Hotel, where an elegant and sumptuous banquet had been prepared by the proprietors, Messrs. Harrison and Le Gros, in a style every way worthy of the reputation of the house, for the companions of the chapter and the brethren of the lodge. When the cloth was removed and grace had been said by Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G.C., who had also assisted in the ceremonies of the lodge, there were the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The newly-elected W.M. presided, and in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," made a touching allusion to the great domestic affliction which had fallen on the Royal House since the last anniversary of the Phoenix Lodge, expressing himself confident that every brother would unite with every subject and every Mason in deepest sympathy with her Majesty on that occasion. "The Health of the Prince of Wales" was also proposed by the President, who remarked on the eminent services his Royal Highness had rendered to Masonry, and the high estimation in which he was held by the brethren generally. The following toasts were subsequently proposed:—"The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro. G.M. and G. 1st Principal K.A., with the Officers, Present and Past, of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter;" "The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., Pro Grand Sup. R.A., Bro. H. C. Okeover, R.W. D.P.G.M., P.G. 2nd Principal, and the Officers, Present and Past, of P. Grand Lodge and Chapter;" "The Newly-Installed Principals;" "The Newly-Installed W.M.;" "The Installing Masters and Principals;" "The Visitors;" "The I. Past Master and Past Principals;" "The Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" "The Treasurers of the Lodge and Chapter;" "To all

Poor and Distressed Masons." In proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," Bro. J. H. Lawson, the newly-installed Master, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to propose that toast, and the additional pleasure he had in investing him with the jewel, which the lodge had unanimously voted him as some recognition of the estimation they held of his valuable services during his term of office. The jewel was of very elegant design, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. J. H. Lawson, P.M., by the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, Buxton, as a token of regard and appreciation of his services as W. Master, 6th Feb., 1879." The whole of the proceedings throughout were perfectly satisfactory, and a most pleasant day was spent in perfect harmony.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous provincial lodge met in goodly numbers at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Fox, P.M. Lebanon, W.M.; Francis, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, acting S.W.; Hiscox, I.G., acting J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., Secretary; E. Raw, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D.; Kent, J.D.; Moody, D.C.; Tagg, A.W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. Bro. Handel, of the Wolsey, was the sole visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, passed Bro. Bunyan to the degree of F.C. He then vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M., who most ably raised Bro. Prime to the degree of a M.M. Letters of apology for non-attendance from the Wardens and others having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured, the W.M. in very warm terms proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. W. Hammond, P.G.D. The toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Hammond responded. In his speech he eulogised the services of Bro. Col. Burdett to the cause of Freemasonry in general, and to the Province of Middlesex in particular. He believed that no Masonic province had ever attained so high a position in so short a time as Middlesex had. This happy state of things was undoubtedly due to the zeal displayed in its welfare by the distinguished subject of the toast. In conclusion, he briefly touched upon the merits of the brethren composing the remainder of the staff of the Provincial Grand Lodge. "The Health of the W.M." followed. In proposing this toast the I.P.M. deplored the indisposition which had prevented their W.M. at the very commencement of his Mastership from taking that active part in its administration which the position demanded. He believed that their W.M.'s interest in all things Masonic could not be surpassed by any member of their mystic Order, and that when he left the chair of the Hemming Lodge he would carry with him the respect of every member. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. made a brief reply, and immediately proposed "The Health of the Visitor." Bro. Handel in response expressed the great pleasure his visits to the Hemming Lodge had invariably afforded him. He was impressed with the "work," delighted with the harmony manifested by the members, and gratified with the hospitality always displayed by No. 1512. In conclusion, he hoped that they would shortly permit him to come among them as a joining member. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" came next, and were suitably acknowledged by Bros. W. Hammond and E. Hopwood. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the members separated at an early hour, highly pleased with the instruction and the entertainment that had been afforded them.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 14th ult., at Bro. Garbett's fine hall on Anglesea Hill, attached to the Sir Robert Peel, when an unusually large gathering of the brethren of the lodge and district assembled to bid farewell to one who had not only added a lasting lustre to the lodge, but had gained for himself the deep attachment and esteem of all who knew him, both in his private and Masonic life. We refer to Bro. Past Master George Spinks, I.P.M. of the lodge, who, as Assistant Commissary in the Army Service Corps, sailed on the following Tuesday in charge of stores for the Cape of Good Hope. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, W.M., supported by the following Past Masters and Officers:—Past Masters Dr. Spurrell, also P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, also P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Weston; T. D. Hayes, also W.M. 913; A. Penfold, also P.M. 913; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; J. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Welding, J.W.; T. Holleyman, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; H. A. Watkins, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. Anderson acted as I.G. The visitors present included Bro. J. Scott Mutch, W.M. 706; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; T. Newman, 1604; J. Sculley, 363; J. A. Elder, 1472; E. W. Crews, 13; T. E. Hassell, 13; S. Hare, 706; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason), and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Richard Soars, Sergt.-Major, 6th Brigade Royal Artillery, of Lodge No. 465 in India, was balloted for, and accepted as a joining member. Sergt.-Major E. Maul, R.H.A., and Sergt. John Steer, of the 1st Brigade, R.A., were then, after ballot and approval, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and then Bro. Robert Anderson was raised to the Sublime Degree. The initiates were then called up to the pedestal, and the W.M. recited the E.A. charge to them most eloquently. Bro. Weston then rose, and said he felt that before they closed they would

like to convey to Bro. Spinks in open lodge their regret at losing not only his valuable services but his esteemed companionship. The brethren had heard of the terrible misfortune that had befallen their gallant brothers in arms at the Cape, and how throughout the garrisons of England the note of preparation had sounded for reinforcements. Among those gallant soldiers who were called was their esteemed Bro. Spinks, and he was sure before he left that lodge to go on his pathway of duty, that they, the members of that lodge, would try, or at least desire to try, and repay him the deep debt of gratitude they owed him, for the many valuable services he had rendered them since and before the formation of the lodge. He had not only gone through his work in the two Wardens' chairs in a perfect manner, but in his position as W.M. he had excelled, if not surpassed, anything that had been done in it by his predecessors. No one, he felt sure, who had been at the installation ceremony last year could ever forget the magnificent manner in which he had performed that beautiful and solemn ceremony. It was the admiration of all who heard it, and their distinguished Chaplain, Bro. Solbé, had declared it to be equal to anything he had ever seen in his life for eloquence and impressiveness. Their esteemed brother was going to leave them for active service in the field, and they wished him God speed on his journey. Might the G.A.O.T.U. keep him in the hour of danger, and when honour was satisfied—for English soldiers wanted not revenge—might he be spared to come once more among them, and in that lodge receive a welcome home such as they in their hearts would give him, and which would be as honourable to them as it would be pleasing to him. The brief but feeling reply of Bro. Spinks was cheered to the echo. The W.M. said a few words, which he promised to supplement at the social board, and then, after the usual questions, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. Upon reassembling the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as well as the provincial ones, all of which were duly honoured. Bro. Spurrell, in replying for "The Past and Present Grand Officers of Kent," said he did not expect to receive such a compliment, as he now formed a part of the very large circle of those who belonged to the past. It was however, an honour at any time and anywhere to respond for the Grand Officers of Kent, and in their name he returned thanks. He was now a member of that lodge, and hearing that their excellent Bro. Spinks was going away he could not let this opportunity pass without attending and bidding him farewell, and wishing him a safe journey out and return home. Bro. Spinks then rose to propose the toast of the W.M. He said he had the honour once more to propose the toast, and from the manner in which Bro. Picken did his duty they could see that he was determined to do it firmly, honestly, and nobly. They had heard the admirable rendering of the charge to their initiates that evening; that showed them that their W.M. was capable of carrying out his duties to the utmost limits. He was one of those who came in at the door and went out at the window. Well, he would go out at the window, for he was not at the furthest end of the room. He asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Bro. Picken, in response, said, were it not for the cloud that hung over them through their being about to lose Bro. Spinks, he should have felt proud of the way in which they had responded to their brother's call in connection with the toast. There was one thing, however, he could not help being proud of, and that was that they were at last out of debt. Every Master of the lodge had tried to clear it off, and had done well, and now he was proud to say every claim was paid, and they were clear. (Cheers.) He now hoped they would be able to take their place among the lodges who assisted, and largely too, those grand Institutions of the Order "The Masonic Charities." (Applause.) "The Initiates" were then toasted, and returned thanks. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Picken said it would be the last time for the present they would have their esteemed Bro. Spinks with them. They all knew that the British arms had sustained a severe reverse at the Cape of Good Hope, at least on the borders of Natal, and that reverse had raised a profound feeling of sorrow in every heart in the land, from the Queen in her palace to the peasant in his cottage. The loss had been severe, and while they mourned for that loss, yet there was not a soldier in the British Army who would not step forward and gladly go to-morrow to retrieve that reverse. It was their duty, and duty was a sacred thing in the heart of a soldier. (Loud cheers.) He knew personally the leader of the corps that was lost, Colonel Durnford. He was not only a good soldier, but was a good man, and a Mason, who would not only assist a brother with money, but [with advice and example, and that evening they were about to send away to the same place one who was near and dear to them, their good Bro. Spinks. (Cheers.) Should he fall at his duty he would have a soldier's death, and a soldier's grave, and those he left behind him would be to them as their own, and they would protect them, (Loud cheers), but should he be spared to return they would welcome him back with joy and rejoicing. Bro. Spinks, who replied to the toast, and was sensibly affected at the warmth of the brethren's response, said, on behalf of the Past Masters, he thanked them heartily. With respect to himself he never could thank them for the manner in which they had assembled together to express to him their wishes for his welfare in the expedition, in which he, among many more of her Majesty's soldiers were about embarking. When he was installed and placed in the chair of that lodge by Bro. Weston he ventured to speak as to its future, and to foretell for it a great and useful path in Masonry, and he did not think upon that night, when he was about to leave them, that he had a single word to recall. It had increased in strength, position, and numbers, and while he gloried in the opportunity afforded him of going into active

service, he left that lodge to go without a single fear or regret, save for those he left behind. He had been a sort of mother to it, while Bro. Weston had been the father, and like some fathers, Bro. Weston was hot, and hasty, and impetuous, and so energetic in the cause of his offspring, that it required his (the speaker's) slow and wet blanket sort of ways to restrain Bro. Weston's ardour. But between them they had, with the help of the brethren, he trusted, placed it upon a safe and sound basis, and he left it with confidence in their hands. He should as long as he lived continue to be a member of it, and should always take an interest in its prosperity, and so that he might hear continually of its goings on, he had commissioned Bro. Weston to send him the *Freemason* every week, and that brother had promised to do so. He then spoke of the good feeling that existed between their lodge and the other lodges round about, more particularly with the Pattison Lodge, between whom and themselves a bond of brotherly love existed that he trusted would never be broken. Their W.M. had alluded to his being called away to active service. His corps was famed more particularly for being "first for bread and last for ammunition." He had, however, applied for a six-chambered revolver, and if he had occasion to use it there would not be a barrel of it thrown away, for

"With our twelve or nine-pounders we will force
the savage foe,
And give a good account of them wherever we
may go.

But if it is our fortune, boys, to fall upon the field,
We'll die like British soldiers, but never will we
yield."

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Watts, of the Pattison; Hall, of the Florence Nightingale; Hassall for the Union Waterloo; and Bro. Hayes, although an honorary member of the lodge, yet as W.M. of the Pattison, felt that he could not let this occasion pass without saying how much they regretted losing Bro. Spinks from their midst. But their loss was his gain, and although at the present a dark cloud seemed to hang over them it had a silver lining, and would soon pass away in the lustre that would, he trusted and hoped, be theirs from the honour done them by Bro. Spinks and his gallant comrades on the shores of Africa. Bro. Watts, as the oldest Mason in the room, wished Bro. Spinks success and a honoured return; and after Bro. Spinks (who filled the chair upon Bro. Picken leaving the room) had toasted their Bro. Rust, who had just gone to Cyprus as Chaplain of the Forces, and paid a tribute to the memory of Bro. Hiscock, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, who had just departed this life, the Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" brought the meeting to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. P. V. Denham, W.M.; A. B. Blackmore, S.W.; J. Frost, J.W.; W. J. Huntley, S.D.; W. F. Wardroper, J.D.; F. Reed, I.G.; C. Digby, W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, H. R. Jones, A. Newens, A. Mason, W. Marshall, and A. A. Denham. The lodge being duly opened, Bro. Newens offered himself as a candidate for the First Degree, which was worked. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. A. Morgan (W.M. of the 1044), who worked the Second Degree, Bro. Newens again being the candidate. The brethren then proceeded to discuss a motion of Bro. J. G. Carter—"That the evening of meeting be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday." This was carried unanimously. Bro. W. F. Wardroper proposed, Bro. J. Huntley seconded, and it was carried nem. con.—"That the time for meeting be 7.30 instead of 8 o'clock, as heretofore." Bro. Blackmore was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 18th ult., summoned for 8 p.m., but it was nearer 9 before the Board of Principals was opened. Present:—Ex. Comps. Hill, Z.; Watts, P.Z. 379, as H.; Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, as J.; Keene, P.Z.; Becket, P.Z.; Moutrie, P.Z. and Treasurer. On the admission of the companions the chairs were taken by Comps. Howes, E.; Peach, as N.; Stuckey, P. Soj.; Young, as S. Soj.; Hayward, J. Soj. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. satisfactorily accounted for the absence of H., J., N., and S. Sojourner. A brother in distress applied for relief, presenting a certificate from a lodge in Scotland, whence so large a proportion of such cases come. A small sum was given for immediate necessities, and the Janitor was directed to pay his fare to Exeter, where he stated that he has friends, and to see him off by rail. Bros. Glover and Mercer, who had been previously balloted for, were admitted, properly prepared, and duly exalted to the rank of R.A. companion by the M.E.Z., at whose request the acting J. gave the historical and symbolical lectures. Ex. Comp. Moutrie communicated the signs, with their explanation, and as it was then late, Dr. Hopkins promised privately to make the new companions acquainted with the rest of the mystical lecture, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his assistance on this as on all occasions when called upon. A ballot was taken for Bro. Cartmell as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, which was unanimous in his favour. It may be added, that the proceedings went off very smoothly, which was creditable to the new officers who acted for the first time after their appointment.

OLDHAM.—Tudor Chapter (No. 177).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 17th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, at 6 o'clock. The proceedings were opened in due form and with the usual solemnities, under the presidency of Comp. P. P. Henry Lees Hollingworth, as M.E.Z.; Henry Thomas, H.; and James Lees Page, J. The minutes of the preceding chapter were read and confirmed. The next business being the installation of the Principals for the ensuing twelve months, the very eminent and worthy Comp. James Hall, P.P.G.P.S. of Lancashire, was requested to perform that ceremony, and the three Principals elect were duly presented to him in open chapter and obligated. A Conclave of Installed Principals was afterwards formed, and the Principals invested, after which the other companions were admitted into the chapter and saluted their newly-installed superiors, viz., Comps. Henry Thomas, M.E.Z.; James Lees Page, H.; and Joseph Crompton Lees, J. The officers having then been severally invested and admonished by the Installing Principal, the magnificent and impressive ceremony was concluded by an earnest address to the companions generally. So complete was the satisfaction of the chapter at the very able manner in which Comp. P. P. James Hall performed the beautiful ceremony, that it is their intention to elect him as honorary member, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services, and his kindness in having for several years installed their Principals. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to a banquet of the most recherché character, which reflected the highest credit upon Mr. Chew, the manager of the Freemasons' Hall.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—The installation festival of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult. The chapter was opened by Comp. Smethurst, Z., at 5.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the companions adjourned to tea. On the resumption of business about 40 companions were present. Comp. W. F. Towle, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., commenced the installation ceremony. When all below the rank of Installed Principals had retired, Comp. James Dawson was placed in the chair of Z. by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.D. of C. Comp. J. E. Lees was placed in the chair of H. by Comp. J. Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., and Comp. W. P. Norris in the chair of J. by Comp. W. F. Towle. On the readmission of the companions the newly-installed Principals were proclaimed and suitably greeted, after which Comp. Hall invested the following officers, viz.:—Comps. W. Nicholl, S.E.; J. T. Watts, S.N.; W. Sowlar, P.S.; H. Rocca, 1st A.S.; John Church, and A.S.; F. Vetter, Organist; and James Sly, Janitor. The address to the newly-installed Principals was delivered by Comp. J. Batchelder, P.Z., and those to the officers and companions by Comp. Sillitoe. As is usual in this chapter the new year was commenced by voting a sum to the funds of the local charity in lieu of having a banquet. The chapter was duly closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent very harmoniously and agreeably, the musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, possessed by members of this chapter being far above the average.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—This chapter assembled at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; John Bladon, P.Z., acting as H.; J. E. Lees, J. There were also present Comps. J. J. Lambert, Treasurer, acting as S.E.; J. G. Batty, S.N.; John Dewhurst, P.S.; Alfred Love, 1st A.S.; A. D. Edwards, and A.S.; and other members and visitors. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly ratified, Bro. A. J. Billings, P.M., was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z., the historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Lees, and both the symbolic and mystical lectures by Comp. Sillitoe. Although this chapter has but recently been consecrated it possesses a fair number of members and has attained a high standard of working. Letters were read from several officers and companions explaining the causes of their absence, and the chapter was closed in solemn form.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, on which occasion there were present Bros. North Ritherdon, W.M.; Thomas Meggy, P.M., Treas.; James Stevens, P.M.; William Worrell, P.M. and Sec.; Robert Berridge, P.M.; Edward Moody, S.W.; W. P. Collins, M.O.; F. H. Cozens, S.O.; George Yaxley, R.M.; G. Ward Verry, S.D.; W. C. Hall J.D.; J. K. Pitt, I.G.; H. F. Partridge, W. Johnstone, T., A. De Leliva, T. W. Simons, Louis Hirsch, H. Mills, A. Hubbard, John Syer, 139; and H. Massey, P.M. 22 (*Freemason*). Bro. T. B. Humphrey was advanced to the Mark Degree, after which Bro. Berridge announced that he was going to stand as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and explained to the brethren the scheme which was settled at last half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge for establishing an educational fund. He hoped he should at the next festival take up a good list, and he asked the favourable consideration of the lodge for that object. Thereupon Bro. Worrell moved, and Bro. Meggy seconded, a resolution for giving two guineas from the lodge funds to Bro. Berridge's list, and this having been unanimously adopted, the thanks of the lodge were presented to Bro. Berridge for undertaking the office of Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most agreeable dinner. When the toasts

were proposed, Bro. Meggy replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Bro. James Stevens responded to that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett," and said that he was proud to think that the Macdonald Mark Lodge had the honour of supplying so many Grand Officers to the province. The lodge had reason to be satisfied with the kind consideration that the Prov. G. Master had given this lodge from its foundation to the present time, and he hoped it would be in the future as it had been in the past, a very great encouragement to the members of the lodge that their chances of preferment in Grand Lodge were almost positively secured. Bro. Meggy proposed "The W.M.," who, he said, had done his duty well, and shown the brethren that he could perform the ceremony of advancement most admirably. The W.M., replying, said he congratulated himself on having had the opportunity that evening of performing the ceremony for the first time since he had been Master. He had begun to think he should go through his year of office without showing what he could do. This lodge could boast that among its Past Masters was a race of giants in Mark work, and he thought there was a fair prospect of the race being perpetuated. Their next W.M. would be Bro. Edward Moody, who would also be a good worker. He (the W.M.) congratulated himself not only upon having entered Mark Masonry, in which he took great delight, but also on having taken the degree in the Macdonald Lodge, No. 104. He always looked back with satisfaction on his introduction into the degree; he had the interest of the degree in general at heart, and of this lodge in particular. He should always do all he could to advance the interests of the lodge. Bro. Humphrey replied to the toast of "The Newly Advanced Brother," and said he had been highly delighted at the ceremony and the way in which it was worked. Bros. Hubbard and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. R. Berridge to that of "The P.M.'s." He said that it always had been and always would be the greatest possible pleasure to him to render any assistance he could to the Master in the chair, and to his officers in any post he might be asked to fill. He then repeated the observations he made in lodge as to the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and appealed to the brethren for their support of his Steward's list. In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said, the lodge was highly favoured in these two offices. The first had filled all sorts of offices in the lodge, and was always ready to do any work which might be required of him. With respect to the Secretary, they could not possibly have a better. Bro. Meggy, in reply, said, the remarks made concerning him were very flattering, and the warmth of the brethren's reception very hearty. Both the W.M. and the brethren had done what they had done from the bottom of their hearts, and he believed they had felt what they had expressed. He should always do what he could for the lodge, and all he could to make the brethren comfortable. Bro. Worrell, as Secretary, also replied, and the proceedings, which had been enlivened with some delightful music and singing by Bros. Cozens, Simons, Hubbard, Stevens, and Meggy, were brought to a close.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY ROSE CROIX CHAPTER (No. 4).—A meeting of this old and distinguished chapter was held on Friday, the 14th ult., at 33, Golden-square. There were present Ill. Bros. C. H. Driver, 31°, M.W.S.; W. Paas, 30°, Almoner, acting 1st General; D. M. Dewar, Recorder, as 2nd General; Hyde Pullen, 33°, as High Prelate; D. Nicols, 30°, as Grand Marshal; T. C. Walls, as Raphael; B. F. Cramer, Organist; J. O. Wood, as Captain of the Guard; Col. S. H. Clerke, 33°, G.S.G., &c.; R. W. Stewart, P.W.S.; A. Williams, F. W. Driver, C. W. Taylor. Ill. Bro. G. Lambert was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.W.S., with the assistance of his officers, most ably rehearsed the ceremony of perfection, Bro. F. W. Driver acting as candidate. There being no other business, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the Café Royale, where a most elegant repast was served by Comp. Nicols and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary preliminary toasts were done full justice to. The toast of "The Supreme Grand Council" was acknowledged in fitting terms by Ill. Bro. Col. Clerke. "The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by Ill. Bro. Dewar, in which he congratulated the Mount Calvary upon possessing so able an exponent of the ceremonies of the Rose Croix Degree as their Ill. Bro. Driver had unquestionably proved himself to be. He was sorry that through unavoidable circumstances the candidate for perfection had been prevented from attending the chapter that day, because the M.W. had evidently taken great pains in getting up the arduous ceremony, and it was a pity that he should have been disappointed by the non-attendance of the candidate. In conclusion, he hoped that the remainder of the M.W.S.'s year of office would be characterised by the same amount of prosperity and happiness as had attended it hitherto. This toast having been warmly received, the M.W. modestly replied. "The Health of the Visitor" was acknowledged at length by Bro. Lambert. "The Officers" followed, and drew from Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen an exhaustive response. The proceedings then terminated.

India.

BANGALORE.—Bangalore Lodge (No. 1043).—Notwithstanding that the war in Afghanistan has summoned to the front many of the military brethren of Lodge "Bangalore," seldom has the Masonic Hall here been more densely crowded than it was last St. John's Day. The

proceedings commenced at 7.30 a.m., with the installation of W.M. Bro. Arthur Hayes, the late Senior Warden, who had been unanimously elected at the previous regular meeting. The ceremony was performed by P.M. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, assisted by an unusually large number of Past Masters, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Brindley, P.M. from Burmah; Bro. Collins, P.M. from Secundarabad; Bro. Haynes, P.M. from Bellary; Past Masters J. W. Hayes, sen., Nepean Smith, Pratt, and M'Cally Hayes, from Mysore. The W.M. having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., appointed Bro. J. Smith to be Senior Warden, and Bro. H. Reuben to be Junior Warden. The remaining collars having been duly distributed and the final charges delivered, the W.M. rose, and, in an exceedingly neat and appropriate speech, presented P.M. Bro. Balfour Cockburn with a testimonial in the form of a very handsomely printed address. The following is a copy of the same.

"To W. Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, Esq., M.D., P.M., P.Z., &c., &c."

"Dear Sir and Brother.

"We the undersigned Past Masters, Past Wardens, Wardens, and members of the Bangalore Lodge, 1043, consider we shall be failing in our duty and depriving ourselves of a great pleasure, were we to allow this memorable day to pass away without conveying to you our warm and sincere thanks for the very able manner in which you have presided over our lodge during this year. Deprived of the services of the Worshipful Master who was elected by the brethren for this year, viz., W. Bro. Capt. J. M'Cleverty, you unhesitatingly accepted the responsibility of filling his place, and we are proud to bear testimony to your having cheerfully and zealously performed all the duties required of you from time to time, and to your having advanced the best interests of our lodge. This will be at once understood when we add that during this year nine members have been initiated by you, six passed, eight raised, and eight affiliated. In vacating the chair you carry with you our best wishes. We shall always cherish your connection with us with feelings of the utmost gratification, and we hope and trust that you will yet attain that high rank in Masonry, which all of us so sincerely desire, feeling assured that the same cannot but conduce to the welfare of Freemasonry throughout Southern India.

"We subscribe ourselves, dear Sir and Worshipful Brother, yours fraternally.

"Bangalore, 27th Dec., 1878."

To the above address is appended the signature of every member of the lodge, without a single exception. P.M. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, accepting the presentation, made a most suitable reply, and alluding to the kind wishes expressed as to his future advancement, said that should H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master be pleased to deem him worthy of occupying the post of District Grand Master, he trusted he would never for a moment be insensible to the duties or grave responsibilities of that high and important position, and no efforts would be wanting on his part to justify the selection of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, as also to merit the approbation of the brethren of the province.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.—Lodge of Judah (No. 388 S.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, Victoria, on Tuesday evening, 3rd December, 1878. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.30 p.m., the retiring R.W.M., Bro. James Moore, in the chair. There was a brilliant assembly of Provincial Grand Officers—bearers of the Three Constitutions, W. Masters, Past Masters, and visiting brethren from the various lodges in the province. The minutes of last monthly meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Thornton, age 33, proposed at last monthly meeting, and resulted in his being declared duly elected; also for Bro. Geo. Wilson, M.M. Carlton Lodge, 380 I.C., as a joining member, who was duly elected a member of the lodge. The candidate, being in attendance, was admitted in due form, and initiated to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in the First Degree by the retiring R.W.M., who thereafter intimated that Bro. P.M.M. Goldstein had kindly consented to act as Installing Master, and vacated the chair in his favour. The R.W.M. elect, Bro. J. P. Ceddesburg, was then conducted to the East by Bros. P.M.'s Erichsen and Little, and, having given his assent to the charges, was duly obligated and subsequently installed R.W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were then obligated and invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices:—Bros. Cederberg, R.W.M.; Moore, P.M., R.W.D.M.; Erichsen, P.M., R.W. Substitute Master; Spink, S.W.; Burton, J.W.; Cahill, P.M., Treasurer; Millar, Sec.; Rintel, P.M., Chaplain; Coverlid, S.D.; Browne, J.D.; Perraton, Org.; Wright and Jackson, Stewards; Altson, I.G.; Levy, Tyler. Bro. Goldstein, P.M., then, in a very impressive and eloquent manner, addressed Bro. Joseph Cahill, P.M., Treasurer, thanking him in the name of the lodge for the many valuable services rendered as Warden, R.W.M., and during the past five years as Treasurer, the duties of all of which offices he had fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the brethren, and presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a beautiful Past Treasurer's jewel in gold, the key being studded with diamonds and brilliants. Bro. Cahill, P.M., replied in suitable terms, thanking the brethren for their kind token of brotherly love, and expressing the pleasure it gave him to be connected with the lodge and help it onward in its career of progress. Bro. Secretary having read correspondence and apologies for absence, and a candidate having been proposed for initiation on next lodge night, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m. The brethren, to the number of over a hundred, adjourned

to the banqueting hall, when a truly pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with speeches, songs, and recitations. A visiting P.M. made a stirring speech by relating how, when a stranger in Melbourne, and in dire distress, his wife and family stricken with fever, Bro. Cahill, P.M., had visited him, and raised him physically and mentally from a state of great despondency. Visiting Bro. Glover, a recent arrival in the colony, contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by his excellent singing.

West Africa.

LAGOS.—Lagos Lodge (No. 1171).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th December, 1878, at the Freemasons' Hall, Marina, Bro. Robert Campbell, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, Bro. Chas. Foresyth, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Charles Dennett Turton, P.M., to the Installing Master for installation. The ceremony of installation having been impressively performed, the new W.M. invested Bros. John Field, S.W.; Charles J. George, J.W.; Rev. Valentine Faulkner, Chap.; John A. Payne, Sec.; Charles Pike, P.M., Treas.; William Meyer, S.D.; Thos. J. Whittington, J.D.; W. William Lewis, I.G.; F. D. Cole, Tyler. The lodge was closed at the conclusion of business, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. To the pleasures of this upwards of twenty-two brethren sat down to enjoy the many delicacies, which had been so carefully provided by the exertions of Bros. Campbell, Payne, and Pike; the place being tastefully decorated, or dressed up, by Bros. Lawson and Whittington. The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen;" "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," and referred to the valuable services his lordship had rendered to the cause of Masonry. Bro. Campbell, P.M., gave the toast of "The New W.M.," and, in reply, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Past Masters," and coupled it with the name of Bro. Turton, P.M. After reply, Bro. Turton, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Officers" for the ensuing year, and coupled the name of Bro. Field, S.W., who, in reply, gave "The Health of the Retiring Officers," and coupled it with the name of Bro. George, who, in reply, wished prosperity to the lodge. Bro. Pike, P.M., gave "The Health of the Visitors," and coupled it with the name of Bro. Leighton, and this brought the banquet to a close.

Public Amusements.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Last month Mr. Carl Rosa produced at this house an English version of Herr Wagner's first successful opera, "Rienzi." The English disciples of Wagner, and the school is now a large one, must have experienced considerable disappointment on hearing the music in "Rienzi;" there is nothing in the opera to indicate that it was composed by the author of "Tannhauser" and "Lohengrin." On the other hand, those who are not rabid Wagnerists will welcome this English version of "Rienzi," as a decided acquisition to the somewhat restricted repertoire now in existence; and from this section of the musical public Mr. Carl Rosa will be thanked for his enterprise and judgment. But altogether apart from its merits as a musical and literary production, it must be allowed on all sides that its first appearance in England was undeniably successful. Mr. Carl Rosa himself conducted his excellent and efficient band, as only Mr. Carl Rosa can conduct, throwing his whole soul into the task before him.

ROYALTY.—This charming little theatre is now under the management of Mr. J. Mortimer, who on the 3rd ult. produced an adaptation of Sardou's "Papillonne," entitled "A Gay Deceiver." From a dramatic point of view the piece has many serious blemishes, the fault lying more with the author than the adapter; but, its faults notwithstanding, "A Gay Deceiver," which is most efficiently acted by an excellent company, affords much laughter and amusement.

FOLLY.—That capital comedy "Retiring" still holds its place in the play bills at this house, and recently has been produced a new burlesque, to wit, "Carmen, or Sold for a Song," by R. Rexce. It is not so good as "Nemesis," by the same author, but it is, nevertheless, a good burlesque, and certainly well worth seeing.

CRITERION.—Here we have a new piece by Bronson Howard, the author of "Brighton," first played in America, under the name of "Hurricanes," and now called "Truth." I need only say that it is a weak and poor imitation of "Pink Dominoes."

PRINCES' THEATRE, MANCHESTER.—On Monday evening, the 23rd ult., at this elegant theatre an entire change took place in the performance, the splendid pantomime having given place to Mr. Cellier's ever welcome comic opera, "The Sultan of Mocha," which was played before a large audience. It is capably mounted by Mr. Edmonds, whose responsible duties as stage manager have been transferred to this theatre. Mr. Wainwright was the Sultan, Mr. Ryley, *Admiral Sneak*, and Messrs. Doyle and Bremner filled respectively the parts of *Captain Flint* and *Peter*. Madame Cave-Ashton, who is well-known to Manchester, both on the platform and stage, fulfilled the important rôle of *Dolly*, and sang the music charmingly, her rendering of the "Slumber" song creating quite a furore. This lady is a valuable acquisition to the company. The rest of the characters were fairly represented. The opera is announced to run seven nights longer, terminating on Saturday, the 8th inst.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The doubly interesting ceremonies of the consecration of a new lodge-room and the installation of the new W.M. for the ensuing year of the Marlborough Lodge of Unanimity, No. 1236, took place on the 21st November last, exactly two years after the building, in which the lodge was formerly held, was destroyed by fire. The lodge having met and opened in the Three Degrees, the members had, some of them for the first time, an opportunity of looking round the new room, which has been specially constructed, and furnished with very great thought and care, and at considerable cost, as nearly as could be contrived after Dr. Oliver's valuable suggestions in his book of the lodge. The handsome veil of the three appropriate colours, shutting out the light from the chilly north; the Ionic pillars on the other sides; the rich carpet and tessellated pavement; the canopy in the East; the plebeian chairs with their massiveness and comfort; form but part of a pleasing and harmonious whole. The W.M., Bro. B. O. Waddy, having in front of him the Three Great Lights, the warrant of constitution, and the vessels of consecration, rose, and gave an exordium on Masonry as follows:—He said that we were met together that evening on a very solemn and interesting occasion, that of opening and consecrating our new lodge-room. As Master of the lodge the honour of conducting the ceremony, an honour which he should remember as long as he lived, fell upon him. It was an honour which very rarely fell to the lot of Masters of lodges, as the ceremony was usually performed by Grand Officers. As, however, we were directly under the Grand Lodge of England, there was no Masonic authorities in this country to whom we owed allegiance, and, consequently, the ceremony must be performed by ourselves. Before commencing, or rather, perhaps, as part of the ceremony, it was usual for some remarks to be made on Masonry in order to prepare the mind for the after ceremonial, and he thought it would be as well to explain the necessity of consecrating the lodge at all. He would have to tell them—what, indeed, they already knew, and few of his remarks could teach them what in one form or another had not been taught them already—that lodges are consecrated because the floor of the lodge represented holy ground. It represented the spot on the top of Mount Moriah where the three great offerings were made; the first, that of Abraham, of his son Isaac; the second, that of David, to stay the pestilence which was raging amongst his people; and the third, that of Solomon, at the dedication of the Temple. Indeed, one of our customs was, but for the dedication, have no meaning. It was well known that in the East—and most of our practices and traditions came from the East—it was the custom, on entering a sacred edifice, to take the shoes from off the feet, a custom the necessity of which was at certain times insisted on in our lodges, as would be remembered by all present. In endeavouring to prepare the minds of the members for the approaching ceremony, he thought he could not do better than call their attention to the consideration of some of the symbols by which they were surrounded, after doing which he should bring his remarks to a close. To commence with, the lodge-room itself was a symbol as much as the furniture it contained. It was a singular circumstance that the greatest Masonic monuments existing in the world had been built by despots—by those who had almost supreme power over the bodies or over the minds of men. In a free country the buildings generally, both private and public, are good, but the public buildings, as monuments, are far inferior to the magnificent structures of tyrants. No one who knows anything of the history of the human race can look upon the Pyramids of Egypt and doubt for a moment that those grand and useless structures were built by slaves to the glory of some potentate, and no one can doubt that under their vast shadows were hovels full of squalor and wretchedness. To come to modern times, the magnificent palace of Louis XIV. at Versailles was built at a time when the French people were starving, and this and other instances of reckless extravagance in wealth and in human life led to the fearful retribution of the French Revolution, when the people rose like a wild beast in its fury, and tore into tatters, and ruins, and death the good with the bad, the sacred with the profane. The object of Freemasonry is not to erect buildings such as these, but it looks upon them in a speculative manner. When a candidate is made he is placed in the N.E. part of the building, and is told that he represents a stone, a foundation stone, on which he is expected to raise a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. He is also told, in the explanation of the tracing board, that a Freemason's lodge is as high as the heavens, proving that our lodge rooms are regarded as merely temporary and emblematic, and that we are all supposed and expected to form living stones of a temple which was commenced long ages ago, and is still being raised, willingly and freely, to the glory and honour of T.G.A.O.T.U. Inside the lodge, he continued, are other emblems, but he could not refer to all. On occasions of this sort it was necessary, of course, to consult authorities, and we were told that at the ceremony of dedication the three great lights were to be displayed. They are the volume of the sacred law the square and compasses. The sacred law is to rule and govern our faith. He could not let the occasion pass, especially considering the late action of the Grand Orient of France, without saying a word about Masonic toleration. A Masonic lodge-room was a place where all sorts of religious belief were tolerated. In fact, we were an example of it. Not a word in this room could be said about foras of religion without discord being the result. All sorts of religious belief were tolerated in a Masonic lodge, but there must be a line somewhere, and the Masonic line was drawn at unbelief. Masonry requires an acknowledgment from a candidate of

his trust in God, and it teaches him later the grand doctrine of the immortality of the soul. Do away with those two landmarks, and the lodge-room is at once and for ever stripped of its glory. This first great light would then be useless, for by its life and immortality are brought to light. You may expunge that—for it alludes to the Grand Geometrician of the Universe. You may tear up that pavement, for it represents that on which the high priest walked when he went once a year to pay adoration to the Most High. The prayers in our ceremonies become a farce, and the ceremonies themselves lose their meaning and are shorn of their beauty. Of the other two great lights, the square is to regulate our actions, and the compasses to keep us in due bounds with all mankind, particularly our brethren in Freemasonry. In other words, the first great light teaches us our duty towards God, and the other two our duty towards our neighbour. The disciples of Christ were to teach all nations, but "it was meet" that they should do so "beginning at Jerusalem," amongst their own brethren. Freemasonry is similar in its instructions. It teaches us to keep in due bounds with all mankind, particularly with our brethren in Freemasonry. This, brethren (he said), is what we have to remember. It is "one another first, the world afterwards;" and if Freemasonry has not taught each of us at least this, it has failed as far as we are concerned. In conclusion, he sincerely hoped that the opening of the new lodge-room would be the commencement of a better and more united feeling. We might congratulate ourselves on having a suitable and handsomely furnished room, and must look forward to its being productive of social pleasure and other benefits to ourselves in the first place, and eventually a blessing to the town in which we lived. At the conclusion of this address, the officers of the lodge were formed in procession, under the able direction of the P.M., C. J. W. Griffiths, and the W.M. sprinkled salt, with the usual invocation. The procession then moved round, when Bro. P.M. J. T. Robinson strewed corn, giving the invocation. The second time round Bro. Griffiths, P.M., sprinkled wine and gave the invocation, and the third time the W.M. anointed with oil and gave the closing invocation. The proceedings being ended, most of the brethren then adjourned to partake of a supper, at which much satisfaction with the conduct of the ceremony was expressed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts drunk. At a later meeting of the lodge, a motion was unanimously carried, that an account of the opening of the new lodge-room should be sent to the Editor of the *Freemason*.

CONSECRATION OF TWO NEW LODGES AT NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND.

On Friday, the 27th of December, 1878, the Masonic Hall, in Munroe-street, of the Victoria Lodge, English Constitution, was the scene of an exceedingly grand ceremony, that of dedicating and consecrating two new lodges—the Abercorn, of Waipawa, and the Heretaunga, of Hastings—followed by the installation of the officers of the Victoria Lodge and of the two new lodges. The ceremonial of dedication and consecration was ably conducted by Bro. Nicholas Marchant, P.M., District Grand Superintendent of Works, and acting by special dispensation as Deputy District Grand Master. The duties devolving on the Grand Chaplain were performed by Bro. the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine, M.A., Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge. Bros. Rudman and Apin conducted the musical part of the service. The installation of the three Worshipful Masters and officers of the three lodges was performed by Bro. Marchant, P.M., D.G.S.W. The following are the names of the officers installed:—

Victoria Lodge.—Bros. De Lisle, W.M.; C. Raven, Treas.; E. P. A. Platford, Sec.; W. E. Combs, S.W.; W. A. Dugleby, J.W.; J. W. Upchurch, S.D.; F. Bee, J.D.; Russell Duncan, I.G.; Motley, Tyler.

Abercorn Lodge, Waipawa.—Bros. R. Karuish, W.M.; Todd, Treas.; A. St. Clair Inglis, Sec.; J. Chicken, S.W.; J. Westmoreland, J.W.

Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings.—Bros. J. M. Batham, W.M.; G. R. Grant, Treas.; W. Beilby, Sec.; W. O. McLeod, S.W.; D. A. Wright, J.W.; W. Y. Watson, S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.

After the installations, several candidates were proposed for initiation in each of the two new lodges.

Before the lodge meeting closed, the District Officer, Bro. Marchant, took occasion to compliment the Victoria Lodge upon its flourishing condition, financially and otherwise, and several visiting brethren testified that they had not seen a better appointed lodge within the Wellington Masonic District.

The festival was celebrated in the evening with a banquet, held in the Masonic Hall, Munroe-street, where a large number of members of the Victoria Lodge, and the officers and warrant members of the two new lodges, assembled to do honour to the occasion. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M. of the Victoria Lodge, Bro. F. I. De Lisle, supported on his right by P.M. Bro. Marchant, D.G.S.W.; Bro. Karuish, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, and P.M. Bro. Wundram; and on his left by P.M. Bro. Batham, W.M. of the Heretaunga Lodge, and Bro. H. C. Pirani. Later in the evening P.M. Bro. Sutton and P.M. Bro. Koch joined the company, and were accommodated with seats on the dais. There were a good many visitors present, some—such as Bro. Rhodes and Bro. Ellison—Masons who have not joined in a festivity of the kind for some years.

After ample justice had been done to the many good things provided in excellent style by the caterer, Bro. Johnson, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Three Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland," were duly honoured.

The W.M. then proposed "The District Grand Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Marchant, D.G.S.W.

Bro. Marchant acknowledged the toast at length, and afterwards proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Masters of the Victoria, the Abercorn, and the Heretaunga Lodges," to which Bros. De Lisle, Karuish, and Batham responded.

Bro. Wundram, P.M., proposed, "The Installed Officers of the Three Lodges."

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Combs, on behalf of himself and the other newly-installed officers.

Bro. Batham, P.M., proposed "The Outgoing Officers of the Victoria Lodge." He had to thank them very much for their assiduous attendance. They had worked very harmoniously together, and it was a pleasure to him to acknowledge it. (Applause.)

Bro. Carnell acknowledged the toast for himself and the other outgoing officers.

Bro. Marchant, P.M., desired to show to the brethren that while the proceedings of that day were being conducted interest was felt in those proceedings in the Wellington lodges. On leaving the hall that afternoon he received a telegram from Bro. G. S. Cooper, W.M. of the Wellington Lodge, as follows:—"Wellington Lodge desires to congratulate the newly-constituted lodges." He had also received a telegram from Bro. F. Binns, the W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, in which he said, "Tender congratulations to Victoria, Abercorn, and Heretaunga Lodges from Pacific Lodge." (Applause.)

Bro. De Lisle, W.M., proposed "The Sister Lodges of the Sister Constitutions."

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Wundram, Batham, and Koch.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bros. Sutton, Pirani, Ellison, Howard, and Koch; "Newly-Initiated Masons," acknowledged by Bro. M'Kenzie; "The Ladies," acknowledged by Bro. Grace; "The Press," acknowledged by Bro. Pirani; "The Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge," acknowledged in eloquent and feeling terms by Bro. the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine; "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces;" "The Life Boat Crews of England;" "The Caterer, Bro. Johnson;" "Absent Friends."

The following toasts were drunk in solemn silence:—"The Memory of Princess Alice," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

A good many songs were sung and recitations given during the evening, and it was a good deal past 1 o'clock in the morning before the company broke up.

We observe that Bro. Henry Murray, Past District Grand Master, &c., for China, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire and Staffordshire, is about to read "Othello" at Birmingham, under distinguished Masonic patronage. Bro. Murray comes of an old theatrical family, and possesses great dramatic and elocutionary ability. In an address presented to him upon quitting China the brethren affirmed that "the various public ceremonials in which he had taken part had received an enhancement of dignity from his impressive delivery of the ancient ritual." His grandfather, Mr. Charles Murray, was an eminent member of the Covent Garden company at the commencement of this century, while his aunt, Mrs. Henry Siddons, and his father, Bro. William Murray, were the famous artists under whose management the Edinburgh Theatre flourished for more than forty years. In the pages of "Waverley" Sir Walter Scott makes mention of Mrs. Henry Siddons and Bro. William Murray, as *Viola* and *Sebastian* in the comedy of "Twelfth Night." The Earl (afterwards Marquis) of Dalhousie, when M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, visited the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, in ample Masonic form. It may be of interest to add that Bro. Murray's great grandfather was a Mason who, early in the eighteenth century, took an active part in the dissemination of the Craft upon the Continent of Europe.

The Eleventh Annual Festival of the French Hospital place last Saturday, the 2nd ult., at Willis's Rooms as usual. The banquet was largely attended by English and French gentlemen. The Count of Montebello took the chair, and was supported by the Lord Mayor of London and his Sheriffs. His Lordship made a very humorous speech, which was very much applauded. The noble Chairman also, after the dutiful toast to "Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and Royal Family," made a very telling speech, eulogising the French Hospital, the new President of the French Republic, and saying that moderation in politics was the programme of the present French Government, which elicited a thunder of applause from all parts of the room. After dinner, and many good speeches by different distinguished French and English guests, Signor Tito Mattei sat to the piano and performed his own celebrated and beautiful waltz, which was encored accordingly. Then came Signor Urio and Mdle. De Bono, the talented violinist, the former delighting the select audience by his beautiful and pure singing, the second one by her admirable instrumentation. As soon as the entertainment was over, M. Rimmel, the infatigable honorary secretary, gave an account of the funds of the French Hospital, thanking the learned French physicians for their great care to the patients, and the good it had done, not only to the French colony, but also to English poor, who partake with the French the great benefits of the hospital. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening, and a large sum of money was collected for the benefit of the hospital.

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S. JEWELL.—On the whole declined with thanks. If Mrs. General Hearty will call at, or send to, 198, Fleet-street, she will hear of the MS. she wishes to have.

The words "Masonic Institutions" in a recent paragraph, relative to Bro. Samuel Tomkins, ought to read "these Masonic bodies to which he was Treasurer."

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Payne's Lagos and West African Almanack and Diary for 1879," "The Hawke's Bay Herald," "Jersey Express," "Bauhutte," "Debrett's House of Commons and the Judicial Bench for 1879," "The London Express," "Our Domestic Poisons; or, the poisonous effects of certain dyes and colours used in domestic fabrics," "First Annual Report of the Home Hospitals' Association (for paying patients), 1877-78," "Touchstone," "Broad Arrow," "Hull Packet," "Bundes Presse," "Der Triangel," "The Paper Consumers' Circular," "The Western Daily Mercury," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1878," "Masonic Review," "Daily Bristol Times and Mirror," "Corner Stone," "Hebrew Leader," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—On the 18th ult., at Oporto, the wife of Major Lyon Campbell, of a daughter.
LANGHORNE.—On the 24th ult., the wife of the Rev. J. Langhorne, M.A., Head Master of Rochester Grammar School, of a son.

DEATHS.

FOSTER.—On the 21st ult., at 33, Halfmoon-street, Piccadilly, Mr. George Jones Foster, aged 77.
FEARTEE.—February 24th, at 31, Bevis Marks, John Pratter, P.M. and Treasurer, Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, age 159.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1879.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The next Quarterly Communication is one, for several reasons, of some importance, inasmuch as in addition to the vote of condolence to the Queen, which Bro. Clabon will move, the Grand Master will be nominated, and the Grand Treasurer elected. Of course until the meeting of Grand Lodge it is impossible to know who is the brother who most commends himself to the feelings of the brethren to fill that important post. We have heard several names mentioned, such as Bro. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., and others. A very important question comes before us—if Bro. Monckton, for instance, is elected by Grand Lodge Grand Treasurer, who is there to succeed him at the Board of General Purposes? There he has given great satisfaction, there his high attainments and legal knowledge are invaluable, and we feel we express the feelings of the Craft when we say he is emphatically the "right man in the right place." Considering the brethren who compose our Grand Officers, it is alike unwise and impertinent to doubt but that many can be found to fill either post with every advantage to the Order, and no doubt as the coming man "is always coming." Dame Rumour—not always the "lying jade" she is sometimes represented to be—seems to intimate that all these offices can be efficiently filled, whether by promotion, or merely by the election of a Grand Treasurer. For our part we leave the matter in entire confidence in the hands of Grand Lodge. The days are past when anything like a "job" or "favouritism," or too hasty elevation would be possible, and in the present advanced Masonic public opinion on the subject, no such proceeding is possible or practicable. And, to say the truth, we need not discount any such apprehensions; no such procedure is ever likely under our present wise and considerate rule. Never at any time in our history need Freemasons repose more trustingly and in full confidence on the executive. Well may we all feel proud of the manner in which our general business is transacted at Freemasons' Hall. We must all remember that the work there is very different from what it was say twenty-five years ago. And no one can be insensible to the fact that our claims, our executive duties, our charities, our responsibilities have all gone on "pari passu" with increasing numbers, and an expanding Order. We have no doubt that we shall have a good attendance at the next quarterly meeting, and we feel sure that the result will justify our expectations, and that the result may be safely left both in calm assurance and with "Hearty good wishes," to our Masonic Parliament. We have heard that a brother of high social standing will be proposed as Grand Treasurer (not so far named), if so, there can be no doubt of his entire eligibility. His appointment would, no doubt, also gratify the members of Grand Lodge.

ANTI-MASONRY.

There always has been a tendency, probably on the theory "omne ignotum pro magnifico," to doubt and disparage the institution of Freemasonry. It has had to encounter since 1717 the anathemata of Popes and the maledictions of synods, it has had to confront stupidity and ignorance combined, it has had to bear the sarcasms of the weak and the cavils of the suspicious. We do not say that Masons have been always wise, or that all Masonic bodies have kept close to the "good old paths." Unfortunately, and undoubtedly, much may justly be said on the folly of some professors of Masonry, on the unfaithfulness of some jurisdictions. But, on the whole, very little can be alleged at any rate, against Anglo-Saxon Masonry, in times past, and

at this moment, we believe, positively nothing. It is moving on faithful to old landmarks, abiding by ancient traditions, a loyal, religious, God-fearing, man-helping Fraternity, and whether we look at its words or its works, its avowed teaching, or its actual results, it may well compare with any other body of men on the face of the habitable world. That it has its weaknesses, its shortcomings, its deficiencies, and its drawbacks, is both inevitable and admitted, but what earthly society has not, we should like to know? and making every allowance for human frailty and earthly imperfection, we may well all of us be proud of our kindly, sincere, and beneficent brotherhood. But, alas! just as human nature is ever weak, wayward, failing, and fallen, so is it still prominently marked by those tendencies which deform, those unworthinesses which disgrace. It seems to be purely human to persecute and revile, to antagonize and defame. Even religion itself is not free from fanaticism and bigotry, from a love of persecution, from a willingness to slander, from an incompetency apparently of realizing that truth may be anything else but what we ourselves like subjectively to accept, to proclaim, to profess, to maintain. Lately some religious fanatics have "run a muck" at Freemasonry, especially in America, but Freemasonry can well leave its defence to its own worth, well dismiss attack and assailable to calm contempt and contemptuous oblivion. Mawworm and Stiggins have had their day, they can do no harm now to any one. If Freemasonry is doing good it will prosper, if it is a thing of evil it will come to naught, and so knowing what it is, what it says, and what it does, we may well leave the reply to the world in which we live to-day, assured of this, that neither childish opposition, nor ignorant malediction, nor fanatical "furor," nor bigoted "condemnation," will ever weaken the foundation, or cast down one stone of that goodly building, which is built up on reverence to God and love to men, on the practice of piety and virtue, on a generous and philanthropic effort to aid and comfort all fraternal claimants who rightly apply to charitable hearts, on a kindly and enlightened sympathy with the common evils and prevailing woes of our common humanity. We need trouble ourselves with no controversies, nor seek to reply to any antagonists; let us have confidence in our Order, its mission, its work, its profession, and, above all, its practice.

MASONIC STUDIES.

Time was when few of our brethren knew much more of Masonic literature than was contained in "Prosper the Art," "Worthy Freemasons All," "No Mortal can boast a nobler Preston than a Free and Accepted Mason." If Anderson and Callcott, Ashe and Hutchinson were in abeyance, and the brother who wanted to know something about Masonry was referred to the list of "Patrons of Masonry" in the Grand Lodge Calendar, to Oliver's newest and most sensational work, and to our Masonic serial literature, which was then sometimes extant and sometimes not, and mostly, we regret to say it, of the purely uncritical school. We are speaking of 40 years ago, we regret to say it, though we will not add, "Ah mihi præteritos si referet Jupiter Annos." To-day what a change appears. We are now speaking of England alone, because in Germany, to say the truth, from the end of the last century, a critical school in Germany has gradually been forming and advancing. But in England what a wonderful difference and progress we have seen. Oliver with all his merits and industry, and cleverness and good feelings, was too uncritical to please this cavilling age, and those who have trod the pathway pursued amid many hindrances by a little band of true Masonic students have seen how very clearly Masonic studies and criticism have proceeded, so to say, hand in hand. We remember gratefully to-day the names of W. J. Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, Matthew Cooke, R. Spencer, Bro. R. F. Gould, Masonic Student, Bro. Ellis, Bro. Whythead, and many more, who have all sought to advance the goodly cause of Masonic criticism and research. In the United States we can also gratefully mention the

names of Mackey, Macoy, Steinbrenner, E. T. Carson, Fort, Clifford P. Macalla, and many others well known to fame in various ways and for various efforts. We rejoice to mention such names, and to note such results. In the next *Masonic Magazine* will appear a valuable contribution of Bro. R. F. Gould in respect of the numeration of lodges, as well as a catalogue of Masonic books, by the Editor, both of which will be very valuable to Masonic students. Too much cannot be said for the efforts of those who seek to vivify and develop Masonic literature amongst us, and to aid Masonic studies. We hope still to witness a literary revival amongst us, when the laborious efforts of a few faithful and earnest Masonic students will be appreciated and applauded, and brethren will learn to believe at last that a good deal may be written, and a good deal moreover read with interest about Freemasonry. If the reviler and the scorner tell us we have no Masonic literature, as ignorance likes sometimes to say, we beg to refer all such "obscurantists" to Bro. Fort's "History of the Antiquities of Freemasonry," as a work "sui generis," really remarkable "per se," worthy of any order, and which deserves, as it has received, careful perusal and friendly acknowledgments from all, whether Masons or non-Masons.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very happy to note the Masonic movement to help to restore this noble building. This is most emphatically a Masonic work.

I trust that Bro. Keyser may be well supported.

Yours fraternally,

AMPHIBALUS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The protest of Bro. T. Wardle, as reported in the *Freemason*, at the meeting on the above subject ought to command attention, although it could not be supported by the Committee appointed to carry out the text—"The Restoration of St. Alban's Abbey."

I trust you will allow me space in your columns to express my views, with all due deference to the Committee and their worthy Secretary.

Freemasons of late years have almost kept a silent dignity in such matters, and erred by silence rather than bustle. They have thereby, perhaps, avoided many of the errors and manias of the outer world.

As regards our operative work, surely the experience connected with our Charities and Institutions can give us wide fields of industry at home, and although it may be urged that it is impossible for us to neglect these, even when busy at work abroad, such as is now proposed, I submit that we ought to do the latter with dignity to the Craft and a thoroughly well considered selection. We should certainly keep a strong curb upon "restoration" work, or there may be no end of it.

I admire the zeal and judgment displayed in soliciting Freemasons to assist in making up the deficiency for the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, but object to our work being mixed up with the structural parts of the building. When Freemasons, as a body, become "operative" as well as "speculative," I, like Bro. Wardle, would rather see them identify themselves with something original.

A memorial window, or monument of some kind, to our ancient brethren who built the Abbey would have been quite enough to identify the spirit of the Freemasons of this century with St. Alban's Abbey.

Yours fraternally, G. TIDCOMBE, JUN.
Abercorn Lodge, 23rd Feb.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your numerous readers inform me, through your columns, if they know of an institution where an old gentleman (a Mason) rendered helpless by a slight paralytic stroke could be boarded and cared for at a reasonable cost? By so doing they will greatly oblige.

Yours fraternally,

M.S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the *Freemason* is looked up to as an authority, will you kindly inform me in your next issue whether or not it is the duty of the Secretary of a lodge before issuing the regular lodge circulars to convey to the W.M. the postscript for his perusal and confirmation?

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF 1389.

[We suppose the brother means "transcript," and we should say certainly, yes, alike for courtesy's sake and Masonic requirements.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business which is to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th March, 1879:—

1. The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
 2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th December, 1878, will be read and put for confirmation.
 3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
 4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
 5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—
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| The five orphans of a brother of the Clapton Lodge, 1365, Clapton ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Belvidere Lodge, 503, Maidstone... .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Albion Lodge, 9, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Barnard Lodge, 1230, Barnard Castle | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, Gravesend | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, 20, Chatham | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, 19, London | 100 | 0 | 0 |
- NOTE.—A grant of £100 was made to this brother on the 4th of December, 1878, which lapsed, in consequence of his death, on the 24th of December, before confirmation of the grant by Grand Lodge.
- The widow of a brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834, London... .. 75 0 0
- A brother of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, 574, Newbury 75 0 0
6. Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February ult., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £7828 16s. 1d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s. (Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th February, 1879.

7. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1878.

8. Appeal and protest of Bro. George John Ryan, District Grand Senior Warden of the Argentine Republic, against the action of the District Grand Lodge in repealing some of the bye-laws, against the wishes of the District Grand Master, and contrary to the provisions of the treaty entered into between the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of England, authorising the establishment of a District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres, under the English Constitution.

9. Notice of motion by Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence. "That the Grand Lodge desire most respectfully to express the deep sympathy which they feel at the loss sustained by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt."

LIST OF NEW LODGES.

The following warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1793, Sir Charles Bright Lodge, Teddington.
- 1794, De Vere Lodge, Nottingham.
- 1795, Combermere Lodge, Albury, New South Wales.
- 1796, Balranald Lodge, Balranald, New South Wales.
- 1797, South Down Lodge, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
- 1798, Zion Lodge, Manchester.
- 1799, Arnold Lodge, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.
- 1800, Memorial Lodge, King William's Town, South Africa.
- 1801, St. George Lodge, Dargaville, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 1802, Vernon Lodge, East Retford, Notts.
- 1803, Cornhill Lodge, Lombard-street.
- 1804, Coborn Lodge, Bow.
- 1805, Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge, Bromley, Middlesex.
- 1806, Corinthian Lodge of Amoy, Amoy, China.
- 1807, Loyal Wye Lodge, Builth, Breconshire.
- 1808, Suffield Lodge, North Walsham, Norfolk.
- 1809, Lodge Fidells, Guernsey.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards took place on Monday last, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, amidst a goodly attendance. The accounts were audited and passed, and the usual complimentary votes carried by acclamation, not forgetting a very warm vote of congratulation and gratitude to Bro. James Terry.

A balance of £66 was then disposed of. Life Governorships were voted, amid much applause, to the Chairman and Treasurer; £5 5s. each to the clerks in the office; and the balance was offered as a fraternal "honorarium" to Bro. Terry, whose labours had been alike remarkable and unceasing.

The Board of Stewards was then dissolved.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE, No. 1793.

Another new lodge for the Province of Middlesex was consecrated last Saturday, at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, by Bros. the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, who was assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sir Charles T. Bright; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; H. C. Levander, Prov. Grand Sec.; the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., Chaplain to "Prince of Wales" Lodge, No. 259, P.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain and P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, and others.

The lodge was formed as follows:—Bros. Col. Burdett, W.M.; Sir Charles T. Bright, as Deputy G.M.; H. C. Levander, S.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middx., J.W.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Chaplain; H. G. Buss, D.C.; and J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G. Tyler Middx., I.G.

The lodge room was crowded. The brethren present besides the above were:—Bros. John Hurst, R. W. Forge, John Piller, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Charles R. Pitt, Sec.; T. C. Walls, H. W. Linton, Charles Stevens, who acted as Org.; Fredk. Brown, T. A. E. Scott, 1656; W. D. May, 1538, 1700, P.M.; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; Edward Brown, Treas. 1685; Fredk. Chandler, 1656; W. H. Bateman, W.M. 12; W. J. Buddell, D.C. 12; Thos. J. Lamb, J.W. 820; Charles Cousin, S.D. 259; F. J. Hunt, Org. 1638; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201, 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Rev. F. J. De Crespigny, P.M. 708; John Bond, P.M. 889; Charles B. Payne, G.T., P.M. 27; E. B. Bright, W.M. 778; Francis Buckland, W.M. 1638, P.M. 325, 889; George Harrison, 1336; Alfred Abbott, 1656; C. Worthington, 1656; Alfred Humphris, 1656; Williams Gredies, 1293; W. E. Fliker, 887; S. Hill, 889; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened, Colonel Burdett, addressing the brethren, said, they were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, and it gave him great pleasure to assist in forwarding the wishes of its promoters. He believed that such a lodge was required in that neighbourhood for the residents of the locality. The town of Teddington was rapidly increasing in size and importance, and the lodge might be made in time a lodge holding a good position in that part of the county. It was not always that a lodge could be entirely supported by local residents, and frequently members were brought to it from other parts. It was very essential that a lodge should be supported entirely by the inhabitants of a particular district. He believed that all the promoters of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge were resident in the locality, and he congratulated the brethren on having for their first W.M. and Wardens, brethren who would do a great deal of good to the Order, and who would be always creditable to the lodge. The Master whom the brethren had selected was not new to his duties, and it was consequently with the greater confidence the government of the lodge was committed to his hands. Bro. Hurst would be able to rule the lodge in a way creditable to himself and with much advantage to every one. The Wardens he believed had not had the same experience, but they were capable of performing their duties, and under the presidency of such a Master as Bro. Hurst they would have ample opportunities of attaining proficiency and setting a good example to those brethren who were coming on after them. That was what was wanted. They wanted junior officers who could perform their duties well, and afford the means of learning to their juniors. It was not absolutely necessary that a lodge, situated as the present lodge was, should try to extend its numbers largely. A lodge consisting of a few members was much more manageable and comfortable in itself than those lodges whose members were numerous. If a lodge was limited in numbers it became the more valuable for a gentleman to seek initiation in, and if that were done with this lodge it would have a very select and agreeable body of members. There had been occasions with which he was acquainted when the admission of some person to a lodge had been a very unfortunate circumstance for it; for the brethren must remember that if a brother obtained admission to a lodge as a member and afterwards became disagreeable it was a very difficult thing indeed to get rid of him. He had known cases where a brother had found himself out of place as a member of a lodge, and had withdrawn voluntarily. This was a very wise and considerate act; but there were cases where brethren did not choose to retire; and, therefore, the members of a lodge should be doubly careful in their choice. They should look more to quality than quantity, and he trusted the brethren would be careful in framing their bye-laws, an ingredient in a lodge which was highly essential, particularly with reference to the ballot. This question had come before Freemasons very frequently. The ballot was a very serious thing, because what a man really was should be ascertained before his name was submitted to the test of the ballot. For this purpose it would be far better that the bye-laws should be so framed, that the ballot for an initiate should be taken at one meeting, and the initiate at the next, otherwise there was a chance of a gentleman being prepared for the ceremony when he was really blackballed, and then he had to be sent away. This, of course, created a great deal of annoyance, and it was a very awkward position. There were difficulties, no doubt, in the scheme he had suggested, on account of the long time that elapsed between the last meeting of one season and the first meeting of the next; but still a lodge of emergency, for the purpose of the ballot, might be called before the regular meeting of the lodge, which would get over the difficulty. To avoid any awkwardness he recommended that if a gentleman was proposed, and a brother found out anything which he considered would not render the candidate acceptable to the lodge, communication should be had with the Secretary, and then, without the name of the brother being divulged, the information would be conveyed to the proposer

of the candidate, and the name could be withdrawn. With such precautions as these many unpleasant situations could be avoided, and the brethren of this lodge might bring it to a highly prosperous condition, and render it a credit to the Order, and a source of pride to its members and the province to which it belonged.

At the conclusion of this address, the ceremony was proceeded with, and the oration was delivered.

The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, in giving the oration, said—Brethren, My invitation to attend here to-day was so short a one that I must ask you to bear with me whilst I say a few words, according to ancient custom, upon the nature and principles of our great Order, and I will speak to you much in the words that I addressed at a lodge which I very lately attended the consecration of, and I will ask you to give me your ears a little space, although I know when I look around at the eminent Masons that are here that I can tell them nothing that they are not already acquainted with—that there can nothing emanate from me as regards our great principles that they do not know already, and have not already endeavoured to practise. And, yet, it is a good old custom that, on an occasion like the present one, when a new lodge is about to be founded, the founders of that lodge should be reminded of the responsibilities that will rest on them and the great duties that they are going to undertake. You, who are to be the members of this lodge, are now bringing into life another society, formed for the guidance of its members in the path of truth and virtue, formed also to bring together a number of brethren in that social intercourse which, it is probable, without this lodge would not have had an opportunity of being brought together. Therefore, you are to be a lodge of brethren, you are to extend to each other the great features of goodwill and equality; you are to cement the ties of brotherhood by your good teaching, by your good working, by your good understanding of our rites and ceremonies, so that your lodge may shine as one of the now many bright stars in what I may symbolically term the great firmament of our Order. For we see lodge after lodge rising up, and we are astonished at the great influential body we are becoming. Why is it that so many are crowding under our Masonic banner? It is, as our old Entered Apprentice Song says, because

"There's naught but what's good,
To be understood,

By a Free and an Accepted Mason."

Those who were at the last meeting of Grand Lodge will remember our noble brother, my Lord Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, calling our attention to a little scarce work that had been presented to Grand Lodge, which gave an account of the roll of Lodges 150 years ago, in 1723. At that time the lodges numbered 150 only. Well, now taking this lodge, which is 1793, you will see the rapid strides we are making, and I mention this to call your attention to those rapid strides, and also to bear testimony to those valued brethren, now long passed away, to whom our mysteries, and our ceremonies, and our teachings were originally committed, and who through this long vista of years have brought them down to us as pure and unsullied as when first they were delivered to the Masonic world. It is these great truths and teachings that are now to be confided to you. If as brother after brother is added to your number you give him an example by your good rendering of our beautiful rites and ceremonies you may lead him in the path that good Masons have trodden before, so that when you, who I may call the parent stem, are gathered too to the Great Lodge above, the growing children of the lodge may carry out the good work, nobly commenced to-day, and may show to the outer and uninitiated world what Masons should be, in sorrow and in joy, in sickness and in health, in life and in death. Thus much for the nature of Freemasonry. A few words now upon its principles. As you all well know, the principles of our Order are brotherly love, relief, and truth, and yet at the present time it is a duty that your attention should be called to another great all-prevailing principle that permeates and pervades all the lodges of this country. I mean the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe. We seek His aid to-day for a blessing on this new lodge; we seek His aid when we open our lodge with prayer; we ask His blessing on the candidate for our mysteries and ceremonies; and when we close our lodge we render Him our grateful thanks for the mercies we have received. And now, at this day, when on the continent our brethren in the Grand Orient of France have chosen to ignore that Great Presence, it is, I say, the bounden duty of one bearing the Holy Orders I do to tell you, to remind you, that He is always with you and His all-seeing eye is upon you, that in the eternity of ages past, ere worlds were made, or suns were formed, and other worlds revolved in their orbits, great God, Thou wast—to tell you in His own Almighty words, "Him that honoureth Me I will honour, but him that despiseth Me shall be lightly esteemed." And now, brethren, I will not keep you any longer than to wish all success to your new undertaking. May your vessel have a prosperous voyage on the ocean of its Masonic life; and I feel sure from those who are to form its bulwarks that the helm will be properly held, and that it will bear onward the great truths it possesses to the good of our cause, the glory of God and the benefit of our fellow creatures. Brethren, for the kind attention you have paid to the short address that I have been enabled to give you, receive my hearty thanks. I have tried as much as I could to condense what I had to say of the nature and principles of our Order as inculcated in our rites and ceremonies; and if one word of the Chaplain's should be remembered in after years to a brother's good, if aught that I have said should bear good fruit or bring down the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon you, upon your lodge, or upon our holy cause, my mission has been faithfully fulfilled, and I would bid you go to your respective duties as founders, as officers, as members of

the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, to go to them with energy and zeal; and God's benison be with you, and with all those who would make good of bad, and friends of foes.

The reverend brother resumed his seat amidst loud applause, and the ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with and completed.

Bro. H. C. Levander then installed Bro. John Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M. designate, as Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. R. W. Forge, 1656, S.W.; J. Pillar, 1656, J.W.; Charles R. Pitt, Sec.; T. C. Walls, S.D.; H. W. Linton, J.D.; Charles Stevens, Org.; and John Gilbert, Tyler.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., Bros. Colonel Burdett, Sir Charles Bright, H. G. Buss, H. C. Levander, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, H. A. Dubois, and J. W. Baldwin, were elected honorary members of the lodge, with thanks to them for their kindness in consecrating and assisting in consecrating the lodge. After a good list of names for initiation and joining had been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The toasts which followed were given very briefly, as many of the brethren had to leave for town.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Colonel Burdett, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Middx.," said that this toast came home very closely to the brethren, as they were under the provincial rule of Colonel Burdett. He could not let this toast be drunk without first informing the brethren that they had to thank Col. Burdett for the kind manner in which he had come forward to assist at the ceremony of opening the new lodge, and for the very great kindness he had also exhibited in aiding them in getting the warrant for the lodge. They had very much to be thankful for in the kind services of Col. Burdett, for his recommendation, and for the great interest he had taken from the first time the subject of the lodge was called to his attention. He had at all times acted very kindly towards him (the W.M.) in the matter, recommended, advised, guided, and otherwise counselled him in everything he had had to do with reference to the lodge, for all of which kind acts he (the W.M.) felt personally deeply grateful. The brethren well knew how Col. Burdett had acted in the Craft in the province, that he was always to be found somewhere performing Masonic duty. In every lodge in the province he was highly esteemed, and the brethren could not go into a lodge in Middlesex without finding him held up as a pattern Mason. The brethren must be aware that whenever he came among them it was at great personal sacrifice, and, if for no other reason, they must for this feel themselves under a great obligation to their Provincial Grand Master.

Col. Burdett, in reply, said it was with great gratitude he acknowledged the flattering remarks of the W.M., and the cordiality of the brethren's acceptance of them. This was not an ordinary appreciation of the efforts of a Prov. G. Master, for he found himself surrounded by friends who had in the most affectionate and kind way expressed their appreciation for several years. He was not like a stranger coming among the brethren, but was a friend and a brother, and he hoped he and they would have many opportunities hereafter of meeting not only in that room, but in other places in the province. The Province of Middlesex within the past ten years had grown very largely. Ten years ago he was installed as Provincial Grand Master in that very room, but at that time he did not think he should ever preside over twenty provincial lodges. It was very gratifying to him, however, to do so, and it was the more gratifying to him to find that the brethren around him were all brethren of that class which would do credit to their lodges, the province, and the Order in general. He had seen throughout the province of Middlesex an immense number of members brought into it, and he had also seen a great deal of attention had been paid to the class of men who were brought in. From all that had been said and considered in this question the Masters and other officers had been very particular as to whom they admitted, and it was on that account the province had a high class of men which he believed no province in England could exceed. They were likewise brethren who were anxious to work up the system of Freemasonry, and go through the several offices in the lodges. He was happy to see around him a body of brethren who he thought would sustain the interests of this lodge, and he felt confident that under the able presidency of Bro. Hurst they would find the lodge not only flourishing in a few years, but rapidly increasing in a very short time.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright," and said that that day a brother of Sir Charles Bright had been proposed as a joining member of the lodge. This, he thought, the brethren ought to feel very proud of.

Sir Charles Bright, in reply, said that the Provincial Grand Master had really said everything that he (Sir C. Bright) could say. As regarded the interests of this lodge they would be his best care as long as he took any interest in Masonry, which he had now done for the last twenty-three years, and which he hoped he would do to the end of his life. His interest in this lodge, besides it being in the province of which he was Deputy Grand Master, would always be the greater in that his name was so prominently associated with it. It would always be a great pleasure to him to come among the brethren whenever he was able, and from what he had seen of the commencement of the lodge he was sure it would be an example to every other Masonic lodge in the province, that its work would be thoroughly well done, and the social friendship of its members would not be surpassed by any of the twenty-six lodges over which the Provincial Grand Master presided. He hoped his name would ever be received as that of a friend by every brother of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall responded for "The Visitors," to the toast proposed and drunk in their honour.

He said he was obliged to hurry over his remarks, as he and other brethren had to catch the last train to London. It had given him great pleasure, as he knew it had to all the rest of the brethren and the other officers who assisted at the consecration, to be present, and assist in bringing to light a new lodge. He was sure from what he had seen that the lodge would become distinguished among the roll of lodges, especially in the province of Middlesex. He had said so much to the brethren in his address in lodge, in the way of advice, that he really had scarcely anything left to say. Indeed, it was very little he could say to such old Masons as he saw at the table, because he knew they would all feel those great duties which devolved upon them; they would hold out their hand to a brother Mason, succour distress, sustain all those points which made our noble Order what he was proud to say it was, and which, he was sure, they were all proud and pleased to belong to. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the reception they had given to the visitors, and he drank "Success and all Honour to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge and the Province of Middlesex."

The London brethren then left, and the remaining toasts were soon afterwards disposed of. The whole of the day's proceedings passed off with the greatest success.

THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, when there were present the President, Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 544, 933, P.Z. 933; Vice-President Bro. W. A. Thorp, P.M. 49, 1228, Z. 93; Treasurer Bro. Charles Lacey, P.P.G.D. Herts, P.M. 174, 1327, 1421; Bro. R. W. Biggs, 1421; Bro. H. N. Taylor, 1421; Bro. R. J. Tucker, P.M., 933, members of the Committee; and Bros. Owen, Bright, Medwin, Allen, Bolton, Hunt Claridge, &c.; Bro. T. S. Taylor, W.M. 1421, Secretary of the Association, and Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On this occasion the Committee presented their third Annual Report, in which they congratulated the members on the continued success of the society. During the course of the year just closed the sum of £196 11s. was paid in by members, and, with the balance from last year, has enabled the committee to have twenty-six appropriations balloted for, making 71 from the commencement of the society's operations.

The society started with one hundred and nineteen members, each paying one shilling per week for the purchase of Life Governorships in the three Masonic charities. Of the above number, seventy-one, as already stated, have obtained Life Governorships, and there are only thirty members still to receive prizes, some few having discontinued their contributions. The total amount received from the commencement down to the close of the third year was £750 18s. 6d., of which the Boys' School received £196, the Girls' School £155 10s., and the Benevolent Institution for the Aged £200. These amounts do not absorb the whole of the above sum, there being eleven Life Governorships allotted, for which the institution was not nominated when the report was drawn up. The Association, it will be perceived, is worked very much upon the same principle as a building society, and enables brethren by means of small weekly contributions to become Life Governors of the Masonic Charities who would be unlikely to become so by making a single payment of ten guineas each, and, in the result, societies of this kind are the means of obtaining for the institutions more than the bare sums contributed by the societies; because the allottees frequently accept Stewardships, and, of course, get as large an amount upon their Hsts as they are able.

The Committee of the Langthorne Association suggest to their members that as this is the fourth and last year of its existence, it is advisable for each member to pay up the amounts due by him, so that those who have not yet had their appropriations may obtain them as speedily as possible, and thus enable the Committee to close the Association within the time prescribed by the rules.

The report concludes with an expression of the desire of the Committee to testify to the very valuable services rendered by Bro. T. S. Taylor, the Honorary Secretary, as they feel convinced that the success of the Association is mainly due to the admirable manner in which he has conducted its proceedings, and, on behalf of the members, to accord him their warmest and fraternal thanks.

The report being in the hands of the members was taken as read.

Two Life Governorships were balloted for, the successful members being No. 45, Bro. T. Jex, and No. 52, Bro. J. Jessett.

Wednesday being the night for the election of officers, it was proposed and seconded that the present officers be re-elected; carried unanimously.

A letter was read from Bro. F. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Girls, apologising for his inability to attend.

The Secretary stated that the amount received that evening from members was £29 16s.

This concluded the business before the Committee, and the brethren then adjourned to the dining-room, where a handsome repast, admirably served by Bro. Watkins, the host, was partaken of. On the removal of the cloth, the President rose to propose the health of the first lady of this land, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," to whom the hearts of all Englishmen turned more particularly just now, in consequence of the present crisis in colonial affairs. The Chairman also proposed in one toast "The M.W.G.M., Prince of Wales, and all the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

These having been duly honoured, he again rose, and said—The next toast that I have to introduce

o the notice of the meeting is really the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Institution." Now, brethren, it requires certainly a better man than myself to explain to you, if need be, the objects of this Charitable Association, but you are so well versed in the working of it, and the report is in your hands, that, perhaps, I may save myself some trouble in endeavouring to explain that which you already know. To-night we celebrate the third anniversary of this Association, and I think we may fairly congratulate ourselves upon our venture commenced three years since. I find that during that period seventy-one Governorships have been balloted for, though eleven out of that number have not yet been appropriated; it is a matter of fact, however, that sixty Life Governorships have been paid for during those years. Further manipulating the figures, I find that during that time £196 has been paid to the Masonic Institution for Boys, £155 10s. to the Masonic Institution for Girls, and £260 to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Now, brethren, these facts and figures are incontestable. I think we may safely say that if we had not banded together the three Institutions, of which we are so justly proud, would not have received that amount of money—perhaps not a quarter of that amount. This, therefore, is a proof of the usefulness of this Institution, whose third anniversary we celebrate to-day, and of that of the other kindred institutions that exist. We really do not know the extent of the good accomplished, how we have assisted the aged to obtain an annuity, the child to win his candidature. Yes, it may be ours to picture the relief of a broken-hearted widow when she sees her son or daughter has been successful in entering the schools through the assistance we have gained the power to give. It is a well-known fact, that in these schools the children are admirably tended; morals, health, conduct, and education are well cared for, and in all cases are these children looked upon as members of one great family, and not as the recipients of charity. Now, brethren, we may congratulate ourselves that we have done something towards assisting these widows in getting their boys and girls into the schools. And we may congratulate ourselves in like manner that we soothe the aged, and render less rugged the declining path by which they reach the grave. These facts are golden; we know that they have taken place; and I say prosperity to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association, which has been marvellous, so that £750 has been collected in three years, or on an average £248 10s. every fifty-two weeks. Brethren, it deserves our highest encomiums. Our success proves that a society of this kind was wanted in this neighbourhood. In asking you to drink this toast I shall also ask you to drink "The Health of Bro. Binckes," who is closely associated with us through the position he holds as representing one of those noble Masonic Institutions in whose behalf this society is working. Bro. Binckes will be able, better than I can, to tell you what the Boys' School can do; and from his constant communication with his colleagues he can tell you what the kindred Institutions can do. As regards the report I call your attention to the second paragraph, which is as follows:—

"The Committee desire to impress upon the members that as this is the last year of the Association, the advisability of at once paying up the amounts now due by them, so that those who have not yet had their appropriations may obtain them as speedily as possible, and thus enable the Committee to close the Association within the time prescribed by the rules."

Well, now, as an individual member of this Association, and as your President, I wish to say it is well to elude this society as soon as you reasonably can. Every effective member is now owing £1 12s. Some of us have got our appropriations; some have not. Those who may very likely feel inclined to pay up; those who have not may possibly also be so disposed as they will get their appropriations the sooner; but if they do not all agree of course we must carry on the society to the term of four years. The auditors are here; they have examined the accounts, and have found them correct. Since printing some of the names of prize-holders several have been placed upon the lists, and the money has been paid to the Aged Freemasons Institution. We have sent up a large amount to the Institutions, indeed in what we have attempted, I believe we have been perfectly successful.

Bro. Binckes in reply, alluded to a report which has somehow got abroad that he did not approve of this Association, that indeed the questions had been put to him point blank, but he assured his hearers that such a thought had never crossed his mind, indeed, he regarded with the most favourable eye such Institutions, which had his best wishes for their success. He then proceeded to give the brethren present some interesting information as to the condition of the Institutions, and the manner in which their operations were being extended. Bro. Binckes concluded by referring to the fact of the festivals that had been held this year as a proof that however great commercial depression might be, yet Freemasons had the welfare of their Charities so constantly at heart, that they were able to make sure that the Masonic Institutions should not suffer.

Bro. Lacey, the Treasurer of the Association, proposed "The Health of the President, Bro. J. G. Stevens," referring to the length of time, 16 or 17 years, during which time Bro. Stevens had always distinguished himself by his desire to make himself serviceable to his fellow creatures, and by his energy in Freemasonry had become widely known among the brethren. He trusted that the day was far distant when they would no longer see his face.

The President having returned thanks in an amusing speech, referring to his vivid recollection of his experience as an initiate, &c., proposed "The Health of Bro. Taylor," and in so doing stated his belief that the success of the Association was mainly due to the talents and energy of

their worthy Secretary. During the three years they had been at work there had been neither mistakes nor confusion in the accounts, which was highly creditable in a society consisting of more than a hundred members contributing to the funds by small monthly payments.

Bro. Taylor having replied, the President proposed "The Health of the Vice-President, Bro. Thorpe," whose business talents and genial character were so very welcome in their society.

"The Health of Bro. Lacey, the Treasurer," was also proposed in fitting terms by the President, the compliment being duly acknowledged by both these brethren.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn presided, and the other brethren present were—Bros. J. A. Farnfield, A. A. Richards, C. S. Brown, J. G. Stevens, C. H. Webb, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. H. Tattershall, Thos. W. White, Aubrey Walsh, J. Nunn, W. Stiles, J. S. Pierce, W. Winn, J. Peters, J. Thomas, W. Paas, F. Mead, W. Marshall, Chas. Nash, W. W. Smith, A. A. Pendlebury, George Plucknett, S. Rawson, R. W. Stewart, E. J. A. Trimmer, Erasmus Wilson, C. G. Rushworth, W. Stephens, R. B. Webster, J. A. Rucker, A. Tisley, A. F. A. Woodford, S. W. H. Ramsey, H. Phythian, E. C. Mather, H. C. Sadler, F. Richardson, J. L. Mather, R. Wilkinson, T. Robinson, J. E. Middleton, George Penn, Thos. Massa, A. Macnamara, Samuel Poynter, J. Terry, J. P. Probert, B. C. Marshall, Henry Venn, W. H. Main, J. C. Stilwell, W. F. Nettleship, G. Bolton, J. J. Berry, W. C. Barlow, E. Letchworth, Thos. Johnson, R. R. Davis, A. J. Duff Eiler, E. W. Davis, J. Brett, E. Cox, J. Hervey, J. Abbot, H. G. Buss, J. Kemp Coleman, Robert King, R. L. Loveland, A. E. Gladwell, H. A. Dubois, J. W. Baldwin, W. H. Farnfield, J. W. Figg, F. J. Cronin, J. M. Case, S. Jordan, J. Faulkner, Thos. Cubitt, F. Binckes, John Dennis, J. Chynoweth, George Kenning, Chas. Horsley, A. J. Fenner, H. Bishop, E. H. Hewitt, J. W. Hobbs, R. H. Giraud, H. Dearsley, W. C. Glen, O. Hansard, T. J. Cousworth, S. C. Dibdin, E. J. Barron, W. Long, F. H. Hunt, H. W. Greenwood, Fredk. Hockley, Herbert Dicketts, Peter De Lande Long, William Hope, C. H. Harding, F. Adlard, F. R. W. Hedges, (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. R. B. Webster gave notice of motion for the next Quarterly Court, that one girl be struck off the list of elected candidates, in consequence of her not having been sent in after frequent applications by the House Committee.

The Secretary reported that a brother did not intend to proceed with the candidature of one little girl.

The petitions of three candidates' friends were read and accepted, and the candidates placed on the list.

The letter from Bro. S. Leith Tomkins was read by the Secretary, offering to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Institution, and stating that his interest in the welfare of the Institution remained unabated.

On the motion of Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Bro. A. E. Gladwell, a letter was ordered to be written to Bro. Tomkins acknowledging the kind offer, which was deferred on the suggestion of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, for further consideration.

The election of two members of the House Committee in place of Bro. Benjamin Head and Bro. John Boyd, deceased, was taken during the meeting of the Committee. The poll was kept open till five o'clock, when the scrutineers of votes commenced casting up the votes. When the poll was declared the following was found to be the result:—

Name.	No. of Votes.
Bro. Hope, William, M.D.	39
" Cox, Edward	32
" Cubitt, Thomas	25
" Farnfield, John, A.	25
" Richardson, Frank	18
" Mason, John	12
" Spooner, Edward	1

Bro. William Hope, M.D. and Bro. Edward Cox were therefore declared duly elected, and a vote of thanks to the scrutineers of votes (Bros. W. F. C. Moutrie, John G. Stevens, George Bolton, and J. J. Berry), and to Bro. Joshua Nunn, Chairman of the day, closed the proceedings.

A Meeting of the St. Alban's Restoration Committee was to take place on Friday, at the Board Room, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.30 p.m.

Bro. W. Stokes has just completed his sixteenth year at the Royal Polytechnic as a lecturer and teacher of the Science of Memories. We need hardly add that Professor Stokes has during the above time given valuable instruction to thousands.

Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, Secretary of State for War, will preside at the 48th Anniversary Meeting of the Royal United Service Institution, to be held in the Theatre to-day, at twelve o'clock, when the gold medal will be presented to the writer of the Prize Essay.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The diseases common to our climate, and endangering man's physical condition, will always exist, though many may be mitigated and their effects removed by timely and appropriately applied at the proper time. Holloway's Pills are acknowledged far and wide to be the most effective purifier of the blood, the most certain regulator of disordered organs, and the most innocent aperient that can be prescribed. This medicine is applicable to all alike, young or old, robust or delicate; it increases the appetite and controls all derangements of the bowels. After the disorder is subdued occasional doses of these Pills will prevent any relapse, and moreover secure, promote, and ultimately the good results which flow from perfect purity and regularity.—[ADV.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657, has forwarded to the directors of the proposed Worcester County and City Coffee Tavern Company a donation of £50 towards the preliminary expenses attending the formation of the company.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th December, the District Inspector, P.M. Bro. W. Oldham, installed the officers of the Woorora Lodge, No. 461, I.C., Riverton, for the ensuing term. In consideration of the business in hand viz., one initiation, one passing, and installation, the lodge had been called for 4 p.m., so that many were thereby prevented from attending who had otherwise signified their intention of being present. The lodge was first duly opened by W.M. Bro. P.M. J. E. Blechmore, raised to the Third Degree, and the V.W. Pro. Grand Inspector, Bro. Oldham, was then requested to assume the chief position, who with Bros. Jobling, P.M.; A. Klaner, W.M. 363, I.C.; A. G. Aish, P.M., W.M. 408, I.C.; F. H. Barkla, W.M. 416, I.C.; and J. J. Rurad, W.M. St. James, I.C., then formed a Past Master's lodge, and duly installed Bro. Castine, J.W., W.M. of Woorora Lodge for ensuing term. Lodge being closed to First Degree, the following officers were then installed as follows:—Bros. James Scholefield, S.W.; R. B. Millner, J.W.; J. M. Elliott, Treas.; F. Calf, jun., Sec., (re-elected); the Rev. J. Houghton, Chap.; J. Gray, S.D.; R. W. Hall, J.D.; H. Cole, I.G.; J. M. Elliott, Tyler. Mr. James Gant, farmer, of Finnis Point, was then initiated, and Bro. T. Campaign, passed, lodge being closed at about 7.30 p.m., when all present sat down to a very nice spread provided by host Seckling, of the Riverton Hotel, and after the cloth was removed, the usual Masonic toasts were drunk and the brethren separated.

The Whitehall Review is enabled to announce that General Lord Napier of Magdala, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., will return to Gibraltar and resume the Governorship of that fortress on the expiration of his leave, and that there is every probability of his completing his full period of six years in the appointment, which he took up in October, 1876.

"BRUT IMPERIAL" CHAMPAGNE.—The wines of the famous house of Moët and Chandon, of Epernay, where they boast some six miles of cellars, wherein are stored millions of bottles of champagne, have become famous all over the world since the days when, in the fifteenth century, Jean and Nicholas Moët were *chevins* of the City of Reims. Their "Star" brand is known wherever champagne has penetrated; and, in order to keep pace with the modern demands for dry wine, they are now shipping, in addition to their White Dry Sillery, a fine champagne entitled the "Brut Imperial." There can be no doubt it is one of the finest dry champagnes ever offered for sale in this country. It is entirely "Brut," that is, the wine has only its natural saccharine, with no added liquor, and thus it will recommend itself to the physician as well as the *connoisseur* of champagne, as it is infinitely more wholesome as well as pleasanter to the taste. It has a good body, is thoroughly vinous, and possesses also a delicate flavour.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Duke of Leinster Mark Master Masons Lodge, 363, I.C., was held in the Alfred Masonic Hall, Weymouth-street, Adelaide, on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1878. The business of the meeting comprised the marking and passing of Bro. Alfred George Aish, W.M. 408, I.C. The candidate was present, and the ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by the C.A., Bro. R. J. Winter. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. J. Winter, C.A.; W. Baker, 1st Inspector; W. Sumson, 2nd Inspector; J. W. Castine, 3rd Inspector; T. S. Lang, Sec.; W. N. Crowder, Treas.; A. Klaner, P.C.; R. W. M. Hunckley, Asst. C.; R. Couch, I.G.; and Tucker, Tyler.

The Whitehall Review can state most positively that there is not the slightest prospect of Lieutenant-General Sir Garnet Wolseley handing in his resignation of his appointment at Cyprus, as has been more than once stated by some of our contemporaries. We have before us a letter from an officer holding an official position at Cyprus in which it is stated that "His Excellency has never even hinted at such a thing, and for some months at least he will remain at his post."

The number of out-patients on the books of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Robo-square, for the week ending Feb. 15th, was 1,147.

Among the many articles on demand in the household none deserve more attention than plate and polishing powder. Many of the powders now in use are simply ruinous to every article upon which they are used. The "Star" Plate and Universal Polishing Powder Co. have supplied a great want in the "Star" Plate and Polishing Powder, and the price places it within the reach of all. This powder has been subjected to the most crucial tests, is entirely free from all mercury, acids, or anything that can injure plate, gold, silver, or the finest jewellery. For polishing and cleaning copper, white metals, ivory, marble, or glass it far surpasses any preparation in use. The company received the only prize medal for polishing powders at the Exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876, there being fourteen competitors. Their powder is certainly a great desideratum.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Adv.

Bro. Viscount Mandeville was installed W.M. of Union Lodge, No. 105, Fandaragee, on Friday, the 27th Dec., 1878. The Viscount Mandeville is son and heir of the Marquis of Westminster. His marriage to Miss Yznaga, daughter of the Cuban merchant of that name, at Grace Church, in New York, will be remembered as one of the most fashionable ever solemnised in that city. Viscount Mandeville is well-known in leading society in that city.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, 3d. each; parsnips, 3d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

Bro. G. C. Boor has been unanimously elected chairman of the Streets Committee of the Commissioners of Sewers.

At a recent meeting of the Ward of Cheap Club, held at Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, a handsome marble dining-room clock, with a pair of bronze and gilt candelabra, were presented to Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, in recognition of his services as honorary secretary to the club.

Bro. G. S. Graham's grand annual evening concert took place on Thursday, the 13th ult., at the Angell Town Institute, Brixton, under Royal and distinguished patronage. The programme consisted of a varied selection of vocal and instrumental pieces, which were exceedingly well rendered by the talented artists who took part in the concert, Bro. G. S. Graham especially distinguishing himself and winning the well-deserved approbation of the company present.

The "Masonic Magazine" for March is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Adv.]

The Committee of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge announce their first annual ball to take place at the New Manor Rooms, Hackney, on the 12th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

Prince Louis Napoleon left Southampton in the Union Company's steamer Danube, on the 27th ult., en route to Natal, to witness the campaign in Zululand.

The Duke of Cambridge, K.G., has consented to preside at the sixty-fourth anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern about the middle of June next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, March 7, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.
- Mark Lodge, 224, Menatschin, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, MARCH 3.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.
- Chap. 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

- Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- Red Cross Con., Premier, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Trudegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
- " 1668, Sampson, F.M.H.
- " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st-rd.
- Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.

- Quart. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1687, Rothsay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
- " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
- Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
- " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
- " 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd., N.
- " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
- " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
- Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
- " 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

- Lodge 706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
- Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
- Mark 223, West Smithfield, Newmarket Hot., King-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.

- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 8, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 3.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- " 484, Faith, Gerald's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
- " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
- Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
- " 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
- " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

- Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when some six hundred brethren were present. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided, and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers who attended were:—Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Sherborne, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire, P.G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; S. Rawson, Past Dist. G.M. China; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., J.G.W.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; Sir Michael Costa P.G.W.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Chaplain; Rev. Wm. Alfred Hill, Assistant G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Francis J. McIntyre, G. Registrar; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Secretary; E. E. Wendt, G. Secretary for General Correspondence; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D.; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.P.; Charles W. C. Hulton, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Fred. P. Morrill, P.G.D.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.P.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Percy Smith, P.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D.C.; W. Hickman, P. Asst. G.D.C.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B.; William F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; J. F. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; C. Edwin Willing, G. Organist; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, Assistant G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; Bros. George Lambert, Charles Atkins, T. J. Thomas, W.M. 28; James Hainsworth, — Jones, Colonel Peters, Herbert Dicketts, George Kenning, Dr. Ramsay, W. B. Heath, — Lee, W. Hopekirk, B. H. Swallow, Edward Baxter, John H. Southwood, J. C. Perceval, W. Lake, — Clever, jun., Fred. Binckes, Jas. Terry, A. Gladwell, D. Nicolls, — Farwig, D. R. Still, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th of December, 1878, had been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed, Grand Secretary read the regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The next business on the paper was the election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master, but before this was taken,

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, there stands on the notice paper a motion in the name of our Bro. Clabon, and I know he will not think that I am taking it out of his hands if I anticipate him in that motion, and propose it to you from this chair. It is right that such a motion as this, whoever may be the occupant of this chair, should proceed from this Grand Lodge with all the weight and all the solemnity that the subject requires. Brethren, this is the first occasion that we have come in this hall since the unfortunate death of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice. In the lives and in the deaths of very eminent persons there is generally a great formality, but in the life of Her Royal Highness there was a reality which brought her home very much to the sympathies of English people; and in her death there was a reality not less than that of her life. She had not been too long separated from us by marriage in a foreign country for Englishmen to forget her name, her character, and even her face, and in the final tragedy which by that marvellous process of reporting was brought to us every day in every detail of the illness that carried of numbers of her family, and finally took her as its greatest prey—in all that tragedy, I say, she had the liveliest sympathies of this country. Brethren, the lives of many people—or most people, I may say, who bear a character—are consistent with themselves, and generally there are some great features verifying at home which give them reality and interest during life, and which serve to make them remembered after death; and if there was any one characteristic by which Her Royal Highness will live in the recollection of

English people, and by which she was fortunate enough to set, so to speak, a public mark upon her time and life, it was the deep interest that she took in the nursing and tending of the sick. It began and was practised in her earliest days; it closed with the last hours only of her existence. It probably is in the knowledge of most members of this Grand Lodge that she, perhaps of all the members of the Royal Family, nursed with the greatest assiduity and patience her father during his last illness. She again stood by the sick bed and nursed with indefatigable care her brother, our illustrious Grand Master. She again took no mean part or interest in that hospital organisation which she mainly created at the time of the French and German war. I can remember when I was in that country myself a year or two after that war, how many stories I heard, many of them very touching, of the patience and zeal and earnestness with which she had devoted herself to her self-imposed task. And lastly it may be truly said that her own death was caused by the nursing of her own children. It deserves to be known, for it is a touching and remarkable coincidence, that her death fell on the very anniversary of her father's death, and also, I believe, almost, if not quite, coincided with the day when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in his illness received the first favourable turn. Brethren, Her Royal Highness was cut off in the very noontide of life, at the moment when duties seemed to have multiplied upon her, when her power of usefulness was the greatest, when numbers upon numbers had become dependent upon her care and thought, and when she was most competent, perhaps, to counsel and to assist. But though all that came to pass, according to our eyes, prematurely, she did not pass away without leaving a great and useful lesson behind; she left, as I said just now, a public mark, so to speak, of her life and character on the time in which she lived, and the people amongst whom she lived, and I can remember no case of more genuine and unmistakable sorrow in this country when an event of this kind was announced, as I know indeed the loss was, one of the irreparable losses sustained by her adopted country. Brethren, the higher the position, the loftier the estate in which men or women move, the greater, too, the glitter and the brilliancy—there is quite enough of that; but when those who are in positions are adorned by simplicity of life, by a faithful discharge of duty, by courage, and by the homely, but because homely not the less princely, virtues, they a great lesson is left behind, and a very noble picture is painted for others to follow their example, and such I believe to have been the case with her late Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Brethren, I am sure of this, that though this vote comes late, as late it necessarily was, because we have had no opportunity of meeting here since that unfortunate event, I am sure that you will heartily and sincerely add your voices to the melancholy resolution which I am about to propose, and that you will unite in a vote expressing the deep sympathy which we all feel at the loss sustained by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is with feelings of peculiar pride that I contemplate being permitted to second this resolution. I desire to say that I gave the notice of motion in a representative character, and at the unanimous request of the last Board of Masters. I only desire to add this one word touching the statement which has been made by the Pro Grand Master. I happened to be with my family at Eastbourne late in the autumn, and when we arrived there the name of the Princess Alice was on all lips; and this I know, that one of the first things which she did when she arrived at Eastbourne was to send for the clergyman to know the condition of the poor of the parish, and how she could assist him in assuaging their sorrows; and day after day while she was at Eastbourne she performed the duties most kindly and charitably of a district visitor. I beg to second the motion.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously, and the Earl of Carnarvon directed Grand Secretary to have it engrossed and sent to his lordship for transmission to the Prince of Wales.

The Earl of Carnarvon: The next business, brethren, is the election of a Grand Master.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.M. No. 14: M.W. Pro Grand Master and Brethren, having had the distinguished honour at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, I rise now to ask you, according to ancient custom, to confirm that nomination by unanimously re-electing him; and I think on this present occasion I may be forgiven for a few seconds if I pause to suggest that we should all express our thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having, through His mercy, saved His Royal Highness from what might have been a very serious accident; and, at the same time, to congratulate ourselves as Englishmen that in the hour of peril His Royal Highness maintained that courage and fortitude which are inherent in his family. In an assemblage like the present I need not allude, I am sure, to the benefits derived by Masons in general in having His Royal Highness at the head of our Order; but I would point out, as a fact, that during the short period he has reigned over us nearly 200 lodges have been added to the register. It would ill become so humble a member of the Order as myself to dilate upon the excellences of His Royal Highness or his particular qualifications for this great office. The manner in which he performs the duties of his high station are well known and appreciated, not only by the Craft, but by the nation at large. We all know perfectly well that the cause of charity is never overlooked by him, for we all feel that his hand is at all times guided by justice, and his heart

expanded by benevolence. It is therefore with great confidence, brethren, that I propose the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edgar Baylis, P.M. 259: Most W. Pro Grand Master, I have the honour to second that nomination. I am quite certain that no expressions of mine will add to the unanimity with which it will be received; and I therefore simply and formally second the election of His Royal Highness as our Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The motion having been put by the Earl of Carnarvon, was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I must as a matter of formality ask if there is any voice on the contrary; but I am happy to say the vote is general and universal.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then formally proclaimed by Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., as Grand Master of Freemasons of England for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next business on the paper is the election of the Grand Treasurer.

Bro. L. W. Cave: M.W. Pro Grand Master, I have the honour to propose for Grand Treasurer our Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259. The office of Grand Treasurer, as we all know, is one of great importance, and I strongly recommend our Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild for that office. His name is well known not only in the City of London, but throughout the whole of England, and not only in England, but in all the markets and exchanges of the world; and I think that the election of a brother so distinguished as Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild will tend to add lustre to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Samuel Pierce, P.M., 33°: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, it is with very great pleasure that I stand before you to second the proposition that we have just heard. The advantages of that election to Grand Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, have been quite sufficiently dilated upon by the brother who has proposed our Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, and I think I shall best study the wishes and feelings of the Grand Lodge if I content myself with simply seconding that proposition.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, however invidious may be the position I may be thought in the estimation of some to occupy, I do not think that, with any regard to consistency, the opinions I feel, and the sentiments I express, I can allow this nomination to go unchallenged. There are but two offices, M.W. Pro G. Master, within the gift, generally speaking, of the members of the Craft; the one is that to which we know and we all gladly acknowledge no exception could by any possibility be taken, because we are all of us animated both by loyalty to the throne and our allegiance to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, to prohibit, by the due consideration of either of those feelings, any difference of opinion with reference to the illustrious Head of our Order who has just been elected by acclamation, but with reference to the Grand Treasurer I think a few observations may be very well thrown out to Grand Lodge on an exceptional occasion such as this, and which, I not only believe in my own opinion, but without any formality, I think in the estimation of a large number of members of the Craft are worthy of very grave and serious consideration, and I do hope that, however brief I may endeavour to make my remarks, if I should be tempted in argument to extend them a minute or two longer than I may purpose to do, I may be listened to with consideration, attention, on account of the particular circumstances in which we are now placed; and if I am not out of order—and of course if I am I shall be called to order, and I shall submit to the ruling of our excellent presiding officer—I would ask why is it that in the election to an office so important as that of the Grand Treasurer, the usage which I can testify to in my experience of over a quarter of a century has been now of departed from? I have never known during a quarter a century the December Quarterly Communication to pass by without the nomination of a Grand Treasurer being made to the Craft at large, equally with that of the Grand Master. How it is that Masonic usage has been allowed to lapse it is not for me to say, because I am perfectly prepared to admit that by Masonic law—and I take the Constitutions as an embodiment of Masonic law—the nomination of the Grand Treasurer is not ancient. The Constitutions provide for the nomination of Grand Master at the meeting in December, and for his election at the meeting in March, and those Constitutions simply state that a Grand Treasurer shall be elected at the Quarterly Communications in March. But then, if that is the case, why has a work of supererogation been performed to my knowledge for nearly thirty years in the appointment to the important office of Grand Treasurer, and for the first time at the meeting of December last been omitted, without any communication whatever being made to the great body of Masons assembled in Grand Lodge? Now, surely, brethren, as I have said, with only two officers in our gift, by the exercise of our free and unbiassed suffrages, is it or is not wise, if the law has not made provision for this nomination, when, after the loss of that Grand Treasurer, the loss of whose services we all regret and deplore, for the first time we are called upon to elect a Grand Treasurer, we have not the slightest idea of this or that person who is to be elected to that responsible position till we come here this evening. With reference to the other brother whom we have elected in the person of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, there can be no question, there can be no difference of opinion; but when you come to the brother who is nominally responsible for your finances, and the only other elective officer we have it in our power to appoint, surely, brethren, we ought to have some notice of information why that usual nomination has been departed from. Now, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I must

justify my coming before Grand Lodge this evening. I do it, I do not hesitate to state, in behalf of and in connection with that cause without some association with which I am never intruding myself on Grand Lodge; and it is on behalf of our great Masonic Institutions that I do say that if this office is one of responsibility, if this office be one of honour, if this office be one of repute, if this office be one of distinction, why do not we select for this office a brother who has made himself conspicuous not only by the responsibilities he has undertaken but by the generous support he has given to these Institutions? I would not for a single instant do the injustice of being the organ or mouthpiece of any section of Freemasonry that for one instant questioned the freest possible exercise of the high prerogative of the Grand Master in appointing his Grand Officers from year to year; but I will, whenever I have a justifiable pretext, stand here as the exponent of those who wish to see the privileges of Freemasonry entertained, and not overriden by secret councils. Now, brethren, there are a certain number of names that I have heard likely to be mentioned or proposed for the distinguished office of Grand Treasurer, and I must say that from the multifarious businesses many of us are engaged in, there has been no time or opportunity, whatever course had been proposed by our rulers or any one else, for consideration. I have thought, that we ought, when an opportunity was afforded, not to give our suffrages on this question to any brother who had not been adorned by the Grand Master with the modern purple; but I cannot tell this evening that any brother with the exception of the one who has just been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer will be proposed who has not been so adorned; and, therefore, without consultation, for the purpose of nominating one who has honoured himself by his large-hearted support of our Charities, and who has also had the purple awarded to him, and, I think, seventeen years ago very worthily indeed received that honour, I am about to propose, in order to test whether we shall have this election in our hands or not, and whether you, brethren, feel with me that those who support our Institutions have done as great and good services in connection with Freemasonry as it is possible to be effected, and whether you will by your spontaneous suffrages, if these brethren have been honoured already, add honours to them, and if they have not had honours conferred upon them when a worthy name is submitted to you you will confer the honours on them—I wish to test it this evening. I do not wish to detain you further, but I will simply propose the name of our worthy brother, Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Deacon, who has been a great supporter of our various Institutions, is a Trustee of them, a member of all our Committees, a most liberal and constant supporter of all the Charities, and who for many years of his life has been one who shows the greatest interest in Freemasonry. Let us under such circumstances, when for the first time in twenty-seven years and upwards the office of Grand Treasurer is placed in our nomination, show that we can reward a Past Grand Deacon who, by seventeen years of hard work in our cause, has proved himself worthy of the high honour of having that office conferred upon him.

Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts: Most Worshipful Pro G. Master, I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of our Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, it is my duty to call upon any brother who has any other candidate to propose for this office.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes: Most Worshipful Pro. G. Master, I ask to be entitled to say a word or two on what has been said by our Bro. Binckes, because I think what I may say will be useful to this Grand Lodge. While I agree with a good deal which has been uttered by our Bro. Binckes I do not agree with all. I rather think and imagine that Grand Lodge will perhaps take it from him that the reason of the first nomination of Grand Treasurer to-night is the result of some terrible inquisition. Now I am prepared to say for myself that I am in the councils of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that till I entered Grand Lodge to-night I had not the smallest notion of who was going to be proposed as Grand Treasurer in the place of our late much-respected Bro. Tomkins. I did not know who was going to be proposed, and I say this in Grand Lodge because I do not like it to be said in Grand Lodge that there is anything secret. Brethren who are in a Masonic position must judge what is best for the general good of the Craft. Every one will know and admit that; but do not let it be thought that these matters are arranged beforehand, and I am sure this has not been the case in this instance. I had not the smallest notion, though I am one of the Grand Officers, of who was likely to be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer to-night.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.: Most Worshipful Pro G. Master I am not about to propose any candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, but I wish to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to some facts, because the brethren seem to be led away upon this subject by Bro. Binckes from the usual practice at the election of Grand Master and Treasurer. Now, on this subject the Book of Constitutions is clear in its provisions. The Book of Constitutions enacts that "the Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be nominated at the Quarterly Communication in December," proposed for election in March, and installed at the Grand Festival. The Book of Constitutions is also clear in what it says respecting the Grand Treasurer; he does not require a nomination. If my memory serves me right, and in this Grand Lodge it goes back to a very long period, I never recollect the Grand Treasurer being nominated at the Quarterly Communication in December. I have known him always proposed and elected in March, and it is well

known that one particular brother during his lifetime was constantly brought forward. Grand Lodge was never at any time taken by surprise in that proposition; but I venture to say this, that it matters not whether the nomination takes place in December, no other nomination might be made in March; because if other nominations might be made in March it would be free to every brother to consult his own feelings, to act for what he considered the good of the Craft, and to come forward prepared to propose a brother for the office of Grand Master. If on the other hand a nomination is to be made in the month of December, the whole of Grand Lodge would be shut out in the month of March, and no one so nominated could be put up for election for the Grand Master, because no one not nominated in December can be put for election in March. The provisions of the Book of Constitutions have been acted upon on this occasion, as I trust they are on every other occasion; and therefore there is no irregularity in the present proceedings. On the proposition of Bro. Cave on the one side, and Bro. Binckes on the other, I shall not offer any opinion at all; but I do think it is my duty, as one of the officers of Grand Lodge to whom is confided the task of seeing that Grand Lodge law is correctly laid down, to place before you that which the Book of Constitutions enacts.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.: M.W. Pro Grand Master, our Bro. Binckes was perfectly right when he said the nomination of Grand Treasurer took place in December. I have myself nominated in December, and it has been carried. No doubt, as our Bro. Grand Registrar says, no question was ever raised to Bro. Tomkins, but as far as I know, ever since I have been connected with Grand Lodge I have always known Grand Treasurer nominated in December, and, as I have said, I have done it myself.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.S.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, it is a very delicate subject I quite admit to propose any one in competition with those two brethren, who have already been suggested to this Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer, but when I name one brother for the office I am quite sure that the brethren who have nominated them will admit to you, and that you will assent, that a more worthy, a more earnest, a more eager, and more active Mason has perhaps never of late years shown himself in this Grand Lodge. I refer to Bro. John Moxon Clabon, who has been well known for the last twenty or thirty years among us, a man of high social position, a man of high standing in the City—all necessary positions—and who in this Grand Lodge has over and over again come here to advocate the cause of the Benevolent Fund of which he is the President; and I am sure that from his activity, and from the desire he has to devote himself to the interests of Masonry, no better man could you have for Grand Treasurer than Bro. John Moxon Clabon. Therefore, M.W. Pro G.M., with your permission, I beg to propose Bro. J. M. Clabon as Grand Treasurer—I have had no communication with him on the subject; it is quite a voluntary proposal on my part—if he will accept the office, though I do not know that he will.

Bro. G. P. Britten: M.W. Pro G.M., I presume the nomination just made requires seconding, and it will give me great pleasure to second the name of Bro. Clabon. I am sure that in the whole Craft we shall find no man more zealous and able than Bro. Clabon, and if he will accept the office of Grand Treasurer, I am sure he will be doing good to the cause of Masonry, and conferring upon us a great obligation. I am just informed that Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, who has been proposed as our Grand Treasurer, is a Mason only newly made, only two or three months; that he has never passed the chair. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") If that statement is wrong, I beg pardon, but I am informed that he has not yet passed the Master's chair, and he is not even entitled to be present in Grand Lodge. If that is so I cannot think, and nothing will induce me to believe, that such a man should be proposed for the greatest honour it is in our power to give. I beg to second the nomination of Bro. Clabon as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I have been proposed for this Grand Office without any previous knowledge, except that my Bro. Brackstone Baker told me a few minutes ago that he was going to propose me. If I was in competition with Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild alone I might be disposed to go to the poll with him; but I am very loth to go to the poll with my dear old friend Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. (Great applause.) I have known Lieut.-Col. Creaton many years in Masonry, and in various charities, more particularly our own Masonic Charities, and I know there is no man that deserves honour more than Col. Creaton.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Then Bro. Clabon has withdrawn. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. J. M. Clabon: Having been proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker, and seconded by Bro. Britten, I think it would be unfair to withdraw; but I adhere to what I said before, that I do not wish to go to the poll with Col. Creaton.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will you allow me to say, in answer to Bro. Britten, that Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild was made a Mason in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in 1860 or 1861, at the time I happened to be Master of that lodge.

Bro. G. P. Britten: Most W. Pro Grand Master, then I am sorry I made the statement I did that Bro. de Rothschild was only a new Mason. I must have been misinformed.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Has any brother any other candidate to propose? Brethren, it appears that there are three candidates before this Grand Lodge for election to the office of Grand Treasurer—Bros. Ferdinand de Rothschild, Col. Creaton, and Clabon. I shall take those three names successively, and shall call for a show of hands in favour of each. If, of course, the show of hands should be overwhelmingly clear and distinct in favour of any one

of those candidates I shall not proceed to verify it by actual voting; but if there is any doubt on the subject I shall require Grand Lodge to divide; and I think that will be the best way to do it.

The election was then taken, when the show of hands for Col. Creaton was enormously in excess of the show of hands in favour of the other two candidates.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I have to announce to Grand Lodge that by an incontestable and enormous majority Bro. Col. Creaton is elected (Loud applause.)

Bro. Col. Creaton, who was received with loud cheers, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I am taken a little aback, for I was not aware when I entered this hall to-night that my name would have been proposed for this honourable office. I thank you very much for this honour that has been conferred upon me, and I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to carry out the duties of the office to which you have elected me with honour and integrity.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, was then taken, and the following grants were confirmed:—

	£	s.	d.
The five orphans of a brother of the Clapton Lodge, 1365, Clapton ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Belvidere Lodge, 503, Maidstone... ..	100	0	0
A brother of the Albion Lodge, 9, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Barnard Lodge, 1330, Barnard Castle	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, Gravesend	100	0	0
A brother of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, 20, Chatham	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, 19, London	100	0	0
NOTE.—A grant of £100 was made to this brother on the 4th of December, 1878, which lapsed, in consequence of his death, on the 24th of December, before confirmation of the grant by Grand Lodge.			
The widow of a brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834, London... ..	75	0	0
A brother of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, 574, Newbury	75	0	0

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February ult., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £7828 16s. 1d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th February, 1879.

Bro. John B. Monckton: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, I am happy to be able to state, as the members of the Grand Lodge will see by the paper, that beyond the ordinary statement, the Board, although they have been busy during the last quarter, has nothing to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to particularly. It must be very satisfactory to Grand Lodge to know that all that has been done does not call for any special report. I move that this report be received and entered on the minutes.

The motion having been seconded, was duly carried. Grand Secretary then read the report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1878, which was adopted.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., brought up the appeal and protest of Bro. George John Ryan, District Grand Senior Warden of the Argentine Republic, against the action of the District Grand Lodge in repealing some of the bye-laws, against the wishes of the District Grand Master, and contrary to the provisions of the treaty entered into between the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of England, authorising the establishment of a District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres, under the English Constitution.

Bro. McIntyre said that by the treaty entered into between Grand Lodge of England many years ago and the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, Grand Lodge had the power to establish lodges in that Republic, and to name a District Grand Lodge and Grand Master to rule over them. The representative of England was to be a Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge was to have the power of framing bye-laws of their own, and the Grand Master to appoint his Deputy and officers. With respect to Provincial Grand Lodges the English Book of Constitutions enacted that "the Provincial Grand Lodge has the power of framing bye-laws for its own government, and of making regulations for the guidance of the private lodges of the province; provided that none of these be contrary to or inconsistent with the laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge; but such bye-laws shall not be valid until submitted to and approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master." That was the state of things which existed when the Provincial Grand Lodge was established in the Argentine Republic. District Grand Lodges were now placed in a very similar position, for the Book of Constitutions said with respect to District Grand Lodges—"District Grand Lodges may make rules and regulations for the management and conduct of their own proceedings, and of those of any Committee of their own body, and may alter such rules as they think fit; but no rule or regulation shall be in force until approved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England." The dispute that had arisen between the appellant in this

case, who was the District Grand Warden, and the District Grand Lodge was whether the District Grand Lodge had the power of framing bye-laws for itself and the government of private lodges; and Bro. Ryan, who seemed to have taken great interest in the matter, and to have displayed very great research, had been actuated no doubt by what he considered to be a spirit of loyalty to his chief, and brought the motion forward in this way. He said that by the articles of the treaty between Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic the Provincial Grand Master was to be sole ruler and governor, to be superior to the whole province, and to have the power of vetoing any bye-laws that might be promulgated by the Provincial Grand Lodge; and he said that if the District Grand Lodge had the power to frame bye-laws, and those bye-laws were not submitted to the District Grand Master, he was reduced to the position of Chairman of the meeting. Certain modifications were made in the bye-laws. A Committee was appointed to consider the bye-laws and to report to the District Grand Lodge. Bro. Ryan opposed that, because he said the Provincial Grand Master was the only person who could be called upon to frame the bye-laws, and that the power ought not to be delegated to the body of the brethren. The District Grand Master seemed to have taken a great deal of trouble about it; he called a Board of Masters, but they did not appear to have sat as a Committee. They did meet, and the opinion of the District Grand Master was taken whether the District Grand Lodge had the power. They thought they had. Out of eighteen brethren assembled, fifteen votes were for sending the bye-laws to a Committee to be revised. Hence the appeal. It seemed to him (Bro. McIntyre) that if anything was clear with respect to the Constitutions of Freemasons it was this, that they were the statutes by which the body of Freemasons was governed. They overrode anything and everything. Grand Lodge was bound by them as well as private lodges. The ruling power was really Grand Lodge, and the bye-laws of District Grand Lodges would not be of any force until they had been approved by the Grand Master of England. The whole status of the District Grand Master stood in exactly the same position at the time the treaty was made. The Book of Constitutions gave the District Grand Lodges power to frame bye-laws, and if the District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres delegated to a Committee power to consider bye-laws, and bring up a report, they were acting strictly in accordance with the power given to them. Although Bro. Ryan had taken great pains in this matter, and appeared to be actuated by the best spirit, he (Grand Registrar) advised that his appeal could not be sustained, and, therefore, must be dismissed.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met in great strength on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Anderson's Hotel. There were present Bros. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Mallett, I.P.M.; Clark, I.G.; Tisley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Waygood, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D. (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Kendall, passed Bros. Bendall, Joy, and Lloyd, and initiated Mr. Wadcoat, the ceremonies being well performed. The W.M. and Past Masters Hopwood and Mallett having been elected trustees of the benevolent fund, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet. The visitors were Bros. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.P.G.P. of Herts; Wilson, P.M. 1155; C. Kendall, J.W. 1625; Docker, J.W. 1687; Harrison, S.D. 1681; Nailor, 174; Rowe, 1558; Handel, 1656; Booth, Victoria, and Phillips, St. David (Scotland). Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts with commendable brevity, and they having been duly acknowledged, the I.P.M., in very flattering terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his speech he said that the W.M. had tried very hard to give the brethren every satisfaction, and he believed that thus far he had succeeded. Previously to his election Bro. Dairy had been a frequent attendant at lodges of instruction, in order to make himself conversant with the duties of the chair. As a Past Master of the Faith Lodge he (Bro. Mallett) was quite satisfied with the manner in which their W.M. had hitherto discharged his responsibilities, and he felt confident that the character of their old lodge would be safe in his hands. In conclusion, he congratulated the W.M. upon having so good a staff of officers, whose efforts had so greatly assisted him in the carrying out of his duties. This toast having been received most warmly, the W.M. briefly replied, by stating that notwithstanding the very kind manner in which the I.P.M. had dilated upon his working capabilities he felt that that night he did not deserve such encomiums. He was suffering from a nervous indisposition, and consequently he could not do justice to the ritual, but on the next occasion he hoped to do much

better. In concluding his remarks the W.M. took occasion to revert to the glorious success that had attended the festival of the R.M.B.I. As one of the Stewards he had been well supported by the brethren, which was evidenced by the fact that he had gone up with a list of upwards of £100; and he had been informed by the Secretary of the Institution that that amount had never been equalled by any Steward of the Faith Lodge before. (Applause.) In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. said that Bro. Wadcoat was an old friend of his, and that it had afforded him, the W.M., a great deal of satisfaction at being the means of introducing him to Masonry. He assured the initiate that with a fair amount of perseverance in a few years he might hope to attain the proud position of W.M. of the Lodge of Faith. In the attainment of that laudable desire he would receive every assistance from the Past Masters of the lodge. The brethren of the Faith Lodge were always gratified at receiving new members who were likely to do credit to the lodge, and he believed in the present instance that such anticipations would be fully realised. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the newly-admitted brother made a suitable and modest response. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Harrison and Gompertz. "The Past Masters" came next in order, and was responded to in a few well chosen sentences by Bro. Hopwood. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Rumball, S.W., brought the proceedings to a termination.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Church Institute, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present, Bros. Saml. Crowther, W.M.; James Brown, I.P.M.; Rorke Pennington, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chaplain; E. M. Garstang, S.D.; F. W. Pacey, Organist; J. Robinson, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D.; James Walker, R. K. Freeman, and W. H. Horrocks. Visitor, Bro. Ralph Bexley, 86. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Committee on the subject of lodge accommodation was deferred for further consideration. It was resolved that the W.M. with two other members of the lodge be appointed to confer with three representatives from each lodge in the town, to take into consideration the propriety of renting, erecting, or purchasing premises in which all the Masonic bodies in the town can be accommodated. Hearty good wishes were expressed from Lodge of Loyalty, Prescott, and Lindsay Lodge, Wigan, and St. George's Lodge, Bolton. After reading a portion of the ancient charges, the lodge was closed at eight o'clock in good harmony.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The members of this old lodge, which was founded in the year 1736, met in their large handsome rooms in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Tuesday last. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among those present were Bros. H. Toozes, W.M.; Wm. Day Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Wm. Taceyman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Wm. Needler, P.M.; John Hilton, P.M.; Thomas D. Wing, S.W.; R. Beavers, J.W.; Joseph Hindson, Sec.; Thomas Proctor, S.D.; G. Storry, Org.; W. D. North, I.G.; and the following brethren: Bros. E. Kidd, W. B. Wilkinson, W. J. Martensen, E. Lancaster, Hugh Muir, F. Kipps (1531), T. Ross, W. Vickerman, G. Gibson, T. Feetum, G. Selby, T. Middleton, W. North, T. Jameson, J. Dawson, G. Bally, J. Priest, George Robinson, James Walker, James Taylor, S. Newlan, and W. Cutbbert. Visitors: Bros. Flichtenhofer (Irene, No. 87, Dutch Constitution), and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The Secretary read a report from the Committee of the Benevolent and Pension Fund, which was unanimously confirmed. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Selby, acting as Junior Deacon, gave an interesting lecture on the Tracing Board of that degree. The W.M., Bro. Toozes, then, in a most eloquent and able manner, passed Bro. James Walker to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when Bro. Cohen proposed, and Bro. Proctor, S.D., seconded, that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Crier and family, on the occasion of the decease of Bro. Thomas H. Crier, Prov. Grand Tyler, and Tyler of the Humber Lodge for the last eight years. The vote was carried unanimously. After the name of a candidate for Freemasonry had been submitted, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to an ample supper, provided by the chief Steward, Bro. Kidd, at the conclusion of which the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.;" "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.;" "The Prov. Rulers." The toast of "The Visitors and the Press" was then given, coupled with the name of our representative, to which Bro. Kelly replied. After a little harmony the brethren separated, until the third Tuesday of the present month.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting of this admirable lodge was held on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Bro. Henry Walley, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, viz.—Bros. John E. Williams, S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; B. Williams, P.M., Treas.; William Seddeley, Sec.; H. Warburton, P.M., Org.; and George F. Smith, I.G. We say admirable advisedly, because the almost faultless manner in which the working is done, added to the perfect concord which always reigns amongst its members, and combined with the munificent donations to the Masonic and other charities, renders it one of the most distinguished lodges in the province. The minutes of the previous lodge night having been

read and confirmed, Bro. John Bird Sumner, of the Richmond Lodge, No. 1011, was balloted for, and unanimously elected a joining member. With this exception there was no other business (owing to a brother, who was to have been passed, failing to put in an appearance), and this was a most unusual feature in connection with this lodge, and the like of which has not happened for the last three years. The lodge was therefore closed with due ceremony, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, several of the brethren showing a more than ordinary amount of talent, both vocally and instrumentally.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The February meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Thursday, the 27th ult., and there were present Bros. Capt. Colburne, W.M., presiding; Capt. Green, acting I.P.M.; R. H. Coombs, S.W.; H. Thody, J.W.; J. Carter, S.D.; R. B. Stafford, J.D.; R. Boughton-Smith, acting I.G.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Bull, P.M., Steward; G. Reynolds, Tyler; Piper, Org.; Past Masters G. P. Nash, Billson; Bros. Kilpin, Hetherington, Pick, H. Allen, Roberts, Foster, Jarvis, Page, Chibnall; and an visitor Bro. Higgins, of the St. Aubyn, 954. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Page being a candidate to be raised to the degree of M.M., was examined, and satisfied the lodge; he then retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Page was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who, by the way in which he did the work gained great praise from the brethren. A gentleman, residing in a neighbouring village, was duly proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting, and a brother residing in Bedford, and a member of the Ionic, 227, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Boughton-Smith having signified his intention of being a Steward at the Boys' School Festival in April, and offering to represent the Stuart Lodge, notice was given to vote a certain sum to be placed on Bro. Smith's list at the next meeting. Other items of business were disposed of, and the brethren, after a protracted meeting, adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening, which was greatly enhanced by the excellent manner in which our Bro. Carter accompanied Bro. Stafford's singing.

DEPTFORD.—Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871).—The nineteenth installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street. Punctually at half-past four the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. T. Linn. The minutes of the election meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, received, and unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book. It showed a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Bro. Henry Clarke being a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. On his re-admission Bro. Henry Clarke was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason, the ceremony being splendidly rendered, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. G. T. Linn, W.M. The all-important event of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Robert Harman, a local and highly respected celebrity, who had done good suit and service in the lodge, and to the parish where he and his sire have resided for upwards of a century, a large number of Installed Masters being present. Bro. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., took the chair, and in a most graceful manner installed Bro. Robert Harman, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; W. A. R. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Porter, I.G.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tison, W.S.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147; Tyler; G. T. Linn, I.P.M. Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., in his usual faultless manner gave the address, cordial votes of thanks being given to Bro. J. J. Pakes and G. Andrews for their excellent working of the all-important ceremony of installation. We were pleased to see this ceremony so well rendered, and it reminded us of the predecessors who had worked it in that lodge, a list of eminent worthies commencing with Bro. H. Muggeridge, who did the consecration and installed the first W.M., Bro. Dr. Dixon, who in his turn installed the late Bro. Dr. Scott, who installed Bro. G. Wilton; then followed on Bro. H. A. Collington, the well-known Preceptor, who is matchless in his work. Afterwards came the veteran Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., who so frequently has done his share at installations. We were sorry to miss his well-known face, and sorry to learn his absence was caused by a severe and painful illness. Some others might be mentioned who had done their share of installations at this lodge. Suffice it to say that we can look with satisfaction on those who so worthily fill the post of honour of Installing Master in this lodge. It shows the young will emulate the old, and in many instances if possible surpass them. The next important event was the presenting of a costly Past Master's jewel to Bro. George Thomas Linn (there being a strong feeling to give honour where it was due), which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds as a slight recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs and business of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. G. T. Linn, in a graceful speech, acknowledged this present. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence from a brother who was overtaken by unforeseen misfortunes was unanimously supported, and signed by nearly all who were present, supplemented by votes from the benevolent fund of the lodge by amounts of a little over ten pounds. The name of one gentleman was given in for initiation at the next lodge meeting. The successful result of the hard work of Bro. James George Thomas was announced, who had represented this lodge as its Steward at the festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the

Widows of Freemasons. His list was a long way above the average, and helped to swell the large amount of over £14,000, which was gathered at that festival. He was warmly congratulated over his success. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, April 24th. There were present besides those named Bros. H. A. Collington, P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. Woollett, R. J. Harvey, J. Rennie, R. T. Stringer, H. W. F. Fellows, J. W. Hadington, C. F. Buhler, W. Simmons, W. Abbott, G. Wildermuth, J. Buibele, J. Sanders, G. C. Whibley, F. G. G. Bax, W. H. Luckcraft, J. Stanley, G. Hill, and others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. C. Bredan, W.M. 781; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; J. Mott, 147; J. Dawkins, J.D. 79; J. Warcup, 140; R. W. Robinson, 879; J. M. Hunt, I.G. 1662; A. Coningham, 1625, and others. A splendid banquet, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Morgan, the host, was served under his personal superintendence; all were pleased with it. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were indulged in, and brought to a close a pleasant evening, when the brethren separated to enjoy "Tired nature's sweet repose, balmy sleep."

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present, Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; J. Black, I.P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. (Freemason); J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; R. Bailey, J. Evenling, J. Towers, J. Borrowscale, T. C. Fearon, J. C. Nicholson, and T. Mason. Visitors:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M. 119 and 1225, P.G.S.W.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.S.B. The lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Mason subsequently gave proof of his proficiency as a F.C., and was regularly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by the W.M., assisted by his officers, the J.D. giving the latter part of the traditional history, the J.W. presenting the working tools, and the S.W. delivering the closing charge of the degree. After the lodge had been closed down and hearty good wishes tendered from Lodges 119, 1073, and 1532, Bro. Cook G.S.W., warmly complimented the W.M. on the manner in which he had performed the work of the evening, this being only the second meeting after the installation. Bro. Cook further expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present in Skiddaw Lodge after a lapse of twelve or thirteen years, and he should take the earliest opportunity to convey to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the excellent way in which the W.M. and his officers had performed their duties. Bro. Lamony, P.M., having intimated his wish that the notice of motion for the formation of a Masonic library in connection with the lodge stand over for a month, when there would be more time to discuss it, the lodge was closed with the customary hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing."

DRIFFIELD.—Sykes Lodge (No. 1040).—The members of this lodge met in their hall, on Wednesday, 19th ult., for the installation of the following officers, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Richard Boggett, P.M.; Bros. W. Santon, W.M.; E. Wilson, P.M.; J. Dunn, S.W.; J. S. Wilson, J.W.; R. Teal, P.M., Treas.; S. Chadwick, Chap.; H. Holgreaves, Sec.; M. Simpson, S.D.; G. Bielby, J.D.; R. Hornby, D.C.; J. Elgey, P.M.; J. T. Kirby, I.G.; W. Barmby and W. Ross, Stewards; R. Potts, Tyler. The installation banquet was held in the evening, at the Bell Hotel, when several of the brethren from neighbouring lodges attended.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about eighty members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst the Craft principals present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; F. Emery, J.D.; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The brethren included Bros. J. M. Boyd, J. Shrapnell, P. Lowndes, J. Hill, H. Leslie, H. Holden, Thomson, Ballard, W. M. Annand, J. R. Brown, F. Cowdell, Rac, Ashley, Meers, Stimson, Dixon, Wainwright, Walton, Johnson, and others. The Three Degrees were down on the circular, but as Mr. T. W. Robertson (son of the celebrated author of "Caste," and other comedies), who was unanimously elected, had to go to London on business, his initiation was postponed. Bros. Wainwright, Stimson, Dixon, Hemming, and Wyatt were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Holden, Hayter, and Burby were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. After two or three propositions for joining, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Several standard toasts were afterwards given, and during the evening capital songs were contributed by Bros. Webster, Williams, Greenwood, Walton, Hemming, Stimson, Bragginton, Chapman, and others, Bro. R. Burgess, Org., presiding at the piano.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, at 6 o'clock in the evening. The following were present:—Bros. Job H. Greenhalgh, W.M.; N. Nicholson, S.W.; Henry Strad, as J.W.; J. M. Rutter, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Heywood, S.D.; W. Court, J.D.; R. Latham, I.G.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.O., M. of C.; John Barratt, Steward; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Past

Masters G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D.; J. M. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. S. of W.; C. Stanley, James Richardson, T. Morris; Bros. Smith, Cosgrave, Blain, Bradburn, Brierley, Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley. The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. James Hall, late of Lodge 221, was balloted for, and elected a joining member. Mr. William Daniel Hughes, of Bolton, was balloted for, and approved as a candidate for initiation; Bros. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley having passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, retired; the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt, and Priestley were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. J. M. Entwistle, and the working tools of the degree were explained by the S. Warden. Bro. Hargreaves having been examined and entrusted, he, with the other candidates, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Hargreaves was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Charles Stanley, who also instructed him in the working tools of the degree. Closed to the First Degree. Mr. William Daniel Hughes was duly initiated into Masonry by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge delivered from the chair. The Secretary reported that seven of the brethren in the lodge had officiated as Stewards at the festival for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, which was held in London under the presidency, of Col. Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire—viz., Bros. Brockbank, Entwistle, Taylor, Ferguson, Rutter, Nicholson, Court. Bro. Cosgrave, M.D., was proposed as a joining member. A portion of the ancient rules and charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge closed at 9 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—The first meeting of the above lodge of instruction, since the alteration in the evening for meeting, was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Spread Eagle Hotel. The following were amongst the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Blackmore, W.M.; J. Frost, S.W.; W. F. Wardroper, J.W.; J. G. Carter, A. N. Newens, S.D.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; P. V. Denham, I.G.; H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham, Sec. The ceremonies of the Second and Third Degrees were worked, Bro. Blackmore working the Second (with Bro. C. E. Golding as candidate) and Bro. J. G. Carter the Third, when Bro. A. N. Newens went through the ceremony of being raised. The question of providing proper Masonic clothing was discussed, but the question was deferred until after the meeting of the regular lodge (1044). The brethren warmly appreciated the kindness of Bro. Carter as Preceptor. Bro. Charles E. Golding (of the 1216) was unanimously elected a member.

Royal Arch.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Abbey Chapter (No. 1225).—The annual installation in connection with the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hartington Hotel. E. Comp. M. Haslam was installed M.E.Z.; E. Comp. G. Cornfield, H.; and Comp. E. J. Morgan, J. The ceremony was efficiently performed by E. Comp. Brooke, P.P.G.S.N., and E. Comp. R. Worrall, P.P.G.S. of Cheshire. Subsequently the M.E.Z. installed his officers as follows:—Comps. H. J. Klyne, S.E.; J. Settle, S.N.; G. Cornfield, P.Z., Treas.; J. Read, P.S.; C. P. Richards, 1st Asst. S.; W. Bath, and Asst. S.; S. S. Lord, Organist; D. Smyth, S.S.; G. Nelson, J.S.; and W. Ford, Janitor. E. Comp. Hocker, P.Z., then presented E. Comp. Brooke, on behalf of the chapter, with a portrait of himself, as a recognition of the great services he had rendered to the chapter, and of the difficulties which had been overcome in the formation of the chapter and in its subsequent maintenance, owing to the zeal he had displayed in the movement, and the assistance he had rendered with a view of promoting its welfare. The portrait represented E. Comp. Brooke wearing the robes and insignia of his office as the first M.E.Z. of the chapter. The portrait was taken by Comp. C. P. Richards, and enlarged and painted in oils, and was in every respect not only a worthy and fitting present, but was a credit to the artistic taste of Comp. Richards. It was mounted in a rich gold frame, and the following inscription was engrossed at the foot:—"Presented to E. Comp. R. A. Brooke, P.P.G.S.N., first Z. of the Chapter No. 1225, 1878." E. Comp. Brooke then made a suitable reply, and thanked the companions for this proof of the services he had rendered. He begged to present the chapter with the portrait, and wished it the greatest possible success. The M.E.Z. then presented, on behalf of the chapter, a P.Z.'s jewel to E. Comp. Hocker for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the chapter during the past year. The jewel, which was supplied by E. Comp. Kenning, London, was of elegant design in gold, and was engraved as follows:—"Abbey Chapter, No. 1225. Presented to E. Comp. R. Hocker in recognition of the zeal with which he discharged his duties as M.E.Z. for the year ending 26th February, 1879." Bro. Hocker having replied, the chapter was closed according to ancient custom. The companions retired to an adjoining room, where dinner was provided by Mr. Beardmore, the M.E.Z. occupying the chair. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened with songs given by various companions.

Prince Leopold has sent a contribution of £50 towards the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution Building Fund.

Knights Templar.

KEOKUK, U.S.A.—Damascus Commandery (No. 5).—The 12th Feb. was an eventful day in the history of Masonry in this city. It was the time fixed for conferring the Order of the Red Cross upon a number of candidates. This ceremony was commenced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and lasted until nearly 6. The candidates were Joseph Bennett, of this city, and Wm. G. Kent, S. Atlee, Edwin D. Smith, and Henry C. Spreen, of Fort Madison. The ceremony of conferring this Order was performed by Sir Knight Henry W. Rothert, P.G.M. and E.C. of Damascus Commandery. In the evening the ceremonies assumed a social character, and Masonic Hall was the scene of a brilliant and festive gathering, the occasion being a Red Cross banquet given in honour of the Order. The event was one that has been looked forward to with much interest, and for which extensive preparations were made. The hall was brightly illuminated and decorated with the banners of the commandery, the Sir Knights appeared in full uniform and displayed knightly gallantry, many of the ladies were handsomely dressed, and altogether the spectacle was a pleasing one to look upon. The company was composed exclusively of the Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery and their families, visiting Sir Knights and their wives, and representatives of the press. But these were sufficient to form a large assemblage. Shortly after 9 o'clock all present were formed into procession, and proceeded to the banquet hall with the ceremony incident to the occasion. A bounteous repast, gotten up by the wives of the Sir Knights, was then served. This partook of the generosity and hospitality for which the Sir Knights are noted in all these entertainments. Following the banquet came the toasts and responses. Sir Knight Rothert, E.C., was Master of the Ceremonies, and delivered the opening address, in which he alluded to the importance of the occasion, and thanked those who had assisted in making it so interesting. The first toast was: "Our Ladies—God bless them." Response by Sir Knight Dr. J. M. Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer made a very appropriate response, referring to woman and her supremacy in highly complimentary terms. His remarks were warmly applauded. The next toast was: "Masonry and Religion—the promptings of one are the teachings of the other." Response by Sir Knight Rev. R. C. McIlwaine, who traced the relations between Masonry and Christianity through various stages of their history, and said that while Masonry is not Christianity it is founded on Christianity, and its teachings are in harmony therewith. Joseph Bennett, one of the Zerrubabels, was then called upon and responded in a very happy manner. The next toast was: "Templar Masonry—its aims, its purposes, and its enjoyments." Response by Sir Knight R. F. Bower, P.G.C. In introducing Bro. Bower, the Eminent Commander spoke of him in the most complimentary manner, and paid a high tribute to his services to Masonry and the distinction he has achieved in the Order. Bro. Bower acknowledged the honour in suitable words, and gave an interesting and scholarly review of the history of Temple Masonry. He spoke feelingly and eloquently of the prowess, the chivalry, the valiancy, the magnanimity, and the persecutions of the Knights Templar through all their eventful career. Sir Knight Bower spoke at considerable length, and his remarks were listened to with intense interest. It was the purpose to hear from the remainder of the Zerrubabels, and the following additional toasts were on the programme, but owing to the lateness of the hour it became necessary to adjourn the ceremonies:—"Faith, Hope, and Charity;" as knights and as Masons we are taught to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity towards all mankind. Response by Sir Knight Frank Allyn. "Masonry and Civil Government;" we recognise the authority of each, and promise obedience to both. Response by Sir Knight Rutledge Lea. "Our Absent Friends." Response by Sir Knight W. O. Crosby, of Centerville. After the banquet the remainder of the ceremony of the Red Cross Order was performed. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Among the visitors present were H. Clay Stuart and wife, Robert E. Smith, Dr. A. C. Roberts, H. C. Spreen and wife, E. D. Smith and wife, Samuel Atlee and wife, Mrs. J. C. Blackburn and Wm. G. Kent, wife and niece, Fort Madison; W. O. Crosby and wife, and J. K. Boyles and wife, Centerville; R. Lea, Keosauqua; L. L. Therme, Wm. F. Grubb, and Wm. H. Manning, Farmington. During the evening Mr. Camp exhibited the operations of the phonograph in the hall, to the delight of all present.

India.

BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757, E.C.)—This chapter held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, Bombay, on Monday, the 13th January. Present, M.E. Comp. Counsell, P.Z.; V.E. Comp. Watson, P.H.; V.E. Comp. Cooper, P.J.; M.E. Comps. Barrow, P.P.Z.; Rowe, P.P.Z.; McKenzie, P.P.Z.; Comps. Tomlinson, Scribe E.; Kapadier, S.N.; Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st Assistant; Jones, 2nd Assistant; Robinson, Treasurer; Seager, Janitor. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The minutes of the permanent Committee were read, and M.E. Comp. P.Z. then informed the companions present that the business of the evening was of a pleasing nature—it was to present M.E. Comp. Barrow, P.P.Z., with a jewel of the chapter pattern for the long and valuable services he had rendered to the chapter. The jewel was then attached, with a few neat and appropriate remarks. M.E. Comp. Barrow replied in suitable terms. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Mitchell, who was compelled to leave Bombay through sickness, and consequently tendered his

resignation, which was received with regret. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Hussey, D.G.S.E., asking the chapter to consider the proposal therein made, re-establishing a District Grand Chapter of R.A. Freemasons of Bombay and its Territories, also asking the chapter to bear a share of the expenses of the attempt to establish the same in the year 1874. After some discussion on the subject it was agreed to pay the amount, viz., Rupees 38 3a. 1p, forthwith. In consequence of the retirement of M.E. Comp. Honourable J. Gibbs, D.G. Supt. and First P.Z. One companion was proposed and seconded as a joining member. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form at 8.30 p.m.

Multum in Parvo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANDERSON, JAMES, D.D.—His name is well known to all Masonic students and readers as the compiler of the first authoritative book issued by the Grand Lodge of England. There had been indeed, in 1722, published by John Roberts, "The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons." But to James Anderson belongs the credit, by order of the Grand Lodge, of giving to the Craft and to the world the first official account of Freemasonry. It has been contended that Desaguliers is the author of the Constitutions of 1723. But those who thus contend forget that Anderson himself says, at p. 74, edit. 1723, that he was the author—he being then Master of Lodge 17. Of James Anderson little, however, is known. He is said to have been born at Edinburgh in 1684, some say 1662, which is, we apprehend, erroneous. He was, it seems, minister of the Scottish Presbyterian Chapel in Swallow-street, Piccadilly, but more than this, so far, is not discoverable. It is not known where or when he was initiated into Freemasonry, but he was Worshipful Master of No. 17 in 1723. According to the Constitutions of 1738, the 17th lodge met at Berry's Coffee-house, Bridges-street. But we must remember, Bro. Hughan points out, that the 17 of 1738 was not the same as the 17 of 1723. We know not, therefore, what it was. Anderson then, apparently, was living in Exeter-court, Strand. In 1723, as we said before, appeared the first book of the English Constitution, now somewhat rare. In 1738 Anderson put out a second and much augmented edition, and a third appeared in 1746. This, however, is only 1738 with a new title page. Some say that Anderson died in 1739, others in 1746; 1739 is right, as announced in the "Gentleman's Magazine." We do not agree with Mackey's view, that considerable interpolations and alterations had been made by Anderson without authority in the edition of 1738. There are no doubt considerable additions, but they are made in bona fides, and were evidently the result of Anderson's more complete and careful study of M.S. documents and Constitutions, which have not yet been identified. The "Pocket Companion" of 1754 says that the alterations occurred owing either to his "ill health" or the "management of strangers." It appears to us that Anderson has been the subject of much unfair criticism. He was not ordered to write a new and florid history of Freemasonry; he merely arranged them in a clear, readable, and concise narrative, and such as those old histories themselves of the Guilds were, such is Anderson's record. Anderson may probably have held what others have maintained, that Freemasonry through the Guilds went up to the mysteries, the outcome of corrupted antediluvian teaching, and thus to the lore of the "theodidaktoi." But there is nothing to blame in such views, and we cannot, it appears to us, judge Anderson fairly by our colder criticism of to-day, as the cases are essentially different. Knowing even in 1876 the great difficulties attendant on Masonic literature and Masonic history, we feel certain that no other course was open to Anderson than the one he so carefully followed—namely, of endeavouring to give to the Craft the Guild legends, as a simple traditional history. We do not expect to find in oral traditions, or ancient legends, the correctness of historical annals, and we should only take Anderson's "History of Freemasonry" for what it is—for what it professed to be—a lucid representation of the old operative cherished Constitutions and legends of Freemasonry. Anderson, despite his obvious faults in the eyes of the critical and authentic school, is yet the father of English Masonic History, and also the first of that educated band of students who have so long contended that the real history of our Order is to be found in that of the Operative Guilds and Societies of mediæval times, of early ages. He wrote one or two other works, and two well-known tracts, a "Defence of Masonry," 1730; "Observations and Critical Remarks on the New Constitutions" 1725. Some seem to doubt whether the latter work was his.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

A new min. is to be erected on the Victoria Embankment. The Court of Common Council have commenced preliminaries. Let us hope that the architecture will be satisfactory. We have the finest sites of any capital in Europe, if we had but the national art wherewith to embellish them.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex assembled at Horstpierpoint, on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, to consecrate the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, in the Grand Registry of England. The warrant was granted in December last, but a variety of circumstances delayed the opening ceremony. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., being detained in London by his Parliamentary duties, the Deputy Provincial G.M. conducted the proceedings with the ability which invariably characterises his efforts. The music-room, as it is termed, was prepared as a lodge for the occasion with evident care. The floral decorations, lent by Messrs. Green and Son, added much to the beauty of the lodge and dining-rooms.

At three o'clock the proceedings commenced, nearly the whole of the Provincial Grand Officers and Stewards being in attendance. During the ceremony the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Chaplain delivered appropriate addresses on the designs and uses of Freemasonry. Charity, they said, was the one aim and object of every sincere member of their Craft, which knew no religious distinctions, while the Great Architect of the Universe was looked up to as the Supreme Being who ruled their destinies.

The usual anthems and hymns used on such occasions were sung by Bros. Broadbridge, Roe, Gates, and Cole, Bro. A. King (Prov. G. Organist) accompanying on the harmonium.

The lodge having been regularly formed and properly dedicated the following were appointed its officers:—Bros. George Kelly King, P.G. Steward England, P.M. 4 and 1541, the first W.M.; James Curtis, P.M. 315, S.W.; Walter, Fitch, P.M. 1410, J.W.; E. Broadbridge, Sec.; J. Musson, S.D.; J. Fitch, J.D.; R. Pope, I.G.; H. Hughes, Tyler.

A committee having been appointed to draw up the by-laws of the lodge, several propositions were made of gentlemen wishing to become initiates and others to be balloted for as joining members.

The business proceedings ended, the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Hotel, where the event was celebrated by a banquet, at which about 80 were present. Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, were entrusted with its preparation, and they catered most admirably. Those present included Bros. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; W. Sergison, Prov. S.G.W.; H. M. Davey, G. Chaplain; C. A. Woolley, G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, G. Sec.; W. Hale, S.G.D.; Mark Tanner, J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, G.A.D.C.; C. Tomkinson, Superintendent of Works; Jos. Farncombe, G.S.B.; Alfred King, Grand Organist; W. T. Nell, G. Purst.; G. T. Evershed, E. Bright, A. J. Hawkes, Frank Holford, E. B. McWhinnie, and F. J. Rubie, G. Stewards; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), W. Hudson, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Dawes, P.P.G.R.; G. Kelly King, James Curtis, Walter Fitch, E. Broadbridge, J. T. Musson, J. Fitch, T. Wilkinson, W.M. Royal Clarence, 271; John P. M. Smith, 271; P. J. Emery, 56; C. J. Carter, 315; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, 311; J. Robertson, 811; E. S. Byass, W.M. Ockenden, 1465; E. Taylor, W.M. Mid-Sussex, 1141; H. F. Hauxwell, 732; H. Figg, 1141; F. Edward, 1141; G. A. Howes, 1141; T. Harms, 1141; Wm. Agate, 1141; C. Golding, 315; W. J. Evershed, 315; J. Newman, 315; G. R. Johnson, 487; H. A. Dowell, 1466; J. Lutman-Johnson, 1466; F. Downard, 315; G. W. Downard, 315; A. J. Newman, 1110; C. Braid, 1465; J. S. Campion, 651; R. G. Williams (Australia), 511; T. Sinnock, 315; E. Dumsday, 1465; T. Rose, jun., 732; B. Bennett, W.M. Royal Brunswick, 732; S. Solomon, 732; W. Roe, 1636; G. Cole, 1636; C. Sandeman, 1636; H. S. Gates, 1636.

The newly-elected W.M. (Bro. G. Kelly King) presided at the banquet. The post prandial proceedings included the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; also "The Health of the W.M. of the Southdown Lodge and Success to its Future," which was drunk most heartily. Those who were able to stay till the conclusion of the entertainment enjoyed a most pleasant evening, but several of the guests were obliged to leave early to enable them to reach home that night.

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

This company held its annual meeting during the preceding week, the Mayor of the borough, Bro. J. B. Thomas, P.M., in the chair, when the directors reported that after surmounting many obstacles they had at last succeeded in securing a site and satisfactory plans for a building, the freehold site being just off the High-street, overlooking the western shore and the pleasant bay, and close to the remains of the donjon of the old Southampton Castle. The plans have been prepared by Bro. J. G. Poole, Architect, and provide a third more space in the principal rooms than that supplied at the present hall, which is held on lease under Queen's College, Oxford, besides other accommodation not available in the existing rooms. The contract for the work has been taken by Bro. S. Stevens, builder, who has undertaken to complete it by the month of November, and has actually commenced the work, which will be executed in white brick. The retiring directors of the company were unanimously re-elected, with Bro. W. Hickman, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, as Chairman.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bros. George J. Row, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, John S. Cakebread, the Rev. Richard Morris, L.L.D. (Head Master), J. N. Frost, Joseph Richard Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Murray, Richard Tyrrell, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Maple, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, W. Paas, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Two candidates were placed on the list. The Committee voted, in accordance with their powers, £20 to a late pupil towards his advancement (he having strongly expressed his desire to pursue military studies at Sandhurst), on condition that his friends came forward to furnish the balance that would be required.

The Committee also granted an outfit of £5 to a late pupil of the Institution for an outfit, the circumstances of the case being that, although he had a former similar sum granted him for the same purpose, he had been shipwrecked in the Sharon, off Black Gang Chine, and lost his kit. The young man had behaved himself admirably since he left the Institution, two years of which time he had been voyaging with the Sharon. He on the day the Committee met sailed for Auckland, N.Z., where he intended to settle, and Bro. Binckes, not doubting that the Committee would grant the outfit asked for, advanced the amount out of his own pocket.

Another outfit of £5 was also granted to a lad who had left the Institution and obtained a situation in the Railway Clearing House through the exertions of Bro. Dawson, the Secretary of that establishment. The lad passed a very satisfactory examination, which caused Bro. Dawson to inform Bro. Binckes that he had other vacancies at his disposal for more youths from the Institution who could pass as well.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. Jermyn Boyd acknowledging the resolution of the Committee, conveying their sympathy to the family of his father, the late Bro. John Boyd, on their loss.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart informed the Committee that Bro. Henry Browne, P.G.D., a member of the House Committee, died on Thursday morning.

The Chairman expressed his deep regret, and said that Bro. Browne had been a member of the House Committee since June, 1866.

It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence with the late Bro. Browne's family should be sent.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

St. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

The Committee formed in connection with the movement for restoring the west front of St. Alban's Abbey, met in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, occupied the chair. Bro. Keyser having read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were agreed to, stated that he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, enclosing two communications, one from Lord Henniker, and the other from Sir Harcourt Johnstone, notifying their willingness to act as Vice-Presidents of the Committee. Bro. Keyser had also much pleasure in stating that Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham, had consented to become a patron of the movement. A subscription of £5 5s. from Bro. George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx., and one of £5 from Bro. F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C., had been paid. He had much pleasure in acquainting the Committee that since their last meeting they had got the promise of a great many additional subscriptions. Bros. John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham, had promised £5; F. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts., £5; the Hertford Lodge £25; Hertford Chapter £10 10s.; Captain E. C. Dick £5; Thos. Kent, W.M. 1479, £5; C. Erskine, I.G. 1479, £5; C. W. Reynolds, J.D. 1479, £5; and several others. He had great pleasure in proposing Bros. W. Hope, D.M. (2), and E. J. Barton, P.G.D., as members of the Committee.

The motion being seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Griffiths, was unanimously carried. He also begged to propose that Bro. Sumner Knyvett, P.G. Steward, and the present Grand Treasurer of G. Prov. Chapter in Herts, should be elected a member of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Percy W. Taylor next proposed that Bro. A. W. Nash, W.M. 409, should be enrolled on the Committee list, and the motion [having found a seconder in Bro. Thos. Kent, was carried unanimously.

The meeting then entered into a protracted discussion as to what would be the best form of circular to send to Freemasons throughout the country, specifying the origin, object, and approximate cost of the movement; and it was eventually agreed that Bros. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, Captain E. C. Dick, and C. E. Keyser should meet together and draw up a suitable circular succinctly setting forth these matters. The circular will be presented for consideration at the next Committee meeting, which will be held in the same place on Thursday, March 13th, at 4.30.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed, the meeting broke up.

The annual installation meeting of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, took place at the Town Hall, Bootle, on Thursday afternoon, the 6th inst. Bro. W. H. Clemmey, T.C., was then installed W.M., and in next issue will appear a report of the interesting ceremony.

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ERRATA.—In the *Freemason* of last week Bro. Viscount Mandeville was said to be the son of the Marquis of Westminster instead of the Duke of Manchester.

Bro. R. Owen, P.M. St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, would deem it a favour if any brother will give him the address of the brother of the Barnard Lodge, whose grant of £50 was confirmed at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemasons' Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1879," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Touchstone," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Scottish Freemason," "The Alliance News," "Jersey Express," "Masonic Record of Western India," "The Stockton Herald," "The Westminster Papers," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Liberal Freemason," "Corner Stone," "Our Home," "The Hospital Saturday Fund Report, 1878," "Risorgimento," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "The Queenslander," "Voice of Masonry," "Kelet-orcut," "La Chaine d'Urion," "Keystone," "The Banner of Israel," "Leicester Advertiser," "The Paper Consumers' Circular," "Night and Day," "Freemasons' Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

FOSTER.—On the 2nd March, at Truro, the wife of Mr. Clement Le Neve Foster, of a daughter.

JOHNSTONE.—On the 3rd March, at Bailgate, Lincoln, the wife of Major George Johnstone, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SHEPHERD—SHAKESPEAR.—On the 1st March, at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. Wyndham A. Shakespear, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Blake, Vicar of the parish, Capt. T. V. Shepherd, son of the late Mr. Alexander Shepherd, to Grace Alice, daughter of Major-General G. B. Shakespear.

DEATHS.

BOGGETT.—On the 3rd inst., at Paragon-street, Hull, Mary Beatrice, infant daughter of Bro. Richard Boggett, aged 6 months.

BROWSE.—On the 27th Feb., at his residence, Upper Tooting, Surrey, suddenly, Henry Browse, Esq., in his 75th year.

CRIBER.—On the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, Bro. Crier, aged 66.

TURNBULL.—On the 28th Feb., at 6, Lyplatt-terrace, Cheltenham, the Rev. Joseph Corbett Turnbull, M.A., in his sixty-sixth year.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1879.

THE "FREEMASON."

Ten years ago the *Freemason* was founded by its present and sole proprietor, and appeared for the first time March 13th, 1869. In its address it spoke in the following modest terms of its origin, its aims, its plan, and its hopes. It threw itself fraternally on the "indulgence" of its readers, to "excuse imperfections," and appealed also "confidently" to their "sympathies" for "support" in this "attempt to establish a journal which we hope will become a worthy organ of the great Masonic Fraternity." Without repeating here to-day many of the sensible and effective passages of its first address, we may well remind ourselves, (after this lapse of time especially), of one of the concluding paragraphs of the Introduction to page 1 of the *Freemason* for March 13th, 1869, for they are still as true and pertinent as when originally printed, though, perhaps, the skilful hand and active brain which first planned and penned them are now at rest in the grave. "It will be our constant aim to sustain the reputation and enhance the renown of our Institution, which has been so long

'To fame immortally allied,
And crowned with glory.'

And once more let us note the key note of the original address, which was to dominate the entire harmony of the *Freemason*, "working under the ægis of lawfully constituted authority, and paying due deference to the ordinances of ruling powers, we shall ever remember that we are 'Free-Masons,' and vindicate our position as such, by maintaining a just independence, as the organ of a great and free Fraternity." And now kindly readers, as a dispassionate jury, what is your verdict after this onward passage of years? Has the *Freemason* made good its promise? pursued the even Masonic mean of its honourable progress? We believe that there will be but one reply, alike from courteous critic and impartial censor. If ever a paper has sought manfully to carry out its professed aims and object, we think we may claim that characteristic emphatically for the *Freemason*. Founded and published by one publisher "ab origine," it has had no shareholders (real or mythic) to back it up, it has sought for no subsidies, and asked for no patronage—merely as patronage. A "fair field and no favour" have been its motto, and it has manfully striven to hold its own and win its way in the great open mart of Masonic opinion and public approval. It has offered its wares to all, in the confidence that if good they would be appreciated, if bad, rejected, as they deserved to be. It has not wished to palm off a "sham imitation" on unsuspecting bystanders, but has offered the "real and genuine production," openly and honestly, of the best quality, and at a very cheap rate. What else could it have done? It has made merit and value its one test of success and support. To claim for the *Freemason* perfection in all its endeavours would be futile; to assert that it has always avoided error would be absurd. In all human undertakings imperfection crops up, and no enterprise of man is free from the "breakage" of machinery, the "wear and tear" of stock, the stupidity of employés, or the mistaken animus even of friends and supporters. Probably the stern and censorious might hit upon some little blots, be they typographical or be they editorial; blunders which ought not to have occurred, errata for which there is no excuse; the appearance of matter which ought not to have been put forth at all, but after all, how very few indeed they are, at the most, and what organ of our daily, weekly, and monthly literature is free from them? But this we may say, fairly and confidently. The *Freemason* has never deviated consciously from the narrow pathway of true Freemasonry; it has never "turned to the right hand or the left;" it has moved on like "Excelsior," with the banner of Masonry aloft, neither checked nor intimidated; neither awed by the threats of childish persecution, nor embarrassed by the pseudo criticism of open assailants; above all, utterly defiant of the contempti-

ble mutterings of the surreptitious and anonymous libeller. From the first hour of its appearance until to-day it has sought to take a high position, and reach unto a goodly goal. Though it has discouraged personality, the bane of the Masonic press, it has advocated free discussion and fair play for all. It has not desired to open its pages to the petty complaints of each "Peter Grievous," nor has it wished to serve as a medium of idle attacks on authority, but has simply, within certain definite limits, endeavoured to enable any real grievances to be ventilated, and opportunity afforded for honest difference of opinion, manly controversy, and the Masonic interchange of thought and feeling. To the great Masonic archaeological and literary movement of the last ten years it has given earnest support, and has led the way in many subjects on which the fame of such writers as Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, C. P. McCalla, Masonic Student, Mackey, and many more is built up. And one remark we feel bound to make. The *Freemason* has been conspicuous for the completeness and fidelity of its reports of all Masonic proceedings. It is, indeed, a very wonderful portion of contemporary Masonic life and work, which is to be found in the weekly pages, the goodly volumes of the *Freemason*. But, above all, the *Freemason* has been fervent in advocating the support of our great Masonic Charities, and the lists of each festival will shew that its publisher while others have talked has acted, and in season and out of season the friendly columns of the paper have been open to the communications of the Secretaries, and the records of the proceedings of their admirable Institutions. They have no truer or better friends than the *Freemason* and its publisher. During the last eventful ten years of English Masonic life few more important contributions to Masonic literature can be found, than may be perused by the curious and the student, in the eleven volumes of the *Freemason*. They, in fact, constitute a store-house of Masonic facts, of items relating to Masonic history, archæology, jurisprudence, lodge life, as well as general Masonic teaching and practice, which are simply invaluable to the collector, to the reader, to the Masonic antiquary and historian amongst us. And this is, no doubt, the simple secret of its cosmopolitan success and support. "All the world over," just now, the *Freemason* is read, the *Freemason* is criticized, the *Freemason* is reproduced, the *Freemason* is valued, and week by week we receive the most gratifying testimonies to the zeal of its friends, the good opinion of its readers, and, above all, the kind and flattering appreciation of its matter, whether by those who speak of it in terms of eulogium, or by those—not many, happily—who see in an honestly conducted Masonic enterprise a fit subject for un-Masonic sneers, for puerile personality, or petty slander. Its publisher, looking back to-day, may fairly flatter himself that he has truly carried out his original "programme" in the great main, and has earned, as he has done, the confidence and support of a large and kindly, and increasing audience. He, therefore, once more begs to tender to all who have supported with such genial liberality, and honest good will, his legitimate and literary enterprise, founded and carried on with great attachment to our excellent Order, his heartfelt thanks, as well as his warm sense of their generous sympathy and untiring support. He trusts in the future, as in the past, to merit their confidence and good opinion, and alike to advance the progress of Masonic literature, the prestige of the Order, and the thorough efficiency, reality, and vitality of the *Freemason*.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Though the last meeting of our Masonic Parliament was of short duration, it was fully attended, and transacted business of much importance in its way. Having by acclamation passed a very proper and seasonable vote of condolence with Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the loss of her lamented daughter, the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, and having as unanimously re-elected the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

Grand Lodge dealt with a very important matter for the Order—the election of Treasurer. Three candidates were proposed. The first was Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, the second Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, the third Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board of Benevolence. It was quite clear at an early period that the nomination of Bro. Baron de Rothschild was not agreeable to the majority of Grand Lodge, and that the contest, if contest there should be, lay between Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton and Clabon. Bro. Clabon having disclaimed any opposition to Bro. Creaton, no one was astonished when 14 hands were held up for Baron de Rothschild, and about the same for Bro. Clabon, and the remaining number, probably between three and four hundred, were elevated for Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. His election was greeted with loud cheers, which were repeated when he came forward to speak, and thank the brethren in terse terms for the honour conferred upon him. There can be no question that, in electing Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lodge has sought to recognize almost unexampled services to Masonic interests, and, above all, Masonic Charity, for 17 years. Few brethren also have done more for the Order, or worked harder in the interests of our great Charities, while his liberality on their behalf has been as conspicuous as his exertion. Grand Lodge has shown once more, as we ventured to predict, that it is guided simply by a sense of Masonic services, of duty and devotion for our good old Craft. However high abstractedly Bro. Rothschild's position may be, and however striking the "prestige" attached to his name in the City, and, as one brother said, on the "Exchanges of Europe," he was comparatively unknown to Masonry, and to the majority of the brethren. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, on the other hand, is well known to the great bulk of the London brethren, not only on account of his high qualities, his ready and available services, but for the confidence which his brethren have in him, and which they have manifested by making him Trustee of more than one of the great Metropolitan Charities. Altogether we feel perfectly satisfied that the selection so decisively made, and so loudly applauded, will give in every respect satisfaction to the Craft, and uphold the dignity and interests of Grand Lodge.

VALE!

Another good old Mason has passed away—most useful in his time and generation, and deeply valued and respected by his brother Masons. We have to announce with deep regret the death of Bro. Henry Browse. Of his services to Freemasonry or to the Charities it is needless here to speak, as they are too well known to all our readers. They were indeed many and great. We all shall regret that we no more shall hail his venerable presence, and our memories will be alike kindly and affectionate, as recalling moral worth and duty, well performed to the very last. Bro. Browse will not soon be forgotten by many admiring friends and brethren.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE LATE PRINCESS ALICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The following reply has been received from Her Majesty on receipt of the address of condolence from the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge.
Yours truly,
DON. M. DEWAR.
Office of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,
March 3rd.

"Capt. Edwards presents his compliments to Mr. Dewar, and is commanded by the Queen to thank the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, for their address of condolence, and to express Her Majesty's sincere appreciation of the kind sympathy therein conveyed on the death of her dear daughter Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"Windsor Castle,
"28th February, 1879."

The following address of condolence was forwarded to

Her Majesty by the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627 :
"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,
"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1627, on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, in regular lodge assembled, venture to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with the expression of our most sincere and earnest sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss you have sustained in the death of your beloved daughter the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"We respectfully beg to assure Your Majesty that we participate in the universal sorrow which prevades all classes of your subjects, and humbly pray that God may give you strength to bear this trial, and that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over us and the nation.

"Signed on behalf of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627,

"DONALD MANGLES DEWAR,
"Secretary."

To which the following gracious reply has been received:

"Capt. Edwards presents his compliments to Mr. Dewar, and has received the Queen's commands to convey to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge of Freemasons Her Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the kind expression of sympathy and condolence contained in their address of the 7th inst.

"Windsor Castle,
"28th February, 1879."

JOHN HERVEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The lodge of instruction having removed to a private room, in the Albion Hall, London-wall, City, I take this early opportunity of inviting your attendance and co-operation, in order to insure uniformity of working among the officers of the lodge; a dissemination of Masonic knowledge among the members, and a just emulation, by united practice in rehearsal, to render our beautiful Masonic Services in the most perfect manner.

Our Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist, has most generously offered to give us the benefit of his services in conducting the musical portion of the ritual, if the members of the lodge will rally to our support.

The next meeting of the lodge of instruction, in its new quarters, will be on Monday, 10th March, and every succeeding Monday evening, at 8 o'clock punctually.

Hoping to have the pleasure of your company, together with any brother you would like to introduce, on next and future Monday evenings,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN H. SOUTHWOOD,
W.M. 1260.

Albion Hall is within 3 minutes' walk of Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Bishopsgate Stations, and 5 minutes' walk from the Bank; thus securing ample and frequent communication with all parts of London.

ROMAN CATHOLIC IGNORANCE AND INTOLERANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you herewith a translation of a letter addressed to the editor of a local newspaper, the *Commercio Portuguez*, and printed in its issue, not as an advertisement, of the 23rd February.

During a residence of several years in this country I have never met with a similar occurrence, but I cannot say that I have much sympathy with Masonry as practised here, where the most important point of the Third Degree is not unfrequently given by the W.M., who is smoking a cigarette while wielding the tools of the Craft.

As a curiosity of Masonry and an instance of modern intolerance, the translation of the letter may be deemed worth inserting in your publication.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, obediently and fraternally yours,

JOHN GLAS. SANDEMAN, 33^o,
Late Secretary General H.E., A. and A. R. for England, Wales, and Dependencies of the British Crown.
Oporto, 1st March, 1879.

TRANSLATION.

"S. Vicente de Pereira,

"12th Feb., 1879.

"I, the undersigned, having been initiated in Freemasonry through ignorance, supposing it simply a beneficent and charitable society, as has been and is proclaimed by its rulers, as containing in its organisation and construction nothing that can be offensive to sound morals, or contrary to the Holy Apostolic Roman Catholic Church, in whose bosom I was born and desire to live and die; and having now come to the conclusion that, on the contrary, from all it indicates, it is a society inimically irreconcilable to the Holy Church and all social order, as is conclusively proved by the Encyclical of the Holy Father Leo XIII. of the 28th December, last; and that the Holy Church has condemned it as such, threatening it with the major excommunication, and repeating and confirming this penalty many times—I declare that I abjure it, and solemnly with execration renounce it from now henceforth and for ever.

"I make this solemn and public retraction of my own free and spontaneous will, convinced that I incur imminent peril of the eternal salvation of my soul if I continue relations with the said sect, which now by the Grace of God I abjure for ever.

"I crave humble and contrite pardon of God and His Holy Church, and I swear to live henceforward in the bosom of the Holy Church in which I had the fortune to be born,

as a good Christian and obedient son, and as such I reprove what she reproveth, and condemn what she condemns.

"MANOEL ALVES DA CRUZ."

Here follow the signatures of witnesses.

Reviews.

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINES.

TEMPLE BAR continues its effective career. In all serials there must be a higher and lower level of excellence, as it is impossible to bring all articles up to a normal standard, just as in the money market, there is month by month a tendency to "rise," and to "depreciation." But "Temple Bar" runs very even on the whole, and its articles, if not always very deep, are very readable. "Probation" has undoubtedly great merits, but, to say the truth, we are not much taken with "Ebenezer." "Auld Robin Gray" is lively and touching at the same time. There is a very interesting article about "Madame de Maintenon," and the account of "Etty" is not without power.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—We especially commend in this admirably conducted monthly the liveliness and reality of "Vixen," and the "pathos" and power of "Haunted Chambers." The latter is most effective writing. Indeed, all the papers demand alike perusal and praise.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY is, as usual, a very striking and pleasant magazine, and "Sui Generis" must fill English readers with admiration for American enterprise, literary powers, and artistic excellence. We commend it to the notice of our readers.

THE MASONIC REVIEW. Cincinnati, Ohio. Edited by Bro. Melish.—Is one of the best Masonic periodicals we know. It is always full of matter interesting to the Masonic student and reader.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY REPORT FOR 1878.

It would seem, which is a matter for congratulation, that whereas in 1874 the returns amounted to £6463, the expenditure to £1927, and amount distributed to £4494, in 1878 these various figures are represented by the following amounts: Receipts £6502, expenses £1272, distributed £5000. We still must think that 19.56 of expenditure to receipts is too large, and ought to be reduced. Still we do not wish to be too critical or censorious, in respect of so useful and so benevolent a movement, and merely allude to the fact "en passant." It would seem that the working population of London is composed of 800,000 males, and 411,631 females, more or less, and it is calculated that were each person to give a penny a week, 4s. 4d. a year, the fund would have an increase of £60,000 per annum. But, of course, this is "optimism" in the highest degree, and can hardly be expected, though it is well to mention the state of things, and to express a hope that each year may see an increase in the returns of this needed and important movement. Considering the depression of trade the amount is very large.

THE EUROPEAN MAIL.

Is a very valuable paper for our Colonial Dependencies. It has eight editions, six of which are published monthly, two of which are issued bi-monthly. We can at once conceive and appreciate its great utility and importance in the various quarters of the habitable world.

FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT.

This useful little Masonic handbook for the good province of Kent we welcome sincerely on its second appearance. It is edited most carefully by Bro. Samuel Warne, Rochester. There are now forty-three lodges in the province of Kent, with 2548 members, as far as can be ascertained, but only thirteen chapters, with 346 members. We confess that we do not understand this "great weakness." We would suggest to Bro. Warne another year to issue a synoptical table of the members in lodges and chapters, as we have had to make the calculation ourselves, and such an enumeration saves "time and trouble," and is interesting alike to Kentish Masons as well as Masonic students. We thank Bro. Warne for his little book.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, ½d. each; parsnips, ½d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other disease affecting the skin, are amenable by this soothing and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.—[ADVT.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

We recently published the concordat between the Supreme Council of Charlestown, U.S., and those Councils associated with it, and the Supreme Council of Egypt, whereby the latter Council recalled the warrant granted by it to form a Supreme Council in New Zealand. The following is the reply of the latter Supreme Council to that proceeding:—

Supreme Council for New Zealand,
Valley of New Zealand,
Dunedin, 21st November, 1878.

F. F. ODDI, Esq., 33^d, G.G.S.R.C.,
Grand Orient of Egypt, Cairo.

Dear Sir and Illustrious Brother,—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th September, addressed to our Ill. Sov. Grand Commander, conveying the extraordinary intelligence that your august body "has been obliged to withdraw the warrant it granted us, and recognise the right of the British Supreme Councils in New Zealand."

As this is the first official communication I have been favoured with since your friendly one received about twelve months ago, I need scarcely say its perusal has been attended with pain and surprise to the members of our Supreme Council, upon whom you would evidently endeavour to aim a cruel blow without the slightest warning upon your part, or offence of any description given upon theirs, to warrant it. Surely such conduct calls for some further explanation from you than the mere letter above acknowledged, especially as I have been in regular correspondence with you up to a late date without drawing from you the slightest hint of what was going on, or what your views were upon a matter of such importance to us, until at last you deemed it right to issue *un coup d'état* as undeserved as it is improper and unconstitutional.

Allow me now to review with you the establishment and progress of our Supreme Council, not only as matters of fact, but for the general information of similar bodies throughout the universe. By warrant from you, dated 16th October, 1875, our Council was opened, as advised to you (and announced in the newspapers here) on 11th June, 1876.

Some time afterwards, through you and good sincere friends in the old country, we learned yours was deemed a spurious Council, and consequently recognition would be denied us (vide "Scottish Annual Reporter for 1877"). Subsequently it was announced to us that a body styling itself the Supreme Council of England and Wales and British Dependencies claimed the sole right of working the A. and A. Rite Degrees in any British colony or possession. Seeing your council was in existence for some time previous to granting our warrant, this important claim must have been of course known to your members, though unknown to us.

Under the warrant accorded to us, we proceeded to open Rose Croix Chapters, receive monies, confer degrees, and issue the necessary certificates throughout New Zealand. These proceedings you were duly made acquainted with, afterwards acknowledging same in your "Bulletin Official," praising us for our ability, and thanking us for naming the chapters after Ill. Bro. Zola, &c., &c. Our proceedings have always been conducted openly and above board, and the members perfected in the 18th Degree selected with care from the Craft throughout New Zealand as fit for the advancement, not only in a social point of view, but also from their standing as Freemasons high in office and of long experience.

Acknowledging the foregoing to be strictly correct—which you cannot than otherwise do—I fail to comprehend on what ground you have submitted to be dictated to, principally no doubt by the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland, both irregular in their formation and constitution, as you are well aware, and yet capable, in their conceit and lust for power, of coercing a properly constituted body like yours, well and authoritatively founded, to join them in an action towards us which you will pardon me stating is the reverse of honourable. Of the English Council, the founder of it (General Pike) writes as follows:

"To form the Supreme Council of England and Wales, the Supreme Council of our Northern Jurisdiction sent to Dr. Crucefix the obligation of a 33rd, recognised him as an honorary member, and sent him the ritual when he had returned the obligation signed, and empowered him to create that of England and Wales. What could be more irregular? Yet it is too late to question the legitimacy of that body."

The position and antecedents of the Supreme Council of Scotland have been so ably challenged by worthy Masons at home as to require no remark at my hands; and your own correspondence gives ample proofs of their underhand, deceitful workings against your own Council. If then you were moved to act as you have done to acquire the mere empty honour (?) of recognition from such bodies, all I can assure you, with deep regret, is that the members of our Council can scarcely comprehend or believe it. You will in the future not find yourselves an independent power, but rather shorn of your proper dignity, and obliged to follow what other Councils wish or dictate, with the threat of "non-recognition" always held over you. Better far to possess Masonic honour and independence and remain isolated than occupy such an unenviable position as this.

I need scarcely argue with you the question of attempting to recall a charter once granted and acted on, as the New Zealand one has been. The grant of the charter is irrevocable, and its abolition impossible. All that your Supreme Council can really do is to withdraw the bond of amity which has for more than two years bound our Councils together; but any attempt on the part of your Council to recall the degrees we have received from you and have conferred on others under the authority of your

charter must be absolutely futile. Holding these views, which are shared by the other members of our Council, I am at a loss to comprehend the object of your circular of 7th September, as to all just, upright, and well-informed Masons it must appear as so much waste paper. Had you denied our Council continued recognition, or declined further correspondence with it, such action could under the circumstances have been understood, but to attempt a cruel wrong to those who (you will pardon me for saying so) have rather added to than detracted from the lustre of the Grand Orient of Egypt is an act that eventually must meet with universal condemnation and contempt.

Without further preface, I now beg in my official capacity to hand you the copy of the resolutions arrived at upon 13th inst., when your correspondence of 7th September, already alluded to, was submitted to the members of our Supreme Council, viz:—

Resolved—That this Supreme Council, having been lawfully constituted by charter from the Supreme Grand Council of Egypt (a genuine Masonic power), having acted under the authority of that charter for upwards of two years, with the full knowledge and expressed approval of the Supreme Council of Egypt (as stated in their own official bulletin), having committed no act derogatory to a Grand Council, and denying (in common with the Supreme Council of Scotland) the right claimed by the Supreme Council of England to exclusive jurisdiction in New Zealand, will adhere to its charter, will work under it, and will patiently submit to opposition from and non-recognition by all the Supreme Councils of the Universe, being assured that the time will come when its just claims to recognition will be universally admitted.

Resolved further—That the Ill. G. Sec. be requested to convey the foregoing resolution to the Supreme Council of Egypt, with an expression from this Supreme Council of its surprise and deep regret that, under pressure exerted by other Supreme Councils, it should have felt at liberty to adopt a course of action subversive of its own independence and one alike opposed to honour and good faith.

I shall be glad to receive the further correspondence from you which you lead me to expect, and withhold for the present the course of action which in consequence of your letter now under reply it will be necessary for our Council to take.

Regretting the untoward circumstances which have produced this letter, and with the expression of the hope that your Supreme Council will so far consult its dignity and honour as to retrace the step it has taken,

I have the honour to be, yours fraternally and respectfully,

T. S. GRAHAM,
S.L.G.H.E.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

On Friday, the 21st ult., a meeting of the Grand Masters' Council was convened at No. 2, Red Lion-square, for the dispatch of business. Among those in attendance were Comp. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M.; Hyde Pullen, 33^d, R.P.G.C. of Works; F. Davison, R.P.G. Treas.; D. M. Dewar, R.P.G. Recorder; T. C. Walls, as T.J.M.; H. R. Cooper Smith, C. of the G.; R. Berridge, R. H. Thrupp, R. G. Glover, R. L. Loveland.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the following candidates, being in attendance, were duly admitted and received the degrees of M.E.M., R.M., Select Master, and S.E.M.:—Bros. Thos. Poore, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, Robert Roy, C. T. Pearce, H. F. Partridge, and Edward Letchworth, the four ceremonies being performed and the attendant lectures delivered by Comp. Walls.

A number of propositions for admission and reception having been handed in, Comp. Walls moved, and Comp. Davison seconded—"That in future an annual subscription of ten shillings be paid by every member of the Grand Masters' Council, and that a festival be held once a year in connection with the same."

This motion having been briefly discussed, it was carried nem. con.

Previously to the convocation being adjourned, Comp. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M., appointed Comp. Walls as T.J. Deputy Master of the G.M.'s Council.

Bro. Walls having duly acknowledged the honour, the Council was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation at the Albion Hotel, and which was presided over by the M.P.G.M.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on the first Wednesday in April next.

DR. MACKEY ON MASONIC RITES.

By WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

It would scarcely be possible to have selected a more appropriate subject on which to write Masonically, than the one adopted by my friend and Bro., D. G. Mackey; for "Masonic Rites," as a matter of fact, are much undervalued by many, and misunderstood by a still greater number. Certainly, if long experience of the manners and customs of several rites would fit a brother for their study and explanation as a guide for others, the learned doctor should be well qualified, and hence we have not been disappointed generally in reading the articles in question. We apprehend their circulation will do good, and certainly they well deserve all the praise they have received. On one point, however, they appear to be deficient or misleading, and the able Masonic archaeologist, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., quite concurs in so thinking, indeed, has also said so in a thoughtful article in "The Freemason," (London), of which it is well known

he is the editor, a copy of which is to be found in "The Masonic Newspaper," No. 10.

We refer to No. 11, "The York Rite," in "The Masonic Newspaper" of Oct. 19th, 1878. Dr. Mackey thus states his opinion: "Bro. Hughan denies that there is any such Rite as the York, and says that nobody now knows what the York Rite is. With all respect for his sagacity in Masonic archaeology, I am compelled to dissent from his opinion."

I accept Dr. Mackey's definition of a Masonic Rite, viz.: "The way or manner of arranging or conferring the degrees of Freemasonry," and I make bold to say that not a Mason living knows aught of the manner in which the degrees were conferred by the old York Masons, either historically or traditionally. Assertion is always easy, but the proof sometimes very difficult. In this case, however, both are easy, as there has not been any information left as to the character of these degrees or ceremonies by the Masons of York, and there is not a MS. of any kind that has been traced in that city which refers in any way to the esoteric portion of the York Craft degrees, which portion, of course, is really what is meant and included in the term "York Rite." A Grand Lodge held at London, and never, directly or indirectly, connected with York, or with the "Grand Lodge of all England," held in York, did, I know, make a semi-claim to have been descended from the "Prince Edward of York of 926," but even if they called their ceremonies the "York Rite"—which is not proved—their doing so did not make them so; neither were they York Masons, or members of a "York Rite," at any time. This London Grand Lodge of the "Seceders," or "Ancients," was constituted A.D. 1753, and was a secession from the premier Grand Lodge, also held at London, formed A.D. 1716-7. The first mentioned never was acknowledged by the Ancient York Masons, but the older body was. The Grand Lodge at York started in 1725, from the lodge which assembled for many years before (and has left many documents), died out, however, late last century, and has left no descendants. All its lodges warranted in England—none ever out of that country—also succumbed, and on the advent of the present century not a vestige remained of the "York Rite!" True, we have MSS. of great value, but of the ritualistic portion, save the names and order of the Craft degrees, we absolutely know nothing, and, therefore, can say nothing. Dr. Mackey says the term York Rite "is appropriated to that system which was fabricated in the early part of the eighteenth century by the Grand Lodge of England." This is an error. The premier Grand Lodge (of 1716-7) has never had any claim, and never been known in connection with a "York Rite," neither has its promoters referred to—Dr. Desaguliers and Anderson—ever called their Rite the York. Dr. Mackey thinks "English Rite" would be a better term to describe that promulgated by the Revivalists of 1716-7. In England we know of no other. Dr. Mackey declares the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," which claimed the York descent, to be an illegal body, and that what they practised "no more resembles the English York Rite, than it does the Scottish or Ancient and Accepted Rite." Our brother also admits that if the early Masons of York did establish a series of degrees and a method of initiation, they have long since been irrecoverably lost. Also that "it would be, therefore, not only absurd, but even fraudulent, to attempt, as giving to any system of Masonry the name of the City of York, to convey the impression that it was there invented." After this it is not needful for me to say more in justification of my declaration, to which Bro. Dr. Mackey has objected, as his own admissions furnish proof that my opinion is the correct one. It was generally believed, years ago, that the lodges in the United States mainly owed their constitution to the York "Grand Lodge of England," but since it has been proved that they were chiefly indebted to a London "Grand Lodge of England," known as the "Ancients." I have understood that the term "Ancient York Masons" (A. Y. M.) has generally been dropped in the United States, as also the term "York Rite," as both suggest a connection with a city wholly unrepresented, directly or indirectly, in Freemasonry in America. On these points I should like to direct the readers of "The Masonic Newspaper" to my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (American Edition), handsomely reprinted by Bros. Macey & Co., of New York, which contains a "History of Freemasonry at York."

I take this opportunity of wishing "The Masonic Newspaper" all the success it so well deserves.—From The Masonic Newspaper, New York.

Bro. De Keyser has been appointed chairman of the National Training School for Music.

Among the many articles on demand in the household none deserve more attention than plate and polishing powder. Many of the powders now in use are simply ruinous to every article upon which they are used. The "Star" Plate and Universal Polishing Powder Co. have supplied a great want in the "Star" Plate and Polishing Powder, and the price places it within the reach of all. This powder has been subjected to the most crucial tests, is entirely free from all mercury, acids, or anything that can injure plate, gold, silver, or the finest jewellery. For polishing and cleaning copper, white metals, ivory, marble, or glass it far surpasses any preparation in use. The company received the only prize medal for polishing powders at the Exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876, there being fourteen competitors. Their powder is certainly a great desideratum.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL CHARITY VOTES.

TABULAR STATEMENT taken from the Reports for the year 1877, shewing the number of Votes held by the various Provinces in England in the Three Royal Masonic Institutions, with the number of Boys and Girls belonging to the several Provinces, and number of Lodges in each.

Province.	Male.		Female.		Boys.			Girls.			No. of Lodges
	Life.	Ann.	Life.	Ann.	In Sch.	Life.	Ann.	In Sch.	Life.	Ann.	
1 Bedfordshire . . .	18	4	6	12	0	13	4	0	14	4	5
2 Berks and Bucks . . .	159	13	80	39	3	279	21	1	181	16	16
3 Bristol	81	123	61	88	1	122	30	1	62	20	8
4 Cambridgeshire . . .	13	4	11	4	1	23	11	1	10	6	4
5 Cheshire	225	27	93	8	3	397	5	1	177	6	38
6 Cornhill	53	4	71	3	0	244	9	1	62	8	27
7 Cumbd. & Westmnd. . .	49	17	44	34	2	214	11	2	90	3	19
8 Derbyshire	20	10	24	10	4	206	32	0	23	9	18
9 Devonshire	390	188	266	68	3	324	12	5	174	17	46
10 Dorsetshire	175	208	93	41	6	354	44	1	88	7	13
11 Durham	168	0	98	2	6	433	13	3	224	44	25
12 Essex	116	194	47	56	1	200	48	3	133	48	16
13 Gloucester	110	41	72	43	1	330	34	1	151	21	14
14 Hants and I. of Wight . .	213	172	174	222	5	681	38	6	328	37	30
15 Herefordshire	26	2	20	4	0	20	2	0	16	4	4
16 Hertfordshire	109	133	95	92	1	112	17	1	99	32	10
17 Kent	557	226	479	177	9	925	68	7	661	42	43
18 Lancashire, E. Div. . . .	656	34	556	107	19	1770	23	7	574	25	86
19 Lancashire, W. do. . . .	577	24	237	21	2	386	2	1	219	7	77
20 Leicester & Rutland . . .	15	4	35	8	3	145	91	0	40	4	10
21 Lincolnshire	183	30	69	20	4	385	14	7	253	16	20
22 Middlesex	99	17	81	10	0	224	21	5	217	33	27
23 Monmouthshire	84	5	80	0	3	53	2	2	86	3	8
24 Norfolk	62	31	68	12	4	79	32	2	83	24	14
25 Norths & Hunts	103	15	56	31	2	177	5	1	112	6	8
26 Northumberland	142	4	109	20	1	297	1	0	63	1	18
27 Notts	30	11	12	10	0	55	29	1	41	41	9
28 Oxfordshire	125	92	88	106	2	194	14	0	103	16	8
29 Somerset	217	92	155	82	3	466	21	4	168	19	19
30 Staffordshire	149	66	47	25	3	422	11	4	223	13	21
31 Suffolk	209	45	136	110	2	167	16	4	137	28	19
32 Surrey	203	85	139	100	2	408	42	2	199	39	18
33 Sussex	215	134	173	116	5	406	53	2	381	73	19
34 Warwickshire	141	51	349	137	4	959	75	9	342	16	29
35 Wilts	160	157	54	61	2	198	18	1	109	12	10
36 Worcester	68	6	52	5	0	124	10	1	54	9	10
37 Yorks, N. & E. Rdgns. . . .	115	120	49	96	2	275	55	4	124	49	25
38 Yorks, W. Biding	643	601	799	26	13	2361	23	13	1289	39	63
39 Wales, N. & Shrops.	31	28	23	30	4	168	16	0	95	16	25
40 Wales, S.E. Div.	74	2	37	2	2	309	3	0	160	5	11
41 Wales, S.W. do.	8	28	8	20	1	99	9	1	46	6	8
42 Chan. Islands	22	12	2	8	0	44	2	0	28	0	11
43 Isle of Man	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3

FAREWELL DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. SPINKS.

Among the number of our gallant soldiers residing in our midst who are about to or have left England for service at the Cape, none have gained more friends or held them faster than Assistant Commissary Bro. G. Spinks, I.P.M. of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, who for the last twenty years has lived in Woolwich, and by his character and conduct has attained the proud position of an officer in Her Majesty's Army. Bro. Spinks only received orders for departure on Wednesday, the 12th ult., and no sooner was it known among his comrades in the garrison, Masonic brethren, and many friends outside, than it was determined to present him with a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by them, and on Saturday evening, the 15th ult., a large and influential gathering took place at Bro. Capon's House, the Prince Alfred, Raglan-road, Plumstead, for the purpose of presenting the testimonial to him. The testimonial took the form of a diamond ring and binocular field glass, of the estimated value of twenty-five guineas. Both the ring and glass were suitably inscribed. An excellent cold collation was spread for the company, among whom were Bro. Weston, P.M. 1536, Chairman; Bro. Shaw, S.W. 1536, Vice-Chair; Bro. Spinks, and Bros. Sculley, Kikk-bide, Hayes, Price, Hare, Jarvis, Hollyman, Cox, Mabbett, Kennedy, Murphy, Vincent, Emby, Moulds, Purnell, Hasall, McClellan, Saunders, Sharpe, Welding, Norman, Palmer, Campbell, Capon, and C. Jolly.

The dinner having been disposed of, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Lord Carnarvon, P.G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, were drunk with enthusiasm. The Chairman then rose, and said the time had now arrived when it was his duty to commence that portion of the proceedings for which they had especially been brought together. They all knew that their esteemed brother and friend, Past-Master Spinks, was about to leave them and go to a far distant land, not for pleasure, but for duty, and however much they might regret losing him, yet this call, the soldier's call to duty, must be obeyed. He was going to war, but to a war the horrors of which were not mitigated by the arts or amenities of civilisation, but against a cruel and a ruthless foe, who spared none in his lust for blood and rapine. (Hear, hear.) Their Bro. Spinks carried with him the respect, esteem, and admiration of them all, and not only those present, but all who knew his sterling worth and manly heart, as was evinced by the token of that respect which it was now his duty to present to him. He then made the presentation, and said—Bro. Spinks, I now, in the name of this company, and in the name of all those who have subscribed to it, present to you this diamond

ring, which, we trust, will for many years be a memento of their respect and esteem for you, and when you look upon it you will remember the many happy years you have spent in their company, not only in Freemasonry, but in the open paths of life you and they have trod together. I have also much pleasure in presenting you with this binocular glass, and, in asking your acceptance of the same, we trust you will ever value both ring and glass, not for their intrinsic value alone, but as an evidence of that which we know is of far higher value to you, the love and respect of your fellow men. (Cheers.) Believe me, Bro. Spinks, no matter where you may be, wherever the call of duty is, there we know you will be doing your duty as a soldier, a man, and a Mason. (Loud cheers.) We wish you God speed upon your journey, and may He spare you through the dangers awaiting you by sea and land, and when your duty is done speed you safely back again to your friends in Woolwich and Plumstead, where a hearty welcome will always await you. (Loud and continued cheering.) "The Health of Bro. Spinks" was then drunk with musical honours, and Bro. Alexander Jarvis by special request sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. Spinks, who, on rising to reply, was received with cheers, said—W.M. Bro. Shaw, and brethren, I cannot find words to express to you my thanks for the great kindness that I have always received at your hands, and more especially for the very handsome manner in which you have shown your regard and esteem for me. It was only on Wednesday last that I received orders to go to the Cape, only three days ago, and in those three days what has been done? As I have before said, I know Bro. Weston is a red-hot Mason, and whatever he takes in hand is done quickly and well. (Cheers and laughter.) He and Bros. Saunders and Shaw had worked hard for this occasion, and it reflects great credit upon them for the manner in which they have carried it out, and for their kindness I thank them from my heart. I never expected to receive such a valuable present from the hands of my friends, and feel that I have done nothing to deserve it. I have always endeavoured to do my duty in any position that I have been placed in, and no more. This beautiful jewel, which is encased in this band of gold, will, I trust, be a light to still further guide me on in the same path of duty and honour that has won for me, above all other honour, your generous esteem and regard, and when I look through these magnificent glasses I will think their vision brings before me my kind friends, both civil and military, in Plumstead and Woolwich, until once more I am back amongst them again, if not with fame, at least with honour. (Loud cheers.) I have said that I cannot find words to express to you my gratitude for the kindnesses I have received at your hands, but believe me that if ever I return to my own country I will, with God's help, come to you my friends, at Plumstead, and again and again thank you for your

splendid testimonial and your hearty good wishes for my welfare. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

Bro. Assistant Commissary Cox, who, like Bro. Spinks, leaves for the Cape, and who had come all the way from Shoeburyness to participate in the gathering, was then toasted and wished God speed, and returned thanks in a splendid speech, replete with eloquence and patriotic sentiments.

Bro. Hayes, W.M. 913, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and in so doing spoke of the unceasing toil of Bro. Weston for any cause that was good, more especially for charity. His exertions for the children who were fatherless, and for the widow who was penniless, were such as reflected the highest credit upon him, and many a poor and distressed widow and child are now living to bless his generous and brotherly aid. He asked them to drink the health of one who was worthy of all they could say or do for him, and his wife and family. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Weston then returned thanks, and said that the more he knew of his brethren and the Craft, the more he loved it and honoured them. As Bro. Cox had said, it made a man return the sword to the scabbard in the face of his foe who was a brother, and such a thing had been done repeatedly in the Franco-Prussian war. He thanked them especially for their good wishes to his wife and family. He now had six, with a prospect of adding to their number. (Cheers and laughter.)

Bros. Shaw and Saunders were then complimented on their good work in raising the testimonial, and suitably replied.

Bros. Vincent and Jolly responded for the Press, and after Bro. Capon had been warmly thanked for his excellent catering, and the many kindnesses he had shewn the brethren of the Military Lodge especially, a verse of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, will take place on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, when Bro. R. Osborne will be installed W.M. by V.W.; Bro. W. Hickman, Dep. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, in the presence of W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight, and other distinguished brethren.

The annual meeting of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, took place at the Albion Tavern on Thursday, the 27th ult., when Bro. W. Marshall was installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

The half-yearly meeting of the Great Western Railway Company was held on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Sir D. Gooch, M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, when the report was adopted, and a dividend on the ordinary stock at the rate of 4 per cent, was declared.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., laid the foundation stone of the new church of St. Simon, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 6th inst.

The Saddlers' Company have voted a donation of ten guineas to the King Edward Ragged School, Spitalfields.

The Annual Supper of the Israel Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 7.

There is yet a chance, it is said, of Lord Hardwicke's remaining Master of the Buckhounds. If this be so, everybody will be well pleased; for the "glossy peer" is a model of kindness and courtesy, and his popularity extends far beyond his own set, or his own order.—The World.

It is not customary at Royal marriages to speak of "the best man." A Prince is said to be "supported" to the altar, and the heraldic term is by no means inappropriate. The Duke of Connaught's supporters will, as I announced a month ago, be the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, who will wear the costume of Knight of the Garter. They will be ushered to the altar by Lords Hertford and Barrington, with a complete retinue of heralds, gentlemen-at-arms, and pursuivants. The bride's supporters will be Prince Frederick William (her father), who will give her away, and the Prince Imperial of Germany.—The Whitehall Review.

Bro. Commander Cheyne, R.N., lectured at Oxford, on Wednesday, to appreciative audiences, on his proposed expedition to the North Pole by a new route, and the search for Sir John Franklin. Mr. Grenfell, President of the University Boat Club, presided in the evening. The lecturer stated that his plan of reaching the Pole was by taking advantage of the ocean currents which circulate in the Arctic regions. An influential committee, comprising members of the university and citizens, was formed to assist Commander Cheyne in his project. This makes the forty-sixth committee established in different parts of the kingdom for the same object.

Mr. W. R. S. Ralston repeated his interesting lecture on Popular Fairy Tales on Wednesday afternoon, at St. James's Hall, the proceeds being given to the fund for the benefit of the shareholders of the Glasgow Bank. Mr. Ralston unmercifully exposes the fairy delusions we have always looked upon as gospel, and proves unremorsefully that the glass slipper of Cinderella was made of fur.

According to information received by Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., from the Cape, an entire Lodge of Good Templars was destroyed at Isandula. The lodge was formed among the men of the 24th in Cape Colony, and was called the British Pioneer Lodge. This is the second Templar Lodge swept out of existence by a great disaster, the first being destroyed when the "Eurydice" went down.

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS.—The employes of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd & Co. will give an entertainment at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., in aid of the Asylum for Idiots, at Earlwood. The programme includes "Our Bitterest Foe," by C. C. Herbert; a three-act comedy, "Old Soldiers," by H. J. Byron, and negro selections in character. The profits on former entertainments by the employes of Messrs. Boyd have amounted in the aggregate to nearly £500, and we trust that such a deserving charity as the Idiot Asylum will be materially benefited by the present effort.

On Monday Bro. E. J. Keeping, who was for fourteen years on the staff of the Albion, and now house steward at Grocers' Hall, was presented by the members of the Joppa Lodge (188) with a locket with a brilliant centre, monogram, and suitable inscription, as a mark of the respect he was held in by the members.

The Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., will hold a lodge at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, to-day (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m. precisely, for the purpose of constituting the Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Gloucestershire, and the installation of Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, as the first Provincial Grand Master.

The *Whitehall Review* is enabled to announce on official authority that the Queen has finally determined to take part in the wedding ceremony at St. George's Chapel on the 13th inst. The report that Her Majesty would merely be present in the private pew, which is accessible through the Deanery, originated owing to the erection of a temporary structure at the entrance to the cloisters. As a matter of fact, Her Majesty will be the first of the Royal party to arrive at the chapel. Her Majesty is timed to leave the Castle at 12 o'clock.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "The Paris Exhibition: Its Lessons and its Warnings," at the Brentford Institute, Brentford, on Wednesday, and to the Peckham Mutual Society, in the Collyer Memorial Schools, Peckham, on Friday.

We learn that Messrs. Cassell have sent out, for the use of our troops at the Cape, through the care of Mr. Kirkwood, the Scotch Chaplain to the Forces, 100 parts, well assorted, of "Cassell's Family Magazine," "The Quiver," "Little Folks," "Heroes of Great Britain," and "The Sea." This generous and welcome gift goes by the ss. Andean, which sails from the Victoria Docks this day (Saturday).

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 14, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inn's of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's Inn's of Court Hot.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 53, Royal Sussex, M.H., Old Orchard-st., Bath.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix Chap. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
 " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.

- Lodge 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
 Mark Lodge, 226, Excelsior, M.H., Anglesea Hill, Plumstead.
 Rose Croix, 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
 Encamp., D. Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 " 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stone's-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngton, at 8.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Leabroke Hall, Notting-hl.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannia, F.M.H.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Storcs Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.

- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 15, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 6th inst. at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present:—Bro. Henry Legge, W.M.; Thomas Cohn, P.M., acting S.W.; W. T. Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Edward Jones, P.M.; Henry Child, G. T. Smith, Henry Davis, John Kent, Chas. Cann, Charles Arkell, Thos. Fisher, S. T. Lucas, J. G. Chillingworth, jun., Wm. Cotter, Thos. Perrin, W. F. Poulton, R. H. Goddard, H. A. Pratt, W. Medwin, G. H. Gillam, J. Copelin, R. J. Dart, Thomas Agutter, Thomas Barker, James Lorkin, H. A. Carter, W. H. Lee, Davies, and other members of the lodge, with thirty visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted; Bro. James E. Groves was raised to the Third Degree; Mr. Arthur Foss Baxter was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. Henry Legge, then installed Bro. Charles Arkell into the chair of K.S. in a faultless manner. Bro. Arkell invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Henry Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Chillingworth, jun., S.D.; James Lorkin, J.D.; H. A. Pratt, I.G.; George Newman, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Carter, W.S.; W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; Geo. Smith, Tyler. A valuable gold jewel was presented to Bro. Henry Legge, in acknowledgment of the services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved with ten pounds.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was very numerously attended. Bro. Headon, P.M. (in the absence of Bro. James Freeman, W.M.), presided, and the officers present were, Bros. Blackie, S.W.; Catchpole, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Moody, Secretary; Hamer, S.D.; Jenkins, Organist; Kibble, J.G.; Hook, D.C.; Hooker and Keeble, Stewards; and P.M.'s Stevens and Seex. There were also present the following visitors: Lawrence, 1326; Fairie, 1329; Parker, 310; Dolby, W.M. 1515; Black, 859; Levy, 780; Tiddeman, 813; Gaston, 1538; Groom, 145; Ashwell, W.M. 22; W. W. Morgan, 211; J. Morgan, 1611; Mason, P.M. 1540; Casper, 1216; Toppet, P.M. 1627; Finnegan, 188; Hammond, 1329; Hastie, P.M. 1669; Eastgate, 1563; Field, P.M. 902; Sweeting, 1257; Hooper, 1515; Lamb, 145; Chapman, 194; Harris, 177. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Moody, Secretary, and confirmed, after which the lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, when Bros. Lawes and Robson were introduced and questioned as to their proficiency in the science. Their answers being considered satisfactory, they retired, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, they were separately re-introduced and raised to the Degree of M.M., the W.M. closing the ceremony with a recital of the traditional history of the Degree. The work was most ably performed, and elicited unanimous commendation from all the visitors present. The next business before the lodge was the passing of Bros. Mogridge and King to the Second Degree, which was done in an equally satisfactory manner. According to annual custom Bro. Moody, the Secretary, read the by-laws, and afterwards the members proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice all but unanimously fell upon Bro. Blackie, S.W., who has so ably fulfilled all the duties required of him in the other offices to which he has been appointed, and this crowning honour was looked upon as one that he has well merited and richly deserved. The result of the election having been announced, Bro. Blackie, S.W., said he heartily thanked

the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him W.M. of the lodge, and he hoped at the end of twelve months, when they would have to appoint his successor, that he should be able to prove to them that their confidence had not been misplaced. On the motion of Bro. Stevens, P.M., seconded by Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M., Bro. Headon, P.M., was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Steedman was also re-elected Tyler of the lodge. Three Auditors of the lodge accounts were also nominated. An episode here occurred in the proceedings, on a table being uncovered, on which was displayed a large salver, &c., tea and coffee service, which had been purchased by the voluntary subscriptions of the members, and intended as a present to Bro. James Freeman, W. Master, who was now on a wedding tour in France. Bro. Stevens, P.M., said that the committee to whom the matter had been entrusted had provided the tea and coffee service they saw before them, and they thought it right to bring it before the lodge, in the absence of the W.M., who during the last 48 hours had passed through the ceremony of marriage, and to ask Bro. Headon, their Treasurer, to transmit it to Bro. Freeman, as an expression of the good will of the lodge, and with the "Hearty good wishes" of every member for his happiness and prosperity in the new life he was just entering upon. The members of the lodge regretted that the articles were not of greater value, but as it was the gift of all, there was no doubt that the W.M. would duly appreciate it on that account. The salver bore the following inscription: "Presented, together with a tea and coffee service, to Bro. James Freeman, W.M. of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, with the 'Hearty good wishes' of the members, on the occasion of his marriage, March 6th, 1879." Bro. Headon, Treasurer, said he should have great pleasure in taking charge of the gift, and would transmit it to Bro. Freeman. Bro. Hamer, S.D., said he had been reminded by Bro. Perceval, of the London Masonic Charity Association, that with respect to the two London children, Frost and Giles, who were candidates for admission to the Boys' School, this was the last application, and he had been requested to ask those members who had not promised their votes to send them to the W.M. of the lodge, to Bro. Perceval, of the Unity Lodge, or to himself at their earliest convenience. Unless something energetic was done he was afraid that these children would not have a chance of election. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. At its conclusion, the W.M. gave the first formal toast, which was that of "The Queen," and said that her merits were so well known that there was no necessity for him to enlarge upon them, and to render the toast Masonic he coupled with it "The Craft." The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the "National Anthem," Bro. Frost accompanying the vocalists on the pianoforte. The W.M. said the next toast in order was that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Those who were present at the Grand Lodge on the previous Wednesday were aware that His Royal Highness had been again unanimously re-elected as Grand Master. He (the W.M.) need say nothing to extol his virtues, as they all knew them, and were fully aware of everything that could be said in his behalf. He asked them to join him cordially in drinking "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, their Illustrious Grand Master." The toast was heartily responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was one that met with great favour in all Masonic assemblies, as it was "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," and he would, on that occasion, couple with it that of "Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." That was a very comprehensive toast, and as they were assembled in sufficient numbers they could drink it in a very comprehensive manner. Bro. Stevens, P.M., said the toast he had to submit was to drink "The Health of their Worshipful Master, Bro. James Freeman," who was now in Paris, and he was sure the brethren would endorse the sentiments he had expressed in the early part of the evening, that he had the good wishes of the brethren for his happiness and prosperity in the future. The compliment they had been pleased to pay him had been well earned, and he trusted to see him at the next lodge, and to be received by him in that urbane and courteous manner in which they were accustomed to see him. He now came to his *locum tenens*, Bro. Headon, the acting W.M., and begged also to propose his health as their Treasurer. Bro. Headon said as the *locum tenens* of the Worshipful Master he thanked them for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast as their Treasurer. He believed that it would be a long time before they would see their W.M. again in the chair, but when he came back there was no doubt he would receive them in his usual kind and friendly manner. As his *locum tenens* he had little to say for himself, but he hoped what he had done, or should do, would be satisfactory to the lodge. He thanked them for receiving the toast of his health in the cordial manner they were always pleased to do. He said that the next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and they were Bros. Stevens, Seex, and himself. Bro. Stevens was ready to respond for those who were present as well as those who were absent. He was ready to act as *locum tenens* for all who were present, and as many more as liked to come. He asked them to drink the health of the Past Masters, who had done good suit and service in their time, and were ready to do so again when called upon. Bros. Stevens and Seex severally returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that he was hardly able to do justice to, but it was one that was always received with pleasure in the Great City Lodge, as it was that of "The Visitors." They had twenty-six with them that night, and one brother had asked him how it was that they had so large a number present, as there

was nothing said about refreshments in the summons. He supposed, however, that the reason they had so large a number present was because they were pleased to be there at their bread and cheese banquets. They had, as he had said, twenty-six present that night, and he hoped any shortcomings they had seen at the table would be compensated for by what they had seen in the lodge. Bro. Stevens said to him that it was "a small feast but a great welcome." He was not certain about it, but he believed that it was their immortal William who said it, and if he did not he might have done so, but they gave their visitors a "more hearty welcome than a more formal banquet." Bros. Leon, Dolby, Field, and Ashwell severally returned thanks, all of them speaking in the most eulogistic terms of the working of the lodge. Bro. Bertram sang in exquisite style Balfe's ballad "When other lips," &c., and it was enthusiastically applauded, which was followed by a recitation by Bro. Hastie. The W.M. said the next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," but their Treasurer was not that night present in his proper place, as he was the *locum tenens* of the W.M. However, they had present their Secretary, who had not missed a lodge since it was established, so jealous was he of any *locum tenens* doing anything there but himself. It was only a day or two ago that he went off to Scotland, but last night, or perhaps at an early hour that morning, he returned, so that he might be with them in his place that night in the lodge. Bro. Hook sang "The Village Blacksmith" in his usual excellent style. Bro. Moody said, first as *locum tenens* for the Treasurer, he thanked the brethren on his behalf, and also on their having again elected him to that office, and he was only sorry that he was not present to return thanks for himself. As for himself, the brethren had always received his name very kindly. As Secretary of the Great City Lodge he was proud of his position for many reasons. He was proud of it for its high character for its working, and for the high character of its members, and the attention they paid to its working was a matter which struck the notice of all visitors to the lodge. He was in the habit of visiting many lodges, but he must say that he never went anywhere where there was so much attention paid to the ceremonies as he had seen in the Great City Lodge. Once more he thanked them for the kind manner in which they always received the mention of his name. "The Health of the Worshipful Master Elect" was then given, for which Bro. Blackie returned thanks, stating that when he commenced he hardly knew what Freemasonry was, but he never thought the time would come when he should be elected W.M. He had done his best in the various offices he had gone through, and when he was installed he hoped to do his duty to their satisfaction. The other toasts were disposed of, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—The members of this lodge met on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Putney, and had a very pleasant amount of work before them. The W.M., Bro. Morphew, was in the chair, and was supported by I.P.M. and Secretary Bro. Robinson; P.M.'s Wright, Whitley, and Stacey, Organist; Bros. Carter, S.W.; Boehr, J.W.; Watkins, Treasurer; Collings, Harrison, and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Andrew, and proving unanimous, he was duly admitted into the Order. Bros. Collick and Outram having been examined, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the before-mentioned brethren were duly passed. The W.M. having risen for the first, second, and third times, announced that this was the day for electing the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The W.M. and P.M.'s Wright and Robinson having signified their intention of not seeking re-election, the ballot was found to be unanimous in favour of Bro. F. Holland, the S.W. Bros. Watkins and Steed were again re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. P.M. Whitley and Bros. Mansell and Carter were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. Five candidates were announced for initiation, and the W.M. having, on the proposition of P.M.'s Robinson and Wright, had a jewel voted him for his duties whilst in the chair, closed the lodge in due form and solemn prayer.

ST. DUNSTON LODGE (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. W. Dalwood, P.M. 860, W.M.; J. H. Dodson, P.M. 55, S.W., W.M. elect; Turner, J.W.; Wellsman, I.P.M.; Praed, P.M., Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Woodbridge, S.D.; Manner, J.D.; Low, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S.; Dwarber, P.M.; Albert, P.G.P., Hon. P.M.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Ponnerby, W.M. 55; Dodson, W.M. 860; Ansey, P.M. 30; Farthing, P.M. 55; Dodson, P.M. 188; Farnfield, P.M. 907; Singleton, P.M. South Middx.; Stacey, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; Penrose, S.W. 1607; Wellard, J.W. 1319; Baker, S.D. 188; Dickens, S.D. 860; Sarti, 180; Foster, 257; S. Smith, 742; Westcott, I.C. 1365; Fortescue, 1507; Bott, 1558; Gibbs, 1613; Sadler, 1670; Glaze, 1768; and T. C. Walls, W.M. 1381, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. W. Farrington, E. Symmons, W. E. Ruddle, and F. J. E. Young were duly and ably initiated by the retiring W.M. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dodson was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Dalwood, assisted by Bros. Wellsman and Stacey. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Wellsman with an amount of impressiveness and elocutionary power but rarely witnessed. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Turner, S.W.; Woodbridge, J.W.; Praed, Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Manners, S.D.; Low, J.D.; Bull, I.G.; Clemow, D.C.; Farrington, sen.,

W.S. Previously to the lodge being closed, the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and which well-deserved honour was accompanied by a few well-chosen sentences from the W.M. The ceremony of the installation was greatly enhanced by the instrumental efforts of Bro. Sidney Smith, acting Org. The banquet was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave very briefly the customary Royal and Craft toasts. Bro. Albert responded upon behalf of the "Grand Officers, Present and Past." In giving "The W.M.," Bro. Dalwood, the I.P.M., said that the brethren of the St. Dunstan had elected the right man in the right place. He, the W.M., was not an untried brother, because he had only just vacated the chair of a very old and distinguished lodge, and he thoroughly believed that the W.M. would fulfil the duties of the chair of No. 1589 with honour to its members and credit to himself. In conclusion, he wished him a most successful and prosperous year of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. briefly replied, and immediately gave "The Initiates." In the course of his speech he said that he need hardly remark to the newly-admitted brethren that they had entered that evening upon a new life, and he hoped that what they had heard in the lodge would be put by them to good use. As they progressed in the Craft they would learn much that was morally beneficial, and they would also have an opportunity of gathering useful knowledge. In concluding his remarks he earnestly conjured the initiates to treasure up the benevolent principles of the Order, and to practically disseminate them as far as their circumstances would fairly allow. This toast having been duly acknowledged by each of the initiates, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Ponnerby, Farnfield, and Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. warmly eulogised the services of those distinguished brethren to the cause of Masonry in general, and to the St. Dunstan Lodge in particular. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Dalwood, the I.P.M., said that he hoped to be spared many years to attend the meetings of the lodge, and to carry out any duties that might be required of him. He had had a desire for many years to be a founder of a parochial lodge, because he had been officially connected with the precinct of St. Dunstan for so long, and knew that it possessed those elements that were necessary to ensure success in a Masonic venture. Bro. Dwarber briefly said that the anticipations of the founders had been fully realised, inasmuch as they had found a very great desire on the part of the inhabitants of the parish to come among them as initiates. The lodge had only just entered upon the fourth year of its existence, but had achieved a very great success. When he undertook the arduous duties of the first Master he felt sanguine that he should receive support, but he had no idea that the lodge would have attained, during his tenure of office, such large proportions, and which happy state of things had steadily continued to the present time. In conclusion, he congratulated the lodge upon their support of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Wellsman briefly said that a certain political personage had once remarked "that there were three sides to a question." He should endeavour to exemplify that quotation by saying that the first two had been spoken by his colleagues, and he should complete the trio. He had been complimented that night upon his humble "working." He could only say in recognition of their kindness that, having been called upon to assist the I.P.M., he felt that it was a duty he owed to the lodge as one of its Past Masters, and he had endeavoured to do it to the best of his ability. There were some who believed that after passing the chair their labours ceased, but he was of opinion that the W.M.'s labours only commenced, and did not end with his relinquishment of the chair. He then dwelt upon the great success that had attended the lodge since its consecration, and concluded by expressing a hope that it would always continue to be a first-class representative lodge. In giving "The Treasurer and the Secretary," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the members of the lodge upon possessing two such able brethren as Bros. Praed and Tisley, who had hitherto discharged the functions of those highly responsible offices so well. This toast having been duly responded to and acknowledged, "The Officers" and the Tyler's toasts terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful. The enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by the musical efforts of Bro. Sydney Smith and others.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The March meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Members present: Bros. A. J. Altman, W.M.; George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. Alder Smith, J.W.; J. D. Allcroft, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Brookman, Froom, Benskin, Jolliffe. Visitors: Bros. Soppet, Larkin, and Hogg. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; two brethren were proposed as joining members.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting under the new W.M. and officers was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst. They entered the lodge room as usual in procession within a few minutes after the hour fixed, 7.30, and at once proceeded to business, the chairs being taken thus.—Bros. Braham, W.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwick, and P.M. 43 and 958, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Ashley, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W., Dir. of Cer.; Rubie, P.P.G.S.W., Asst. D.C.; Radway, Sec.; Cater, S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Peach, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. Of the many Past Masters of the lodge, except those already named only three were

present, Bros. Brown, P.P.G.S.W.; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; and Mitchell, P.P.G.J.D. As visitors were Bros. Bolt, C. T. P. Smith, and Protheroe, all of 1388, Bristol; Innes, 639, Bengal; Brumby, Steuben Lodge, New York; J. J. Dutton, 53, and P.M. 855; Dingle, 906; Rev.—Bird, 1363. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Churnbury as a candidate for initiation, which was unanimously favourable. An interesting letter was read by the W.M. from Bro. C. H. C. Marsh, member of 199, Dover, mentioning that his father, who has just celebrated his 90th birthday, at his residence, Tunbridge Wells, was initiated in No. 41 in 1819, filled the chair of W.M. in 1829, and continued a member of the lodge and also of the chapter, of which he was Z., for nearly thirty years, till he left Bath. Many other details of his Masonic career were given in this letter, and he appears to have been a subscribing member of the Craft during the whole period till the present time, and to have been one of the founders of a lodge in Wells in 1861, though he had lost his sight five years before that date. The Secretary was desired to acknowledge receipt of the letter, with thanks to the writer, and to inform him that his father's name appears on a tablet in the lodge room which contains a record of all the Past Masters since a warrant of confirmation was granted in 1733. It was ordered also that the letter should be entered in the minute book. Pursuant to notice a vote of ten guineas to the Girls' School was passed. The candidate for initiation was introduced, properly prepared, and the ceremony was carefully conducted by the W.M. The J.W. explained the working tools, and the S.W. gave the charge. As Bro. Churnbury is about to leave England for Natal, and it is uncertain whether he will remain here sufficiently long to take the other degrees, the W.M. addressed him in kindly and fraternal terms, and in the name of the lodge expressed every good wish for his happiness and prosperity in his new home, which was confirmed by the acclamations of those present. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Willis, W.E. and H. B. Smith were examined as to their proficiency, which was amply proved, and they were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, to which the candidates were raised by the I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Ashley. Dr. Hopkins communicated the signs, also the traditional history, and gave the charge. The lodge was brought down to the First Degree. It was resolved to purchase for the library a copy of Bro. Hughan's forthcoming new work on Freemasonry. At the meeting in February a silver inkstand was presented to the I.P.M., which was to be accompanied by a scroll on vellum, expressive of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and of gratitude for his services as W.M. for two years. The latter not having been completed on that occasion, Bro. Wilton now presented to him this beautiful work of art, addressing him in feeling and complimentary terms. Bro. Wilkinson made a short but effective reply. The lodge was not closed till nearly 11 o'clock.

WOODBIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The ordinary meeting of the lodge was held at the private room, on the 5th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. C. Moor, when Bro. Sudolph was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Mr. J. C. Fisk was duly initiated in the first mystical part of Freemasonry. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. Allen for so handsomely redecorating the columns and pedestals of the lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned to banquet at Bro. John Grout's, Bull Hotel, where peace and harmony prevailed.

MELTHAM.—Lodge of Peace (No. 149).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., in the Masonic rooms. Present, Bros. A. W. Derbyshire, W.M.; H. W. Wrigley, S.W.; James Haigh, P.M., as J.W.; D. Wood, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Redfern, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Sugg, S.D.; John Heywood, J.D.; James Wilkinson, P.M., as I.G.; John Kenyon, Tyler; David Cairns, I.P.M.; Wm. Haigh, P.M.; Chas. Rayner, P.M.; Foster, J.W.; Sykes, and other brethren. After the minutes of last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Chas. Rayner, P.M., rose and said: "Worshipful Master and brethren, we are assembled here this evening under mournful circumstances. 'In the midst of life we are in death.' 'Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower. He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.' These are solemn and impressive words which are used in that grand old Church of England burial service of ours, and I think that they are not inappropriate for use on the present occasion. We had a startling proof of their truthfulness whilst assembled round the festive board at our last lodge meeting, for it was then that we received the telegram from our absent W.M. informing us of the unexpected death of our lamented Bro. George Haigh, P.M., and P.P.G.D. of C. Whilst acting as his S.W. during his year of office as W.M. of this lodge I had many opportunities of eulogising his Masonic zeal and eminent talents, and now, brethren, as a last tribute of respect to his memory, and as a mark of our deep and heartfelt sympathy for his sorrowing widow in her bereavement, I take this opportunity of proposing that a letter of condolence be sent to her expressive of that sympathy. In taking upon myself to do this I feel sure that my action is in harmony with your own feelings, and that my proposition will meet with your entire approbation and receive your warm support. The loss to his widow is no ordinary one. She has been deprived of her partner in life, and the father of her children, the sharer of her sorrows and her joys; and although he has left wealth behind him, he has also left behind him a proportionate amount of care, anxiety, and responsibility, much of which must of necessity fall

upon her. As we all know, our deceased brother has been a most successful man in life. It was in the year 1858 that he first commenced business on his own account, at the age of twenty-one years, and was then a poor man, comparatively speaking. In the year 1878, after a lapse of twenty years, he was generally acknowledged to have been one of the most successful woollen cloth manufacturers in the Huddersfield district. But, alas! after only five short weeks of the new year 1879 had passed, he had to succumb to a dire disease, which had seized upon him with unrelenting severity, and carried him off at the early age of 41 years. The best medical skill was of no avail in arresting the progress of that fell disease. He was cut off in the very flower of manhood—in the prime of life. He died in full harness, his hands filled with the chief control and principal management of large concerns of various kinds. Since our last lodge meeting his last remains have been committed to the grave, and we shall never more hear his voice within these walls. We shall never again have the opportunity of enjoying such happy social evenings with him in this room as those which some of us have reason to remember so well. But, although his body is now enclosed within the cold tomb, we have a sure and a certain hope that his spirit has ascended to that magnificent temple from whence all goodness emanates. It can truly be said of him that he was both a great and a good man. He could not boast of a high classical education, but he was a man that had great aptitude for self-improvement. His leisure hours were spent in pursuits of an intellectual and an elevating kind. His energy of character, his quiet and unobtrusive perseverance in anything that he took in hand, and his well-known general abilities, won for him the confidence, respect, and admiration of all who knew him. Outside his family circle his loss will be severely felt, not alone by us, but by hundreds of other people, some of whom were his bosom friends, others who were intimately connected with him in business and other matters, and a great many who had had the good fortune to participate in the great benefits which he had been the means of bestowing upon the village of Slaithwaite. His Masonic career, like his general career in life, has been a successful one. He was initiated into Masonry in this room by Bro. Dr. Haigh, P.M., in July, 1869. He was passed in August, and raised in September of the same year, I believe by the same brother. In 1870 he did duty for Bro. Preston, as I.G., and was appointed S.D. for 1871. In 1872 he had no office, but was always ready to take the place of any officer who might happen to be absent. He was appointed J.W. for 1873, S.W. for 1874, and was unanimously elected W.M. for the year 1875. The same year he was appointed a Prov. G. Steward, and a Steward for the annual festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. During his year of office as W.M. he had two initiations, two passings, and two raisings, and received great praise for the able manner in which he performed the ceremonies. I followed him in the W.M.'s chair for 1876, and he was I.P.M. It was during this year that the movement was commenced, and successfully carried out, of establishing a Masonic lodge at Slaithwaite. It was consecrated at the end of the year, on December 23rd, by the W.D.P. Grand Master, Bro. Tew, J.P., under the name of Colne Valley Lodge, No. 1645, and I had the honour of installing him as the first W.M. In the year 1877 he was appointed P.G.D. of C. During the first two years of the existence of the Colne Valley Lodge his duties in connection with it as W.M. and I.P.M. were very arduous. He performed no less than forty-five ceremonies, besides taking part in others, in which I and other friends went over to give him assistance. He had thirteen initiations, twenty-one passings, and eleven raisings, the whole of which ceremonies he gave in a most efficient manner and with remarkable impressiveness. The last time that he attended this, his mother lodge, was at the festival of St. John and the installation of his friend, Bro. Derbyshire, as W.M., on the 21st of last December. I have now traced his Masonic career in detail up to the end of 1878 and the beginning of 1879, a career which, for its usefulness and energy, we may say has been an extraordinary one. In conclusion, brethren, seeing that our dear departed brother is now no more, that it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him away from us, let us never forget that we too have but a short time to live. Let us ever remember that—

"A few more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come,
And we shall be with those that rest
Asleep within the tomb."

And when that great day does arrive let us all hope, aye, and fervently pray, that we may be found with him in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The motion was seconded by Bro. H. W. Wrigley, S.W., and feelingly supported by Bro. Edwin Foster and the W.M.

BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 315).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on Tuesday, 4th inst., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. Among those present were Bros. A. J. Hawkes, W.M.; C. W. Hudson, S.W.; T. Packham, J.W.; R. J. Pope, Secretary; T. Chandler, D.C.; G. Nash, S.D.; W. H. Gibson, J.D.; G. P. Lockyer, Steward; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler; W. Marchant, P.M.; W. T. Nell, P.M.; J. W. Stride, P.M.; S. T. Foat, P.M.; W. R. Wood, P.M.; J. Ridge, G. C. Taylor, L. Grandel, W. Devin, F. Downard, H. B. Robinson, R. T. Nye, Alfred Du Pont, G. R. Godfree, C. Wood, J. Newman, W. T. Evershed, W. Anderson, W. H. Harley, G. Downard, H. Downard, C. Golding, H. Payne, W. G. Bayliss, R. Erredge, W. Skeats, J. W. Wells, W. T. Clarke, H. Kent, R. Paige, R. Nicholson, J. Baker, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; J. Carter, P. W. Taylor, J. W. Staples, C. H. McKellow, Alfred Colton, Cripple-gate,

1613; A. H. Smith, J. W. Howard, 56; E. Bridges, J.T. South Saxon, 311; J. T. Pilditch, J.W. Earl Spencer, 1420; J. Dixon, P.P.G.S.W. Royal Clarence, 271; G. B. McWhinnie, P.G.S., P.M. Hova Ecclesia, 1446; E. Taylor, W.M. Mid-Sussex, 1141; C. Graham, Holmsdale; H. E. Wallis, W.M. 33; H. Anderson, I.G. 1320; H. Keeble, W.M. 73; M. C. Joy, 733; T. Perridge, P.M. 79; H. F. Hauxwell, J.W. 732; E. Hills, 271; W. Hudson, P.M. 315; J. Pearson, P.M. 315; T. J. Sabine, P.M. Chaucer, 1540; G. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purst; H. T. Nell, Strong Man, 45; J. H. Every, South Saxon, 311; J. Sayers, St. Cecilia, 1636; J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; S. Robert Legg, P.M. 732; E. S. Byass, W.M., 1465; E. Broadbridge, W. Styles, W.M. 1732; James Willing, W.M. 177, P.M. 1507, Worshipful Master 174; S. E. Hayes, 795 and 1744; F. Dovey, 1744; W. Smithers, 1636; S. H. Crouch, F. C. Pelton, Fitzroy, 56; C. Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636; J. Curtis, P.M. 315; O. Wren, P.M. 315; T. Sincock, W. Kuhe, P.G.O., P.M. 271 and 1636; G. de Paris, P.M. 811, P.P.S. G.D.; W. A. Stockey, P.M. 271; T. Wilkinson, W.M. 271; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; W. Ancombe, Dover, 777; P. R. Wilkinson, P.M. 271; H. Abbey, W.M. 811; H. E. Davis, 73; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; and C. Greenwood, I.G. 410. The newly-elected W.M., Bro. C. Hudson, was duly installed and appointed his officers, viz.:—Bro. T. Packham, S.W.; R. J. Pope, J.W.; W. Hudson, sen., Treas.; G. Nash, Sec.; W. H. Gibson, S.D.; G. R. Lockyer, J.D.; W. Devin, Org.; R. T. Nye, D.C.; H. Payne and W. Anderson, Stewards; R. Ridge, I.G.; T. Hughes, Tyler. At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to a splendid banquet supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, Western-road, who fairly outvalued themselves in the choice viands and excellent wines placed before the brethren—nothing being wanting in the arrangements. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., who gave the opening toasts, "The Queen and the Craft;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England;" "The Right W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England;" "The V.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M.;" and "The Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past." To the last toast Bro. W. Kuhe responded. The W.M. next proposed "The Rt. W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial G.M. of Sussex." He was sure Sir Walter would have attended their meeting but for his Parliamentary duties. Since he had been elected to his high position he had done his utmost to advance Freemasonry in Sussex; he had visited most lodges in the district, and had so far back as last September paid his official visit to their own lodge. The Worshipful Master then gave "The W. Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Scott, in responding, remarked that the glowing terms in which the health of Sir W. W. Burrell had been proposed were fully deserved; his genial and kindly feeling added an additional attraction to their meetings, and although he had but two or three lodges in the district yet to visit, he would, he was sure, attend them. Frequent visits could not then be reasonably demanded, but he was sure Sir Walter would endeavour to be present at the installation meetings of the various lodges. The Prov. G. Master, with himself, had received the cordial support of the officers of Prov. G. Lodge, and last week, at the opening of a new lodge at Hurst, two only were absent. He heartily wished the newly-elected W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary, also responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. J. Willing, jun., Wilkinson, and T. J. Sabine responded. Bro. A. J. Hawkes proposed "The W.M., Bro. C. W. Hudson," who responded. The Chairman gave "The Past Masters," to which Bro. A. J. Hawkes responded. The Chairman also proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. T. Packham, G. Nash, W. H. Gibson, and G. R. Lockyer. The Tyler's toast concluded the meeting. During the evening the musical arrangements, under the care of Bro. W. Devin, comprised songs by Bros. E. Broadbridge and R. Nicholson, and pianoforte solos by Bro. W. Kuhe, while Bro. Greenwood gave a recitation. The gathering was most successful.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. R. Lever, W.M., at 6 o'clock. There were present, Bros. D. Donbavaud, I.P.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; Jno. Smehurst, Treas.; John Church, Sec.; R. T. mlins, S.D.; J. Halliday, J.D.; Ezra Cohen, I.G.; J. Bladon, P.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Cumberland, P.M. 1611 (York); R. W. Aithen, 999, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been ratified, and the ballot taken for two joining members, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. J. W. Edwards to the Fellow Craft Degree, which ceremony he performed in a most praiseworthy manner. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when the W.M. addressed the brethren, and stated his desire to commence a series of lectures and addresses in order to impart a better knowledge of the Order to the members of the lodge. He announced that one P.M. had already volunteered to read a paper that evening, he therefore called upon Bro. J. H. Sillitoe to favour them with his lucubration. Bro. Sillitoe then read an original and exhaustive; sketch on the ancient history of the Craft, supporting his views by quotations from many well-known authorities. At the conclusion, the W.M. invited the brethren to ask any questions they might desire, and some edifying and instructive conversation followed. A vote of thanks was passed to the reader for his interesting paper, and a unanimous wish was expressed that he would continue it on some future occasion, which he at

once promised to do by reading a second paper on "Modern Masonry." The lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the banquet hall, where some excellent trios were rendered by Bros. Lever, Stanley, and Aithen, also a recitation by Bro. Donbavaud, which is at all times listened to with special pleasure. The evening was brought to a close at 10.30.

MOTTRAM.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 320).—This old established lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic rooms, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Wm. Hadfield, W.M.; Hanson, I.P.M.; Ashton, P.M., Treas.; Past Masters Harrison, Swindhurst, and Britner; Bros. H. Kinder, S.W.; J. Burgess, J.W.; Hurst, acting S.D.; W. Wardle, J.D.; Birch, I.G.; and Collier, P.M., Tyler. Lodge 625 was represented by Bro. Drarnaley, I.P.M., as a visitor. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a goodly number of brethren put in an appearance. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer at 6.30. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read by the Secretary (Bro. Woodhouse) and confirmed, and several items of routine business concluded, the ballot was taken for John Vaxon, of Hadfield, and he being unanimously elected, was initiated by the W.M. in a most efficient and impressive manner. There being no other "work," the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, prepared by the host (Bro. Tinker). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received in a hearty manner, and the brethren separated at about 11 p.m., bringing a very pleasant reunion to a fitting conclusion.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—The annual meeting of the lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Klatt, was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, the use of which had been kindly granted by the Mayor. There was a goodly muster of the members and visiting brethren. The lodge was draped in black, and the brethren appeared in mourning for the loss of Bro. D. Swinford. In the absence of the retiring W.M., Bro. Field, of the A.S.C. (who has left with his corps for Zululand), the ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. A. Cooley, P.P.G.J.W., and P.M. 20, 184, and 972. Previous to the installation Bro. W. Evenden was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint his officers for the year ensuing, viz.:—Bros. P.M. Earnshaw, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; R. Baker, S.W.; A. Holbein, J.W.; Joseph, Treas. (re-elected); James Kennett, P.P.G.O., P.M., Secretary (in the place of Bro. P.M. Stock, P.P.G. Sup. of W., who had resigned, having held the office for fourteen years); W. Francis, jun., S.D.; J. Eldridge, J.D.; H. S. Roberts, Organist (re-appointed); G. Saxby, I.G.; and Job Baker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of thirty-six, adjourned to the magistrates' room below, which had been prepared for the banquet. This had been provided by Bro. R. Medhurst, of the King's Arms Hotel, which together with the entire arrangements gave great satisfaction. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Lewis Crombie, P.M. 33, P.G.D., P.P.G.M. of Aberdeen; A. Cooley, P.P.G.J.W., the installing Master; G. Craven, 6; Rubie, W.M., and E. Ashdown, P.M., 125; Keeler, W.M. 1436, and several brethren; Bacon, W.M. 874, Tunbridge Wells; Brothers, W.M. 709, Ashford; Lester, W.M., and Cessford, P.M., 199, Dover. Amongst the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. W. F. Gosling, P.P.G.Purs., and J. Snerwood. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Lewis Crombie responded for "The M.W.G.M. and Officers of the Grand Lodge," and Bro. Cooley for "The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Provincial Officers, Past and Present." "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Klatt," was next given by Bro. Earnshaw, P.M., and was briefly acknowledged by him. "The Healths of the Installing Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors" (responded to by Bro. Craven), and "The Masonic Charities" (responded to by Bro. Earnshaw, the newly appointed delegate to the Prov. Charity Committee), with the Tyler's toast, concluded the evening's entertainment. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Roberts, Organist, and the evening's entertainment was well sustained by some excellent songs and glees by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Rhodes, of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, was honoured by a visit from Bro. Col. A. H. King, Royal Artillery, Prov. G.S. Warden for Kent. Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., presided, supported by Past Masters H. J. Butter, I.P.M.; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. McDougall, A. Penfold, W. T. Vincent, W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; Jas. Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, and Sec.; R. J. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; R. Edmonds, I.G.; H. Pryce, D.C.; T. Reed, W.S.; C. Cooke, Org. Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Picken, W.M. 1536; G. M. Tapp, P.M. 706; W. Gamble, 706; Captain E. S. Gordon, Royal Artillery, J.W. 706; C. Norman, P.M. 700; J. Wilkins, J.W. 700; J. Black, I.G. 706; Jas. Smith, 1744; W. Iron, 902; J. Holloway, 706; C. Beard, 700; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; A. W. Moore, 967; W. A. Watkins, 1536; W. Holleyman, J.D. 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; Lieut. Petley, R.N., 706; S. Hare, 706; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Bro. King was announced, and was met at the entrance of the lodge by the Past Masters, and escorted to the post of honour on the right of the W.M., and received with grand honours. The minutes and accounts were passed, and then the ballot was taken for Ambrose Flagg Esq., of Christ's College, Cambridge, and was

found to be unanimous. Mr. Thos. Messer was then balloted for as a serving brother, the necessary dispensation having been granted by Grand Lodge for that purpose, and upon approval he was initiated and withdrew. Bro. C. Smith, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, presided at the harmonium during the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Butter, the I.P.M., then rose, and said: W.M., we are honoured this evening by the presence amongst us of Bro. Col. King, our Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and I rise for the purpose of proposing that our heartfelt thanks be presented him for the honour he has done us by thus coming amongst us. The position of our brother in H.M. Army, and the many calls necessarily made upon his time in that position, and as well as his services in the province, must make it an effort for him to come among us often, but, Worshipful Sir, I desire in the name of the lodge to thank him for his visit this night, and, further, that our thanks be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. The W.M.: Bro. Butter and brethren, I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution. No one can be more deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon the lodge by the presence of our distinguished Bro. Col. King than I am, and while I am sorry, to a certain extent, that we have not more work to do before him, yet I trust that at some future time our brother will again honour us when we shall have the whole of the degrees to work. I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution. The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. Col. King said: W.M., officer, and brethren of the Pattison Lodge, let me, in the first place, thank you for your very cordial and gratifying reception of me this night, and in the next, allow me to express my pleasure at having witnessed the admirable manner in which you, Worshipful Sir, and your officers have conducted the business of the lodge. I do not take the honour you have paid me to myself, but I do take it, that through me you desire to, and do, do honour to the Craft. As S.W. of the Province of Kent, I do not visit the lodges so much as I perhaps ought, and certainly not so much as I should like, but I have visited a great many and I have always been received in a most cordial and gratifying manner. As I said before, I do not take the honour to myself, and here to-night I feel that you are honouring in me your P.G. Master, Lord Holmsdale. His lordship will, I feel sure, be gratified to hear of the reception the Pattison Lodge has accorded to one of his officers, and, for myself, I thank you most cordially and sincerely. The lodge was then closed in due form, and our esteemed and gallant brother retired amid every demonstration of respect and affection from the brethren. At the refreshment board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Helme, the W.M., presided, and was supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of prior meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Cutts, and proving unanimous, he was subsequently admitted, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working of the degree being gone through with considerable impressiveness. The working tools were presented by the J.W. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Hannay was advanced to the pedestal, and gave evidence of his proficiency as a Craftsman, which being satisfactory, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hannay was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Sheriff, I.P.M., occupying the chair of K.S., the working of the degree being carefully and efficiently done. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been given and responded to, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Williams, W.M., and amongst others present were, Bros. William Crane, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; Rich. Washington, P.M., S.W.; T. Birch, J.W.; Job. Wood, Treasurer (Freemason); T. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; H. B. Jones, S.D.; John Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; E. Callow, and Thos. Leave, Stewards; Peter Ball, Tyler. The members were, Bros. Robt. Bethel, Edwd. Chaters, John Cave, W. Callow, Wm. Pyc, E. W. Boulding, R. Ellinger, M. Yeoman; and the visitors, Bros. D. Parry, 1086; J. W. Wright, W.M. 786; and John Tickle, 1264. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. E. Bouthead, which was declared unanimously in his favour. The candidate was subsequently initiated in a most effective manner by the W.M., and the most impressive way in which the ancient charge was given by the S.W., Bro. Washington, created a deep impression upon all who were present. After business the brethren adjourned to banquet, supplied most satisfactorily by the House Steward. After the standard loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed, the W.M., Bro. T. Williams, gave "The Health of our Newly-initiated Brother." In doing so the W.M. said: Brethren, I have now the pleasure of submitting another toast for your acceptance, and when I tell you it is the toast which on occasions like the present we usually consider the principal one of the evening, you will at once understand its nature. As Freemasons we are always happy to receive into our circle those of our friends and fellow townsmen whom we have known from the tongue of good report to be "good men and true," and I am sure you will fully agree with me when I say that the names of Bro. Cave, and Bro. Past Master

Martin, as the proposer and seconder of Mr. Boustead, who has been initiated this evening, are quite a sufficient guarantee that he is one of the right sort. But when I say this I do not wish it to be understood that he is only one of the right sort at the festive part of our arrangements, far from that, for at this moment, brethren, I am thinking of something higher, and nobler, and grander, something which as Freemasons should affect our public and every day life, and be visible in our daily intercourse with our fellow men, which should also have a large influence on the domestic and inner life of every Mason—I mean the practical working out of those great principles which form the foundation, the structure, the top stone of our magnificent Institution. It is true we do not require to know, neither is it part of our duty to enquire, what are the particular religious beliefs and sentiments of those who wish to be admitted into our lodges—I think, brethren, we all agree that these are matters simply resting between man's conscience and God; but we do require to be most positively assured that every man who is admitted into our brotherhood should have a firm and solid belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, as the only Sovereign maker and ruler of all things, the creator and sustainer of all His creatures, the object of our adoration and praise, that He is our Father, that His word which He has given us, and which is one of the greatest proofs of His love, is given to cheer and comfort our hearts in time of sorrow and trouble, to strengthen us when we are weak, to enhance our joys, to be our guiding star through life, and down into the dark valley, and beyond, away into that grand and glorious lodge above, where faith is absorbed in sight, and the Great Master is visible in all His splendour and magnificence. Those of you, brethren, who have taken the trouble to search into, and properly understand what is required and expected of us, if we would carry out what we profess, will, I am sure, agree with me, what to be consistent Freemasons we must be loyal subjects, useful citizens, kind neighbours, loving friends, good fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers, and that we exercise to the utmost of our ability those beautiful Masonic ornaments which occupy such a prominent position in our Institutions, namely, benevolence and charity; and when we have done all this what a vast amount is left undone, and which it would be impossible even to hint at this evening. Brother Boustead, we welcome you into our midst, and may you find much happiness and pleasure in your association with the brethren of the Temple Lodge. Some of my most treasured friends are on the roll book of 1894; may you find their companionship as sweet as I have, and you will be more than satisfied; if possible, be regular and punctual in your attendance, study the requirements of our Order, make yourself acquainted with its principles—they are brotherly love, relief, and truth, to which we will add, if possible, an additional lustre, the words of Holy Writ, honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king. Brethren, join with me in the toast, "Bro. Boustead, the Newly-initiated Member of our Lodge." The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Boustead responded in a few well-chosen words, expressing a hope that he would never do anything to disgrace the Order into which he had been received so cordially that day. "The Visitors" and one or two other toasts were proposed during a most agreeable evening.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 4th inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, when Bro. W. T. Turner, W.M. elect, was, with the usual honours, placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren began to assemble at about three o'clock, and shortly after Bro. Manning, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers and the following Past Masters and visitors:—Past Masters E. West, P.M. 1076, and P.P.G.D.C. Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, and A.P. Prov. G. Officer of Essex; W. J. Graham, P.M. 700; J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; F. Brian, W.M. 1076; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; J. C. Match, W.M. 706; W. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, and P.P.G.J.W. Herts; Jos. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; H. J. Taplay, J.W. 1076; Jas. Hemming, 1287; J. Paul, 1287; G. Ayres, 742; D. Hutchinson, 25; R. E. J. Mathews, 706; R. Wells, 704; J. Tame, 700; Hogarth, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Manning passed Bro. Biggs to the Second Degree, and then proceeded to instal his successor, and under his hands Bro. Turner received the dignity of W.M. of the Henley Lodge. Having been duly saluted, Bro. Turner invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Dr. W. Vance, S.W.; E. J. Lloyd, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Manning, I.P.M., Treas.; Jas. Elcer, S.D.; Jas. Palmer, J.D.; W. J. Burgess, I.G.; V. J. Holloway, D.C.; C. T. Lewis, W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler. Bro. Manning then finished his work by delivering the Three Charges, in a style seldom surpassed for eloquence and impressiveness, and received the congratulations of all present for his excellent working. The first official act of the new W.M. was, in the name of the lodge, to present to Bro. Manning a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, and it was further resolved that a vote of thanks should be entered on the minutes of the lodge, and a testimonial, to be engrossed on vellum, be presented to him for the masterly manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation. Bro. Manning suitably returned thanks, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then sat down to a superbly presented banquet, under the superintendence of the worthy host, and upon its removal the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and drank right loyally. In giving the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Manning said it was the first time he had the honour to propose that toast. It was a pleasure that he had long looked forward to, and was one of great importance. From what he and they had seen of their W.M., he believed his whole heart and soul were in the duties of his office and

the prosperity of the lodge. He had worked hard in every office he had held in the lodge, and was worthy of the position he had just been exalted to. With these few remarks he would ask them to do honour to the toast. The W.M., in reply, briefly expressed his thanks, and said there had been several W. Masters in that chair whose career had been one of unclouded success, and whose excellence he was afraid he should not be able to emulate, but with the help of his officers he trusted to make the lodge, if not better than when he found it, at least make it retain its position as high as he found it, and as successful as it had been in Bro. Manning's year. If he did that, he should not have reason to regret. He trusted that peace, concord, and unanimity would continue to reign in the lodge, and that at the end of his year of office he should feel, and they acknowledge, that he had done his duty, and faithfully followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, in adding both to the numbers and finances of the lodge. Bro. P.M. West then introduced to the notice of the lodge a brother who was in distress, and who was well-known to him as a Mason, who had at one time been in good circumstances, not only in England, but at the Cape of Good Hope, where at present his friends were, and to which place he desired to return. His call was attended to, and after a proper investigation and report by the I.P.M., the W.M. decided to devote the proceeds of the charity box to the needs of the poor brother. The first collection realized £4 4s., Bro. P.M. Graham gave another 10s., and the sum was immediately made up to £5, which was presented to the brother, who, after returning thanks most earnestly, went on his way rejoicing. The next toast was "The Visitors," and in giving it the W.M. expressed his pleasure as seeing so large an array present. He asked the brethren of the lodge to give the toast the reception it deserved. Bro. Gilbert said he had just been thinking that there were many great and invaluable privileges in Masonry, and one was that if they were true and proper Masons, they would have very often the privilege of exercising that greatest of all Masonic virtues, charity. They had that night seen how useful and how excellent a thing it was, and in no other sphere of life could they have seen how the claims of a poor and distressed fellow creature to their assistance were listened to, investigated, and relieved more spontaneously or heartily than they had that night, and in that room. There was another privilege, highly prized among them, and that was the privilege of coming into a lodge of which they were not members, and not only participating in the beautiful ceremonies, but of extending the right hand of fellowship, and receiving the hospitality of the brotherhood, and thus with labour and refreshment sanctifying such gatherings as the present. He trusted none of them would ever require the aid of charity, but he felt sure of one thing, that in a lodge like the Henley, where charity and hospitality reigned, and where there were such evidences of brotherly love and excellent working as he had witnessed that day, it must go on and prosper, and that it might do so was his, and he felt sure the heartfelt wish of every visitor present. Bro. Woodley said it was the third time he had attended the installation meetings of this lodge, and every time confirmed his opinion that it would be one of the best in the district. The Nelson Lodge, over which he had the honour to preside, considered this lodge its child, and was very proud of it. Bro. Brian thanked them for the invitation given him, and his Wardens, because it proved to him that there was no cloud between the Henley and the Capper Lodge. The reason why invitations were not sent out by the Capper Lodge at their last installation was on account of financial difficulties, but they were cleared up, and they were in such a position that for the future the usual invitations would be sent out by the lodge. Bros. Gaskell, Hutchinson, Wells, Ayres, Hogarth, and Tame, as well responded. In response to the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Manning said the Past Masters were always anxious for the dignity of the lodge. The prospects of the lodge were most excellent, and he hoped before long to see a chapter attached to it. As there were other Past Masters who would have something to say he would only heartily thank them for the toast. Past Master Graham in the course of an eloquent speech said reference had been made by Bro. Woodley to the Nelson Lodge, of which he had the honour of being a Past Master, as being the mother of that lodge. The mother always liked to look after, and did always rejoice in the prosperity of its child. He was proud of his position as a Past Master in a lodge like this, which carried out its duties in such a manner as made it an honour to Freemasonry. He spoke of the great charities of the Order, and trusted now the lodge was so flourishing it would subscribe to their funds. He had said in that room that he should at all times be pleased to receive applications for Masonic teaching from any member who aspired to the position achieved by their W.M. that day, and that was the feeling of every Past Master. He then spoke of the duties of the W.M., and reminded him that he was expected to undertake a Stewardship of one of the charities, as well as look after the welfare of the lodge. He alluded in flattering terms to the *Freemason*, which carried to the brethren, not only through the length and breadth of England, tidings of their lodge work, but all over the world. He advocated it as a *valde necesse* of Masonic lore and information, and as an old and constant subscriber for the last ten years, from its very first institution, he thanked it as a power and help to Freemasonry. After paying a high compliment to Bro. Manning for his splendid working of the ceremonies of the day, Bro. Graham concluded a lengthy and brilliant address. "The Officers" were then toasted, and then the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The annual installation meeting of this celebrated suburban lodge, which is invariably attended with success and enjoyment, took place on Thursday afternoon, the 6th

inst., at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, where there was a large and good representative attendance of officers and other rulers in the Craft. Bro. John Duncan, jun., the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. Richard Roberts, I.P.M.; H. Wyatt, P.M.; Major T. D. Pierce, P.M. (Town Clerk); J. W. Farley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Clemmey, S.W. (the W.M. elect); J. C. Paterson, J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer; R. A. Hough, Secretary; T. J. Young, S.; R. Harley, S.; J. P. Bryan, Organist, and W. Blake, Tyler. The members present were Bros. H. Howe, H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, R. E. Mellor, J. Lamb, W. J. Rice, J. Smith, J. E. Dowling, E. Pratt, W. Graham, J. C. Clarke, R. Scott, G. F. Walsh, J. Griffiths, H. Pennington, A. Beale, W. C. Fane, W. R. Brewster, and C. Muirhead. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. J. Newell, P.M. 1035 (the Mayor of Bootle); H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Houlding, P.M. 823; T. Foulkes, 1325; F. J. Pentin, W.M. 1713; J. Little, 667; C. Johnston, W.M. 1756; Jos. Clemmey, 163 (Integrity, Manchester); A. Soldas, 1246; J. Parry, 1547; H. Jones, 673; J. Cobham, W.M. 1380; A. V. Henderson, 1225; T. G. Fisher, 1399; J. Jones, P.M. 216; C. Tyrer, S.W. 1620; R. Chabham, 1356; J. T. Gould, 594; C. Wells, P.G.D.C.; G. Maxwell, 594; C. Waterson, 1055; W. Forrester, 1035, and others. The ceremony of initiation was, after the minutes had been confirmed, performed by Bro. J. Duncan, jun., W.M., and the sterling style in which he did this important work showed how well and efficiently he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office. Bro. Duncan then proceeded to instal Bro. Councillor W. H. Clemmey, an active member of the West Derby Board of Guardians, as the W.M. of the Bootle Lodge for the ensuing year; and this last work of his official year still further proved Bro. Duncan's Masonic capability. The following brethren were invested as officers during 1879-80:—Bros. Duncan, jun., I.P.M.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (re-appointed); J. P. M'Arthur, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Paterson, S.W.; R. A. Hough, J.W.; H. Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; T. F. Young, Asst. Sec.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; W. R. Brewster, S.D.; R. Minton, I.D.; R. Harley, I.G.; R. Scott, S.; and W. Blake, Tyler (re-elected). As an evidence of brotherly feeling in official life, it may be stated that amongst the numerous visitors were Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823, Chairman of the West Derby Board of Guardians; Bro. John Jones, P.M. 216; and Bro. C. Tyrer, S.W. 1620 (members of the same board). The brethren, after business, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. R. Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured. In responding to the toast of "Our Masonic Rulers," Bro. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, remarked that no one could know so well as himself how few were the complaints in the Province of West Lancashire, and bore testimony to the fact and justice of their P.G.M. (Lord Skelmersdale) in dealing with such matters. He complimented No. 1473 on the way in which it was conducted, and more expressly on the example set by the I.P.M. in so efficiently installing his successor. He also congratulated them on the fact that they had given up their ball this year in order to hand over the very handsome sum given to the distress fund in Bootle, while they had not neglected their Masonic Charities. He wished every lodge would do the same, or something similar; and he cautioned the brethren as individuals against paying too much attention to the forms of Freemasonry, and neglecting its cardinal precepts, especially charity. Other toasts followed, including that of "The W.M.," which was most enthusiastically received. In responding, Bro. Clemmey took the opportunity of presenting the I.P.M. (Bro. John Duncan, jun.) with a beautiful Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated. The musical portion of the evening's proceedings was efficiently rendered by Bros. Waterson, 1035; Thos. Foulkes, 1325; and W. Forrester, 1035; with Bro. Bryan, Organist, as accompanist.

MOLD.—Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—Last week the feast of St. John of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Mold. Among the visitors present were Bros. F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Cheshire; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lanc.; A. H. Edwards, P.P.G. Reg. West Lanc.; Donald Fraser, P.M. 477; R. M. Edwards, I.P.M. 721; E. Smith, W.M. 1836; Evan Clewry Jones, S.W. 721; W. H. Foulkes, S.W. 1674; J. C. Owen, S.W. 1336; J. B. Murlless, S.W. 1432; H. C. Lloyd, J.W. 721; J. Pye, J.W. 425; H. Davis, J.W. 1336; C. Petty, 477 Stanhope Hall, 425; G. Bradley, 1336, and others. The lodge was opened before Bro. Algernon Potts, I.P.M., who afterwards installed Bro. A. J. Brereton, S.W., as Worshipful Master for the year. The W.M. elect nominated and invested the following as his officers: J. Rowlands, S.W.; W. Roberts, J.W.; R. C. Griffiths, S.D.; G. H. Adams, J.D.; J. S. Swift, I.G.; J. Rose, Sec.; R. W. Lewis, Treas.; T. Ollis and Lambert, Stewards; E. Parry, Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Black Lion Hotel.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at the Clarence Hotel, on the 1st inst. There were present Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fitt, Secretary; Linton, J.D.; Stevens, Organist; Harrison, acting Tyler; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (*Freemason*). The visitors were: Bros. Abbett and White, 1656. The minutes of the consecration and installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot for two initiates and five joining members was taken, and having been declared unanimous, Mr. Goodchild, being in attendance, was ably

initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The other candidate for initiation was unavoidably absent. The draft bye-laws were then read, and passed nem. con. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Fricker, Treas.; Goodchild, I.G., and Abbott, D.C. Upon the motion of Bros. Abbott and Fricker, it was unanimously resolved that the founders of the lodge should each be presented with a jewel in recognition of their services. A number of propositions for initiation having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the last Saturday in April. The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. The toast of "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. Walls, who then gave "The W.M." Bro. Hurst, in reply, dwelt at length upon the very great success that had attended the consecration of the lodge on the previous Saturday, and which ceremony had been so ably reported in the columns of the *Freemason*. He should, therefore, not dilate upon those proceedings, as they could purchase the journal and judge for themselves of the eclat that had attended their young venture on the 22nd ult. He had long had a desire to found a lodge in connection with the district, but he had not dreamt that he should have been called upon to be its first Master. The proposal of his health had said so many flattering things in connection with his Masonic career, that he did not feel competent to touch upon them any farther than to heartily assure them that they should never have occasion to regret having placed him in that high and honourable position. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and was ably acknowledged by Bro. Goodchild, to the effect that he had been highly gratified with the whole proceedings, and that he was only sorry that he had not entered Freemasonry earlier in life, as, although his knowledge of its mysteries at present was exceedingly limited, yet he had seen and heard enough to convince him that it was an Institution to be proud of. "The Visitors" came next in order, and was responded to in a neat speech by Bro. White. In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. dwelt at some length upon the principles of those deservedly popular Institutions, and concluded by expressing a hope that the brethren would, as far as compatible with their circumstances, assist the cause of Masonic charity on all occasions. This toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Linton and Walls, who briefly replied. "The Officers" received full justice at the hands of Bros. Forge and Piller. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

LANCASTER.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe. Bro. Thomas Longmire occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a fair attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Brayshay, having given proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted, and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Brayshay was re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being well gone through by the W.M., and who afterwards presented the working tools. The lodge was subsequently closed down to the First Degree with the usual formalities. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. F. G. Dale (I.P.M. 1353), who had suffered a severe domestic bereavement. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. Taylor, P.M. 281, for a gift to the lodge. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—There was only a thin attendance at this lodge of instruction, which met at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. This is to be regretted, as the lodge has an able and willing Preceptor in Bro. J. J. Carter, and is also now in possession of a complete set of working tools. The brethren present were Bros. J. Frost, W.M.; A. N. Newens, S.W.; J. J. Holland, J.W.; P. V. Denham, S.D.; W. A. Morgan, I.G.; A. B. Blackmore, F. Reed, and A. A. Denham, Sec. Bro. Frost was complimented for his working of the First Degree, with Bro. Blackmore as candidate. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. W. A. Morgan (the W.M. of the 1044), who ably rehearsed the Second and Third Degrees, Bros. Blackmore and Reed being the candidates. Bro. A. N. Newens was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, on Thursday, 6th inst., at five. Present: Comps. James Willing, M.E.Z.; J. R. Stacey, H.; Ferguson, J.; W. M. Stiles, Scribe E.; Hudson, Scribe N.; J. Douglass, P.S. Also Stiles, Gilbert, Tuck, Beattie, Claire, Edmonds, and others. Visitors: Comps. Briggs, Dyte, and Stead. The meetings of previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Holt, 1744; Side, 1507; Sillis, 1744; Cherry, 19; Deller, 1744; J. F. Van Camp, 1507; E. Van Camp, 1507; W. S. Daniel, 1541. This being unanimous, they were exalted in a most impressive form, the several lectures as well as the ceremony being most effectively rendered. The Scribe E. reported that the Grand Chapter had approved bye-laws, which were ordered to be printed. Several new propositions were made for

exaltation, and the companions adjourned to a splendid banquet provided by the proprietor of the club, Bro. Cox, with the usual satisfaction to the companions.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—This young and prosperous chapter held its last convocation on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Pump Room, and there were present Comps. W. Stephens, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. J. Murlis, J.; S. B. Wilmot, I.P.Z.; R. W. Delves, S.E.; H. Williams, S.N.; C. Graham, acting P.Z.; W. T. Bates, 1st A.S.; C. W. Holt, D.C.; and Spencer, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. W. J. Murlis, 177; and Grist, 177. The rooms, set aside exclusively for Masonic purposes, and the beautiful furniture, called forth the approbation of all present. The minutes of the previous convocation and emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bros. Waterman and Whitehead, which proving unanimous, they were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch, the ceremony being performed in such a manner that left nothing to be desired; in fact, the working of the beautiful ritual by Comp. Stephens is always so correct and impressive that the companions are to be congratulated on having such a First Principal to preside over them. A notice of motion having been given by Comp. Wilmot, P.Z., viz.:—"That the installation meeting be changed from October to December," and "Hearty Good Wishes" from Chapters No. 177 and 1540, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Royal Sussex Hotel, when a most enjoyable evening was passed, the companions separating at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.). The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, 27th ult. The lodge was opened at 8.15 by Bro. John Dutton, W.M. and Treasurer, with the following officers: Bros. Cater, P.P.G.J.W. and I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W., Chaplain; Moutrie, S.W.; Braham, Secretary, as J.W.; Murlis, M.O.; Radway, S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Ames, as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; F. Wilkinson, as Registrar; Holmes, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. William Young, which was unanimous in his favour. The chair was then taken by Bro. James Dutton, P.M., by whom the candidate was duly advanced to the rank of M.M.W. Ballots were taken for W.M. and Treasurer for next year. To the former position Bro. Rubie, S.W., was unanimously elected, and the present Treasurer was reappointed. The I.P.M., Secretary, and Wardens were elected Auditors of the accounts. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

Multum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANDERSON, JAMES, D.D.—Referring to the mention of this brother in the *Freemason* of last week, it may be added that his decease on May 28th, 1739, was duly announced in the "Scot's," as well as in the "Gentleman's Magazine" of that year. The obituary notice in the "Scot's Magazine" I subjoin. In addition to being Master of the Seventeenth Lodge, the names of whose Master and Wardens were appended to the Constitutions of 1723, Anderson was also, along with Bros. Payne and D-saguliers, a member of Original No. 4 (now Royal Somerset House), in which lodge he had probably been in the engraved list of the same year, and of these only initiated. Of the twenty lodges enumerated in the Constitutions of 1723, I have only been able to identify thirteen four survive at the present date, viz.: present Nos. 2 (Antiquity), No. 1 in Constitutions and also in engraved list; 12 (Fortitude and Old Cumberland), No. 3, in Constitutions, No. 2 in engraved list; 4 (Somerset House), No. 4 in Constitutions, No. 5 in engraved list; 14 (Tuscan), No. 19 in Constitutions, No. 35 in engraved list. It is almost certain that present Nos. 6 (Friendship), 8 (British), 10 (Westminster and Key Stone); and 16 (Royal Alpha), must, through their Masters and Wardens, have approved the Constitutions of 1723. But though both the existing Friendship and British Lodges are plainly traceable from the engraved list of 1723 to current date, I have been unable to connect either with the earlier list exhibited in the Constitutions. During 1723—29 the Friendship met at the King's Head, Ivy Lane; and the British at Tom's Coffee House, Clare-st., Clare Market.

R. F. GOULD.

"On Monday, May 28th, died, at his house in Essex-court, in the Strand, the Reverend and learned James Anderson, D.D., a member of the Church of Scotland, and native of this kingdom, author of "The Royal Genealogies," and several other works, a gentleman of uncommon abilities and most facetious conversation. But, notwithstanding his great talents, and the useful application he made of them, being, by the prodigious expense attending the above-mentioned work, reduced to slender circumstances, he has, for some years, been exposed to misfortunes, above which the encouragement due to his merit would have easily raised him.

"But the remembrance of his qualifications, and the many hardships under which he was publicly known to labour, will serve to show succeeding generations there was a time when Italian singers, by English contributions, were favoured with 5 or £6000 per annum, and a gentleman, who, by more than twenty years' study, gave the world a book of inconceivable labour and universal use, was suffered to fall a victim to his attempt to *serve mankind*."—*Scot's Magazine* (Edinburgh, 1739), Vol. I, p. 236.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, C. A. Coltebrune, F. Adlard, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, Thos. Cubitt, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, James Brett, J. G. Stevens, C. Lacey, W. F. Nettleship, J. A. Farnfield, L. Stean, James Willing, Edgar Bowyer, R. Warner Wheeler, W. Hilton, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry read the minutes, which were put and confirmed, and reported the death of three annuitants. Several petitions from widows for the allowance of half their late husband's annuities were granted, and the Warden's report was read.

The Chairman gave notice of a motion for raising the Secretary's salary £100, on account of the great success which has attended the Institution, and which is in great part attributable to the exertions of Bro. Terry.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart it was agreed to invite the Stewards of the late festival to visit the Institution at Croydon.

Some formal business having been disposed of, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE VERE LODGE, No. 1794.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, 3rd inst., in the Council Chamber, Nottingham, Bro. Sir James Oldknowe, the Mayor, having granted it for the use of the brethren on this occasion. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by the W. Bro. John Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts, assisted by the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the W. Bro. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.M., gave one of the most beautiful addresses ever delivered on such an occasion, and it was appreciated by the brethren in such a manner that they have requested permission to print and distribute it. The offertory, amounting to £8 10s. 9d., will be devoted to the endowment of the Master's chair. At the conclusion of the consecration, the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Isaac Davis, A.P.G.P. Notts, P.M. 47, was then performed by the W. Bro. Thos. Danks, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Treas. Notts, after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. S. G. Gilbert, S.W.; H. J. Norris, J.W.; S. Jackson, I.P.M. The business was concluded by the election of the Consecrating Officer, W. Bro. John Watson, as an honorary member, and the proposing of a large number of brethren as joining members, and also several candidates for initiation. The banquet took place at the George Hotel, and was in all respects a very successful affair. The usual toasts were given, and some of the brethren replying mentioned facts in connection with the history of Freemasonry in Nottingham which many present heard for the first time. The musical arrangements both at consecration and banquet were under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Organist.

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

The committee in connection with the movement for the restoration of the west front of St. Alban's Abbey again met in the board room of the Freemason's Hall, on Thursday afternoon. There was a fair attendance of members. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, occupied the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. He then announced that the following subscriptions were paid:—Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, £5; the Hertford Chapter 403, £10 10s.; W. Hope, M.D., D.M. 2, £5; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, £5; F. Sumner Knyvet P.M., P.G. Steward, £5; C. W. Reynolds, J.D. 1479, £5; and C. R. Rivington, £5. He had received since the last meeting the following additional promises of subscriptions:—The Chapter of Felicity, £5; Bros. Professor Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D., £5; W. Ramsay, £5; B. F. R. Webster, P.M. 1479, £5; E. J. Byron, P.G.D., £5; S. G. Finch, P.M., £5; and J. E. Dawson, W.M. 404, £5.

Bro. Keyser thought it was opportune that the members should be made acquainted with the present state of their accounts. They had already standing to their credit in the London and County Bank, at St. Albans £89, 12s., which with the promised amount of £143 5s., would make a total of £232 17s. The expenses up to the present time had only been £4 15s. 2d. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought it was right to say that this amount had been entirely collected by Bro. Keyser. They had had no appeals circulated amongst the brotherhood. It had all been done by private correspondence, and he thought this was a promising augury for the success of the movement.

Two other brethren were proposed as members of the Committee. It was also decided that Bro. Keyser should be empowered to write to all the Prov. Grand Secretaries inviting them to act on the Central Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the principal business of the sitting, namely, the consideration of the circulars as amended by the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting, which it is proposed to send to the Secretaries of all the lodges throughout the kingdom. They were finally drawn up and agreed to.

The Secretary read several letters from influential brethren expressing their hearty sympathy with the movement, and after some other business, the meeting adjourned till Thursday, the 8th of April, when the Committee will meet in the same place at 4.30.

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BIRTHS.

LA TOUCHE.—On the 9th inst., at Lansdown-parade, Cheltenham, the wife of Major William P. La Touche, Bombay Staff Corps, of a son.

PEARSON.—On the 24th Jan., at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, the wife of Colonel C. R. Pearson, of a daughter.

SAWYER.—On the 8th inst., at 269, Cold Harbour-lane, East Brixton, the wife of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, S.W. 1686, of a son.

TAUNTON.—On the 9th inst., at Kingswood Vicarage, Epsom, the wife of the Rev. Fredk. Taunton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COLEMAN—HOLMES.—On the 10th inst., at St Mathew's Bayswater, by the Ven. Archdeacon Hunter, D.D., Thomas, son of the late Wm. Coleman, Bicester, to Ada Mary, daughter of the late James Robins Holmes, of Hill House, Kidlington.

FREEMAN—FREEMANTLE.—On the 6th inst., at Christ Church, Winchester, by the Rev. Alexander Baring-Gould, Vicar, James Freeman, of 13, Highbury Grange, N., to Emily, daughter of the late Mr. William Freemantle, of Woodcote, Hants.

GUEST—GLOVER.—On the 6th inst., at Twickenham parish church, by the Rev. H. F. Limpus, M.A., Samuel Guest, son of Samuel Guest, of Slough, Bucks, to Minnie, daughter of the late John Ashton Glover, of Copeswood, county Cork, and grandniece of the late Sir Rowland Smyth, K.C.B.

DEATH.

BEDFORD.—On the 7th inst., at Ardwick, Bro. Bedford, W.M. Faith Lodge, No. 581.

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THE COURSE OF SOUND MASONIC LITERATURE.

In our last issue we called attention to the "decennial period" of our *Freemason*, though we said nothing about "profits," which we left to the imagination of our readers. But it has occurred to us that we might follow up the announcement of that interesting, historical, literary, and Masonic fact, by the promulgation of certain rules and regulations, which we, from our own experience, deem essential to the progress of a true and sound, and creditable Masonic literature amongst us. In the first place, we must set our face more and more against personality of all kinds. In the past, personality has been confessedly the bane, the weakness, the disgrace of our English Masonic literature, and it is still one of the difficulties most trying to meet, and most serious to overcome. Some men will be personal. It seems as if personality were part of their very nature. They can never give credit to any one else for high motives, true aims, consistent conduct, or Masonic qualities, hence they impart into all they write the ignoble and debasing style of the mere partizan or fanatic. They never can afford to be generous, much less to be just. If they have to write about the commonest subject they will cast dirt on any one who opposes their views, and on the principle "throw plenty, and some of it must stick," they seem to resemble more than anything else that we are aware of that historically dirty bird which befouls its own nest. We read diatribes sometimes which are a disgrace to Masonic professions; insinuations which we know are mendacious; suggestions which are libellous; and charges which are ridiculous; simply because in the hot field of controversy, "Greek" has met "Greek," and hence the "tug of war." In the *Freemason*—we admit not so fully as we could wish—we have tried to "keep clear" of "personality" as well as of "politics," but on the whole there has been a marked advance in this respect from the first moment the *Freemason* appeared to this hour. Any Masonic paper which aspires to please and represent the Freemasons of to-day must keep clear of personality, as it constitutes an utter parody on all Masonic professions to see brother belabouring brother, and brother attacking brother in the weekly and peaceful pages of a Masonic paper; and such a state of things is both ludicrous and lamentable. We must indeed have controversy; we live in a world of controversy, as some one has said, but in all controversy as Freemasons we should never forget the high duties of courtesy, fairness, moderation, and that we are professedly brethren, friends, and above all gentlemen. Another point to be avoided is needless discussions on the ritual of Freemasonry. We have for some time felt in the *Freemason* that far too much was written in minute detail of lodge proceedings, and we have, therefore, limited such matter, restricted it, and watched over it. But as Masonic literature has a large "outcome" beyond our "British Isles," it is a work of great effort to hold back in due limits the tendency to rush into print. We feel sure that in the future as in the past of the *Freemason*, especially of the last six years, if we wish to preserve the good opinion of friends, and extend still more the constantly increasing circle of our readers, we must keep close to our own wise rules of careful supervision of all ritual discussions. Such matters are best decided in lodge rooms, they are not properly for the "profanum vulgus," nor for the pages even of a Masonic journal. The increase of lodges and members, and awakened interest in Masonry itself, necessitate much more reporting than our forefathers would have tolerated, but legitimate reports of proceedings are one thing, as addressed to the initiated especially, attempts to explain and lay bare all the "arcana" of our teachings and lodge work are alike un-Masonic, unwise, and, in our opinion, unjustifiable. And lastly, if the Masonic press is to prosper like the

Freemason, we must avoid all those petty feelings of "trade jealousy" and opposition, which throw such ridicule on our acts and assertions. The *Freemason* has always welcomed, and always will welcome, all Masonic literary enterprises, which are conducted solely as such, inasmuch as we believe that there is plenty of room for us all in this world, and that more "light" is always advisable for Freemasons as well as for any one else. But what the *Freemason* has protested against, does protest against, and ever will protest against, is building up your own "stock-in-trade" by depreciating the "wares" of a successful competitor, making personality the secret explanation of ill-omened platitudes, vulgar prospectuses, and sneering correspondence. Because Bolsover has done well, is there any reason why Puckle is to assert that Bolsover's article of manufacture is not good? Let every one puff his own article "ad nauseam" if he likes, and to the highest degree if he so wills, truly or falsely matters nothing, but in the name of all that is mentionable and unmentionable let him leave his competitors alone. He has a right to do all he can for himself, but he is utterly wrong in casting stones at his neighbour. And, therefore, while the *Freemason* holds out the hand of amity and fraternity to all literary compeers, be they what or whom they may, which conform to the laws of Masonic equity, courtesy, justice, and truth, it never will recognize any, from whatever portion of the habitable globe they hail, which mistake personality for wit, and slander for sagacity, which, though professedly Masonic journals, can neither apparently appreciate the dictates of Masonic teaching, nor realize what is truly involved in the simple and sacred word of "Brother."

IGNORANCE AND INTOLERANCE.

We must all be struck by that peculiar and portentous document, as signed by Mr. Manoel Alvez Da Cruz—let the world know the worthy's name—to which our attention was called in the last *Freemason*, by our esteemed correspondent, Bro. J. G. Sandeman, writing from Oporto. This is a "recantation," so to say, of a Roman Catholic Freemason, ignorantly joining the pernicious society of Freemasons, and contrasts amusingly enough with another recantation, to which we call attention in the next article, and which emanates from a quondam Roman Catholic priest and controversialist, and once very hostile too to Freemasonry. Curiously enough, Mr. Manoel Alvez Da Cruz finds no fault with Masonry, but only that it is universally "irreconcilable to the Holy Church and all social order," which grave accusation is "conclusively proved," the writer adds, by the "Encyclical of the Holy Father Leo XIII. of the 28th of December last." Perhaps some correspondent will kindly furnish us with a copy of this "conclusive proof," which we should like to see very much indeed, be it what it may. Until we receive such irrefragable evidence and such overwhelming denunciation, we must put down all such effusions as this last one, which naturally exercises, though it also probably amuses, Bro. J. G. Sandeman as it does us, to the ignorance and intolerance of those who pen or dictate such ridiculous statements.

A RECANTATION.

It may be in the remembrance of some of our readers that some time back—ten years ago—Bro. G.M. Tweddell had a controversy with a well-known Roman Catholic controversialist, Father Suffield; though neither of them then, as is usual in all such cases, was convinced by the arguments of his able and courteous opponent. After the lapse of ten years, the same Father Suffield has found out the error of his ways, alike as regards Papal infallibility and alleged Masonic iniquity, and writes the following letter to Bro. Tweddell, which is gratifying in itself as the honest recantation of hasty prepossessions, and openly expressed opposition to, and condemnation of, our peaceable, and loyal, and benevolent, and uncontroversial Fraternity. In his letter occurs the following passage, which we are glad to be permitted to reprint: "The error,

which I am glad to be allowed an opportunity of withdrawing, consisted in the statements regarding the Freemasons, wherein I followed the Papal Allocution, and, whilst obeying its commands, was deceived by its mendacity. The Pope had on various occasions issued criminations and condemnations of the Freemason brotherhood, binding all Roman Catholics, and rendering it impossible for any believing and practical Roman Catholic to be a Freemason. In the year 1865, a Papal Allocution again condemned all secret societies, specifying the Freemason. My charges against the Freemason Society were distinctly stated by me to rest upon authority—an authority I then believed to be overruled by Providence, and to bind us all under pain of sin. In 1870, the Papal absolutism culminated in an impious assumption, which, happily, caused me to investigate and to discern the rotten fallacy of the basis. When I discovered the authority to be an unrighteous assumption over God and man, whatever in my mind rested on that authority disappeared at once and for ever. When I was the servant of the Roman Church, I acted consistently in warning Roman Catholics away from the only world-wide rival of her antiquity and her extension, the only powerful organization existing in which no practical Roman Catholic can be found. When acting as a freedman and an Englishman, my earnest wish was to seek admission into a society promulgating the very principles I hold—the worship of God and the service of man; but the fresh start in life necessitated by my secession did not pecuniarily justify me in carrying out my heart's desire. I am glad that your public statement has now enabled me to make the reparation I have often desired. This letter is entirely at your disposal. And thus you will perceive that, though not a Freemason brother in fact, I am such in spirit. Believe me, dear Sir, very truly yours, Robert Rodolph Suffield." It may be the fact, that Bro. Suffield has been mixed up with other controversies, with which, as Freemasons, we have nothing to do, and which in the opinion of some might detract from the value and importance of this change of opinion; but we think it well to note this handsome retraction and recantation, of condemnation openly expressed in respect of Freemasons and Freemasonry, and we trust that we may have yet to welcome many more similar honest and repentant admissions in respect to Freemasonry, and to our harmless and beneficent Brotherhood.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I feel bound to trouble you with a few remarks in reply to a letter, which appeared in your issue of the 1st, from my friend, Bro. G. Tidcombe, jun.
In the first place, my Committee do not propose to solicit subscriptions to make good any deficiency in the funds for the general restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, but we hope to be able to raise a sufficient sum to enable us to undertake the restoration of the west front, which has not yet been reached in the course of the general restoration, and, therefore, if completed by the Freemasons, will remain as a special memorial of the generosity and importance of our brotherhood of the present day. Should we not be able to undertake the whole of the west front, we may yet do a special work, and leave a fitting memorial of the Craft, by restoring one or more of the three west porches, which, for the beauty of their architectural details, will compare favourably with any work of this, the Early English, or, indeed, of any other period in England.
I cannot see why, because we are now "speculative," and not "operative" Masons, it should be considered that we are to confine our efforts to undertaking some new work, such as a reredos or window, as has hitherto been the case, and I venture to think that, as we are about to appeal to the English brethren generally to contribute towards a fitting memorial to St. Alban, whose connection with the English Craft will be clearly set out in our forthcoming circular, something should be undertaken to commemorate the combined action of the Craft, on a grander scale than has yet been attempted in the various provinces, which have already contributed to some special work in their own cathedrals. That a greater responsibility will be thrown upon us in dealing with the beautiful work of the 13th century, instead of simply contributing towards a 19th century reredos or window, we do not for a moment lose sight of, but trust that with the hearty co-operation of

the present Faculty Committee, their architect, and clerk of the works, we shall be the means of carrying out the work in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit on our Craft, and to give unalloyed satisfaction to those who have contributed to the fund, and are interested in the preservation of those noble buildings of which Englishmen may justly be so proud.

In conclusion, though we are not sufficiently sanguine to hope for universal support, yet we trust that the moderate sum of £5 which we have fixed as the maximum amount for subscriptions will commend our scheme to the brethren generally, and we do not for a moment anticipate that this object will in the least degree interfere with the income of our great Masonic Charities, in which we are all so deeply interested. To carry out our scheme in its entirety will not require one-fourth of the sum annually contributed to the Charities, and we therefore feel confident that all donations given to our fund will be in excess of, and in no way interfere with, the splendid sums annually recorded as subscribed to the Masonic Charities. Our resolve to appeal only to individual brethren, and not to the lodge funds (though where, as has already in several instances been the case, a grant from these may be made by the unanimous vote of the lodge, we are of course very pleased to accept it), will make it unnecessary for any one to contribute to our undertaking who does not give the scheme his unqualified approval.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER,

Hon. Secretary for the Fund for the Restoration of the West Front of St. Alban's Cathedral by the Freemasons of England.

47, Wilton Crescent, S.W.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to make use of your columns, which, like Freemasonry itself, extend over the four quarters of the globe, to invite criticism upon the subject which I broach in this letter, and which should be of interest to all Freemasons throughout the universe, especially the brethren under the English Constitution—a subject, I am afraid, of tenor left out than taken into consideration in the numerous lodges so rapidly springing into existence. That beautiful ceremony of installation, with its heart-stirring words, its graphic description of Freemasonry, what it professes to, and what it should be, seems to be no sooner uttered than, vulgarly speaking, like water on a duck's back it is off again, the feasting part of the meeting is paid particular attention to, and is remarkably well attended, but the charity is often less than that model lodge whose refreshments cost £33, and their charity £20 18s. Look on this side, look on that. Is that the charity that on initiation we profess? Is that the way to be good men and true? Surely brethren would be highly indignant if you doubted their word, yet their solemn Masonic profession seems to sit lightly enough on their shoulders. One might well exclaim with Prince Hal, "O! monstrous! one halfpenny worth of charity to that intolerable steeping of self."

I would now lay my subject before those lodges and individual members whose acts speak for themselves, whether a fairer or more equitable method could not be devised for disposing of the votes they have so liberally earned for the cause of the watchword of our Order, charity. To commence, we all enter into Freemasonry, emblematically speaking, as we enter life, bringing nothing with us; we become all equally brethren, except so far as the necessary offices are filled for the better guidance and governance of our lodges; and yet, when we are called upon to exercise our privilege of assisting those amongst us who have the misfortune to need our help, we seem entirely to forget the universality of the brotherhood, and allow ourselves to be guided only by partiality, favour, or affection; we go with the current because there is no trouble, but entirely forget to put our shoulders to the wheel to help the weak and friendless, unable to help themselves. If our votes were used with proper discrimination, we need never be distressed by seeing candidates for our suffrages turned away from our asylums downcast and despairing, to remain living witnesses of the inequality and unjust partiality of our voting system. I have already pointed out a very simple method of correcting the abuse of our otherwise perfect organisation, viz., that as there are always more vacancies than there are last applicants, so should all last applications be admitted at each election, and the others in rotation as far as the vacancies will allow, and so make sure of admitting all candidates as equally worthy of our support—taking it for granted that no lodge would endorse an application unless fit and proper to be received, and which it meant to support as a proof of its genuineness; but if this does not meet the views of the brethren, there are other methods I will mention for your consideration, viz., canvassing in the old way, or drawing lots for the remaining vacancies; the canvass would give the same excitement, or nearly so, as hitherto, without any hopeless disappointments, and also bring cash, as formerly, in the shape of votes bought on the spot on the day of election, while the lot drawing would be blindfold and impartial, as it should be. I do earnestly ask the co-operation of the brethren generally, both provincial and general, to help to solve this knotty problem of such vital importance to Freemasonry in general, and our Institutions in particular.

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL.

[We publish our correspondent's letter, but we do not think the discussion seasonable or advisable, as all has been said that can be said.—Ed.]

MASONIC REPORTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I know not to what limits the representatives of the Masonic press are permitted to extend their remarks, or whether they are in any way amenable to the acknowledged principles by which our Craft is guided. Be this as it may, I think that a newspaper published with the express purpose of furthering the best interests of our Institution, should abstain from giving space to those correspondents who evidently do not possess the virtues we are taught to practise.

A week or so since a Masonic contemporary published a report of a meeting held in Manchester, which contained some very unasonic expressions with regard to the officers of the lodge. Doubtless the officers felt somewhat nervous in the presence of this great light, more especially so as he does not fail to make known his association with the "Masonic press," and hence, perhaps, the slight errors in working. Would it not have been more in keeping with our tenets and principles if this worthy brother had practised the Masonic precept, viz., "If you cannot speak well of a brother, observe that Masonic virtue, silence?"

I am, however, told by a prominent brother of the lodge referred to that the literary visitor was not invited to partake of the banquet. Let us hope, in all sincerity and fraternal feeling, that this omission did not change the writing fluid into gall.

I am, yours fraternally,

A LANCASHIRE P.M.

HONOUR TO THE BRAVE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* of this day's date I see a paragraph stating that the Order of "Good Templars" mourns the loss of an entire lodge in the disaster at Isandula. We, too, as F. and A. Masons, have to regret the loss of many dear and worthy brethren on that occasion.

During the time the 1st Batt. of the 24th Regiment was quartered in Malta, from 1866 to 1872, many of the officers and non-commissioned officers belonged to the various lodges in the island, particularly to the Leinster Lodge, No. 387, I.C. I may mention more particularly Bros. Porteous and Melville; the heroic death of the latter in defence of the colours of his regiment has made his name a "household word" throughout England, but by none will he be more sincerely lamented than by the members of the Melita Preceptory.

Yours fraternally,

P.D. DIST. G.M.

8th March, 1879.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Has an honorary member of a lodge the equal right with a subscribing member to propose an alteration in or addition to its bye-laws? Your opinion on this point will much oblige.

I enclose my card, and remain, fraternally yours,

P.M.

[Certainly not. An honorary member has "no rights."—Ed.]

Reviews.

A NUMERICAL AND NUMISMATICAL REGISTER OF LODGES, &c., &c. Compiled by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN. George Kenning, London; Lake and Lake, Truro.

We have received a copy of this valuable contribution to English lodge history, by our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan, and hasten to acknowledge it and review it. Like all the contributions of our well-known and able brother, to Masonic history or archaeology, it is admirably and carefully edited, remarkably well printed, and most effectively illustrated. It contains five plates of various lodge and centenary jewels, all of which, most artistically rendered, not only grace the pages, but add to the value of the work. The book is one we can most earnestly commend to the notice and study of all our readers, as alike interesting and valuable, and, if concise, correct. For on these somewhat abstruse points of lodge history no one is more competent to speak, or has a better right to be heard, than Bro. Hughan. This, like other contributions of his, is the result of many years of patient toil, careful collation, of unremitting hard work, and tedious study to boot, of which few of our readers have any idea, or except those who have meandered in the same by-path of old Masonic history can fully realize or appreciate. And as it has been a "labour of love," so is it of undoubted authority on all those moot points which surround the annals of our lodges, on the subject it treats of so fully, on the matter it refers to so carefully. To all who wish to trace the position and numbers of the "modern" and ancient lodges at the Union, and to follow them down the stream of time, this, Bro. Hughan's latest contribution to our Masonic literature, which he has so enriched, will be hailed with pleasure, approval, and gratitude. Nay, knowing Bro. Hughan's peculiar capabilities in this respect, we are so exorbitant and ambitious as to desiderate from his pen, as a fitting supplement to this useful compilation, a short account of all lodges on the English roll, giving us their date of warrant, their change of names, their mutations, their ups and downs, their active life and premature decay. Such a consummation, devoutly to be wished for by those who like to study the lodge history of English Masonry, would be a work worthy of Bro. Hughan's reputation, and would add greatly to those many obligations under which Masonic students of all countries to-day are to Bro. W. J. Hughan. We thank him once more, as fellow lodgers with him in

the same interesting field of study and research, for this very important and laborious contribution to lodge numeration and lodge identification.

THE BICYCLING NEWS. No. 9, Vol. IV. BENJAMIN CLERG, 13, York-street, Covent Garden.

"On allons nous?" as our French neighbours say. Here we have the ninth number of the fourth volume of a journal devoted to the great and noble art of Bicyclism. A modern art, unknown utterly to our forefathers, it has sprung into existence with intense velocity, and our "young rapids" now reach, it is said, the goodly number of 80,000 in this free and favoured land of ours. Its clubs are many; its supporters are loud in its praise; it is said to promote "athletic exercise, manly vigour, stern morality, and graceful politeness all combined," and though those somewhat alarming specimens of youthful humanity, who appear in such very dressy and variegated costumes, often delighting nursery maids and frightening old women, and are sometimes, we feel bound to confess, very much in the way; yet, as the clown says, "Here we are." Nay, we hasten to announce with much interest a fact, to be welcomed in the dearth of true poesy, that there is now a "Bicyclean Poet." Pray note the fact, kind readers. The Bicyclean poet laureate has given to the world the following spirited lines, quite in the heroic ballad style:—

"We had Nuttall for our captain,
And Wolfenden for our sub,
They've coached us well, and so we've gained
Much credit for the club;
That Rowe has had his work cut out
Let none of us ignore,
He has done his duty like a man,
And what could you wish for more?"

Now, we are not prepared to deny, especially in this day of "small things and little men," that bicyclism may have its use and, of course, its abuse, and may serve to fill up some spare hours which might be given up to less profitable uses. Nay, we will go a little further, and say, that in so far as it promotes a love of country sights and scenes, and is simply a healthy exercise of muscle, activity, and endurance, it is as a pastime good. We hope some stories are not true which accuse bicyclists of discourtesy to the young, and even misbehaviour to the old of the "softer sects." We feel sure that the case reported in a police court lately was an exception to the general rule, and we, therefore, though we must confess a little astonishment at the fact of a bicyclean literature at all, wish our young and energetic friends all success, level roads, and not much soreness of bone, &c., &c. But here we stop; we must not profane the chaste mysteries of bicyclism; we can only say to all, as a great statesman once said, at most important quadruple gathering, "Sit tight."

THE PAN HELLENIC REVIEW. Printed by Hazell, Watson, and Viney, and published by Curtice and Co., 139 and 140, Fleet-street. E.C.

This is a new journal, published weekly, well printed, carefully edited, and, by its name, devoted to "Pan Hellenism," and which means, as far as we can understand it, getting as much as you can for Greece and the Greeks. Now we have deep sympathy with Greece, as Greece. We remember those glowing words in which gifted writers have spoken of Greece—in terms which still move our sympathies and revive our grateful souvenirs. But we confess we cannot quite enter into Pan Hellenism geographically, for as Freemasons we dare not and cannot write, of course, politically. We can, of course, all agree, probably, that in the progress of time, like as in Germany, the "Greek speaking people" should be united under one compact, energetic, and coupon paying country, with an excellent young ruler with his pleasant wife, like their present Hellenic Majesties, with a strong administration, and a good economical, honest, internal government. And we can quite realize how old Greece and the Isles of Greece may yet form one goodly, free Hegemony, purely Greek in nationality and language, and bound to past traditions and present longings for sound, wise, and national progress. With the graceful poet of our own generation, we can still heartily say, and believe—

"Farewell, sweet Athens! thou shalt be again
The sceptred Queen of all thine old domain,
Again be blest in all thy varied charms,
Of loveliness, and valour, arts, and arms."

But we cannot understand, for the life of us, geographically speaking, what Greece has to do with Asia Minor, or Constantinople, or Roumelia, or Bulgaria. We may be wrong, but unless our history is all awry, Constantinople is in itself a development of Roman supremacy, not of Grecian rule, and, strictly speaking, Greece, as Greece, has no "part or lot" in Constantinople, historically or nationally. Such has ever appeared to us, for numerous reasons, a dream of dreams, and, therefore, though loving Greece, admiring Greece, gladly reminding ourselves of its glorious past, its services to art, culture, literature, and all that ennobles and exalts the struggle of humanity, we cannot profess ourselves to be Pan Hellenes. Phil Hellenes we might be, but we dislike the word "Pan." We have personal reasons for being very sympathetic with Greece and its people, but, to use a common expression, we cannot "go the entire animal." It is not for us, in our neutral position, to discuss in these pages Mr. Freeman's long "deliverance," though, to say the truth, even to the most neutral minded person, a good deal of it must appear mere "bunkum" and "fustian," unworthy of so able a writer, and eminently unjust to great statesmen, alike chimerical in complaint, unsound in theory, and valueless in authority. Here, however, we stop, "ex necessitate rei."

Obituary.

BRO. BEDFORD, W.M. No. 581.

The brethren of the Lodge of Faith, No. 581, were summoned by circular to meet at the Corporation Inn, Tipping-street, Ardwick, at 12 o'clock at noon, on Friday, the 7th inst., the business being to pay the last sad office of respect to their deceased W.M., who died on the Sunday previous, after a short but severe illness, having been stricken with paralysis about three weeks previous. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 12.30 by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M., acting W.M., assisted by the regular officers of the lodge, viz.:—Bros. Greenup, S.W.; Hickson, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Brougham, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Beswick, Tyler. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Parker, P.M., Treasurer; Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec.; Tyers, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Brown, Pettitt, Org.; Bradburn, Cordingley, Markham, Turner, Entwistle, Mabon, Standard Bearer; and Wm. Swift, Steward; and visiting brethren, Bros. Hudson Lister, W.M., Richmond Lodge; Wm. Dumville, P.M.; N. Dumville, P.M.; James Kemp, Wilton Lodge. The following companions from the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, which is held under the Lodge of Faith warrant, also attended, the deceased W.M. being the then present Scribe E., of the chapter:—Comps. Wilkinson, Treasurer, Booth, Nicholls, Lavender, Armstrong, and Nelson. After the lodge had been duly and regularly opened, the Hon. Sec., Bro. Lee Speakman, read a dispensation which had been obtained from Prov. Grand Lodge, authorising the brethren to wear Craft clothing, also another dispensation was read by Comp. Henry Darbyshire, Third Principal of the Chapter of Rectitude, containing the same authority for the companions to wear their clothing. The lodge was then duly adjourned, and Bro. T. Tyers, P.M., Director of Ceremonies, arranged the companions and brethren in walking order, and marched them in procession from the lodge-room to the house of the late Bro. Bedford. Precisely at one o'clock the funeral procession started from Union-street, Ardwick, in the following order:—Brethren of the Richmond and Faith Lodges; companions of the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, of Royal Arch Masons; the hearse, drawn by four splendid horses; mourning coaches containing members of the deceased's family and friends, amongst whom were the Rev. Joseph Nunn, the Rector of St. Thomas Church, Ardwick (to which church Bro. Bedford had been churchwarden for many years), Rev. B. Jones, of St. Jude's Church, Ancoats, and Bro. James Kemp (J. and H. Kemp, Exchange-street), at which firm Bro. Bedford was the respected cashier; and private omnibuses for the accommodation of the brethren. The Dir. of Cer. led the procession down Union-street by Ardwick Green, passing St. Thomas Church (whose bells were tolling the passing knell), thence down Downing-street, until out of the parish, when the brethren took seats in the omnibuses, and followed in due order the funeral cortege, arriving at the Salford Borough, or Modé Wheel Cemetery, Eccles-road, Weaste, at 2.15, and were met by Comps. Nathan, P.Z., and Hollins, P.Z. The coffin, on which were placed three very beautiful wreaths of choice flowers, was borne into the church by Bros. Mabon, Brown, Pettitt, and Wilkinson. The funeral service was very feelingly read by the Rev. Joseph Nunn. The church being quite full, principally of ladies, at the time presented quite an unusual appearance on such occasions, and testified how highly the deceased was esteemed by all around him. The scene at the grave was very touching, the rev. gentleman showing evident signs of the grief within. After the usual church rites had been performed, the rev. gentleman and family left the grave, when Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M., acting W.M., asked the brethren to assemble as near the grave as convenient, and putting himself in an attitude as though he was about to perform a Masonic service said: Brethren, it was the dying wish of our dearly-beloved brother that we, about whom he thought so much, should follow him to his last resting place, and that, too, clothed in the regalia of the honourable Order it was his ambition and privilege to belong to, and preside over, when living. He charged me with a message to you, which I had intended to now deliver, but I really feel unequal to the task, and am compelled to desist; suffice it to say, that in following our dear brother here to-day we are carrying out one of our glorious principles, that of holding fast to one another until the grave do us part; and in committing his remains to the grave, let us do it in the usual formal manner—"Peace to his ashes." "Peace to his ashes." "Peace to his ashes." By this time the family had taken their seats in their respective coaches, and were speedily joined by the brethren, and returned to town. The brethren going to the place from whence they started, and closing the lodge in due order, sat down to a luncheon, which had been provided by the Faith Lodge, under the direction of Bros. Darbyshire, P.M., acting Master, and Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec. A number of the brethren attended on the following Sunday morning at St. Thomas Church, Ardwick, when the Rev. Joseph Nunn preached the funeral sermon, and took for his text Ecclesiastes, 9th chapter, 10th verse: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest," and 11. Corinthians, 5th chapter, 9th verse. The reverend gentleman in a very able discourse dealt with the subject matter of the text, pointing out that life to be sweet must be useful, and especially useful in the Lord. The sermon throughout was most instructive, and quite characteristic of the person to whom he afterwards referred. He said: Our friend (Bro. Bedford) whose loss this morning we all deeply feel was a true pattern of a good man, a man who, although ambitious in some things, was always regardful of the world to come, a man who, striving and obtaining the favour and esteem of his fellow men, never lost sight of

his Eternal Master, who in early youth had been left without father, had struggled nobly on, seeking the instruction of the Sunday school as a scholar, became a teacher, and more instrumental in the church; as Warden, who always worked hard for the church, and whatsoever he did, did it in such a manner as to reflect credit on himself and great and lasting good to the church, arriving at the age of manhood, and being blessed with sons and daughters, had always, by example and precept, set those dear children such an example that, if acted upon hereafter, will prove a barrier to temptation and vice and a sure rock for eternal happiness. He had lived such a life, that when stricken down with sickness, he had not (as some) to commence to seek his Maker, but calmly, and with all submission, blessed his dear wife and children, and gave them the consoling intelligence that he was happy in the Lord, and quite ready to meet his God. The reverend gentleman laid particular stress upon this fact, and earnestly entreated his hearers to bear that consoling fact in mind, that when summoned (like their dear friend) to leave this sublunary abode, their families and friends will have the happy thought that they have entered the Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The great progress made by Mark Masonry throughout the kingdom during the past fifteen years has not been overlooked in the West, where the Craft possesses so many votaries. So long back as 1858, Somersetshire possessed its Provincial Grand Lodge, over which the Earl of Carnarvon presided. In 1876 Bristol followed the example of the neighbouring province, Bro. W. A. F. Powell being the presiding officer. Monmouthshire quickly followed, Bro. L. F. Homfray being installed as Provincial Grand Master, and on Saturday last Gloucestershire completed the list of provinces in the immediate vicinity by the constitution of its Provincial Grand Lodge. The inauguration took place at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Fred Binckes, P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec.; and there were present, Bro. Colonel Henry Basevi, P.P.G.M.M. Bengal; L. A. Homfray, P.P.G.M.M. Monmouth; General Doherty, P.M. 177; J. Brooke Smith, M.A.; Julius Maier, Ph.; Wm. Watkins, P.M. 109, P.G.S. Mon.; James Robinson, W.M. 13; Geo. Rennie Powell, W.M. 218; John Walker, M.A., P.M.; the Baron de Ferrieres; Wm. Forth; Wm. Munro; W. M. Canyng, P.M. 119, P.P.S.W. Somerset; W. Forth, P.G.S.; J. Jowitt, E. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; Thomas Parker, J. P. Curtis, W.M. elect 218; W. M. Lowick, H. Jeffs, Joseph R. Monks, J. Balcomb, J. Stevens, W. R. Filton, T. F. Stoney, E. T. Boyan, George Norman, W. L. Bain, Geo. Peters, Arthur Jack, F. G. Roberts, N. Gregg, P.G.J.D.; W. R. Porcher, Francis J. Vizard, T. Tinsley, and others.

The P.G. Lodge was opened at 2.30, and the authority of the Earl of Skelmersdale having been read by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Binckes called upon Bro. Powell, P.G.J.W., to give an account of the proceedings which had led to the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge. After this the P.G. Master designate (Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, of Tracy-park, Doynton, P.G. Chaplain of England) was most impressively installed and addressed by Bro. Binckes. The R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Davy) then proceeded to the investment of his officers. Bro. John Walker, M.A., was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. W. M. Payne was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer; Bro. James Robertson, P.W.M. 13, was appointed P.G.S.W.; Bro. George Rennie Powell, P.G.J.W.; William Forth, P.G.M.O.; Jeffs, P.G.S.O.; the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.J.O.; Dr. Maier, P.G.D.C.; Col. Basevi, P.G.S.D.; W. M. Lowick, P.G.J.D.; James Payne Curtis, P.G. Secretary; E. T. Bryan, P.G. Register of Marks; F. J. Vizard, P.G.S.B.; and Algernon Sudlow and T. Tinsley, P.G. Stewards. The P.G.M. then addressed the lodge, thanking the brethren for the honou of his appointment.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from several distinguished brothers, and congratulations were reported from Bro. Bryant, of Brislington, P.G.O., from the Royal Sussex Lodge, Bath, from the P.G. Lodge of Monmouth, and the Lichfield Lodge, No. 59; and the P.G.M. having thanked Bro. Binckes for the kind and impressive manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent and capably served repast in the banquet-hall. The proceedings were, of course, of a non-public character, but it may be stated that the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with enthusiasm.

The constitution had been looked forward to for some time past by members of the Craft, not only in the county of Gloucester, but in the districts adjacent to the county. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy has won great Masonic popularity not only by his high position as the Prov. Grand Chaplain of England, but also by his devotion to the general interests of Masonry and the readiness with which he has always assisted in the promotion of the interests of the Order, and the knowledge of his installation will, it is believed, be heard of with the greatest satisfaction by the Masonic body generally.

ST. ANNE'S SPECIAL SERVICES.—During Lent, Bach's Passion, "St. John," will be sung every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. Barnby, with full orchestral accompaniment. Tickets of admission may be had (free) by sending stamped directed envelope to Bro. J. E. Shand (Churchwarden), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

Prion: H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., K. St. P.

Grand Officers for 1879:

- His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W.G.M.
- Robert William Shekleton, Q.C., R.W.D.G.M.
- Marquis of Headfort, D.L., R.W.S.G.W.
- Lord Dunboyne, D.L., R.W.J.G.W.
- Robert Warren, D.L., R.W.G.T., Treas.
- The Earl of Bandon, Lieut. and C.R. Cork, R.W.G. Sec.
- The Rev. John James Macsorley, A.M., R.W.G. Chap.
- Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, R.W.G. Chap.
- Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P., W.S.G.D.
- Theophilus E. St. George, W.J.G.D.
- George A. Stephens, J.P., W.G.S. of W.
- George Moyers, L.L.D., J.P., W.G.D. of C.
- Harry Hodges, W.G.Std.
- Humphrey Minchin, M.B., W.G.S.B.
- Charles Ogilvie Grandison, W.G.O.
- James Creed Meredith, L.L.D., W.G.I.G.
- Samuel B. Oldham, W.D.G. Sec. and Treas.
- Archibald St. George, Asst. Sec.
- Richard L. Stevens, and
- William Townley, Tylers to the Grand Lodge.

REPRESENTATIVES:

- Grand Lodge of Representative of Representative at England ... R. W. M. C. Close, D.L. Lt.-Col. F. Burdett.
- Scotland ... Mj.-Gen. D. Griffith, C.B. Capt. J. T. Oswald.
- Hamburg ... J. F. Elrington, L.L.D. ... A. W. Hoepner.
- Italy F. C. Scovazzo.
- Prussia.
- Three Globes P. G. Smyly, M.D. ... Ct. Wartensleben.
- Countries ... Ditto ... W. T. O. Schreiner.
- R. York F. ... Ditto ... C. W. E. Fickert.
- Spain ... Col. A. V. Davoren ... F. I. Parody.
- Egypt ... James H. Neilson ... Francis F. Oddi.
- Greece ... R. W. Griffin, L.L.D. ... Lt.-Col. S. Karaiskakis.
- Portugal ... John H. Goddard ... J. S. Howorth.
- Alabama W. C. O'Hara.
- Connecticut David Clarke.
- Delaware W. W. Lobdell.
- Illinois ... Rd. B. de Burgh, J.P. ... Wiley M. Egan.
- Iowa ... J. Vokes Mackey, J.P. ... Robert F. Bower.
- Kentucky R. Morris, L.L.D.
- Louisiana ... Lucius H. Deering ... R. Babington.
- Missouri ... Ed. H. Kinahan, D.L. ... John Luke.
- New York ... Capt. H. B. Johnston ... J. Jenkinson.
- New Jersey T. F. Randolph.
- Tennessee ... Thomas Brunler ... G.S. Blackie, M.D.
- Virginia ... Ed. H. Kinahan, D.L. ... Peyton Johnston.
- Canada ... J. Vokes Mackey, J.P. ... Kivas Tully.
- N. Brunswick ... W. T. Wilkinson ... J. M'Nichol, jun.
- Nova Scotia ... C. C. Macnamara, L.L.D.
- P. E. Island ... Ditto ... James D. Mason.
- Quebec ... George Hill Major ... B. Burland, J.P.
- Haiti J. T. Holly, Bp. of Haiti.

The Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Abstract of receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st day of December, 1878:—

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank January, 1878, as per previous Audit ...	305	10	2
Annual Dues ...	441	14	11
Fees on passing Officers ...	37	10	0
of Grand ...	14	14	0
Committee Dinner Cheques ...	170	10	6
Passing Candidates at Committee ...	216	15	0
Fines ...	43	18	0
Certificates and Registry ...	1013	7	8
Dispensations ...	8	0	0
New Warrants ...	72	2	0
Affiliations ...	88	4	6
Rent, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, 1878 ...	150	0	0
Rent, Great Priory, 1878 ...	75	0	0
Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, 1878 ...	50	0	0
Subordinate Lodges ...	343	9	6
J. Power for Stable of No. 16 (one year) ...	14	10	0
Masonic Glee Union—1877 and 1878 ...	10	0	0
B. Murphy (balance of Rent) ...	38	10	0
Collections at Grand Lodge ...	29	19	1
Charity Fees ...	279	14	11
B. Murphy for Gas to September, 1878 ...	117	12	0
Interest on Masonic Hall Shares (one year) ...	10	2	4
Sundries ...	8	17	7
Sale of Publications, per Lodges ...	35	15	8
" " Cash ...	37	4	1
Capitation Fees—Dublin Lodges ...	330	0	0
	3637	17	9
	£3943	7	11

	£	s.	d.
Cr. Charity Order ...	371	9	6
Rent to Masonic Hall Company one year ...	600	0	0
Head Rent of Nos. 16, 17, and 18, Molesworth-st. for 1878, and that for No. 16, for 1877 ...	14	9	9
Consolidated Rates ...	139	5	5

Special Water Rate for Organ ...	2	13	6
Income Tax ...	4	13	3
Insurance ...	9	13	6
	770	15	5

Salaries, &c.:			
Deputy Grand Secretary ...	500	0	0
Assistant Secretary ...	180	0	0
Office Assistant ...	115	0	0
Tylers—Bro. Downes (Pension) ...	80	0	0
" Bros. Stevens and Townley ...	160	0	0
Hall Porter and Charwoman ...	84	16	0
	1119	16	0

Printing, Stationery, & Binding:			
Underwood ...	268	4	1
Chambers ...	60	15	5
Curwen ...	3	1	3
Waller ...	8	17	6
Galwey ...	5	19	6
Sundries ...	3	18	6
	350	15	9

Coal and Coke, £25 16s. 6d.; Firewood, £2 3s. 9.; Gas & Candles, £166 1s. 5d.	184	1	8
Committee Dinners, 1878—B. Murphy ...	134	18	6
Postages ...	58	14	5
Spencer—Working Tools ...	19	0	0
Todd and Co.—Furniture ...	34	3	1
Kennedy—Plumbing ...	22	5	10
Curtis—Gasfitting ...	7	17	6
Woodward—Clothing for Representatives, &c. ...	22	11	0
Heron—Carpenter ...	10	17	9
Paintings, &c., per B. Murphy ...	16	0	0
Sundry Repairs, &c. ...	19	10	0
	552	5	2

Sundries and Petty Charges ...	37	19	4
Masonic Orphan Schools—Girls', £100; Boys', £100 ...	200	0	0
Balance in Bank, to credit of Charity Fund* ...	556	3	5
" General Account ...	6	8	9
	562	12	2
	£3943	7	11

* Includes Grand Lodge grant of £100 for 1878.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the year ending 31st day of December, 1878, and compared same with the audited weekly statements of income and expenditure, and find same correct, and that there was on the 1st of January, 1879, a balance in the Royal Bank, to the credit of the Trustees of Grand Lodge, of the sum of five hundred and sixty-two pounds twelve shillings and two pence—of which balance five hundred and fifty-six pounds three shillings and five pence belongs to the Charity Fund, as per statement annexed. We also find that there was one thousand six hundred and seventy pounds four shillings and five pence due to Grand Lodge by provincial and subordinate lodges; and that the amount due by Grand Lodge at the same date was five hundred and fourteen pounds nine shillings and three pence.

Signed, JOSEPH MANNING, S.G.D. } Auditors.
JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH, P.M. 245 }
Dated this 28th day of February, 1879.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund, in account with the Grand Lodge of Ireland:—

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Balance to credit of account as per previous audit ...	482	6	11
Amount of collections in Grand Lodge from Jan. to Dec., 1878 ...	29	19	1
Charity fees, Sub-Lodges ...	279	14	11
Amount received for Committee dinners ...	170	10	6
Grand Lodge Grant for 1878, as per Rule 70 ...	100	0	0
	£1062	11	5
Cr. Charity orders paid, as per list ...	£371	9	6
Amount paid for Committee dinners, 1878 ...	134	18	6
	506	8	0
Balance to Cr. of Charity Fund included in Grand Lodge account ...	556	3	5
	£1062	11	5

We have examined the above account, and find it correct. The balance, as above stated (£556 3s. 5d.), is included in the account of Grand Lodge.

JOSEPH MANNING, S.G.D. } Auditors.
JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH, P.M. 245 }
Dated this 28th day of February, 1879.

Bro. Sheriff Burt will preside at the annual festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, to be held at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, May 26th, and also at the forthcoming annual festival in aid of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Wrings made Right.—Every day that any bodily suffering is permitted to continue renders it more certain to become chronic or dangerous. Holloway's purifying, cooling, and strengthening Pills are well adapted for any irregularity of the human body, and should be taken when the stomach is disordered, the liver deranged, the kidneys inactive, the bowels to plid, or the brain muddled. With this medicine every invalid can cure himself, and those who are weak and infirm through imperfect digestion, may make themselves strong and stout by Holloway's excellent Pills. A few doses of them usually mitigate the most painful symptoms caused by indigestive food, from which they thoroughly free the alimentary canal, and completely restore its natural power and action.—[Adv.]

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The R.W. Bro. R. H. Hutchinson, Prov. G. Master, presided, supported by the following Present and Past Prov. G. Officers:—Bros. Chas. Fitzgerald Matier, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Z. R. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. G.S.W.; Thos. Entwisle, P.P.J.G.W., as Prov. G.F.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; John Duffield, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Chorlton, Prov. G.W. of Dorset; Sam Spratley, Prov. G. Marshal; Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.B.B.; J. McKie, Prov. G. Guarder; also Bros. Geo. Mellor, R. Butterworth, Townsend, Jaffrey, Cumberland, Hoffgaard, Pollitt, and others. Visitor: Bro. the Rev. W. Spencer Stanhope.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Capt. Murphy, of the Dragoon Guards, Major Slatt, of Llanfairfechan, and Thomas S. Ainsworth, which resulted in the unanimous election of the candidates. The brethren being in attendance were accordingly introduced, and were admitted to the degree of H.D.M. by their several characteristics, the ceremony of induction being presided over by the Deputy Prov. G.M., the T.W.R., guarded by Bros. Chorlton and Spratley, Grand Marshal, and the lectures given in extenso, and the Wardens' chairs filled by Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S. was forthwith opened, and the brethren above named being admitted and presented to the Provincial Grand Master, were, by him, exalted to the rank of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S.

Bros. Higgins and R. McD. Smith, were appointed auditors of the accounts of the past year.

Bro. John Duffield was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The annual meeting and festival was fixed for Thursday, the 3rd July.

At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the Prov. G. Master, after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed.

Bro. Matier proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master," eulogising the services he had rendered to the Order, and expressing a hope that he might be long spared to give the benefit of his services to the Order.

Bro. Hutchinson, in reply, warmly thanked the brethren for their kindness, and expressed himself much indebted to the various officers who so efficiently supported him in the discharge of his duties.

Bro. Chorlton proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Matier," and remarked that the formation of this Prov. Grand Lodge, and its continued prosperous existence, had been mainly due to the zeal and ability with which Bro. Matier had conducted its proceedings, and his unvarying promptitude in attendance at the meetings, and his felicitous rendering of the quaint and interesting ritual of the Order.

Bro. Matier in reply expressed his thanks to the brethren for their kindness to him on all occasions he had to come amongst them, and stated that he had now served as Deputy to three Provincial Grand Masters, the first, a Lancashire man, known to all the province as a sterling man and Mason, honoured and respected by all, viz., Bro. W. R. Callender, who died in harness as member of Parliament for his native city of Manchester; the next, the kindly, benevolent, and genial Bro. John Sutcliffe, whose death so soon after his appointment was so deeply to be deplored; and lastly, Bro. Hutchinson, who now ruled this province, and long might he continue to occupy and adorn the position. Bro. Matier intimated that he thought some other brother should now be called upon to occupy the position he held, as his residence was some considerable distance from the province, but he would always give to the Order and the province a loyal and earnest support.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Health of Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle, and the Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." He warmly thanked those brethren for their regular attendance and assistance at all the ceremonials of the Order.

The toasts having been suitably responded to, "The Candidates" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. Ainsworth and Major Platt.

"The Masonic Charities" were duly acknowledged, and "The Visitors" kindly remembered.

The last toast was given at 9 p.m., and the pleasant meeting terminated.

Public Amusements.

PRINCE'S THEATRE MANCHESTER.—On Monday evening last, an entire change took place in the performance at this theatre, Cellier's popular opera, "The Sultan of Mocha" being withdrawn in the height of its success, in favour of the production of a so called rustic opera entitled Babiole, the music composed by Laurent de Rille, and the English adaptation by Mr. Robert Reece. We shall not attempt to give a description of the plot which will no doubt be fully entered into by the Manchester press, but will content ourselves by remarking that the opera was a complete success, encores being the order of the evening. The music is lively and sparkling, though not particularly original. A word of praise must be given to Miss Pattie Laverne, who sustained the title character, and whose rendering of the rustic was fully appreciated, as it deserved to be, by an enthusiastic audience. Some very clever dancing was executed by Mr. Harry Collier in the part of Carrossol. The opera is announced to run until Saturday the 22nd inst.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Bridge House Hotel, on Monday, 24th inst. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock.

A meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 2791, was held on Thursday. A full report in our next.

A banquet in honour of Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., Secretary of the Royal Commission in connection with the British Section of the recent International Exhibition at Paris, was held on the 12th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, when there was a large attendance of the British jurors and exhibitors, under the presidency of Sir Sydney H. Waterlow, M.P.

An entertainment in aid of the Masonic Charities, will be given in the Londesborough Theatre, Scarborough, on Easter Monday evening, April the 14th, under the auspices of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200. The pieces proposed are "Meg's Diversion" and "The Steeple Chase." The characters will be taken by several members of the "Old Globe," assisted by brethren of the various local lodges, and ladies of well-known ability. By virtue of a dispensation the brethren present will appear in Masonic clothing. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the following distinguished brethren:—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Zetland, R.W. Prov. G. Master Yorkshire, N. and E. Riding; Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Major W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., M.P., Junior G. Warden; Sir Charles Legard, P.M., P.G.S.W. Yorks.; Lord Londesborough, and several lodges in the province. The stage management is in the hands of Bro. S. Middleton, and the Secretary is Bro. W. Fraser, of Lodge, 1760.

A report of the meeting of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, which was held on Wednesday last at the Grand Hotel, Scarborough, will appear in our next.

An organ recital was given on February 7th at the Bow and Bromley Institute by Bro. Dr. W. Spark, P.P.G.O. West York., of Leeds.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has recently joined the West Kent Society for Protection and Preservation of Rights of Way of Commons.

Bros. W. Francis and R. G. Thomas, two members of the Mohawk Minstrels, met with an accident very early on Saturday morning, by the hansom cab in which they were riding coming into collision with another cab and turning completely over, which caused them to be much cut about the hands by broken glass, in addition to receiving a severe shock.

The ninth annual grand Ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 24th April next, and will be under the patronage and presence of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and others.

Miss Helen Hopekirk will perform pianoforte Concerto in G minor (Saint Saens), also solo for pianoforte "Giga con Nariazoni" (Raff), at the Saturday Concert, March 15th, at 3 o'clock, at the Crystal Palace.

Bro. Clarence Harcourt, solicitor, 13, Moor-gate-street, has issued an address to the ratepayers of the parish of St. Stephen, Coleman-street, announcing that, in accordance with a requisition presented to him, he will be a candidate for the office of vestry clerk at the ensuing Easter vestry.

The marriage of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., with Princess Louise Marguerite of Prussia, was celebrated at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Thursday, in the presence of the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

The consecration of the Dinbych Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, will take place at Tenby, in the province of the Western Division of South Wales, on Wednesday, 19th March, when the ceremony will be performed by M.E. Comp. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.G. Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire.

MR. AND MRS. GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—On Monday evening next, March 17th, a new vaudeville in two tableaux will be produced, entitled, "Grimstone Grange, a Tale of the Last Century." The piece is by the Messrs. Gilbert and Arthur A'Beckett, and the music is supplied by Mr. King Hall. Mr. Corney Grain will also shortly produce a new musical sketch, entitled, "Our Calico Ball."

In accordance with a resolution passed at the February meeting of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, on the motion of Bro. S. G. Hunt, W.M., seconded by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. G. M. Knight, a ballot was taken at the lodge held on Friday, the 7th inst., for the election of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, as an honorary member of the lodge. The ballot was, of course, unanimous.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The Pull Mall Gazette of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, ½d. each; snips, ½d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 21, 1879.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1732, King's Cross, 269, Pentonville-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
 " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
 " 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, Café Royal, Regent-st.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdge.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 " 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge of Grand Stewards.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengail-rd., E.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 K. T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universa, F.M.H.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., W. Ken.-gdns.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrts. 1st Sy. Rifles, Cambwl
 Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 K.T. 48, Kemey's Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-gd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 22, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R. Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1276, Warren's Queen's Arms, Liscard.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon. L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

- Jaques de Molay Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SOUTHERN STAR (No. 1158).—A meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, 11th inst., the occasion being additionally interesting from the fact of its being election night. There were present, Bros. Smith, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Stewart, S.D.; Fortune, J.D.; Holloway, I.G.; Wilkes, W.S.; P.M.'s A. Wright, J. Wright, Wise, Prater, Walter, McDonald, Clarke, T. Pulsford, Sec.; Bros. Dowdell, Bullock, Hoskin, Green, Cole, Richards, Durdell, Robins, Block, Holland, Luby, Russell, Kineey, Austin, Morgan, Walker, Giles, Morgan, Lyon, Bertolli, and others. Visitors: Day, 1327; Bertolli, 898; Booker, 382; Walsh, 1329; Kipling, 946; Dann, 186; Newton, 1624; Green, 1687. The Master, Bro. Allen, opened his lodge at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Firmin and Whybrow were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a very excellent manner by the W.M. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Mr. H. T. Purkis and Job Pack were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. On rising for the third time, and Bro. S. Smith, the esteemed S.W., being put to the vote, he was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bros. A. Wright re-elected Treasurer; Steed, Tyler. Bro. Wise then brought forward a notice of motion that the lodge be moved, which was put to the members and carried, Anderson's Hotel being unanimously chosen for the future meetings of the lodge. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was most excellently served by Bro. Oliver, of the Masonic Hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to; the speeches being commendably brief, the Tyler's toast brought a truly harmonious meeting to a close. The brethren were much pleased with the singing of Bros. Giles, Fowler, Robins, Bertolli, and Walter.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—Benevolence is the pole-star of Masonry. Once a man steps within the charmed circle of the Craft his whole being, as it were, undergoes metamorphosis. He glides from shade into light. What was a shadow assumes the attributes of substance. He no longer remains an outside atom, but merges in an ethereal corporation. Freemasonry is like a good round of roast beef, you may cut and come again. When a man has subscribed his name in the Masonic calendar he acknowledges fellowship and goodwill towards all men. Whatever may have been his mundane failures his entrance into the new sphere tends to correct and mollify. But why is this? Because the influence of example is irresistible. It is a pleasure, therefore, to record that since this lodge was founded, six years ago, it has drawn into its vortex so many tributary members that to be numbered amongst the pebbles can no longer be reckoned upon by "outsiders." This lodge is full; and the services rendered by Bros. Cottebrune and J. Lewis Thomas, and others, in the past are no longer called into action for initiations, &c. Consequently, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when the lodge met, Bro. Robert Payne, W.M., in the chair, there was only business of a formal character to be transacted. Hercules is resting after his fatigues. But in order not to make things too formal, Bro. Pearce proposed that, as Bro. J. Lewis Thomas had been so instrumental in the success of the lodge, the clothing of the Grand Lodge should be presented to him in recognition of his services. Any one knowing the esteem in which Bro. Thomas is held in the lodge will not be surprised to hear that the proposal found an able seconder in Bro. P.M. Reginald Mount, and that it was supported by Bro. P.M. Frederick West, Bro. P.M. Oliver, and other members, and that after a very pretty sprinkling of compliments the members unanimously decided to record U cyent as an

established fact. After voting money for Masonic Charities, the members adjourned to a repast in the Freemasons' Tavern, when the M.W.M., Bro. Robert Payne, presiding at the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which was vociferously responded to. The next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," which having been replied to, was followed by the old-fashioned selection "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," a toast which is always received with enthusiasm by this lodge. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas in the course of the evening, in reply to a toast, said that many of the brave fellows now fighting in South Africa were good Masons. His own son, as soon as he saw the recent painful news from Zululand, insisted on going out, gave up his business, equipped himself, and would be one of the first arrivals, having gone out in the Dublin Castle. After spending a very agreeable evening the members separated before the "witching hour of night."

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The members of this prosperous lodge met in good numbers at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Org. of Middlesex, W.M. (Freemason); Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; Page, P.G.S., &c., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; G. Everett, P.M., acting I.P.M., in the absence through indisposition of Bro. Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Robinson, I.G.; F. Honeywell, P.M.; Dobbie, Org.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Fown and initiated Mr. Cockburn. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were, Bros. D. Dewar, P.M. 1415, &c.; Goodall, 33; Cox, 1314. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." followed, which toast was proposed by Bro. Everett in very flattering terms. The W.M. having responded, then gave "The Initiate." Bro. Cockburn, in reply, briefly said that he was deeply impressed with what he had seen and heard that evening, and also expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kindness in having allowed him to come among them. The toast of "The Visitors" came next in order, and having been received most warmly, Bro. Dewar responded by thanking the brethren for the very hospitable manner in which he had been received on that his first visit to the Kennington Lodge. He likewise expressed himself satisfied with the "working" of the lodge. His connection with the side grades of Freemasonry had been mentioned, but he wished to state that, however pleased he was with these outside degrees, yet as he believed that the foundation of all Masonry was the Craft, he was always most gratified when participating in the work of the beautiful ceremonies of the latter degree. Bro. Goodall briefly said that he was exceedingly satisfied with the "working." His visit had been in every way agreeable to him. He had visited many lodges, but he could honestly say that he had never seen the degrees of the Craft better carried out by all hands than they had been performed by the officers of the Kennington Lodge that evening. Bro. Cox also endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. "The Past Masters" followed, and gave each of the members of that distinguished body an opportunity of saying a few words in response to the very warm and hearty manner in which the toast was received by the brethren. In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. took occasion to express his great obligations to Bros. Page and Stuart for the assistance that they had personally rendered him at the commencement of his year of office, and which kindness he hoped would continue to its end. Bro. Page, the Treasurer, in reply, expressed himself highly satisfied with the financial position of the lodge, which had enabled him to sanction the voting of ten guineas to the respective funds of the R.M.B.I. and the R.M.I. for Girls. (Hear.) The latter institution would be represented by Bro. Higgins, P.M., and he hoped that he would be well supported. Bro. Stuart having briefly replied, the toast of "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion. During the evening Bros. Honeywell, Cox, and others musically entertained the brethren.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. J. J. Joseph, W.M.; J. Hiscox, jun., S.W.; J. T. Pilditch, J.W.; J. Sinclair, S.D.; W. W. Young, J.D.; J. W. Hiscox, Sec.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Radford, I.G.; and Dr. J. Oakman, Dr. W. H. Kempster, A. Southam, T. Harrap, Goaden, A. A. Correllis, H. Hill, Cooch, Kendall, Kenneby, Wilkinson, Harford, and P. V. Denham, visitor from the Wandsworth Lodge, 1044. Bro. A. A. Correllis was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who afterwards complimented Bro. Correllis on the proficiency he had attained for so young a man. Bro. J. W. Hiscox, P.M., delivered the charge in a way which called forth the admiration of the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be paid from the lodge funds to the Girls' School, and also a like amount to the Boys' School. At the conclusion of the lodge business refreshment was provided in the form of a capital supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. For that of "The Visitors," Bro. P. V. Denham replied, and thanked the brethren for the kindly welcome he had received from the Earl Spencer Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present, Bros. Col. Creaton, W.M.; H. J. Johnson, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; J. Nielson, S.D.; J. W. Buck, J.D.; J. J. Cattle, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; R. G. Shute, D.C.; W. Carrington, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; and W. Williams, Steward. Members: R. M. Rogers, T. Matthews, and David Ferguson. After the lodge was opened the Secretary read the minutes of the consecration meeting, which were confirmed. The following brethren were then balloted for as joining members of the lodge, and were all unanimously elected:—Bros. Wm. Carrington, 1314; R. G. Shute, 511; E. Thurkle, P.M. 1257; Wm. Williams, 173; D. Ferguson, 173; James Kift, 749; T. T. Matthews, 1624; W. Mardon, 205; and G. Slingsby, 1624. The ballot was next taken for Mr. A. Wolter and Mr. R. H. Rogers, and having proved unanimous in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the secrets and privileges of the Order. This being the only business before the lodge, it was formally closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where they sat down to an excellent supper, over which the W.M. presided. The visitors present were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.S.; John Finch, W.M. 173; James Browning, 1328; T. W. Cooper, S.W. 338; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; C. Taylor, D.C. 1624; W. E. Moorman, 1624; S. Ward, 186; H. W. Davie, 173; John H. Horsey, 186; J. B. Colvill, 173; Geo. Edwards, 157; W. C. Smith, 1561; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (Freemason). The cloth having been removed, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts followed. In proposing "The Health of the Queen" the Worshipful Master said this toast was one which on all occasions when Englishmen met, especially Freemasons, was received with great enthusiasm. He was sure that Her Majesty had been very much gratified that day at the happy and important event which had taken place at Windsor, but he was also convinced that none of her subjects more cordially congratulated her on the union between her third son and the Princess Louise of Prussia than did the Freemasons of England. "The National Anthem" having been sung, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was proposed, and honoured with the usual enthusiasm, Bro. Cattle, whom we have never heard in better voice, singing in fine style, "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was "The Health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Those who were in Grand Lodge on the previous week could all testify that the Pro G.M., when it fell to his lot to preside, did so with the greatest ability and judgment. The same might be said of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, whose *bonhomie* and Masonic utility had earned for him the high esteem of all Freemasons. Indeed, the whole of the Grand Officers were a body of men who deserved the greatest honour that the brethren could bestow upon them. (Hear, hear.) He was happy to say they were that night honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer who had greatly distinguished himself in India—Bro. Sandeman. He had presided over the district of Bengal with great ability and credit to himself, and satisfaction to those among whom it had fallen to his lot to reside. They had also Bro. Cottebrune, who had done good suit and service to the Craft, and whose good qualities were known to them all, and he begged to couple with the toast the names of these two honoured brethren. Bro. Sandeman, in acknowledging the toast, said that, like all the customary toasts in connection with Freemasonry, that of the Grand Officers, thanks to the courtesy of the brethren in all well-regulated lodges, was invariably received with consideration and kindness. He would not dare to controvert any word that the W.M. had said in praise of the Grand Officers, for he was inclined to think that the depreciation of one self frequently was—at any rate it might be, and not seldom was—construed to be an actual magnifying of one's own office. On his own behalf, while he thanked the brethren for the generous hospitality they had extended to him and his esteemed brother on his right as Grand Officers, he would like to take that opportunity of congratulating the W.M., in the presence of the brethren of the Creaton Lodge, upon his having been called on to rule over a lodge bearing his own name. (Hear, hear.) The long, steady, disinterested, and unobtrusive services which the W.M. had rendered to Freemasonry were fitly acknowledged at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. But he felt persuaded that it must be an additional source of gratification to him to feel that his name, which was a household word amongst the Craft, had a good chance of being permanently recorded in connection with this lodge. He would conclude with the expression of the sincere and hearty wish that the Creaton Lodge might continue to prosper long after the grave had closed upon them, upon their children, and their children's children, so that in the long and distant future the Grand Lodge of England might retain a pleasing recollection of the name of one who during a lifetime of usefulness had been an honour and an ornament to the Masonic brotherhood. (Cheers.) As one of the founders and acting Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Cattle said he had been entrusted with the gavel of the W.M., and the brethren no doubt well knew for what purpose he temporarily held it. It was to propose "The Health of the W.M." The Creaton Lodge was as yet only in its infancy; in fact, to use a homely simile, in its swaddling clothes. (Laughter.) It was just about a month since it was born, but from what the brethren had seen that evening it was gradually beginning to gain strength, and to push the figure a little further, would soon be able to run alone. (Renewed laughter.) They had that evening received nine joining members and two initiates (hear, hear), and had it not been for a family bereavement, which precluded him from

being present, they would have had a third. From the exhibition they had all had of the working of the lodge on that occasion he felt sure that the brethren were very pleased indeed to have such a Master to preside over them as Bro. Creaton. (Hear, hear.) He had been known for many years in connection with Freemasonry, in everything where stern duty was required. They had only to appeal to the officers presiding over any of the Charities to know how hardworking a Mason their W.M. had been, and he felt certain he was expressing the opinion of all the brethren when he said they would always consider his presence as a ruling spirit amongst them, and hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would long give him health and strength to be amongst them. The W.M. felt at a loss to know how to return thanks after all the kind things that had been said about him. He could assure the brethren that he esteemed it a very great compliment to have been selected to be their first Master, and, while thanking them for their kindness, he ventured to assure them that as long as he lived he would endeavour to merit it by attention to his duties as W.M., and after he ceased to hold office by his constant attendance at and interest in the lodge which bore his humble name. (Hear, hear.) He had done all that he could during his connection with the brotherhood to advance the Charities, and he was vain enough to believe that he had done a little good in that direction, and as long as the Great Architect of the Universe spared him he would lose no opportunity to continue to do what he could for the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) "The Initiates" having been proposed and duly honoured, "The Visitors" followed, and was briefly and appropriately acknowledged by Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P., and John Finch, W.M. 173, both of whom took occasion to congratulate the members of the Creaton Lodge on the large accession of brethren to their lodge that evening. The remaining toasts, "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Officers," and "To all poor and distressed Masons," having been drunk the meeting broke up. During the evening Bros. Kift and Cattle enlivened the proceedings with some fine singing, and Bro. Levy gave a few of his theatrical imitations, much to the amusement of the company.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. J. Roberts occupying the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, viz.:—Bros. G. T. Mullock, S.W.; W. Bagnall, J.W.; J. C. Hind, Treas., P.M.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; H. T. Robberds, Org., P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, J.D.; C. Duckworth, I.G.; R. A. Eldershaw, I.P.M.; J. Battye, P.M.; W. Aldred, P.M.; and J. Sly, Tyler. There was a fair sprinkling of members present and a few visitors. This lodge, which musters some sixty or seventy members, was at one time the strongest in the province, so much so that it was found necessary and advisable to break off some branches from the parent tree, and form them into other lodges; and we believe that the Faith, Strangeways, Yarborough, Shakespeare, Robert Burns, Alexandra, and De Grey and Ripon Lodges have all sprang from the Caledonian. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Cliffe was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers, after which Bros. Henry Paulden and Benj. Taylor were respectively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in the first case by the W.M. and in the second by Bro. J. Battye, P.M., who also presented the working tools, and delivered the charge to both the newly raised brethren, in a most efficient manner. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when a proposition was made by Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Battye, P.M., that the sum of two guineas be given to the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, which was unanimously carried. This being all the business the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very excellent supper was served, to which 29 sat down. The cloth being cleared and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts responded to. "The Healths of Bros. Paulden and Taylor," the newly raised brethren, were proposed and drank with enthusiasm. Bro. Taylor responded in a very flowing and eloquent speech, in which he thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and Bro. Paulden for the honour conferred on them by the Caledonian Lodge in enrolling them among its members, and trusted they might long be spared to render Freemasonry all the assistance in their power. Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," which were duly responded to, and with some singing, to which Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.M., rendered valuable assistance, this very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 10.30.

ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 298).—The regular monthly meeting of this exceedingly well worked lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, on the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. R. Grey, assisted by his Wardens and officers, an unusual number of members, and several visiting Past Masters, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The lodge was opened in the Second degree, when Bro. Robinson claimed preferment, and having sustained his claim, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair, which he did, and raised Bro. Robinson in ample form. The lodge was lowered, the further business transacted, and finally closed in harmony.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—In the large Masonic Hall, John-street, which is handsome, furnished and artistically decorated with Masonic emblem,

the brethren of this lodge assembled on Monday last. The W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, P.P.G.J.W. Yorks, N. and E. Ridings, opened the lodge with solemn form at 7.30, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. S. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Major W. H. Marwood, P.M.; T. N. Marwood, P.M.; H. Hallgate, P.M.; F. Thornton, S.W.; G. H. Crowther, J.W.; John H. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Dale, Sec.; W. E. Wolsey, S.D.; George Farrow, J.D.; J. T. Thornton, I.G.; T. H. Trueman and Thomas Harland, Stewards; Capt. W. Sanderson, J. H. Breckon, W. Pattison, R. Johnson, W. Turner, J. Brooks, T. Bolton, J. Andrew, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The lodge was opened in the several degrees, the business of the evening consisting in the initiation of Mr. John Brand. This ceremony was performed by the W.M. in so perfect a manner as to elicit unanimous praise from the Past Masters and admiration from the brethren. The W.M. was ably assisted by his officers, especial praise being due to Bro. Farrow, the Junior Deacon. After the closing of the lodge the brethren partook of refreshment, during which the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. H. Hallgate replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. John Brand that of "The Initiate," and Bro. Kelly "The Visitors" and "The Press," proposed, in very complimentary terms, by Bro. John Stevenson, the W.M. This veteran brother has served the office of W.M. to the lodge four years. In the lodge-room is a tablet, upon which is inscribed the names of each Master since the year 1797, from which we learn that Bro. Stevenson was in the chair in the years 1850 and 1851, and again in 1878, at the expiration of which he was unanimously re-elected. The brethren separated at an early hour, after spending an enjoyable evening. On Friday next, the 28th inst., the members of this lodge purpose holding a conversation in their well proportioned and commodious hall. Each member may invite two friends. The entertainment will consist of two parts—the first musical, the second miscellaneous. Half an hour will be spent between the parts around the social board and in the inspection of various articles of interest lent by the brethren. The musical arrangements are in the hands of Bro. H. Hallgate, who has been fortunate in securing the valuable aid of Bro. Padel, of York, the eminent pianist. The general arrangements are under the control of the W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, Bro. T. N. Marwood, P.M., and the Senior Warden, Bro. F. Thornton. A very pleasant evening is anticipated.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4.30, for the purpose of initiating into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. John Lawton, who was proposed by Bro. Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Bro. John Roger Lever, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; J. Halliday, J.W.; Jno. Smethurst, Treas.; John Church, Sec.; Ezra John, I.G.; Wilson, Steward; and J. Sly, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; Dawson, P.M.; Albert Brenner, and several other brethren. Visitors: F. Stanislaus, 1633; J. Wainwright, 1609; C. H. Stevenson, H. Hallam, jun., John Cavanah, P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire, and others. The minutes of the last lodge night having been read and confirmed, Mr. John Lawton was duly balloted for, and unanimously elected a member, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most praiseworthy manner. Bro. Dawson, P.M., then delivered the E.A. Charge to the candidate in a highly commendable style, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Candidate, Bro. Lawton," which was received and drank with acclamation and true Masonic "fire." Bro. Lawton, in a short but telling speech, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by electing him a member of the Affability, and further stated it to be his earnest desire to continue advancing up the ladder of Freemasonry, and stepping over the different degrees until he should be able to be on a par with some of the great workers whose portraits adorned the walls around the room. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said he felt proud to see an array of talent around him, as it was not often that the lodge was honoured with the presence of so many of the dramatic profession, and it simply manifested the high esteem in which Bro. Lawton was held, to see around him such a goodly number of brethren who had assembled to witness the ceremony of his initiation. He was quite sure the brethren would coincide with him in requesting that, instead of the usual verbal response to the toast of "The Visitors," some of them would reply by obliging them with a song, and he therefore called upon Bro. H. Hallam, jun., of the True Friendship Lodge, Calcutta, to favour them with a specimen of his vocal abilities. Bro. Hallam, who has a very sweet tenor voice, sang "Molly Bawn, why leave me pining?" with great taste and feeling, and called forth the admiration of all present, after which Bro. J. Wainwright gave a reading from Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in a highly creditable manner, and then followed a humorous song, given by Bro. C. H. Stevenson, entitled "Gee Ho, Dobbins," and which, by reason of the intensely comic manner in which it was sung, produced shouts of laughter. Bro. Albert Brenner, who was labouring under a slight hoarseness, sang "Good Bye, Sweetheart, Good Bye," with great pathos, and called forth the warmest applause; and, lastly, the W.M., Bro. J. L. Lever, by desire, gave "The Low backed Car" in his inimitable style, which song concluded one of the most pleasant meetings of this lodge.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Pump Room, The Parade, Tunbridge Wells. The rooms at this establishment are admirably suited for the convenience of the brethren, there being every accommodation for lodge business, and no lack of space. There is a most commodious preparing and clothing room, and the lodge room, which is nearly square, is large enough to hold what in London would be considered a crowded lodge. The lodge has been furnished with very handsome and substantial oak furniture, every detail of which has been most studiously considered and most effectively worked out. A tessellated carpet covers the floor, and two dozen substantial oak chairs with leather seats, including half-a-dozen arm chairs for the Past Masters, are ranged on two sides of the room. Special chairs of oak are provided for the Master, I.P.M., Treasurer, Wardens, and Secretary, surmounting each being the jewel in gift of the officer whose chair it is. For these chairs there is also a dais, so that the principal officers of the lodge are seated higher than the other brethren. The pedestals also have the jewels of their respective officers in front, and the panels are surrounded with a banding of black. The Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian columns are placed at a short distance from the pedestals, so that no inconvenience is experienced in the introduction of candidates to the officers in the different degrees. The perfect ashlar, which is very heavy, is of polished marble of beautiful workmanship, and depends from sheer legs of some five feet high. All the other furniture is in keeping, and affords altogether a fine example of what can be done in furnishing a lodge to make Masonic ceremonies impressive to those who join the Order, and probably in no lodge could the paraphernalia create a greater impression than in the Holmesdale Lodge. The brethren assembled at half-past two, and at the time mentioned in the summons the lodge was opened by Bro. William Beadell Bacon, W.M. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M.; H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; J. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; J. F. Bates, Sec.; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treas.; P.M.'s Roper, Beckley, Read, W. Delves; Bros. Satchell, M. Williams, Ramsbotham, Boorman, Grabam, Whitehead, Holt, Dowden, Durrant, Lord George Pratt, J. K. Pain, S. Cheale, Dickinson, Rule, Lord Nevill. Visitors: Bros. Greig, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, J. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1050; J. M. Cuthbert, P.M. 540; W. Stephens, P.M. 1505 and 1489; Thos Kingston, P.M. 862 and W.M. 1612; J. Brothers, P.M. 709; J. Hughes Hallett, P.M. 709, P.P.G.R.; W. Demes, P.M. 341, P.P.G.R. Sussex; R. Carnell, 1414; T. G. Wilkinson, 1449; — Whitehead, Bagshaw Lodge; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the adoption of the Auditors' report, which was read and moved by the Treasurer, Lord George Montacute Nevill and Bro. William Dickinson, of 1678, were elected members of the lodge, after which, on the motion of Bro. J. Read, P.M., seconded by the Treasurer, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Bacon. The W.M. then installed Bro. H. D. M. Williams, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, performing all the work in first-class style. The officers invested were Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; W. S. Elers, Treasurer; J. F. Bates, Secretary, — Boorman, Organist; J. Dunkley, S.D.; J. Waterman, J.D.; — Cheale I.G.; R. Delves, M.C.; C. Graham, A.M.C. After the delivery of the charges, the new W.M. informed the brethren that Bro. Pelton had presented the lodge with a fine portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., framed and glazed, whereupon the portrait was placed upon the wall, and the W.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Pelton for the handsome present. In proposing the vote the W.M. said the brethren were very much pleased at the gift, and they would like to see the lodge-room adorned with other portraits. Probably the example set by Bro. Pelton might induce other brethren to make similar presents, and for his own part he would like to see portraits of the Past Masters of the lodge on the walls, as a memento of their connection with the lodge. The Treasurer seconded the motion, and said it was very kind and thoughtful of Bro. Pelton to make such a present. Every brother of the lodge would appreciate it. The W.M. then closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Calverley Hotel, where a charming banquet was in readiness for them. When this had been disposed of and grace said, the usual toasts were proposed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy G.M., &c.," had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent, the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, the Prov. G.S.W., and other Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." To this toast Bro. Hallett, P. Prov. G. Reg. Kent, responded, and said he hardly knew why his humble name should have been associated with this toast, stranger as he was in that immediate neighbourhood, although he was not a stranger in the county of Kent, where his name was pretty well known. Still, for the honour the W.M. and brethren had been pleased to pay him along with the Prov. G. Master and other Prov. G. Officers, he returned his most sincere thanks. He was sure when he reported to them the compliment that had been passed on them they would be highly gratified. He exceedingly regretted that his old friend the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, was not present, because that esteemed brother would have responded more ably than he. Bro. Read, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Bacon," said the brethren would all agree with him that to propose that toast in suitable terms was a very arduous duty. Bro. Bacon must have paid great attention to the task of learning the ceremony to have been able to install the present W.M. with the great fluency and ability that the

brethren had witnessed. It was the general opinion of the brethren that the manner of his performance did him great credit. It was the custom in the Holmesdale Lodge for the outgoing W.M. to install his successor, and Bro. Bacon had determined to maintain the old character of the lodge, by not breaking this rule. The exertion he had thrown into his task was most commendable, and the lodge would never forget that he had well and worthily wound up a most successful Mastership by performing unaided the ceremony of installation. Bro. Bacon, I.P.M., in reply, simply said that he was highly gratified that his conduct of the ceremony of installation had met with the approval of the brethren. Bro. Bacon then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams." He said that Bro. Williams was a worthy occupant of the high and distinguished position to which the brethren had elected him, and the brethren who were members of the Holmesdale Lodge were well acquainted with the manner in which he had performed the duties of all the other offices which he had filled year by year. He felt confident that Bro. Williams's year of Mastership would be a very successful one, and in his endeavour to make it so all the brethren would afford their most cordial assistance. The W.M., in reply, said that, coming newly to the chair of the lodge, he felt very much as Moses, of old, felt when he had to address an important message to the Israelites, that he was slow of speech and of a slow tongue, and that he could not declare himself without the fluency of his brother Aaron. The Past Masters of the lodge, however, were to him what Aaron was to Moses. Although not fluent of speech, he could assure the brethren that with the able assistance of the officers of the lodge, and the Past Masters, and other brethren he would try to make the lodge successful. If the brethren would be punctual in their attendance, and work with Masonic heartiness both in and out of lodge, they would show to the world that Masonry was not a name only but a reality. There was a sort of kindred nature between Masonry and that old Book on which he had that day laid his hands and made a declaration, and if the brethren took what was said in that Book as a guide, and acted up to the different obligations they contracted in the various degrees through which they had passed, they would become not only good Masons, but good citizens of England and good citizens of the world. Passing on to the obligations of the different degrees, and recounting in brief the principles that were recited, he adjured the brethren to maintain those principles in their daily walk in life, and they would never regret the day when they entered so high and holy an Order as the ancient Craft to which they belonged. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Holmesdale Lodge," coupling with it more particularly the name of Bro. Roper, P.M., whose services to the lodge were well known. Bro. Roper, in reply, said the W.M. had spoken very highly of him, and had called upon the brethren to assist him in keeping the lodge in its present proud position. The brethren resident in the town of Tunbridge Wells had greater facilities for responding to this call than those who did not live in the town, and he was sure that their zeal and loyalty to the noble and ancient Craft would not decay, but that they would answer the W.M.'s request to support him on every occasion. For the honour conferred upon him and the other Past Masters by drinking this toast he, with them, felt deeply grateful. It happened that he was the senior P.M., and, therefore, the duty of responding fell upon him of thanking the brethren for the compliment. Now that the lodge was so admirably housed, when he thought how much they were indebted to those members of the lodge who had taken a leading part in arranging for the new lodge-room and its splendid fittings, he could not help considering that they had done great service, and had assisted in placing the Holmesdale Lodge in the fore-front among the lodges of England in point of accommodation. The Past Masters were abundantly grateful to those who had more recently had the conduct of the affairs of the lodge, and the very least that they (the Past Masters, whose time was rather passing, by the way,) could do was to continue that support which Providence enabled them to render. Bro. Wilmot, P.M., also responded. As the partner in business of the W.M., he congratulated the lodge on having chosen such a chief. He was sure the brethren would never regret the choice they had made in electing him as Master of the Holmesdale Lodge. With regard to the lodge, he supposed he had been called upon to reply because he had taken some little interest in placing the lodge in its present position; but there had been many, many brethren who had come to the front more than he. Being less acquainted with public speaking than he, he supposed was the reason they had chosen him as their mouthpiece. They had succeeded in placing Masonry on a solid basis in Kent, and had shown that they venerated it, and did not choose to have it desecrated by tavern adjuncts. They had shown that they could have a lodge set apart and consecrated to Masonry, because they had among them many men who looked above the mere eating and drinking, which were supposed by the outer world to be the connections of Freemasonry. The P.M.'s had done the very best they could to promote the benefit of the Craft, and he only hoped that in the future (he said this in the presence of many Provincial Grand Officers) when Grand Lodge granted warrants for the formation of new lodges they would look to the places where those lodges were proposed to be held. In his opinion not half enough attention was paid to this point. Sometimes they would find lodges held in a place where there was such small accommodation that the preparing room was formed by a curtain being drawn across a staircase. This he did not approve of, and he thought it was the duty of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers to see to it that all lodges in the province, or proposed to be erected in the province, could be decently and properly tyled. Thanking the brethren again on behalf of the P.M.'s, he remembered that he had taken

great interest in the Holmesdale Lodge ever since he had been connected with it. He trusted he should always continue to do so, but he felt there were brethren who had more work in them than there was left in him, and he hoped they would exert themselves in that respect. Bro. Bickley, P.M., also responded, and said the brethren were all deeply indebted to Bro. Wilmot for the exertions he had made, and which had been crowned with such success. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers, Present and Past, of the Holmesdale Lodge," whose working at present and in the past was all that could be desired. With reference to Lord Pratt, he reminded the brethren that his lordship was about to be married, and he congratulated him on that event. Lord George Pratt thanked the W.M. for his kind allusion, and hoped his life in the future would be a happy one. Bro. Hodgkin, S.W., likewise replied. The lodge was to be congratulated on the Masters it had had. To Bro. Wilmot's services it was deeply indebted, for undoubtedly they had been very great. The I.P.M., Bro. Bacon, had laid the lodge under deep obligations by his excellent working during the past year, which had culminated in his admirable performance of the installation ceremony that evening. It must have been a great pleasure to the brethren and the visitors, as it was to him, to witness the way in which that long and difficult ceremony was rendered. Bro. Williams, the W.M., had filled other offices in the lodge, and if he performed the office of Master with the same ability there could be no question of the lodge having a successful year. Bro. Burton also replied. Bro. Hudson, P.P.G.R., replied to the toast of "The Visitors." It was a great honour, he said, to him to have to respond for such a distinguished body of visitors as those he saw around him. He had done himself the honour of travelling from town to be present at this meeting, and he took it that it was the sentiment each and every one of the visitors entertained that they came because they wished to honour Masonry, that grand tradition which each of them like their forefathers was most interested in preserving. He believed that at no period of the world's history were those accessories which bound heart to heart and man to man more necessary to society than at present, and if they could dive into the past or look forward to the future, they would be able, no doubt, more fully to appreciate that fact. Masonry had done much to cement the fabric which we called society into one harmonious whole. There was a bond far higher than Masonry, he admitted, but Masonry was based upon it, and it was that bond which Masonry seemed to perpetuate and make acceptable to the mind of man. Therefore, they honoured Masonry. It had a kindly instinct about it. It was levelling, perhaps, and brought together people as friends who were not friends before. In lodge even titles for the moment disappeared, and place was given to the kindlier and grander instinct of brotherhood. Hence it was that titled and untitled men got a grip of each other's hands when other ties had failed to unite them; therefore it was, he said, that Masonry had a kindly feeling. Engaged, as he said, in London business, he had lately come down into the neighbourhood, where he would not, perhaps, have met many gentlemen who were sporting, shooting, and engaged in country exercises, and would not have known them if it had not been for Masonry. Masonry gave him the opportunity of meeting many excellent men, and he thanked Masonry for it. He hoped it would be cherished in the locality, and that many times he might have the opportunity of meeting the brethren again around the hospitable board. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Boorman and Bates, and Tennyson's "Godiva" was recited by Bro. Dawes.

SCARBOROUGH.—Denison Lodge (No. 1248).—The first meeting of the members of this lodge, since the installation, was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Grand Hotel. Bro. J. Ivor Murray, P.P.G.S.D. China, occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Foster, P.M.; Kitchen, P.M.; F. W. Booty, S.W.; G. O. Crowther, J.W.; G. Padley, Sec.; H. J. Motton, S.D.; John Davidson, J.D.; A. Parkinson, I.G.; and J. Verity, Tyler. Bros. S. W. Fisher, G. B. Holmes, James Townsend, and H. Wellburn. Visitors: W. Peacock, P.M. 200; T. Cooper, 697 (Ireland); J. Knaggs, 200; F. A. Kelly (Freemason); W. Fraser, 200; W. G. Smyth, 712; and George Dixon, 1166. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Leesome Walker was examined, and having satisfied the lodge, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Leesome Walker was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. Ivor Murray. Bro. Murray is a very old Past Master, and has initiated upwards of seventy gentlemen into Freemasonry. Several small matters of business were then disposed of, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary toasts were given and duly responded to.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The new Masonic Hall was opened on Wednesday, the 12th inst., on the occasion of the annual installation meeting of the above lodge. A Craft lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M. (Bro. J. Rains, M.D.), supported by his officers and a large gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; Chas. McBride, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Leicestershire; J. Battye, P.M. 204; J. Studd, 63; A. H. Sykes, 369; H. A. Gilbody, W.M. 1045; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645; G. F. Freeman, P.M. 1055; E. Orrill, 204; H. Hunter, W.M. 1088; J. Laidlaw, P.M. 1375; G. Bradbury, P.M. 78; W. E. Nor-

burn, John Turner, W.M. 268; and F. Vetter, 815. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Squirrel, and proving in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., after which Bro. J. Crompton, P.M., installed the W.M. elect (Bro. James G. Batty) in the chair of K.S., who, after having been properly saluted and proclaimed in the various degrees, appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, who were invested by Bro. Crompton:—Bros. R. Davies, S.W.; E. Brundritt, J.W.; Rev. H. B. Jones, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. Marshall, Treas.; D. Williams, Sec.; John Dewhurst, S.D.; A. D. Edwards, J.D.; T. Schofield, P.M., D. of C.; W. Norbury, Org.; J. J. Lambert, I.G.; J. Addy, A. Love, R. Fowler, W. H. Acton, Stewards; W. Chesshyre, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered very impressively by Bro. Schofield, P.M. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Bro. Crompton, by command of the newly-installed W.M., presented a beautiful jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. Rains), after which the W.M., in a very eloquent and appropriate speech, presented to Bro. R. Davies, S.W., a handsomely chased silver salver, as a slight acknowledgment of the generous services rendered to the lodge and chapter by allowing them to assemble in his school-rooms and storing the furniture, &c., during the building of the new hall. The salver bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. and Comp. R. Davies by the members of the Chorlton Lodge and Chapter, 1387, as a token of their sincere regard, 12th March, 1879." Bro. Davies thanked the brethren in suitable terms. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and an adjournment was made to the Lloyd Hotel, where a recherche banquet was prepared by the hostess. The W.M. presided, and about fifty members honoured him with their presence. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were very ably proposed, and the toast of the evening, "The W.M.," as well as those of "The Past Masters," "Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors," &c., were enthusiastically received, and heartily responded to. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Vetter. Miss Crabtree (daughter of the hostess) completely charmed all present with her beautiful voice and very ably rendered pianoforte solo. Bro. R. Fowler was equally successful as a flautist, and the popular Masonic quartet party, consisting of Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M. 317; M. Thomas, W.M. 350; C. Stanley, 204; and T. Shorrock, P.M. 350, sang some glees and trios, notably "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," in a manner that called forth well-deserved applause, and in some cases encores were insisted upon. Several other brethren took part in the vocal music, which enhanced the pleasures of the evening.

CUCKFIELD.—Ockenden Lodge (No. 1465).—Following out his announced intention of officially visiting periodically each lodge in the province of Sussex, Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. (Provincial Grand Master), attended the above lodge, at the Talbot Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. He was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. John Henderson Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. Sergison, S.G.W.; J. St. Clair, J.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, G. Sec.; W. Hale, G.S.D.; Mark Tanner, G.J.D.; C. Tomkinson, G. Supt. of Works; J. M. Kidd, G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, G.A.D.C.; Jos. Farncombe, G.S.B.; W. T. Nell, G. Purst.; G. S. Evershed, E. Bright, F. J. Rubie, and A. J. Hawkes, G. Stewards. The occasion was the annual installation, Bro. S. W. D. Williams, M.D. (medical superintendent Sussex County Lunatic Asylum), having been unanimously selected by the lodge for this important position. He was duly installed according to ancient custom, but in consequence of a severe domestic affliction to the family of the outgoing Master (Bro. T. S. Byass) the ceremony was kindly undertaken by his immediate Past Master. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Byass of a valuable Past Master's jewel for the efficient discharge of the duties of his office during the past twelve months. Bro. Dr. Williams having appointed his officers the ceremony was continued with the assistance of the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Secretary. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together in the assembly-room, which important part of the day's proceedings was very admirably arranged and carried out. Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, were the caterers, and their reputation is a sufficient guarantee that the banquet was well served. Bro. Dumsday supplied the wines and superintended the general arrangements very efficiently. Among those present at the dinner other than those already mentioned were Bros. Kuhe, P.G.O. England; W. H. German, P.P.G.S.D.; W. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Steward Eng.; J. P. Smith, D.P.G.M.; C. Sandeman, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Devin, P.P.G.O.; W. Read, P.G. Purst.; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; J. Eberell, P.M. 1636; T. Wilkinson, W.M. 271; A. Taylor, W.M. 1110; T. U. Price, W.M. Howard; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; E. Broadbridge, F. Marks, J. Sayers, St. Cecilia; S. H. Soper, Royal Brunswick; C. E. Saunders, St. Albans; C. Golding, York; C. Sawyer, Sackville; Robertson, M.D.; R. C. Williams, J. S. Champion, John Gallop, C. F. Lewis, F. W. Otter, W. H. W. R. Burrell, C. Braid, E. Dumsday, F. Milsom, W.M. 341, and others. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been enthusiastically received, the newly-elected W.M. (Dr. Williams) gave "The Health of Bro. Sir Walter Burrell." In doing so he referred to the important positions which the hon. baronet held in the county, not only as their Provincial Grand Master but in the discharge of many other and important duties. In each of these he displayed a judgment and large-heartedness which especially commended him to all with whom he was brought in contact. Personally he had to thank him for many kindnesses, and he took that opportunity to do so publicly. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, referred to the high compliment which had been paid him by the proposer. As to

any services which the W.M. might consider had been rendered by him he had only done it in the discharge of a public duty. That he was right in his judgment at the time was shown by experience since. Having taken some interest in the formation of the Ockenden Lodge, Bro. Sir Walter Burrell said he naturally watched its growth with satisfaction. The real merit of the establishment of the lodge, some five years ago, was, however, due to their late Deputy G.M. (Bro. Furner). Bro. Sergison gave "The Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." In a humorous speech, he said the members of the Ockenden Lodge looked upon Bro. Scott as their "nursing mother;" he having been of very great assistance to them in the early days of its existence. Bro. Scott replied by saying that it was to the day five years ago that the Ockenden Lodge was consecrated, and said it was a pleasure to find that the officers were now sufficiently skilled in their duties to perform the ordinary ceremonies without extraneous aid. In their new Master they had one who was thoroughly proficient, and he had little doubt he would become a shining light in Masonry in the province. In responding to the toast of his health as Master of the lodge, Bro. Williams said he fully appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him, and he should spare no effort to carry out the duties of his office efficiently. Bro. J. H. Scott gave "The Past Masters," of whom three were present and the other two unfortunately debarred from attending through the sudden death of one near and dear to them in India. Their grief he felt sure was shared by all present. The Past Masters were the mainstay of a lodge, and the toast of their health was one well worthy of their warmest reception. The toast having been acknowledged, the proceedings terminated about ten o'clock. During the evening Bro. Kuhle favoured the company with a brilliant pianoforte performance, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Broadbridge, Sharpe, Soper, and others. Bro. Devin accompanying. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell has recently presented to the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex a very valuable Damascus sword, with gold-mounted hilt and bearing various Masonic devices. It was used for the first time on Tuesday, and was very much admired.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the regular meeting of this lodge, there was an unusually large muster of members and visitors on the occasion of the presentation of a valuable gold Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, Prov. G.D.C. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who at the close of a neat speech called upon Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., to place the jewel on Bro. Whythead's breast. The recipient of the jewel responded in felicitous terms, and the brethren afterwards met at supper. Amongst the visitors present were, Bros. W. Beanland, P.M.; A. Buckle, W.M. 236; W. C. Lukis, W.M. 837; G. Balmford, P.M. 236; C. Foster, P.M.; J. Church, J. Ward, and several others from neighbouring lodges. An emergency meeting of the same lodge was held last Monday evening, when the W.M. presided, supported by his officers and brethren. Two candidates were initiated, and a pleasant evening was spent. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge a copy of "Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry," and a large coloured lithograph of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, the handsome oak frame for which had been given by Bro. J. Keswick.

RAYLEIGH.—Trinity Lodge (No. 1734).—The first anniversary of this young but flourishing lodge took place at their lodge-room, at the Golden Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at half-past two o'clock. The all-important event of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John Allen, P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of the installation was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Pissey, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, in a faultless manner. Bro. J. Allen, the W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: W. Bros. Wm. Pissey, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W., the I.P.M.; Edwd. Judd, P.M. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex, S.W.; Fredk. J. Wiseman, P.M. 160, J.W.; Bros. Wm. I. Belcham, sen., re-elected Treas.; W. Pissey, Sec.; Francis R. Bernard, S.D.; the Rev. A. F. Heaton, J.D.; Jas. Syer, D.C.; Wm. I. Belcham, jun., I.G.; Chas. T. Witham, re-elected Tyler. There was a good attendance of members, and the visitors present were, Bro. J. C. Johnstone, W.M. 1000; W. Bros. J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160, and 1000, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G.D. Essex, and Sec. 1000; Albert Lucking, P.M. 160, and 1000, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C. Essex; Bro. F. D. Grayson, I.G. 1000. After all business was over, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Mr. Jas. Devenish. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to, songs were given by several of the brethren, and brought to a close a very happy and enjoyable evening. Bro. Wm. Pissey, on his retiring from the chair, was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel by the lodge, he being a founder and the first Worshipful Master.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. There was very little lodge business, and to this, possibly, may be attributed the rather scanty attendance. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; A. N. Newens, S.W.; J. B. Walker, J.W.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; F. W. Wardroper, I.G.; J. Frost, Sec.; H. Wilson, Treas.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; H. C. Frances, P.M.; S. C. Landon, J. Sanders, W. T. Bell, T. Arnison, A. J. Duck, W. A. Blackmore (visitor, Industry Lodge, 1485), P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham (*Mid-Surrey Standard*).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Arnison and Bell were very ably passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. At the conclusion of the supper—which was by subscription, and not provided by encroaching on the lodge funds—several capital songs were given by Bros. Morgan, Duck, A. N. Newens, J. G. Carter, and J. Frost, an inimitable comic. As a parting word of advice, the W.M. exhorted the brethren to attend in good force at the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. W. J. Huntley, S.D., who was prevented from attending by illness.

Royal Arch.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—This distinguished chapter met on Thursday week, at Freemasons' Hall, to exalt Bro. Roberts and to instal the Principals and officers. There was a numerous gathering, among whom we noticed Comps. Sandeman, Rucker, Thomas, Levander, Peters, Trimmer, and many more. Many old members of the chapter were present. M.E. Comp. Erasmus Wilson duly installed Comp. Brodie as Z.; and M.E. Comp. Brodie installed Comp. Middleton as H.; and Comp. Middleton installed Comp. Woodford as J. Among the officers of the chapter were Past Principal Erasmus Wilson, Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas.; Muggeridge, E.; Letchworth, N.; and Capt. Davis, P.S. Many old members of the chapter were present, like Comps. Lieut.-Col. Stewart, Whitehead, Sampson Peate, Wood, and others. After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, at which many excellent speeches were made, and the companions separated at an early hour, sorry that the moment of parting had come from the friendly agreeable, and social circle.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Horns, Kennington. The chapter was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. Durkin, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, H.; E. Dodson, P.Z., acting J.; Foxall, I.P.Z., S.E.; F. Dunn, S.N.; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Strube, 2nd A.S.; R. Potter, Janitor. Comp. Lovett, J., was unable to be present until nearly the end of the ceremony. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Walker, Royal Jubilee Lodge, and Bro. W. Dann, Robert Burns Lodge, which being favourable, those brethren were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with lectures, being given in a very efficient manner. The next business was the presentation of an illuminated testimonial and a gold bar for jewel, as a slight acknowledgment of the services rendered to the chapter by E. Comp. Foxall, who, at the last convocation, left the first chair after two years' service. Comp. Durkin expressed in a suitable manner the feelings of the companions towards Comp. Foxall, and he, in return, expressed his thanks, and stated that his services were always at the disposal of the chapter. Some propositions relative to alterations of bye-laws were withdrawn, and notice of motion given relating to the benevolent fund, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form. The companions present besides the officers were Comps. Boyton, Curry, Murrell, Salter, Thurston, Harris, and others, with visitors E. Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. (Panmure), Geo. Clark (Prudent Brethren), and Kew. At the banquet, which was unusually good, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; the visitors complimenting the M.E.Z. and P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, on the 10th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. The chapter was opened in due form by E. Comps. Robt. Brierley, Z.; John Bowes, H.; Thos. Tunstall, J.; P. J. Edleston, P.Z.; and D. W. Finney, P.Z., when the rest of the companions were admitted, and among them we noticed Comps. Jno. Armstrong, S.E.; Galloway, Treas.; J. R. Young, Potter, Thos. Hutchinson, R. Heaton, Dr. Hall, W. Richardson, Jas. Hannah, Read, C. E. Hindley, Politt, Hawkins, P.Z.; and Domville, Janitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. P. J. Edleston to take the chair as Installing Principal, when Comps. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Thos. Tunstall, J.; and James Jackson, J. elect, were respectively presented and installed as Z., H., and J. for the ensuing year according to ancient custom. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers, viz.:—Comps. P. J. Edleston, P.Z., P.S.; Finney, P.Z., Treas.; Galloway, S.E.; Thos. Sutton, S.N. Comp. Edleston nominated Comps. Pickthall and Hindley as his assistants. The Auditors presented their report, which showed a good balance in favour of the chapter. It was reported that Dr. Evans had two candidates to propose, but professional duties prevented his attendance. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Patten Arms Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Chew. After tea the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The M.E.Z. in response to the toast of his health said he did not wish to disguise from them the fact that he felt proud of the position that they had again elected him to. He was one of the founders of the chapter, the first H., and at the present time the senior member. He hoped that the honour and credit of the chapter would be advanced, even to a higher position than it now enjoyed, during his year of office, and that when the time arrived he should instal his Masonic offspring as his successor to rule over a flourishing and efficient chapter. All the officers were good "workers," and he hoped to see them rise by regular gradations to the position he then had the honour to fill. In proposing "The

P.Z.'s" he spoke very highly of E. Comps. Brierley and Finney, who he said had the good of Royal Arch Masonry at heart. In response to his health, E. Comp. Edleston, Installing Principal, augured well for the chapter under the enlightened rule of the M.E.Z. Other toasts followed, interspersed by excellent songs from Comps. Tunstall, Richardson, Dr. Hall, Brierley, and others, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at nine o'clock.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Swan Hotel on Tuesday evening, March 11th. The M.E.Z. being absent through ill-health, Comp. J. R. Bull, P.Z., occupied the first chair. Comps. Cuthbert, H., and M.E.Z. elect, and Col. W. Stuart, P.Z., filled respectively the second and third chairs. After the opening of the chapter the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. The companions below the rank of 1st Principal having retired, Comp. John Mason Cuthbert was duly installed into the 1st chair, the ceremony being performed by Comp. J. R. Bull. Comp. Jas. Fisher, H. elect, was installed into the 2nd chair. Comp. George Read, P.Z. of the Andrew Chapter, 834, and M.E.Z. elect of Mount Sinai, 19, ably performed the ceremony, assisted by Comp. A. Barfield, P.Z. 19. The installation of Comp. the Rev. W. Tebbs, the J. elect, was unavoidably postponed in consequence of his serious illness. The chairs having been filled, the M.E.Z. invested the following companions with the collars of their offices:—Comps. Capt. Colburne, E.; Billson, N.; Carter, Treas.; Stafford, P.S.; Coombs, 1st Asst. S.; G. Reynolds, Janitor. Comps. Lindsell, 2nd Asst. Soj., and Thody, Org., were unavoidably absent. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a handsome balance to the credit of the chapter, was read and confirmed. The Committee having recommended a reduction in the chapter subscriptions, to commence from next December, the companions unanimously adopted the same. The sum of two guineas was voted to the "Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund," the late Comp. Little having been the Consecration Officer of the chapter, and also one of its honorary members. The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions, to the number of fifteen, sat down to supper, which, although the quality of the viands placed before the companions was good, the quantity, considering the handsome sum paid for a supper, being very unsatisfactory.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance and generally excellent working of the chapter. The chiefs present were, Comps. Henry Jackson, M.E.Z.; John Houlding, H.; Thomas Sammons, J.; and amongst the officers were, Comps. R. H. Evans, I.P.Z., Treasurer; Walter C. Erwin, S.E.; M. Callaghan, S.N.; R. Reader, P.S.; J. Pilling, 1st A.S.; and M. Williamson, Janitor. The private members included Comps. J. McCarthy, Past J.; M. Drake, A. Samuels, P.Z. 477; J. S. Russell, P.Z. 292; R. L. Stockton, and F. Lomerin; and the list of visitors contained the names of Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; J. W. Burgess, H. 1094; J. T. Collow, P.Z. 673, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; and Joseph Wood, Treasurer 249, 1094 (*Freemason*). The chapter was opened in regular form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Fred. J. Pentin, W.M. 1713; the Rev. R. T. Leslie, A.B., J.W. 1713; and W. J. Henderson, 1393, each of whom was duly elected, and as they were in attendance on this occasion they were admitted and exalted in a highly effective manner. After several propositions had been made, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, and during a pleasant evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—At the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge, held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; W. Valentine, S.W.; J. Hollins, J.W.; J. S. Cumberland, M.O.; C. S. Padel, S.O.; G. Garbut, J.O.; W. P. Husband, as S.D.; A. T. B. Furner, J.D.; T. Humphries, as I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler, and a number of members and visitors, successful ballots were taken for several candidates, two joining members, and an honorary member, and Bro. R. War, of the Eboracum Lodge, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. After the close of the lodge there was a good muster at supper, the W.M. presiding, and giving the principal Masonic toasts.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock. Present: Bro. H. Greenwood, W.M.; J. W. Dooley, S.W.; W. H. Acock, J.W.; T. Morris, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W., Treas.; Entwistle, P.P.G.M., Registrar; J. A. Greenhaugh, M.O.; Wm. Cooper, S.O.; J. B. Taylor, S.D.; R. Beckett, J.D.; Thos. Hyson, Tyler; Past Masters Thos. Holme; John Harwood, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Newton, P.P.G. S. of W.; and Bros. E. Morris, B. Pilling, J. Mitchell, B. Topp, R. Irving, J. Walls, N. Nicholson, J. Smith, W. Scholes, W. Bottomley, and Barrett. Visitors: Bros. W. H. J. Jones and W. H. Milligan, Rose and Thistle, 145. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robt. Horridge, W.M. 146, who being approved, was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. John Harwood, P.P.G. J.D. Bros. Entwistle and Newton presented the report of the Auditors on the Treasurer's accounts, which was adopted. The lodge closed at half-past eight.

GIBRALTAR.—Mark Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the Lodge Rooms of Inhabitants, No. 153, at Armstrong's Buildings, on the 13th ult., R.W. Master Bro. James Cunningham presiding, with the following officers:—Bros. J. Conroy, S.W.; B. White, J.W.; E. Bacon, Sec., and acting M.O.; J. King, S.O.; J. Clifton, J.O.; W. Allen, S.D.; O. Latham, J.D.; J. Lyons, I.G.; and Ghio, Tyler. The lodge being opened in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting as well as the cash account having been read, approved, and confirmed, the Secretary read out the business of the evening, which was to advance Bros. G. J. Lane, H. Abrams, T. Lane, and J. W. Scattergood, and to ballot for as a joining member Bro. J. Azopardi, all of Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153. The ballot in all cases being favourable, the above named were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason in a highly creditable manner by Bro. J. Cunningham. The next business was the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, the result of which showed an almost unanimous feeling in favour of Bros. E. J. Barker, as R.W.M.; E. Bacon, as Treasurer; and J. Ghio, as Tyler. Each of these brethren returned thanks, Bro. Barker especially thanking the brethren for the honour bestowed upon him, and stating it was his determination to work the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren at large, and that nothing should be left undone by him to keep the lodge in its present flourishing condition. After some routine business had been transacted, the brethren received their wages, and the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. At the banquet table the W.M., Bro. J. Cunningham, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Advanced Brethren," and also that of "The Newly-elected Officers." He expressed his great satisfaction at the result of the election, and promised to assist the newly-elected W.M. in any matter that would conduce to the welfare of the lodge, and benefit Mark Masonry generally. Bro. Barker responded in a few well chosen sentences, and trusted, with the assistance of the officers, he should be able to give a good account of himself at the end of his year of office. Some capital songs were sung by Bros. Allen, Button, Piner, and others, which wound up a most enjoyable evening.

CROYDON.—Croydon Lodge (No. 189).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 14th inst. Heretofore the lodge has been held at the Greyhound Hotel, but, following the example of many other brethren who prefer a private house, or a Masonic Hall specially devoted to the purpose, the members of this lodge have made arrangements with Bro. Rhodes for the use of his spacious suite of rooms in High-street, where the brethren found every convenience. The lodge and ante-rooms are well appointed, and there is a fine three-manual organ, with nearly forty stops, worked by hydraulic pressure. This welcome addition to the resources of the lodge-room gave the greatest satisfaction to those present. The lodge was opened at six p.m. by Bro. J. Cross, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; Diddie, as J.W.; W. J. Nichols, M.O.; H. W. Brown, S.O.; S. N. Griffiths, J.O.; H. A. Pocock, Secretary; Stampa Lambert, Treas.; Ridge, S.D.; Alfred Pocock, J.D. There were also present the following brethren: V.W. Bros. George Yaxley, L.P.M.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Poore; S. C. Diddie, P.G.J.O.; and others. After Bro. Rhodes had been balloted for and advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M., with full ceremonial by Bros. Stevens, P.M., and Poore, P.M., the chief point of interest in the proceedings was reached, and the Board of Installing Masters having been formed, Bro. J. K. Pitt was led from the chair of S.W. to the chair of W.M., and presented the dispensation from Grand Lodge authorising him to be installed. The brethren below the chair having retired, Bro. Pitt was inducted into the mystic seat of Adoniam, with all the ancient ceremonies, by Bro. Poore, and on the re-admission of the brethren was saluted in due form. The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Cross, P.M.; W. J. Nichols, S.W.; H. W. Brown, J.W.; S. N. Griffiths, M.O.; Ridge, S.O.; Lambert, J.O. and Treas.; H. A. Pocock, R.M. and Sec.; A. Pocock, S.D.; Rhodes, Org. and W.S.; A. Haynes, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Cross, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Rhodes rendered the musical portion of the ceremony with splendid effect on the organ, and by his skill contributed much to the harmony. With a grim sense of humour, and, no doubt, with the special object in view of increasing the lodge funds, the W.M. offered the collar of D.C. to a very eminent P.M., an honorary member of the lodge, who, in all innocence, at once took the bait, and accepted the office, little thinking that by so doing he gave the lodge to understand he was willing to forfeit the privileges of honorary membership and become a subscribing member; it being a well-known Masonic law that an honorary member of a lodge is not eligible to hold office in it. The business having been completed, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in first-rate style by Bro. Mash. The usual toasts were given and received with great warmth of feeling, and the speeches were very wisely tempered with brevity; so that all the brethren who had to return by the train were enabled to remain to the last, when the Tyler's oast brought to an end a very happy meeting. Now that the lodge has entered into the third year of its existence, it is time that the members should get out of the "leading strings," and show that the teachings of the Preceptors have at length enabled all the present officers to master the duties of their respective positions without depending on their honorary members, who have so kindly given their aid and assistance. The fact of the new W.M. hailing from the Macdonald Mark Lodge ought to be a tower of strength, and now that the lodge is so fortunate as to possess a lodge room, with such an accessory as a first-class

organ, we hope it will increase in efficiency as well as numbers.

NORWICH.—Chapter of Perseverance (No. 213).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Rampant Horse Hotel, when nearly fifty companions from every chapter in the province assembled to do honour to this chapter, so justly celebrated for its correct rendering of the beautiful ritual of this degree. The principal companions duly qualified entered the chapter room soon after the appointed hour, 5 o'clock, when the opening ceremony commenced, Comps. James Dunsford, M.E.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, H.; C. H. Capon, J.; after which the rest of the companions were admitted, and the business of the chapter commenced by reading the minutes of the last convocation, which being confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Henry Lamb, P.M. Cabbell Lodge; Berry, also a P.M. of Cabbell Lodge, and James Anderson, of Perseverance Lodge, as a serving companion, which proved unanimous in each case. Bro. Berry being absent, the two candidates were duly examined, prepared, and exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z., Comp. James Dunsford, the whole ceremony being very impressively rendered. Each of the Principals delivered the addresses in a manner which was highly appreciated by the companions present, which included a very large number of visitors. The Principal Sojourner delivered his portion of the ritual in a most impressive manner, evidencing deep and careful study. The election of officers being the next business on the agenda, the choice of the companions was as follows: Comps. Edwin Baldwin, M.E.Z.; C. H. Capon, H.; Joseph Stanley, J.; James Watson, Scribe E.; N. Provart, N.; Robert Baldry, Principal Sojourner; James Dunsford, Treasurer; S. N. Berry, Org.; and Murrell, Janitor. The companions then retired, and a Board of Installed Principals duly formed, when Comp. Edwin Baldwin was installed in the chair as M.E.Z.; C. H. Capon, as H.; and Joseph Stanley, as J.; the beautiful ceremony of each chair was very impressively and solemnly rendered by the Principals in office, each of whom installed his successor. The companions were again admitted, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested the rest of the officers with their collar and jewel of office. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and hearty congratulations to the M.E.Z. from the several chapters in the province. The chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the companions retired to banquet, which was supplied by Comp. Edward Coleman in a manner which gave entire satisfaction; after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given. "The Health of Comp. Colonel L'Estrange" was received with immense enthusiasm, who in reply to the remarks from the chair stated that it was his good fortune to be elevated to the high and important position of Provincial Grand Superintendent, he would do every thing in his power to promote Royal Arch Masonry in this province, and thanked the companions most sincerely for the very flattering reception which they had given him. The toast of "The Visitors" was very warmly received, and as there were upwards of twenty present the M.E.Z. called upon the First Principals of Philanthropic Chapter, 107; Friendship Chapter, 100; Unanimity Chapter, 102; and Comp. G. B. Bennett, representing No. 52, to respond. Each of them spoke in very encouraging terms of the success of Royal Arch Masonry in their several districts, particularly eulogising the Chapter of Perseverance for its efficient working, and the M.E.Z. for the many services he had rendered to the various chapters in the province. "The Immediate P.Z." was the next toast, and it was received in such a manner as to convince Comp. Dunsford that the services which he had rendered to Royal Arch Masonry were highly appreciated. The M.E.Z. during his address fixed on the breast of the I.P.Z. a very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel, which had been purchased by voluntary subscriptions by the members of the chapter. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the companions of Perseverance Chapter, No. 213, Norwich, to Comp. James Dunsford, P.Z., as a mark of their esteem and regard for his valuable services, March 7th, 1879." Comp. Dunsford replied, thanking the companions for the splendid testimonial which had been presented to him, assuring them that if he had given satisfaction he was doubly happy, for it was always a pleasure to him when engaged in the duties of Royal Arch Masonry, and hoped that when his services were required in any part of the province to be found at his post at the appointed time. He was pleased to know that he would be succeeded in this chapter by a very worthy and esteemed companion, who would discharge all the duties of his office with that promptitude and propriety of demeanour which would give them their proper effect; that if the chapter had conferred honour upon him he had conferred honour upon the chapter by accepting the position, and he wished him health, happiness, and a prosperous year of office. "The M.E.Z." was the next toast, which was well received, indeed, it must have convinced him that his efforts in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry were deeply impressed on the minds of every one present; his reception by the companions must have satisfied him, that they were fully cognisant of the many services rendered by him. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions for the very flattering manner in which they had received him. He assured them that he would endeavour to discharge the duties of the high office to which he had been elected to the satisfaction of the chapter, and he hoped to have the cordial assistance of every officer in the chapter. He hoped the companions would be very careful in their selection of candidates for exaltation, that in every case the chapter may be unanimous in the matter of their reception. He anticipated a pleasant year of office, and trusted that when he retired from the position he had been placed in that day the chapter might not have any cause to regret having elected him to that high and impor-

tant office. "The Health of Comp. C. H. Capon, H., and Comp. Joseph Stanley, J.," followed. Comp. Capon assured the companions that he would exert his utmost to discharge the duties of his office to their entire satisfaction, that when the next period of election arrived they might feel no hesitation in placing him in that dignified position which had been his ambition for a very long time. Comp. Stanley, in reply to the toast of his health, thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him; he hoped to give satisfaction by the zealous discharge of the duties of his high office, and would by every means in his power endeavour to promote the prosperity of Perseverance Chapter. "The distinguished Visitors," and "The Rest of the Officers" followed, and was replied to by Comp. Patrick, Lynn; Chittock, 52; and G. B. Kennett, 52. For the officers Comp. Robert Baldry, Prin. Soj., replied, after which the companions separated, and thus ended one of the most successful Royal Arch meetings ever held in Norfolk, which reflects great credit on Perseverance Chapter. Among the companions present were Comps. Colonel L'Estrange, P.Z. 52; Kennett, N. 52; Chittock, 52; Chadwick, M.E.Z. 107; Patrick, H. 107; Smith, M.E.Z. 102; Worthy, J. 102; Martin, H., and M.E.Z. elect 100; Hubbard, J. 100; Geo. W. Page, Scribe E. 107; Oram, 52; Santy, 52; Hotblack, 52; H. C. Riches, J. Bridgman, H. Burgess, T. Watson, Gardiner Stevens; W. W. Bowler, P.Z. 51; Edwin Baldwin, M.E.Z. 213; C. H. Capon, H.; Joseph Stanley, J.; James Dunsford, P.Z.; Short, P.Z.; Thoms, P.Z.; Baxter, Baldry, Watson, Stanley, sen., Berry, Provart, Havens, Beeve, Isley, Cooper, Offord, Coleman, and others.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesa-hill, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., and was well attended by the brethren. On account of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Capt. J. Ritchie, Bro. Holmes, who upon the last occasion so ably officiated, again, at the request of the brethren, filled the chair, being supported by Bros. C. Coupland, S.W.; Jas. Smythe, J.W.; Weston, Shaw, and Penfold, Overseers; the Rev. — Solbe, Chap.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; H. Pryce, Treas.; Hollyman, Capon, Sweney, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Holmes was admitted a joining member, and Bro. C. W. M. Keys, M.D., Surgeon-Major, Army Medical Depot, and Bro. W. B. Lloyd, of Lodge 913, were, with the usual ceremonies, advanced to the degree. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year after the next quarterly meeting, and Bro. Coupland was unanimously chosen. Bro. Pryce was then chosen as Treas., and Bro. B. Norman as Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the ever genial and witty J.W., Bro. Smythe, by request filling the chair, and proposing the toasts, which, at his hand, received their due share of applause, and were drunk with enthusiasm. The installation will take place on the second Tuesday in June next.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The quarterly convocation of this old and distinguished conclave was held on the 3rd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Sir Knights Holden, M.P.S.; Kingston, V.E.; Macartney, J.G.; Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; Levander, Grand Treas., Recorder; Maasa, Prefect; Thiellay, Orator; Letchworth, 1st A.D.C.; Marsh, P.G.S.G., P.S., &c.; Dubois, G.P.P.S., &c.; Coekle, K.G.C.; Peek, Mather, Fowler, Moses, and Moss. The visitors were Sir Knights Weaver and Tesseman. The conclave having been duly opened, the minutes of the meeting held on December the 2nd were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bros. the Rev. R. P. Bent, M.A., P.M. 10, P.G. Chaplain of England, &c., and T. C. Walls, W.M. 1381, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, 18, K.T., &c., and having been declared unanimous, the latter brother was duly installed a Knight of the Order. The elocutionary ability of the Rev. Sir Knight Holden is so well known that it needs no other comment than to say that his rendering of the ritual was equal in every respect to his former efforts. The election of the officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following results:—Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Peters, V.E.; Cubitt, Treas.; Levander, Recorder; Gilbert, Sentinel. Sir Knights Mather, Thiellay, and Walls were unanimously elected to serve on the Audit Committee, which will meet to transact the business on Friday, the 25th prox. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence having been read from Sir Knight Robinson, of York, and Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, the conclave was formally closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the long but customary routine of toasts was given ably from the chair, and duly responded to. Sir Knight Levander responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.P.S." was fluently proposed by Sir Knight Dubois, who congratulated the conclave upon possessing so able and impressive an exponent of the ceremonies of the Red Cross as Sir Knight Holden had undoubtedly proved himself to be. The M.P.S. having briefly replied, gave, in very flattering terms, "The Health of the Newly-Installed Sir Knight." This toast having been duly acknowledged, the remaining toasts were given in quick succession, and the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated at an early hour with the Sentinel's toast.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge, was on Monday last presented, at the Levée by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor.

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BIRTHS.

DANZELL.—On the 18th March, at Broom House, Fulham, the wife of Mr. R. Danzell, 79th Highlanders, of a daughter.

HARBORD.—On the 14th March, the Hon. Mrs. Walter Harbord, of a son.

MOULD.—On the 13th March, at Bury-St.-Edmunds, the wife of the Rev. F. T. Mould, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LAMB—LITTLEWOOD.—On the 15th Jan., at Christ Church, Wanganui, New Zealand, by the Rev. T. L. Tudor, Henry Alexander, son of the late Mr. John Stewart Lamb, M.D., of Maida Vale, London, to Emma Theresa, daughter of Mr. Richard Webster Littlewood, of Wanganui, New Zealand.

DEATH.

GRAY.—On the 14th March, at Graymount, county Antrim, Major George Gray, Deputy-Lieutenant.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1879.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

From time to time we hear of energetic suggestions for the reform of our general Charities, and even our Masonic Charities do not always escape the benevolent interest of the caviller and censor. To say the truth, we are not so far very keenly impressed, we think it fair to say, with cries for reform or assertions of defect. Our Charities are all on the whole efficiently managed, and the alleged abuses not only too often resemble what Carlyle terms "bottled moonshine," to affect deeply the man with sober senses, but seem destined to afford a fund of indefinite amusement and excitement, not only to these "gentlemen who write with ease," but to a not meagre crowd of pseudo reformers. For there are "reforms and reforms;" and all changes are not necessarily good, reasonable, or advisable, all open or anonymous assailants are not deserving of being treated as "amici curiæ." Indeed, to-day, irresponsible advice and unreasonable changes crop up daily and hourly, requiring alike prudence and discernment to meet and reply to. We live at a time when the "subjective" is cramped down our throat by those who ought to know better as the objective, and we are bid, with a dogmatism which is often painful, and always ludicrous, to accept the assumption of first principles as the first principles themselves. We protest to-day, as we often have protested before, against that "positivism" of the private judgment and opinion, which is obtruded upon us with all the force and authority of Ultramontane infallibility. All proposed reforms must be treated by certain distinct principles of need, seasonability, applicability, and common sense, which alone constitute their "raison d'être" and their true power on the thoughtful and the practical. We never could believe, for instance, that as regards our Charities, that which is termed "the most distressing case theory" is either reasonable or logical, or advisable, or practicable, in any case. In our opinion it is a chimera, an utter impossibility to realize or develop. Still less could we accept such a theory as regards our Masonic Charities. Such a step could only result in the extinction of local efforts, and provincial and metropolitan energy, and we cannot profess to understand how it is even possible, much less probable in any way. We agree on the whole with the professed and simple aims of the London Masonic Charity Association, which, we think, puts the "boot on the right leg," when it seeks to encourage provincial zeal amid metropolitan brethren, and to ask both the metropolis and the provinces to send up their strongest cases. Further than this at present we cannot clearly go, and we must not forget that there are in all human enterprizes the clinging seeds of decay and failure, so even a General Committee for the Charities might degenerate, and probably would, into a "close borough," and lead to mournful jobs, and a good deal of unpleasant underhand work, from which open voting and a free canvass keep us free. The only one possible objection to the London Masonic Charity Association rests upon a similar apprehension, but in that case there is the counterbalancing effect, as in the system of open voting, of much publicity, much opposition, and above a large, independent, and earnest constituency. Even the work, however, of the London Masonic Charity Association is only "tentative," and, though we believe it will do good, and turn out to be sound in theory and practice, we do not see how we can, at present at any rate, hope to extend the principle with advantage either to the voters or the Charities. Indeed, the probable evils far outweigh the possible advantages, as under the selection of one select Committee, all public opinion would, we think, practically cease. But on the whole, as the present system rests upon the appeal to the individual Life Governor and subscriber for their subscription's sake, if not for them, such a change would be tantamount to a revolution which would greatly

unsettle our excellent Masonic Charities, and so we dismiss it to the limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects, of which we read so many now-a-days.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The balance sheet of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is not a good one, and we confess we think it might and ought to be a good deal better. As Paddy says, "bedad we do." Its general receipts, including a balance of £305 10s. 2d., amount to £3943 7s. 11d. Its expenditure "barrin" a positive balance of £6 8s. 9d., amounts to £3939 19s. 2d. It does not seem to have put anything by in 1878, which we regret much, especially on its own account. Indeed, we do not profess to understand why the Irish Grand Lodge funds are so small, but the Grand Lodge of Ireland has its "skeleton in the closet," in that it cannot, and does not, enforce sufficient payment from its lodges annually. Its office expenses are £1119 16s., too large a proportion, in our humble opinion, for its receipts, and it pays a rent of £600 a year, clearly an Irish way of doing business, as the Masonic Hall Company ought to pay it to Grand Lodge, not Grand Lodge to it. Again, when we take up the casual expenses, including printing, we find they represent a considerable amount for the whole income, namely, £350, and we especially dislike to see that item of committee dinners—£134 18s. 6d., on the general of £134 18s. 6d., and on the charity account, though it is just possible that these dinners are not eaten twice over, but are the same item put in an Irish way. And though it be true that there is a "set off" of £170 10s. 6d. on this head by "cheques for dinner" in the general, and £170 10s. 6d. in the charitable amount—are they the same items? if so, why? We think such entries are a great mistake and "bad form." The charity account has on the credit side £1061 11s. 5d., including the mysterious item of committee dinners, and on the debit side represents £506 8s. given as charity, it also has, necessarily, a balance of £356 3s. 5d. So that the two balances amount to £562 12s. 2d. This, we fear, is rather a "Flemish account" for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and we wish heartily "more power to its arm," and its best "health and inclinations as they be virtuous."

ST. ALBAN'S RESTORATION FUND.

We are glad to think that this movement is progressing, and beg to commend the laudable undertaking to the notice and support of all our brethren and readers. Bro. C. E. Keyser, 47, Wilton Crescent, will be happy to give any information, and answer any questions.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I consider it my duty to emphatically contradict the statement made by your special correspondent, as being void of truth, under the heading of Freemasonry in New South Wales, as relating to the colony of New Zealand and the erection of a Grand Lodge, appearing in your issue of the 30th Nov., 1878. For which purpose I enclose the extract alluded to, as also contradictory ones from the Australian Freemasons, which will put the matter in its true light. It is to be lamented that publicity should have been given in your widely circulated journal, to unintentionally mislead the Craft at large, to satisfy the morbid cravings for something new at the hands of your special correspondent, in whose good faith too much dependence has, in this instance, been placed. Therefore, in justice to the loyal Masons holding of sixty-two lodges under the E.C., I.C., and S.C. in New South Wales, as well as on behalf of our sister Constitutions in the colony of New Zealand, I would fraternally ask the favour of the insertion of the several extracts in your earliest issue, which, I can assure you, will be deeply appreciated by the several Constitutions here.

I remain, R.W. dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

WM. HIGSTRIM,
P.M., P.M.M., P.G. Chap. 110, P.P. K. Red Cross, P.P. Ark Mariners, P. Prior K.T. of Scotland, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. Grand Sec.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

London Freemason, Nov. 30th, 1878.

"A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.—We are informed that some brethren, hailing from New Zealand lodges, who are now in Sydney, having made every enquiry, are fully enlightened as to the correct modus operandi to be pursued, and so have decided to use every endeavour to ensure the erection of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand. We commend them for their laudable intent, and advise promptitude of action. We have been assured that the brethren throughout that colony are unanimous in their desire for a Grand Lodge for New Zealand."

"SCHISMATICS IN N. S. WALES FALSELY CIRCULATING THE REPORT THAT NEW ZEALAND MASONS ARE ABOUT TO SECEDE FROM LOYAL FREEMASONRY.

(To the Editor.)

"Dear Sir and Bro.—By a paragraph entitled as above in a paper called The Freemason, sent to me by somebody I do not know, I perceive that several brethren from New Zealand—hailing from different lodges—are desirous of forming a Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and that they have made every enquiry at the Schismatics as to the "modus operandi" to be adopted. The spurious Masons of Sydney refer to W. Bro. Stanton, of the Star of the South Lodge, Nelson, and W. Bro. Wildman, of the Lodge of Corinth, Grahamstown. I have myself made enquiry as to the truth of this report, and I have been positively assured by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master of the Province of Auckland, N.Z., Bro. George S. Graham, that representations were made to N.Z. Masons by the Schismatics in Sydney, setting forth that there was to be 'A Grand Confederation of the whole of the Australian Freemasons,' but finding that the body that made such representations were 'irregular and self-constituted and a very small minority' of the fraternity, the N.Z. Masons have wisely declined to accept the advice of the Schismatics. The scoundrels thought themselves very clever, but they outwitted themselves. I congratulate our New Zealand brethren on their caution and discernment, and reciprocate the fraternal feeling of good fellowship. The Loyal Masons of N.S. Wales will always feel glad to greet them and all other brethren from the 'Maori Land' in the same warm and cordial manner whereby their District Grand Master was welcomed at the last Quarterly Communication of our District Grand Lodge, on Oct. 21st. I simply state the above facts to show that the futile efforts of the 'Irregulars' are worthless and unavailing.

"A SYDNEY MASTER MASON.

"Nov., 1878."

"NEW ZEALAND BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the 'Australian Freemason.'

"Rev. Sir and Bro.—A Sydney Master Mason, writing under this name to your journal, of November 1st, states that 'the spurious Masons of Sydney refer to Worshipful Bro. Stanton, of the Star of the South Lodge,' and to others in New Zealand, as having made enquiry of them as to the modus operandi to be adopted for the formation of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand.

"As it is as well that the truth should appear, I desire to inform the writer, and others concerned, that neither myself nor any brethren of my acquaintance have made any enquiry or had any correspondence on any subject whatever with this unconstitutional body. If the Masons of this country had desired information on such a subject, they would probably have preferred their enquiries to the proper authority, the Grand Lodge of England, certainly not to the self-constituted body in Sydney.

Yours fraternally, W. M. STANTON, Master Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C.

Nelson, Nov. 18."

"THE SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES versus NEW ZEALAND BRETHREN.

"The brethren in New Zealand are 'very indignant' that false rumours should have been circulated regarding them in New South Wales, as the following correspondence indicates:—

"The So-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales—Another Denial from New Zealand.

To the Editor of the 'Australian Freemason.'

"Rev. Sir and Brother,—Will you fraternally insert in your journal the enclosed letter addressed to me from the D.D. Grand Master of the Auckland District? The letter will be self-explanatory.

Yours fraternally, W. M. STANTON,

Master of Southern Star Lodge, Dec. 19th, 1878."

Thames, 11th Dec., 1878.

W. M. Stanton, Esq., W.M. Southern Star, 735, E.C., Nelson.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I noticed in the Australian Freemason a paragraph stating that you and I were in favour of the movement for an Australasian Grand Lodge. As Bro. Graham, our D.G.M., had personally contradicted this when he was lately in Australia, I have not thought it worth while to trouble myself any more about it, nor do I intend doing so unless I find further occasion arise.

"The matter was mentioned to me here by a resident brother of the S.C. more than two years ago, and I at once said that I did not consider it at all advisable to set up an independent Masonic jurisdiction for the Australias, and that I would, if the matter was seriously mooted in these parts, do my utmost in opposition.

You are at liberty to make what use of this letter you please.

Yours fraternally, J. K. WILDMAN, D.D.G.M., Auckland.

"I need hardly add that I have had no communication whatever with the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

"The above correspondence speaks for itself, and speaks to wise men. Judge ye what it says. Additional particulars regarding this 'curious affair' are found in another column, in a report from Nelson, New Zealand."

"NEW ZEALAND LODGES.

"NELSON.—At a meeting of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., held last month, W. Bro. W. B. Sealy, S.W., gave notice that at the next lodge meeting he would ask the W.M. what grounds there were (if any) for the statement made in the Australian Freemason of November 1st, by a Sydney correspondent, to the effect that W. Bro. Stanton, of S.S. Lodge Nelson, and V.W. Bro. Wildman, D.D.G.M. of Auckland, had been in communication with the Independent body in Sydney, styling themselves the 'Grand Lodge of New South Wales,' with a view to establish a united confederation of the Masons of the Australias and New Zealand. Pursuant to the above, Bro. Sealy formally put the question in the lodge on 10th December, and afterwards (by permission) proceeded to read the W. Brother's reply from the Australian Freemason of December 1st, which gave an absolute denial, and ended thus: 'Neither myself, or any Mason of my acquaintance in this country, have, at any time, made any enquiry, or had any correspondence or communication on any subject whatever, with that unconstitutional body.' Bro. Stanton thought it unnecessary to add to that statement anything whatever. He would, nevertheless, observe, that since writing it he had met his friend and brother, the R.W. D.G.M. of Auckland, Bro. Graham, who had recently returned from Sydney, and whose name was also associated in the letter of November 1st, and he was surprised at finding his statement so utterly perverted or misconstrued."

"NOCTES MASONICÆ.

"The following notice of motion was given by W. Bro. Dr. Sealy for the meeting of Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., Nelson, N.Z., on 10th Dec. —To ask the W. Master, for the information of the lodge, the grounds (if any) for the statement in the Australian Freemason of Nov. 1st, by a Sydney correspondent, to the effect 'that Worshipful Bro. Stanton, of Southern Star Lodge, Nelson, and V.W. Bro. Wildman, D.D. Grand Master of Auckland, had been in communication with the independent body styling themselves "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales," with a view to establishing an united confederation of the Masons of the Australias and New Zealand.' 'A N.Z. correspondent' on the subject, says, 'this notice indicates an ardent misconception of Bro. Graham's views and statements made when recently in Sydney—the opposite of his views and remarks appears to have been reported in the (so-called) GRAND LODGE.' 'But the question,' continues our correspondent, 'is to be asked in lodge for the purpose of recording and announcing our humble protest against the innovation.' Do not the Schismatics possess rather misrepresenting or misunderstanding faculties? January, 1879."

Reviews.

METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE. Report for 1878.

We congratulate the managers on their annual report, alike succinct and suggestive, clear and convincing. No one can rise from the perusal of it without feeling strongly how needful is the Institution, what a want it meets, and how efficiently it is conducted, and, full of practical benefits for the present, of undoubted utility and blessing to many poor children for the future. Its balance sheet is a very pleasant and prosperous one, and there is one thing we always have liked about this orphanage, namely, its thoroughness and practicability. When that hardworked and not overpaid force, the police force of this great metropolis, both in the west-end and the city, contributes directly and indirectly, out of a total of £10,879 1s. 1d. of receipts, £6147 11s. 2d., we may feel assured not only that the charity is much needed, but deeply valued alike from "esprit de corps," as well as kindly feelings of helpful humanity. As we said before, the whole amount received for the year 1878 is £10,879 1s. 1d., and out of this the force contributes, directly and indirectly, £6147 11s. 2d., the balance of £4731 9s. 11d. is made out of subscriptions from the public, and donations of £3060 13s. 6d., a legacy of 100 dividends, £167 15s., and balance of last year, £1152 11s. 8d., and £246 especially from Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The expenditure has reached £7269 17s. 11d. for the normal expenses of the orphanage, and, in addition, £246 1s. for the new wing. 2000l. metropolitan stock has been purchased at a cost of £1970 12s. 6d., and a balance remains in hand of £1392 9s. 8d. There is now the sum of £7000 invested. We may note that Baroness Burdett-Coutts, with her customary kindness and beneficence, has lent the Institution £3000, without interest, to defray the expenditure of some new and necessary buildings. We are glad to note that the standard of education has been raised, and additional teachers obtained. There are 219 children in the Schools, 131 boys and 88 girls, and Mr. J. H. Clack, Head Master of the Royal Arsenal Schools, Woolwich, speaks in high terms of the tone, appearance, educational acquirements, and morale of the school. We repeat the report for 1879 is a very pleasant one to read, very creditable to all concerned.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

This is a goodly volume indeed, which gives us an

account of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. It is certainly somewhat alarming at first sight, as suggesting the size to which Grand Lodge reports were destined to reach, but it shows, we think, that the brethren are in earnest, and that there is an evident appreciation of Masonic duties and privileges.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN SHAW, P.M. 79.

On the 20th February, quietly and calmly as he had lived, Bro. John Shaw, one of the best and brightest Masons this generation has produced, entered into his rest in the forty-fifth year of his age. Bro. Shaw was initiated in the Pythagorean Lodge, at Greenwich, and was a subscribing member at the time of his death. After having passed, *pari passu*, through the subordinate offices of the lodge, he served the office of W.M. with honour and credit. Bro. Shaw had been suffering for some years from that baneful disease consumption, and, although it was too evident his end was near, very many indulged in the vain hope that his life would be spared yet a little longer. It was as a Masonic Preceptor that our brother was so well known and beloved in the south-eastern district of London, and the members of the lodges of instruction in the district will long mourn the loss of one who was ever their "guide, philosopher, and friend." Possessed of a most marvellous memory, he quickly mastered the intricacies of our ritual, and was never happier than when he could impart it to those who were earnestly seeking for a knowledge of the ceremonies, lectures, and sections of our Order. His quiet, unaffected, genial method of imparting instruction gained for him the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, while to his brother Preceptors he was ever ready to lend a helping hand, and no Mason ever sought his advice or assistance in vain. His remains were interred at Shooter's Hill Cemetery, on the 26th ult., and a large concourse of brethren assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. Amongst the numerous brethren assembled round the grave were noticed, Bros. Partidge, W.M. 79; H. Roberts, C. Nash, W. Smith, and Dussee, P.M.'s 79; Fowler, J.W. 79; Clifford, G. Bonney, F. H. Watt, A. Hammond, A. Satch, F. Malyon, and D. Edney, all of No. 79; Dr. Gooting, P.M. No. 1; G. Macdonald P.M. 1158; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; Hutchings, G. Brown, Tuck, Church, Rishton, Hall, and many others. Bro. Shaw leaves a wife and two children, aged four and two, and his income dying with him they are utterly penniless. A movement is on foot amongst the members of the lodges of instruction, with which he was associated, to raise a fund to place the widow in some light business, for which end funds are urgently required. Many brethren who read this notice and knew our brother may feel inclined to help in this work, in which case subscriptions will be thankfully received by Bro. G. Macdonald, Star Lodge of Instruction, Marquis of Granby, New Cross, or Bro. H. Roberts, Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant, the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; H. Bartlett, John Coutts, P.G.P.; G. S. Elliott, S. Rosenthal, John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, H. Garrod, L. Alexander, W. Richards, Charles Atkins, G. P. Britten, J. Yeomans, J. T. Rowe, G. Bolton, R. Harman, J. H. Sillitoe, A. Withers, C. Dobit, F. W. Smith, John Coe, C. G. Dillen, A. J. Ireton, H. S. Friend, James Weaver, John Elliott, F. Newton, G. Read, John Holden, John Mason, E. Squirrel, C. Davis, H. A. Bennett, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, and W. H. Perryman. Bro. C. B. Payne, G. Tyler, also attended.

The brethren confirmed the amount of £300 granted at last lodge, and afterwards took up the new cases. Of these there were 29 on the list. Three out of this number were deferred till next meeting for further information. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £667. One case was relieved with £75 (£75); two with £50 (£100); three with £40 (£120); six with £30 (£180); one with £25 (£25); four with £20 (£80); two with £15 (£30); five with £10 (£50); one with £5 (£5); and one with £2 (£2).

Lodge was then closed.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS, 1878.

The results of this examination have just been published.

At the London main centre between forty and fifty schools sent up candidates. Only fifteen boys (representing six schools) were in the First Class.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys gained nine first-class honours, leaving only six for the other five schools.

The total results gained by our boys are:

Table with 3 columns: Number of boys, Honours, and Class. Row 1: Nine boys, First Class. Row 2: Three boys, Second Class. Row 3: One boy, Third Class.

One passed in the Fourth Division. Fourteen passed. Number of candidates sent up, fourteen. None failed.

CANADIAN MASONRY AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.

By R.W. Bro. ROBERT RAMSAY, 33° P.G.J.W. GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

Canadian Masonry is in many respects in a highly flourishing condition, more so, perhaps, than that of many older and larger jurisdictions, still, unfortunately, there are schisms in the Fraternity, which have done, and are, at the present time, doing, a certain amount of injury to the Canadian Craft. I allude to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, a spurious organisation, not recognised by any Grand Lodge in the world; the schismatic Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which claims to be the legitimate authority over symbolic Masonry in the Prairie Province, and the recent embroglio in Quebec between the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. If these difficulties were only removed, Masonry in the Dominion would be as calm and pure as its most ardent devotees could desire; as it is, in three provinces there are organisations making Masons whose status in the Craft is in some instances *nil*, and in others very dubious.

On this continent the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty is acknowledged by every Grand Lodge, and when once a Grand Lodge is organised and recognised by its sister Grand Lodges it is held to be the supreme Masonic authority in, for, and over the jurisdiction of the State, province, and territory for which it was organised. The Grand Lodge of Canada, after formally extending the hand of friendship and brotherly love to her daughter, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, yielded all Masonic authority in that province to her, she claiming jurisdiction merely over the province of Ontario. Unfortunately, as some think, she did not see fit at the time to change her name to "Ontario" instead of "Canada," and when certain "discontents" saw an opportunity, they formed themselves from one lodge (Eden), and that under dispensation, into a so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, claiming that as there was no Grand body of that name, consequently there was no sovereign authority for symbolic Masonry over that province. These men have been suspended and expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, but they continue to meet in their so-called lodges and confer so-called degrees, which, not being recognised anywhere in the world, are utterly useless to those who receive them. In plain words, those expelled Masons are taking money from innocent candidates without giving them any consideration for the same.

The case of the schismatic Grand Lodge of Manitoba is, if anything, of a still more flagrant and unmasonic character. On the 13th of December last, at an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of that province, some differences arose regarding the work, R.W. Bro. Kennedy being desirous that the lodges should be permitted to use either the Canadian, or what is termed the "Ancient York," as they pleased. This, "for the sake of peace," was agreed to, and in order to give time to complete the arrangements, the Grand Lodge was called off at 2.55 p.m., to meet at 7.30 p.m. During the intermission a few brethren returned to the hall, declared that the whole of the proceedings in June, 1878, were illegal, rescinded them, amended the Constitution so as to meet January 3rd, 1879, and then proceeded to elect officers, and at once proclaimed themselves "the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M." There never was a more high-handed and unwarrantable proceeding performed in the name of Masonry than this usurpation of power during refreshment by the schismatics of Manitoba.

The difficulty existing in the jurisdiction of Quebec is so well known that it is hardly necessary to allude to it. The fact however is patent to all on this side of the Atlantic, who love the honour and dignity of Masonry, that rejected material from other jurisdictions can obtain degrees at a lower figure than anywhere else, and within a shorter period, from these lodges existing in Montreal, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. To maintain that such a state of affairs should be tolerated is unjust, and whatever may be the arguments in favour of the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I can only say, that unless some speedy termination is come to, no Grand Lodge on this continent will recognise a brother hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some years ago, when the Grand Orient of France recognised a spurious Masonic organisation in the State of Louisiana, one Grand Lodge after another in the United States withdrew all fraternal relations with her, and her adherents were unable to obtain admission into any subordinate lodge, and so it must unfortunately be with our Scottish brethren, if lodges working in Montreal under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland continue to accept the rejected material of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

These are the troubles, then, that at the present time ruffle the blue waters on which the ship of Canadian Masonry calmly floats. They are not many, still they should not exist, and if clear judgment could only influence these recreant brethren, there would soon not be any. Ambition defrated has been at the bottom of every one of these movements. A few men who loved title and power more than Masonry have vented their spleen in secession, schism, and rebellion, and in order to gratify their vanity, and satiate their covetousness, have thrown to the winds their Masonic obligations, and attempted to stab with a poisoned dagger those whom they should have supported and upheld.

In every Grand jurisdiction throughout the Dominion, Blue Lodge Masonry, but for these difficulties, is in a very satisfactory condition. In the treasury of the mother Grand Lodge of Canada there is now over £10,000 stg., and in those of Quebec, Nova Scotia, &c., amounts equal in proportion. The widows and orphans of our brethren are not neglected, and much is given to aged brethren, and

those in distress. The lodges as a rule are well attended, and the work is generally excellent.

Before closing I would suggest that the better plan, in fact the only feasible one, for settling these difficulties, would be for the disputants to leave the subject to some impartial judges from sister Grand Lodge jurisdictions. The present position of these organisations is far from pleasant for all parties, and I feel confident that, the different Grand Lodges that have been injured by these bodies would willingly forget the past, and receive within their folds those who have deserted and differed from them, and thus harmony and peace amongst the fraternity would reign from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the escutcheon of Canadian Freemasonry would not be disgraced, as it now is, by the schisms and attendant bickerings and discords of rivalry and jealousy.

MASONIC BANQUET AT DUBLIN.

Preceptory 245, of the Order of the Temple, gave a banquet in celebration of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of the Order in Ireland. Andrew Fitzpatrick, Preceptor, occupied the chair, supported by R. W. Sheekleton, Esq., G.C.; Edward Hamilton, Esq., M.D.; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Barington, Alderman Manning, Capel Macnamara, Esq., Alderman Cochrane, George Woodward, Esq., Samuel Boucher, Esq., J. D. Cope, Esq., Hepburne, Esq., M.D., Powell, Esq., M.D., R. Wade, Esq., M.D., T. McGovern, Esq., Forsythe, Esq., M.D., R. Mitchell, Esq., W. Pulano, Esq., R. Herron, Esq., R. Clay, Esq., J. Wilson, Esq., D. Armstrong, Esq., W. F. Lawlor, Esq., Henry Gibson, Esq., John Young, Esq., W. Marr, Esq., Freeman, Esq., Fitzmaurice, Esq., C. Rankin, Esq., T. Atkinson, Esq., Wm. McCoy, Esq., Joseph Wonfer, Esq., W. Curtis, Esq., James Flynn, Esq., Registrar, and others.

The M.E. Preceptor in proposing "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," said he had much pleasure in doing so, for it was a toast that was always received in assemblages of Irish gentlemen with becoming manifestations of loyalty and respect, but particularly amongst Irish H.K. Templars, and he simply stated the truth when he said that in no assembly and from no people did the name of Queen Victoria receive a more warm welcome or a more royal reception than at their board, for they yielded to none in their allegiance to their Sovereign. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the National Anthem sung, all the brethren joining heartily.

The next toast, being that of "His R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," was proposed, and received a hearty welcome and warm response. Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The M.E. Preceptor again rose and said: We now come to a toast which I am sure will be hailed by you with the applause and welcome which it deserves—it is that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and his Royal Bride." (Great cheering, which continued for some minutes.) This is not the first time that the walls of this banqueting hall have resounded with the plaudits evoked by the toast of the health of this Royal and accomplished Duke. By associating his name with Freemasonry in this country he has won the esteem of many; by identifying his name with this Christian Order he has added increased lustre to his Royal name, and we sincerely trust that the solemn covenant he has entered into may serve to increase his future happiness, and that himself and his Royal bride may be long spared to each other and see many happy days. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm. R. W. Sheekleton, Esq., G.C., responded in an eloquent speech, and said he trusted the day was not far distant when they would have the honour of giving H.R.H. and his Royal bride a hearty welcome upon the Irish shore.

Dr. O'Donoghue presided at the piano, and played a march which he composed for the occasion, and sang an ode.

Bro. Samuel Boucher sang a few Irish ballads suitable for the occasion.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Preceptory."

The evening was very much enlivened by music and the singing of several songs. The company separated at an early hour.

BRO. DAY KEYWORTH'S STATUE OF THE LATE BRO. BANNISTER.

We have just seen in the studio of Bro. Wm. Day Keyworth, of Buckingham Palace-road, the finished model of a colossal statue of the late Bro. Bannister, the "bluff" but kindly-hearted and highly popular Alderman of Hull. When executed in marble the statue will take its place in the Town Hall, among the other celebrities from the same gifted chisel. These are: Andrew Marvel, Milton's friend and coadjutor; William de la Pole, the famous Hull merchant of mediæval times, and founder of an historic race whose blood mingled with that of the Royal Tudors; Michael de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, another member of the same family; and lastly, James Clay, for many years M.P. for Hull, and one of our greatest authorities in all matters pertaining to the game of whist.

The figure which is to join this distinguished company of the silent is that of a strong bearded, massive headed, broad shouldered, bluff Englishman, who, in the consciousness of truth and a righteous cause, stands, thumb in waistcoat, with an easy, natural dignity arising from perfection of physique, and which might have pertained to Hercules, had he been a clothed Christian, instead of a nude Pagan gentleman. The modelling of the figure is wonderfully facile, and the likeness, as well as the air and

character of the whole man, have been seized, we are assured, with undoubted success. We can bear testimony of our own knowledge to its being the most life-like and artistic performance that has yet come from Bro. Keyworth's hand.

In the same studio will be found in low relief a three-quarter face of the late Rev. Edward Wormald, the eloquent pastor of the Albion Congregational Church, Hull. It will form part of a monument to be erected to his memory, and will doubtless prove very grateful to the congregation from the delicate and tender modelling the artist has bestowed on the spiritual face of their beloved pastor.

R.W. BRO. HENRY MURRAY'S RECITAL OF "OTHELLO."

The Birmingham Daily Gazette of the 7th March says a large number of the members of the Order many of whom wore Masonic decorations, and their friends assembled in the Masonic Hall, the previous evening, to listen to a reading of *Othello* by R.W. Bro. H. Murray. To attempt to sustain the attention of an audience for over two hours by a simple reading, no matter how splendid the subject, is at all times an ambitious task. Bro. Murray, however, acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction of his numerous hearers in his delineation, by the music and variation of the human voice, of the varied characters and passions in the tragedy of *Othello*. In the first act the scenes in which Roderigo, Iago, and Brabantio take part gave a fair specimen of Bro. Murray's elocutionary ability. The lines of Roderigo were read lightly, and the interpreter did not fall into the common error of making Roderigo, who is simply a foolish gentleman, into the stage buffoon. Iago was a blunt soldier, and only in the last scene of this act did the audience get the first glimpse of the subtle villain who is to wreck the happiness of the noble Moor. In this act the reader gave special prominence to the speeches of Brabantio, the powerful grief of the wronged and deceived father being rendered with telling effect, and receiving hearty marks of approval from the listeners. The fine speeches of *Othello* before the Senate were delivered with much taste, not in a loud tone, but with a voice capable of great modulation. The quiet dignity of manner was improved by the skillful use of emphasis in some of the best-known passages, the words of which are probably as well known to a Warwickshire audience as to the elocutionist himself. The reading of the second act was chiefly noticeable for the accomplished manner in which the chief character in the play was brought into his place, the speeches of *Othello* being rendered with increasing power, and eliciting hearty applause. The story of the confiding and weak-minded Cassio's temptation to drink by Iago was also a cleverly rendered scene, the part of the Moor's lieutenant being given with taste, and the subtle craft of the tempter showing in well defined contrast. The closing speech of the wily Antient was read with spirit, which finely illustrated the hidden hatred rankling in his breast. The third act, always a favourite with readers and audiences, showed Bro. Murray to full advantage. The well-known lines in which the Moor is first taught to suspect the fair Venetian whom he has made his wife were not given, as we are so apt to hear them on the stage, in the half hiss, half whisper of the melodramatic villain, but in a subdued conversational tone, every word having its due effect and significance, whilst the gradual breaking of the meaning of the story on the mind of the Moor was shown with a quiet power which was fully acknowledged by the stillness of the audience during the long scene. All through Iago never let his triumphs appear, but was the plain blunt soldier and the seeming friend. Nor did *Othello's* grief take the form of boisterous rant, but was portrayed with a sympathy which was effective because it was natural. When at last, however, the full light of his position is realised, then Bro. Murray rose to the occasion, and the burst of passion at the end of the third act showed that the reader possessed a reserve of dramatic power which the audience had not suspected. The spirit of this scene was finely illustrated, and the dramatic vigour of the reader was heartily applauded. Much of the fourth act was omitted—the incident of the handkerchief and the parts of Desdemona and Emilia were equal to any part of the reading. The opening speech in the fifth act was a masterpiece of pathetic elocution—in fact, it was the gem of the entertainment, every word having its full weight in each sentence, and the deeply sympathetic tone pictured finely the storm of passion and pity struggling for mastery in the bosom of the Moor. The death of Desdemona and the poetical justice which is meted out to the fiendish Iago were also very effective. The final speech of *Othello* was the signal for long continued applause, in response to which Bro. Murray thanked his audience for the attention they had given to his efforts, and trusted that that evening would be "the fair beginning of a time, and that he should be again permitted to read to a Birmingham audience, whose kindness he should long remember.

CONSECRATION OF THE CORNHILL LODGE No. 1803.—The above new lodge was consecrated by Br. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, S.G. Deacon, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the New City Club, George-yard Lombard-street. Bro. Edwin March was installed W.M. Bro. Alfred J. Thomas, S.W.; Bro. Chas. Henry Jeff J.W.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to be the patron of the Hospital of Women, 60th-square.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The installation of W.M. and officers of the Lazar Lodge took place on Friday, January the 10th, at 3 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Kumara. The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, assisted by his D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, and the following D.G. Officers, Bros. J. Hudson, P.D.G.S.W.; Binning, D.G.J.W.; the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, D.G.C.; Thomson, D.G.S.B.; H. Hyams, D.G.D. of C.; James Bevan, D.G.J.D.; J. Klein, D.G. Pur.; H. Robinson, D.G.S. Lazar Lodge; and Past Masters W. H. Revell, Greymouth Lodge, 1233 (E.C.); James Wyld, Canterbury; and many brethren from Hokitika and Greymouth attended. The ceremony was performed by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, in his usual brilliant style, and although now at the advanced age of 76 years the old veteran seemed to have lost none of his vigour and impressiveness. The ceremony was listened to with the greatest attention by the brethren, and much appreciated.

The W.M. elect having been presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. Ancher, was then duly placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities, and saluted as W.M. in the various degrees. Before closing the lodge a most hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers for their kindness in performing the ceremony; the newly installed W.M. returned thanks in a few appropriate words, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, at 5.30 p.m. In the evening about 50 brethren sat down to a splendid banquet in the Empire Hotel, Kumara. The newly installed Bro. Furby presided, and on his right were the R.W.D.G.M., the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. P.M. Revell, and on his left Bro. I.P.M. E. Ancher, the Rev. G. Watkins, and P.M. Biney, W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, Hokitika, and other brethren of Masonic rank. The toast of "The Queen and Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and all the Royal Family," "The M.W.G.M.'s of Ireland and Scotland," having been duly honoured, the W.M. called on the brethren to drink to "The Health and Happiness of our venerable and esteemed Chief, the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar," and expressed a sincere hope that it would please the Great Master of us all to preserve him for us for many more meetings of a similar nature.

The R.W. brother on rising to respond was greeted with the warmest applause, and said: W.M. and brethren, I thank you heartily for the kind manner in which you have responded to the toast, and beg to assure you that as long as I am spared health and strength to travel I shall always consider attending the installations of officers of the various lodges within my district a labour of love. It affords me great pleasure in having installed our worthy Bro. Furby, as W.M., and although young in years he has had good Masonic education, which will no doubt be made proper use of during his term of office as Master of this lodge, and with the assistance of the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, and his officers I have no fears but that the lodge will be conducted in the same satisfactory manner as it has been for the last two years. The W.W. brother concluded by wishing prosperity to the Lazar Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. P.M. Ancher proposed "The Health of the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan, and the D.G. Officers," and paid a very high and well-merited compliment to the abilities of Bro. Bevan as a Mason. He, Bro. Ancher, was sure that he only expressed the sentiments of all present in saying that Bro. Bevan was in every way worthy of the exalted position he held in the Craft in Westland, having known Bro. Bevan from the earliest days of Masonry on the west coast, and seen the great interest he took in everything concerning Freemasonry.

The D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, on rising to respond was received with the most cordial applause, and said that he felt grateful to the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and likewise to the brethren for their kind reception of it; he assured the brethren that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present on the occasion of Bro. Furby's installation. Having known Bro. Furby for a long time, he, Bro. Bevan, thought that the newly-installed W.M. could do no better than by following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bro. Ancher, and the lodge would be sure to go on in the same excellent manner as it had done since its formation. He congratulated the brethren, and said that the Lazar Lodge was really a credit to the whole of the Institution, and particularly to the district of Westland. Bro. Bevan again thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst great applause.

Bro. P.M. Ancher then called on the brethren to charge their glasses, and said, in proposing the next toast: I know that it only requires of me to name it to ensure it that cordial response to which it is entitled, namely, "The W.M., Bro. Furby." (Great applause.) Bro. Furby had held the office of J. and S.W. in the Lazar Lodge, and by his kindly and gentlemanly disposition had won the respect and esteem of his fellow officers and members of the lodge, and although he, Bro. Ancher, had opposed Bro. Furby at the last election, to which some brethren at the time objected, yet he thought and felt certain that Bro. Furby himself was not sorry now, having had another year's experience. Bro. Furby was comparatively a young man and Mason, and he could safely say that Bro. Furby was one of the youngest Masters in the Craft—in fact, he was one of a thousand, having attained so high a position at so early an age, but from the proofs given by Bro. Furby in lodge of instruction, he, Bro. Ancher, felt satisfied that the lodge would be well conducted during the ensuing twelve months by Bro. Furby, seeing that he had used great care in the selection of his officers. Bro. Ancher concluded by assuring the W.M. that he might at all times rely on his hearty assistance, and called on the brethren to drink health and happiness to their W.M., Bro. Furby, which was done in a most enthusiastic manner. Song by Bro. J. W. John Williams, "Three times three."

Bro. Furby on rising was greeted with hearty applause, and said: R.W.D.G.M. and brethren, I scarcely know what to say in response to the very flattering remarks made by the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, in proposing the toast of my health since the Lazar Lodge has been in existence, now a period of two years, I have, during that time, filled the offices of J. and S.W., and I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability to discharge the duties of those offices creditably, and, from the remarks that have fallen from Bro. Ancher, P.M., it affords me extreme gratification to learn that my endeavours have been successful. You have, brethren, chosen me as W.M. of your lodge, and I can assure you that while I have the privilege of presiding over you I trust that I shall do so with credit to myself and honour to the lodge, but I must in this depend, to a great extent, on the willing support of my officers, and if I obtain from them that support which I require I have no doubt of my success, and when my term of office has expired I trust that you will have no cause to regret your choice. I thank you very much, brethren, for the hearty manner in which you drank the toast of my health.

The D.D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. E. Ancher," saying that it afforded him great pleasure in being privileged to propose this toast as he had been an intimate friend of Bro. Ancher for many years, in fact, ever since the foundation of Masonry in Westland, and felt much pleasure in bearing testimony to the untiring zeal of Bro. Ancher. In anything that concerned Masonry he (Bro. Bevan) quite agreed with the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Ancher, that the newly-installed W.M. had gained much experience by serving another year as S.W., and, from the manner in which the lodge had been conducted during the term of the I.P.M.'s office, he felt sure that Bro. Furby would remember many useful lessons. He called on the brethren to drink heartily to the health and prosperity of Bro. Ancher.

Bro. Ancher, P.M., in rising to respond, said that he felt extremely obliged to his friend, the D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and also for the kind reception it had received at the hands of the brethren. Bro. Bevan had said a great deal in his (Bro. Ancher's) praise as regards the management of the lodge during his term of office as W.M., and knowing that Bro. Bevan was always sincere in his remarks regarding any officer's conduct he (Bro. Ancher) thought that he had just reason to feel satisfied that his services had been approved of by all. From the formation of the lodge to the present time he had always endeavoured to maintain order and discipline in the lodge, as he was well convinced, from long experience, that without that no institution could possibly prosper; he was also pleased to state that he had at all times received the most cordial and kind assistance from his officers, and was pleased to see that his successor in office had so carefully considered these brethren's past services, and promoted them to higher offices, for which he knew they were well qualified. Bro. Ancher concluded by again thanking the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst applause.

The R.W.D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Nicholson and Williams, S. and J. Wardens, and said that he felt convinced that the selection the W.M. had made was most satisfactory. He (Bro. Lazar) was more particularly so, judging from the very marked attention given to the various charges which he had that day delivered to the officers at their installation, and also from the manner in which each officer had discharged his respective duties in the lodge during the day, and, further, seriously exhorted them to zealously assist the W.M. during his term of office, reminding them that it was only by strict attention to their duties, and obedience to the W.M., that they could expect similar obedience from the members. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Nicholson, in reply, begged to thank the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been responded to, and assured the brethren he should endeavour as far as lay in his power to prove himself deserving of the honour which had that day been conferred upon him. Bro. Williams also addressed the brethren, and said that he heartily thanked the R.W.D.G.M. for the flattering manner in which the toast had been proposed, and likewise for the kind reception given to it by the brethren. He, Bro. Williams, was aware that it was essentially necessary that the officers should to the utmost of their power assist the W.M. in the discharge of his duties, as without it the lodge could not prosper, and knowing this he begged to assure the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to do so, and in all matters strive to render himself worthy of the high honour that had been conferred upon him. Bro. Williams concluded by again thanking the brethren.

"The Rearing Officers" was proposed by Bro. P.M. Revell, who in a very neat speech acknowledged the pleasure he felt at being present, and tendered some very good advice to all Masons generally.

Bro. P.M. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins then proposed "The Lazar Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Ancher and Furby, the principal founders of the lodge. He said that it afforded him at all times the greatest pleasure to visit the Lazar Lodge; there was in his, Bro. Watkins's, opinion, something so cosy and comfortable about the Lazar Lodge, and at the same time everything seemed to be carried on as if one spirit animated the minds of the whole of the officers and members. He thanked the brethren for having afforded him the pleasing privilege of being present on this auspicious occasion, and trusted that he would see many brethren of the Lazar Lodge in Greymouth when their installation of officers took place. He again thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst great applause. Bro. P.M. Ancher and Bro. Furby, W.M., briefly replied.

"The Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, E.C.," was then proposed by Bro. P.M. Ancher, who said that the Pacific Lodge was unquestionably one of the best conducted lodges that

it had been his privilege to visit; he congratulated the W.M. of that lodge, Bro. Binning, on the very excellent management of the Pacific Lodge, and trusted that the brethren present would muster up and go down to Hokitika on the occasion of the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. James Bevan, whom he was glad to see present amongst them. Bro. Binning briefly replied, and assured the Kinnard brethren of a hearty welcome whenever they came his way.

"The Sister Lodges" was then proposed by Bro. Williams, and responded to by Past Masters Hudson, Revell, Watkins, and Bevan.

"The Lodges under the S.C. and I.C." was then proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Michel, S.W., of the Westland Kilwinning, by Bro. P.M. Hudson, and briefly replied to by Bro. Michel.

"The Newly-initiated," coupled with the names of Bros. Brookfield and Wells, by Bro. P.M. Ancher. Bro. Brookfield replied in a few pleasing words.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Furby, W.M. Bros. Klein and Ward responded.

Tyler's toast, by the Tyler.

The brethren dispersed at one a.m., after having enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Several of the brethren sang some very good songs, and all expressed a wish of "happy to meet again."

Order of St. Lawrence.

YORK.—Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the W.M., Bro. Geo. Simpson, presiding, the following officers also being present: J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; T. Humphries, I.G.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chaplain; W. P. Husband, K. of G. The previous minutes having been confirmed, two candidates were introduced and advanced to the degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., acting as Conductor. The Recorder was instructed to make inquiries concerning the reported movement for forming a central ruling body for the degree, of which no official communication had been received by the lodge.

Public Amusements.

CHEETHAM TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER.—A dramatic and musical entertainment was given on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., in this hall by Bros. Albert Brenner and John Wainwright. The performance commenced with the petite comedy entitled *He's a Lunatic*, in which Bro. Wainwright sustained the part of "March Hare," a character he has performed no less than 500 times. It is needless to remark that his personification was as good as ever, and drew forth loud expressions of approval from the audience. In this he was ably seconded by Miss Fanny Clark, who acted with great spirit. A miscellaneous concert followed, in which Miss Annie Salted sang "Wapping Old Stairs" very fairly, and Mr. G. Sheldon gave a humorous song, entitled "Sam Blowcoach," which greatly tickled the audience. Bro. Albert Brenner then gave, with great taste and feeling, "Annie, Dear, Good-bye," and, in response to a vociferous encore, sang "I am so very Sleepy," from *The Sultan of Mocha*, in which opera Bro. Brenner has been lately performing. "My Lord Tommody" was next recited by Bro. Wainwright in good style, and, in response to an encore, gave a pathetic rendering of the "Ratcatcher's Daughter." This portion of the entertainment concluded with a recitation by Bro. Doubavaand, entitled "Jamie's Frolic," a Lancashire poem, which he gave in such grand style that he was summoned before the audience, and then recited "The Ivy and the Bell." The entertainment concluded with Bidbin's ballad opera *The Waterman*, in which Bro. Albert Brenner very ably performed the part of "Tom Tug." His renderings of "The Jolly Young Waterman," "Farewell, my Trim built Wherry," and "The Bay of Biscay," were received with great favour, especially the latter, which was encored, and the last verse repeated. Bro. J. Wainwright was irresistibly comic as "Robin," and fairly convulsed the audience, while Mr. G. Sheldon acted the part of "Mr. Bundle" very creditably. There was a very fair attendance, amongst whom we noticed several of the Masonic fraternity.

SHEFFIELD.—On the 27th ult. the Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave the opening performance of its second season, the plays selected for the first night being *Alice and Perfection*, and for the following evening *Our Wife*, *Sweethearts*, and *Braganzio the Brigand*. So far as *Alice*, *Perfection*, and *Sweethearts* were concerned they were most admirably rendered, and left nothing to be desired. *Our Wife* was well played, but the previous efforts of those engaged in it certainly led us to expect something even better, as in the bye-play and business there was evidence of a lack of study. *Braganzio the Brigand* was a—well, perhaps the less we say the better. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the managers, whose efforts were simply untiring, the scenery being a very great success; and another praiseworthy and noticeable feature was the music. The company received valuable assistance from Miss Frederica Taylor and Miss Marie Montgomery, who rendered their several parts with their acknowledged ability, meeting with a warm reception and repeated plaudits. The hall was crowded, showing these entertainments have passed into an "institution" with our worthy Sheffield brethren and their lady friends. From these two performances may be deduced the useful lesson, not to look *Alice* for *Perfection* in *Sweethearts*, or even *Our Wife*, much less in a *Brigand*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

"Hughan's Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges, &c.," is the first work to give a list of the special jewels worn by certain lodge members in England. It also contains the first complete register of lodges to whom centenary warrants have been granted, and is the only volume in which an account is afforded of all the jewels allowed to be worn by members under the Grand Lodge of England. The "Masonic Register" is, moreover, the first illustrated work on Masonic Numismatics ever published in England, and the first to present in proper order the numbers of all the lodges immediately before and after the "Union" of Dec., 1813, and as altered in 1832 and 1863, by which tables any lodge can be traced which was on the roll of either Grand Lodge at the "Union," and all its numerical changes can easily be noted. The frontispiece of the arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, and five plates of special and Royal Masonic medals are, the first of the kind ever produced, and, being in appropriate colours, are of considerable value.

The Annual Dinner of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's, on the 26th inst., and that of the Eating House Keepers on Monday, May 5th, at which Bro. Sheriff Burt will preside, will be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, and not at Willis's Rooms, as stated in our last.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, took place on Thursday afternoon at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool. A full report of the proceedings will be given in next issue.

AMABLE VAUGHAN.—Bro. Emma Holmes, whose new work, recently reviewed in these pages, was dedicated, by permission, to our young, amiable, student Prince, President of the Royal Society of Literature and Art, has, we learn, just received a very gratifying communication from Bro. R. H. Collins, the Prince's private Secretary, in which the courteous writer says:—"His Royal Highness Prince Leopold desires me to thank you for the two copies of your work which you have sent to him, and to inform you that he will lay the second copy before the Queen for Her Majesty's acceptance."

At a meeting held at Cheltenham, on Saturday, 15th inst., it was announced that Bro. Agg Gardner, M.P., would not seek re-election to the House of Commons. A deputation was appointed to induce him to reconsider his determination.

Bro. Dr. Charles Hogg, of Charterhouse-square, has engaged to give a lecture on "The Genius and Poetry of Burns," on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the lecture-room of the Weigh House Chapel. The lecture will be illustrated by a choice selection of songs (by Burns), to be given by Mrs. Marshall, assisted by her friends.

Bro. William Stokes, of the Royal Polytechnic, is re-engaged at the Aquarium, Westminster, and his pupils are giving some extraordinary proofs of acquired power of verbal memory, obtained by the system of Mnemonics.

THE LATE C. E. CAWLEY, M.P.—A posthumous life-sized portrait of this gentleman, painted by Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, has been presented by subscription to the Royal Masonic Library, Salford, which borough Mr. Cawley represented in Parliament for many years.

National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.—At the annual meeting of Governors, the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow in the chair, the report and balance sheet were submitted and passed. The number of in-patients were during the year 87, and the attendance of out-patients 8866. Col. Aikman, V.C., proposed a vote of thanks to the noble Chairman, which was duly carried. Amongst others present were Messrs. Malcolm Low, Layton, Handley, Booty, Syms, Sheridan, M.P., Captain Gilmore, R.N., Drs. Vincent Ambler, Ridsdale, Duncan, Verley. A new lease having been obtained of the hospital, most extensive repairs have had to be executed at a large outlay.

An amateur dramatic performance will be given at the Aquarium Theatre, on Monday next, in aid of the Printers' Pension Corporation. The bill contains the attractions of "Box and Cox," "The Lady of Lyons," and "The Two Bonnycastles," and the cast contains some names well-known in Press circles.

The wife of Lord Grosvenor, P.G.W., gave birth to a son and heir at Saughton Towers, Chester, on Thursday, an event which has caused great rejoicing in the house of Eaton, the Countess having given birth previously to two daughters. Dr. Dobie, the family physician, was in attendance, and his latest bulletin is that both mother and the child, a fine boy, are doing well.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The Pall Mall Gazette of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, 3d. each; parsnips, 3d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 28, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot., Forest Hill.
- " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, the Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1348, Ebury, 12, Pousonby-st., Millbank.
- " 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H. Camberwell.
- " 753, Prince Fredk. William, Lords Hot., St. John's W.
- " 898, 1mperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- " 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
- " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
- Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st., Hot.
- Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
- Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1324, Duke of Connaught, Havelock T., Albion-rd.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 538, Vane, F.M.H.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Pousonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- K.T. Encamp., 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 29, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabye, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- William de la More Encamp., Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
- Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

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HOLLOWAY'S PULS AND OINTMENT.—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature every one is more or less liable to internal and external diseases. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, any one who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a-day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.—[Adv.]

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The members of this lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M., Bro. J. Douglass, in the chair. There were also present the officers, Bros. C. J. Scates, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. Stiles (W.M. 1732), Sec.; H. Stiles, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, W.S.; and Daly, Tyler; with members, Bros. Edmonds, Gilbert, Gilbert, jun., Killingback, Rancy, Tuck, Beattie, H. Clark, C.C., Cruikshanks, F. J. Perks, Smith, Clarkson, Ward, Dimsdale, G. Edwards, Brooker, Deboul, Musgrave, and others. There were several visitors, Bros. Hubbard, Detray, Kauffman, Moss, Browning, and others. As the candidates for initiation and passing were not in attendance there were, for the first time in the history of the lodge, no ceremonies worked, so the business on the summons was proceeded with. The election of Treasurer was unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Willing, P.M., who has held the office for some years to the satisfaction of the lodge; Bro. Daly was re-elected Tyler, and the S.W., Bro. C. J. Scates, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. It was proposed by Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Willing, P.M., "That the summer festival be held, as usual, in July," and a Committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements for the same. The following members were elected to serve on the Audit Committee:—Bros. Tuck, Cruikshanks, Beattie, Edmonds, and Ward, all the officers being ex-officio members. A vote of thanks was, by acclamation, given to Bro. J. Douglass, W.M., for the attention he had given to his duties, and the skilful manner in which he had performed them, during his year of office. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual toasts were given, and some excellent singing by Bros. Stiles, Musgrave, and Moss was much appreciated.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the London, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W.M. There were also present, among others, Bros. Dixon, I.P.M.; Geo. Adamson, P.P.S.A.D.C. Kent; C. Butcher, S.W.; A. E. Staley, J.W.; Kennett Harris, W.S. 1185, S.D.; B. Buckworth, J.D.; J. Kimpton, I.G.; W. Woodward, W.S.; Jas. Rexworthy, D.C.; Frost, Organist; Recknell (acting Secretary), Mackrell, Charles, Chapman, Carter, and others. Visitors: Bros. Bayley, S.W. 185; A. Sturt, 1328; Moss, and Reeves. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Andrews was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Fowler, Gathercole, Meek, and Bleck were initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M., which won for him the applause of all the brethren present. Some other Masonic business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet in the adjoining saloon, and afterwards honoured the customary toasts. The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, took the opportunity of thanking the members of the lodge for the very handsome manner in which they were supporting him in his Stewardship for the Girls' School at the coming festival, for which he was proud to tell them that his list already exceeded 100 guineas. The Visitors, in responding to their health, thanked the W.M. for the pleasure they had experienced both in his excellent working and the hospitality of the lodge. In proposing "The Officers" the W.M. expressed his grief at the great loss their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Adamson, had sustained in the death of his son, and also at the loss of the Dover pilot cutter off Dun-

geness, by which fifteen brother Masons had been suddenly called to the Grand Lodge above, one of them being P.M. and Treasurer of his mother lodge. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable evening to a close, which was made the more cheerful by some excellent music and singing by Bros. Rexworthy, Kennett Harris, Bayley, Frost, and Recknell.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—At the last monthly meeting of this lodge the I.P.M. was presented by the officers and members with a five guinea Past Master's jewel, the square with the forty-seventh proposition of the Book of Euclid on a plate pendant within it, in recognition of his services to the lodge for the year 1878. During the present month Bro. Phillips has presided at the lodge of instruction, working under the warrant of the above lodge, when, in accordance with the bye-laws, the Seven Sections of the First Lecture have been worked as follows:—First night, First Section, Bro. Bemister; Second Section, Bro. H. Lashmore; Third Section, Bro. Curd; Fourth Section, Bro. Phillips (the questions in the fourth being asked by Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the lodge). Second night, Fifth Section, Bro. James Cole; Sixth Section, Bro. C. Marshall; and Seventh Section, Bro. T. Lashmore. Bro. Sidney Myer has been elected W.M. of the lodge for the month of April, when the remaining eight Sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked, previous to the summer recess of the lodge, which, thanks chiefly to Bro. Sharpe, is in excellent working order, and has been the means of assisting materially in their duties the W.M.'s and officers of more than one of the lodges in the town during the past year.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—On Thursday, the 20th inst., a large number of the brethren of this old-established and very prosperous lodge celebrated their annual festival in the board-room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health (kindly lent for the occasion). The adjourned regular meeting of the lodge was duly opened at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. J. P. Watts, the all important event of the assembly being the installation of Bro. Robert Derry, S.W. and W.M. elect. The following Installed Masters were present at the installation: Bros. T. M. Rigg, P.M., 1089, P.P.G.Reg.; W. Pannell, P.M. and Secretary 1089, Z. 158, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer 158, P.Z. and T. 158, P.P.G.O.; John Bagshaw, P.M. and S. 158, P.Z. and E. 158, P.P.G.O.; George H. Chixfield, W.M. 127; J. M. Longhurst, W.M. 133; William Rankin, W.M. 184; H. G. Clarkson, W.M. 1089; Henry Tuff, W.M. 1273; Wm. Furner Carpenter, P.M. 158; Thos. J. Firminger, P.M. 158; Joseph R. Brett, P.M. 158; M. W. West, P.M. 1089; E. J. Penney, P.M. 1089. Previous to proceeding with the installation, the W.M., Bro. Watts, presented, in appropriate terms, to Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., in the name and by the unanimous vote of the lodge, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the esteem felt for him by his brethren, and for the very valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. Bro. Derry having been presented to the W.M. by Bro. Firminger, D.C., was duly and according to ancient custom placed in the chair of King Solomon in such a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. Watts, as to elicit the highest commendation from the brethren. Having been raised to the seat of government, the newly-elected Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers during his term of office:—Bros. J. P. Watts, I.P.M.; C. Austin, R.N., S.W.; M. J. Sullivan, R.N., J.W.; Alexander Spears, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Green, S.D.; E. Stutely, J.D.; T. J. Firminger, D. of C.; W. W. Grimwood, Org.; F. C. Paul, I.G.; H. Sole and J. H. Lee, Stewards; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The investment being concluded, the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Watts, with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of respect for his services during the past year. Votes of thanks were unanimously given to Bro. Watts, P.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had installed his successor to the chair, and to the members of the Board of Health for the loan of the board-room. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, and for Adam's Lodge in particular, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer. After the business had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the lodge-room, in the Victoria-buildings, where a most excellent banquet had been provided for them by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel, widow of the late Bro. J. G. Green, P.M. of Adam's, and P.P.G.J.D. of the province of Kent. The banquet was well served, well attended, about seventy-five being present, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured. The toast of "The W.M." was rapturously received, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Derry. After a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated. Bro. Grimwood, the newly-appointed Organist, most ably presided at the pianoforte.

SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Emerson, in the chair. There was a large number of the brethren present, and among the Past Masters were Bros. Woodall, P.P.G.J.W.; Walshaw, P.P.G.D.C.; Williamson, Millner, and Tomlinson. The officers present were Bros. W. B. Richardson, S.W.; J. R. Dippee, J.W.; C. Roberts, Sec.; E. Cooper, J.D.; and R. Hume, I.G. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation to the mysteries and privileges of our ancient Order, Messrs. Creed and Whittingham, who were unani-

mously accepted, and duly admitted. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Bishop having been examined, was entrusted, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, to which Bro. Bishop was duly raised. Some slight commotion arose during the solemn ceremony owing to the sudden illness of a visiting brother. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Woodall, presented his report, which showed the financial position to be very prosperous, and which was accordingly received and adopted. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Woodall, as Treasurer, and to Bros. Knaggs and Fowler, the Auditors, also to Bro. Millner, P.M., for his present to the lodge of a handsome pair of Deacon's wands. Bro. Woodall, who is a P.M. of this lodge and a very eminent Mason, expressed his desire to present a life policy of insurance to the Old Globe Lodge, for the purpose of founding a Masonic hall in this town when the lease of the present premises expires. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Old Globe Lodge, tendered Bro. Woodall the best thanks of the lodge for his generous offer, which, he said, was very gladly accepted. The reports of the Easter Entertainment Committee, presented and read by Bro. W. Fraser, and of the Furnishing Committee, read by the W.M., were adopted. After a candidate for initiation had been proposed, and "Hearty Good Wishes" tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed about 9.45 in ancient form, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in social harmony and fraternal love, enlivened with songs and toasts, the E.A. song being especially honoured.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., at the Drivers' Inn, Openshaw. At 6.30 p.m. the brethren sat down to tea, which was, as usual, most comfortably provided by the host, Bro. John Battersly, in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 7.15, by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M., acting Master, owing to the decease of the W.M., Bro. John Bedford, which took place on the 2nd inst., as duly reported in the *Freemason*. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Greenup, S.W.; Hickson, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Brougham, J.D.; Parker, P.M., Treasurer; Tyers, P.M., D.C.; Speakman, Hon. Sec.; Johnson, I.G.; Swift, Steward; Beswick, Tyler; Brown, Cordingley, Bradburn, Knott, J. Swift, Lloyd, J. T. Entwisle, J. Hilton; and visiting Bros. Hewitt and Reed, 78; and a brother from Lodge 471. The minutes of the last regular meeting were then read by Bro. Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec., and were unanimously confirmed, also the minutes of the emergency meeting which was held on the 7th inst., as also the dispensation authorising the brethren to wear the clothing of their respective offices on the occasion of the funeral of their W.M., was read by the Secretary, and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree by the acting W.M., when Bros. Brougham and Lloyd gave the tongue of good report for Mr. Richard Norris, who was then balloted for, and duly elected and initiated into Ancient Freemasonry by the acting W.M. The working tools of an Entered Apprentice Freemason were very ably explained by Bro. Greenup, S.W., to Bro. Norris, and the charge of initiation by Bro. Hickson, J.W., was, with much ability, delivered. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the test questions were put to Bro. James T. Entwisle, to entitle him to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and being answered in a satisfactory manner, he was entrusted with a seat of merit leading to the degree into which he sought to be admitted; he was then ordered to retire to prepare for the ceremony. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree by the acting W.M., who then called upon Bro. John Parker, P.M. and Treasurer, to take the chair of K.S., and raise Bro. J. T. Entwisle to the Sublime Degree of M.M., which he did in his usual very impressive and effective manner, after which the acting Master then assumed the duties of the chair, and, by authority, declared the M.M. Lodge was closed, and left open in the Second Degree, which degree was also closed, and left open in the First Degree. "Hearty Good Wishes" were then expressed by the visiting brethren, when the acting W.M. delivered a charge or message entrusted to him by the late and much lamented W.M. (for the brethren) shortly before his decease. The message was, with much brotherly love and feeling, delivered by the acting W.M., and with equal feeling and respect received by the brethren, who esteemed their late W.M. very highly. The lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 9.50 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and on this occasion the harmony was dispensed with. The brethren, as usual, were taken to town by the bus provided each lodge night for their convenience.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. A. C. Woodley in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Waters, I.P.M.; J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; C. Cooke, Org.; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver, I.G.; H. Roberts, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. J. Manning, I.P.M. 1472; E. J. Lloyd, J.W. 1472; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), &c. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Mr. E. Deeks was, after approval, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. A distressed brother was then relieved with two guineas, and then the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured. Bro. Waters then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," expressing his,

and the satisfaction felt by every member of the lodge, at the way in which the W.M. had carried out his duties. The toast was drunk most heartily. The W.M., after thanking them, said he very much regretted to see so few present. It was the smallest gathering during his year of office. He had tried to do his best for the lodge, and the way in which they had received the toast convinced him that he had the respect of every one in the lodge. There was one thing that must be looked to in accounting for the comparatively few present (some forty-five), and that was that their numbers now were not so great as they were six or seven years ago, when they numbered 120. The opening of the United Military Lodge at Plumstead had taken nearly all their military brethren from them, and now they only numbered 95. He trusted to see a fuller lodge at their next meeting; and concluded by again thanking them for the toast. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Lloyd, who expressed his great pleasure in making this, his second visit to the lodge. The first time he was very much impressed with the excellent style of the work done in the lodge, and the unanimity that prevailed among the whole of the members; and this time he was equally pleased with not only its working, but its cordial reception of its visitors. At the installation of the W.M. of his lodge, the Henley Lodge, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Woodley had spoken of the interest the Nelson Lodge took in the Henley Lodge as one of its children. They felt proud of being the child of such a worthy mother, and he certainly trusted that interest would always continue for their mutual benefit. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and Bro. Deeks suitably replied. In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Woodley complimented the lodge upon having such an array of Past Masters as it had, and especially upon such as were present that night. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. Bro. Waters, P.M., in reply, said that his office was a sinecure, in fact he had nothing to do, for the W.M. was so well up in the ceremonies that he was compelled to acknowledge that his office was a sinecure. As to his two brother Past Masters present they had something to do in the lodge—one as Treasurer, the other as Secretary. Every Past Master was willing and desirous of giving his experience to any brother who required it, and were anxious to do all in their power for the welfare of the lodge generally. Bros. Butt and Norman briefly replied, and after "The Officers" had been toasted, the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge, which has its head-quarters at Bro. Rawlinson's Hotel, in one of the numerous pleasant out-townships of Liverpool, took place there on Thursday afternoon, the 20th inst., and the prestige secured by this lodge in the province was clearly evinced by the attendance and quality of the working. The annual celebration of the festival of the Patron Saint of Freemasonry in connection with the "Pembroke" is invariably marked by much enthusiasm and undoubted success, and that of 1879 may be fairly added to the increasing list of these festive and interesting gatherings. The chair at the opening of the lodge (fixed for half-past 3 o'clock) was occupied by Bro. J. Capell, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. Joseph Clegg, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; R. Bennett, P.M.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Bramham, J.W.; Peter Macmurdrow, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; T. G. Fisher, Sec.; W. S. Bennett, S.D.; W. Hiles, J.D.; W. Avis, I.G.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. H. Lyon, C. Ainsworth, J. P. Bradford, H. P. Bloomer, G. Baxter, S. Ibbotson, C. Bank, E. M. Hughes, L. Bramwell, J. Bramham, R. W. Taylor, R. J. Swales, W. Brown, J. P. Caperton, T. W. Blackstone, R. W. Crosby, and D. Parry. The visitors present were Bros. T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; J. Hughes, P.M. 220; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; T. Davies, W.M. 1182; W. Boddington, 1016; F. J. Turley, 74; J. Cave, 1095; T. F. Hill, S.W. 220; H. Hatch, J.W. 220; J. White, 1620; J. Corson, 823; S. P. Gore, 1356; W. J. Constantine, 1356; and W. Longbottom, 1013. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and unanimously confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Jones, P.M., who installed Bro. Francis B. Bramham as the W.M. for the ensuing year, in a highly satisfactory manner. The following officers were subsequently invested for the year:—Bros. John Capell, I.P.M.; W. S. Bennett, S.W.; T. G. Fisher, J.W.; P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas. (re-elected); W. Hiles, Sec.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; H. P. Bloomer, S.D.; L. Bramwell, J.D.; J. P. Bradford, I.G.; C. Ainsworth, S.S.; R. W. Taylor, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The balance-sheet, which was taken as read, showed that the lodge at the close of this year was in a much better financial position than it was when the last statement of the Treasurer was submitted. After business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rawlinson, the chair being occupied by Bro. F. B. Bramham, W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., responded for "The Right Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." Bro. J. Capell, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," to which Bro. Bramham responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him that day, and assuring them that he would maintain the position of the lodge to the best of his ability. After the toast of "The Installing Master" had been proposed, to which Bro. Jones responded, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Worshipful Past Masters," and in doing so presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. Capell, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, as a mark of esteem, along with an elegant coffee service, the gift of private members. The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. Capell in feeling terms. He said that twelve months ago he told the brethren that, on being placed in the chair of the Pembroke Lodge, he felt

that to be one of the happiest moments in connection with one of the greatest honours which he had ever enjoyed, and now, at the close, he was extremely gratified to say that his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s position had been one of unalloyed happiness. He regarded the honour now with even increased feelings of pride, and, in looking at the very valuable and elegant presentation which had been made by the W.M.—one on behalf of the lodge and the other by private friends—he could hardly find words to express his joy and thanks for these altogether undeserved marks of their esteem and personal regard. He hoped long to be able to continue to work for the welfare and prosperity of the Pembroke Lodge, indeed, so long as the T.G.A.O.T.U. gave him health and ability he would spare no effort to enhance the position and increase the prosperity of a lodge in which he had so deep an interest. The toast of "The Past Masters" was also responded to by Bro. Past Masters Bennett, Vines, and Jones. "The Visitors," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bros. T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; T. F. Hill, S.W. 220; P. S. Gore, 1356 (who presented a valuable W.M.'s gavel to the lodge); H. Hatch, J.W. 220, and others. An excellent musical programme was supplied by Bros. T. F. Turley, Barker, Hughes, Hill, Hiles, Spinks, and Gough (who was the pianoforte accompanist). It should be stated that the "Happy Moments" of Bro. Hiles, the Secretary, gave "minutes" of delight to those who had the privilege of hearing his artistic rendering of the celebrated "Mariana" song. The brethren adjourned at an early hour, and the majority returned to town, greatly delighted with the pleasant day's proceedings.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex, acting S.W.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, J.W., W.M. elect; Lieut.-Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, Hon. P.M.; Nuthall, Treas.; T. O. Ockenden, Sec.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, I.G. (Freemason); Scott, W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; S. Hill, P.M. 109; Inglis, P.M. 708; Purnell, P.M. 804; Noble, J.W. 975; Day and Murphy, 1512. The minutes of the February meeting, and an emergency meeting held on the 8th inst., were read and confirmed. There were present at the latter Bros. W. Hammond, W.M.; Forge, acting S.W.; Walls, acting J.W.; Ockenden, Secretary; Featherstone, acting S.D.; Hurst, J.D.; Bonell, acting I.G. The business of the emergency consisted only of the passing of Bros. Gerhold and Ellis. The ceremony of inducting Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny into the chair of K.S. was most ably performed by Bro. J. Hammond. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. Hammond, I.P.M.; Bond, S.W. (by deputy); Aston, J.W. (by deputy); Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, Sec.; Hurst, S.D.; Walls, J.D.; Scott, I.G.; Honeywell, Organist (by deputy); Featherstone, W.S.; Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Walls having given notice of motion as to the alteration of one of the bye-laws, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the caterer, Bro. Andrews. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." was warmly proposed by the W.M., and most enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Col. Burdett, in reply, said that as he was the first Grand Master of the province he necessarily had had a great deal of experience of Freemasonry in Middlesex, and he was gratified at being in a position to state that he knew of no instance where a lodge had attained such large proportions in so short a time as the Wolsey Lodge had. This state of things for a young lodge was exceedingly creditable. It appeared to him that its consecration, at which he was present, was a thing of yesterday, and he well remembered being told at the time that the lodge would be a failure. This augury of ill-omen, however, was not borne out by fact, and he was pleased to think that the residents of the village had availed themselves of the opportunity of joining a local lodge. The success that had attended it was mainly due to the exertions of the first W.M., Bro. Hammond, who, during the two years that he had filled the chair had used every endeavour to increase its prosperity. He hoped that the members would strive to keep up the quality of the lodge; quantity was all very well in its way, but discrimination in the selection of candidates for admission was the chief thing to be considered. In conclusion, he said he felt proud at being present on so auspicious an event as the installation of the vicar of the parish into the chair of the Wolsey Lodge. He felt confident that their reverend brother had the interest of the lodge at heart, and that he would do everything in his power to render it a still greater success, and as the hour was getting late he should take the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny briefly responded. He said that he followed in the footsteps of one who had set an example which would not easily be forgotten. He hoped that the members of the lodge would evince the same spirit during his tenure of the chair that had actuated them whilst under the sway of his predecessor. In the manifold and arduous discharge of his duties he hoped to be cheered by the presence, and assisted by the counsel, of the I.P.M., but, in any event, he should not disgrace the position. In concluding his remarks, the W.M. said that he should endeavour fearlessly to act according to those constitutions of the Order which had been laid down for the guidance of the Craft. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. "The I.P.M." came next, and at its conclusion Bro. Hammond was presented with a Past Master's jewel. In the course of his reply the I.P.M., in very feeling terms,

alluded to the premature death of Bro. Bernard Sharp, one of the founders of the Wolsey Lodge, and who, at the time of his demise, held the position of W.M. elect. He said that the idea of founding a lodge at Hampton Wick emanated from him, and he had taken, as they were fully aware, whilst his health permitted, a very active interest in its welfare. Their late lamented brother had achieved high honours in many degrees of Freemasonry abroad, and would, no doubt, have distinguished himself equally as well in England had it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to have spared his life. Out of compliment to his memory the W.M. had requested that the members should appear in Masonic mourning, and he (the I.P.M.) was pleased that the brethren had obeyed the mandate. This toast having been drunk in solemn silence, the remaining pledges, viz., "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. S.G.D., P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; George Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsay, I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; Henry Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; Dr. Whitmarsh, I.G.; F. J. Perks, D.C.; G. J. Dunkley, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars. The visitors were Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M.; C. P. McKay, W.M. 720; H. Baldwin, White, E. W. Dubois, and H. C. Levander, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex, and V.P. Board of General Purposes. The minutes of the consecration and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for some joining members, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, and T. W. G. Wood were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed (by permission of the W.M.) by Bro. McKay, W.M. 720, a friend of one of the candidates for raising, the whole ceremony, including the lecture and traditional history, being given. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars to the Second Degree. Messrs. F. W. Gretten and N. Voice, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The draft bye-laws were read and approved, and ordered to be submitted to the Prov. Grand Secretary for approval by the Prov. Grand Master. An important part of the proceedings was the presentation by Bro. H. B. Marshall of a very handsome copy of the Sacred Law, which he had promised on the evening of his initiation. The W.M. thanked the donor in an appropriate speech, and proposed a vote of thanks, which the J.W. seconded, and will be recorded on the minutes. Bro. H. Lovegrove expressed the pleasure felt by himself and the founders of the lodge at the presence in their midst of a very distinguished Mason, Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec. (who was prevented from being present at the consecration), and proposed that he be requested to accept honorary membership of the lodge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. G. Clark, J.W., and carried unanimously. At the close of the proceedings, which lasted over three hours, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Inn, where a banquet had been provided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB.—This well known and deservedly appreciated club, formed some years since for the purpose of working ceremonial alone, to the entire exclusion of section working, thereby enabling brethren appointed to office in lodges to have immediate opportunity for perfecting themselves in their duties, has now, after a period of unfortunate changes of places of meeting, settled down in most comfortable quarters in West Smithfield. The removal of the club to the excellent hostelry of Bro. T. Butt, the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, E.C., took place a few weeks ago, and the meetings since then have shown evidence of a new vitality which bids fair to ensure a great success for the club. On the 4th inst., it was resolved to inaugurate the change of quarters by holding a first annual festival on Tuesday, April 1st, in the large new assembly room recently built by Bro. Butt for the enlargement of his extensive premises, and this festival promises to be of a noteworthy character. Bro. Wm. Butt, P.M. of Lodges 917 and 1677, will officiate as President; Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426, as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. William Webb, W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, 382, at Uxbridge, as Junior Vice-President. The Director of the Ceremonies on this occasion will be Bro. John Syer, of the Panmure, 720, and Montefiore, 1017. A lodge will be opened at 6 p.m., and the ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., the Great City Lodge, 1426, &c.; this will be followed by a banquet. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns. At the club meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., there was a goodly gathering of members, Bros. James Stevens, as W.M.; Simmons, S.W.; Humphreys, J.W.; Wm. Hames, Preceptor; when the ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees were worked, and the detail of arrangements for the festival discussed. We wish the club every success, and that the approaching entertainment may result in advantage to the Craft generally and the thorough enjoyment of its members.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, which was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., the following brethren attended:—Bros. J. J. Holland, W.M.; W. A. Blackmore, S.W.; J. Frost, J.W.; P. V. Denham, S.D.; A. N. Newens, I.G.; J. G. Carter, C. Digby, F. H. Newens, and A. A. Denham, Bro. Holland, who was complimented by Bro. Carter (the Preceptor) for his

proficiency, went through the working of the two degrees, Bro. A. N. Newens being the candidate. Bro. P. V. Denham gave notice of motion as to the disposal of the lodge funds now in hand. It is proposed to devote a portion of the money to presenting Bro. J. G. Carter with a testimonial for his untiring energy and kindness in acting as Preceptor.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present: Bros. L. R. Rogers, P.M., W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; J. Pigot, P.M., J.W.; J. Pigot, Treas.; H. B. Dunn, Sec.; A. Goode, S.D.; Dunn, J.D.; S. Goode, I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. P. Dickinson, Preceptor, J. Pigot, L. R. Rogers, T. Goode, J. W. Wright, L. Grout. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. Goode, candidate for raising, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed, and traditional history given. The lodge was closed in Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Press having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 24th inst. Present: Comps. John Bertram, M.E.Z.; G. R. Sherville, H.; C. Martin, J.; W. Kirby, P.Z., Treas.; W. Platt, P.Z., S.E.; Joseph Last, P.S.; E. C. Rowley, 1st Asst.; W. Land, 2nd Asst.; Hatton, Elsbj, Baxter, and others. The first business was to elect and install the officers, and the following companions were duly appointed:—Comps. G. R. Sherville, M.E.Z.; C. Martin, H.; Land, J.; Baxter, N.; Hatton, P.S. Bros. J. E. Shand, J.W. City of Westminster Lodge, 1563, and George Draton, I.G. Robert Burns Lodge, 1025, were then balloted for, and duly exalted. A banquet followed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Songs and a recitation by Comp. Thomas followed, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

MACDONALD CHAPTER (No. 1216).—The usual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, 20th inst., at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, and was, as usual, well attended. The fittings and furniture of this chapter are both unique and elegant, and never fail to elicit from visitors general admiration. Present: Comps. W. J. Messenger, M.E.Z.; P.Z. Waterall (acting H. in the absence of Comp. Hastie); Newington Bridges, J.; W. H. Thomas, Scribe E.; A. Bradley, P.S.; Captain Styan, A.S.; and W. Allen, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Larham, and J. Stevens, P.Z. 720; and H. Thompson, J. 619. The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the consecration of the 16th January were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Bealy, of the Macdonald Lodge, was then introduced, and in a very able manner exalted by the M.E.Z. into the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, the whole ceremony being well performed. After some other business the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned for refreshment, which was provided by Bro. Kethro, the caterer to the corps, and it gave general satisfaction. The whole of the customary toasts were not given, for reasons assigned, but that of "The Health of the M.E.Z." was not allowed to be omitted. It was proposed in very appropriate terms, in which the ability he had displayed in the performance of the ceremony received its due share of commendation. The M.E.Z. very briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so remarked that he was glad to see present amongst them that evening Comp. Thompson, from whom, when attending the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, he had received a considerable amount of assistance in qualifying him for the duties he had to perform in the Craft. He also welcomed amongst them Comps. Stevens and Larham, of the Panmure Chapter, and was glad to have the opportunity of proposing their health. The toast was very cordially drunk by the companions. Comp. Stevens said that when he found himself in a difficulty he thought the sooner he got out of it the better, and, therefore, he at once returned thanks to the companions for the favourable manner in which they had received his name, and expressed the renewed pleasure he had experienced in being amongst them that evening. Comp. Thompson also returned thanks, and said that he had very great pleasure in visiting the chapter that evening for the first time, as he on many occasions had had most gratifying meetings and associations with the members of the 1st Surrey. In the first place he had for many years experienced repeated acts of kindness in meeting with them "on the tented field" of Wimbledon; in the next he had the gratification of meeting them in the Macdonald Lodge, and that night his pleasure had been supplemented by meeting them in the Macdonald Chapter. Their M.E.Z. had been pleased to refer to the services he had rendered to him in the lodge of instruction, but he believed he had over-estimated any little assistance he might have rendered, but as regarded the Royal Arch Degree at any rate the pupil had outstripped the teacher, and although he might endeavour to do so, he thought it would be long indeed before he should be able to overtake him in the race. Humble, however, as might be his efforts, he would try what he could do, and if he failed to reach his high standard he would try to emulate his bright example. Thanking the companions for the hospitality they had shown to him, he said his visit to the Macdonald Chapter

would ever remain in his mind as one of the most agreeable evenings he had ever spent in the company of the members of the 1st Surrey. Comp. Larham also responded, and said that as he had so often been a visitor there he almost began to consider that he was a member of their chapter, and he should briefly thank them for including his name with the toast. Comp. W. Cranch sung in exquisite style "The Thorn," and some other songs, and a most pleasant evening was passed, the companions adjourning about eleven o'clock.

HANDSWORTH.—St. James Chapter (No. 482).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the New Inn, on the 17th inst., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The chapter was opened in due form by the Principals, E.Comps. the Rev. W. Randall, M.E.Z.; J. Jacobs, P.Z., H.; F. Caddick, J.; when the rest of the companions were admitted, among whom we noticed Comps. J. F. Pepper, E. (acting P.S.); F. W. Payton, N.; G. J. Payton, Treas.; R. T. Horley, 1st A.S.; W. H. Ward, T. Parton, and F. Garner, Janitor; also the following visitors: Comps. Thos. Hawkins, P.Z. 43; John Pursall, P.P.G.J. Warwickshire; J. S. Kennedy, M.E.Z. 1031; Thos. E. Shaw, M.E.Z. 1016; Henry Smith, M.E.Z. 74; P. Howse, H. 1016; W. T. Belcher, H. 1031; J. H. Parkes, 938. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the bye-laws read, the ballot was taken for Comps. W. B. Tatlow, Wolverhampton, Thomas Parton, West Bromwich, as joining members, also for Bros. James Roberts, J.W. 662, and Heywood Hartland, O. 662, for exaltation, and found in each case to be unanimous. Those brethren being in attendance were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with lectures, being given in a very efficient manner. The M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. Thos. Hawkins to take the chair as Installing Principal, when E. Comp. the Rev. W. Randall was re-installed as M.E.Z.; F. Caddick, as H.; W. H. Ward, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers, viz., J. F. Pepper, S.E. (for the fourth time); F. W. Payton, S.N.; G. J. Payton, Treas.; R. T. Horley, P.S.; J. Jacobs, P.Z., D.C.; F. Garner, Janitor. After several propositions had been made, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the M.E.Z. thanking E. Comp. T. Hawkins, Installing Principal, for the splendid manner in which he had performed his work. The Visitors complimented the Principals and acting P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—The usual quarterly communication of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Rooms. Present: Comps. W. Tonkin, M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, as H.; T. Polkinghorne, J.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Standard Bearer Cornwall, P.Z.; De Legh, P.Z.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z.; W. Roe, Treas.; W. Rundle, S.E.; W. P. Smith, C.E., Prin. Soj.; J. Stephens, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and this being the annual convocation the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly elected:—Comps. E. Holmes, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. Polkinghorne, H.; W. P. Smith, C.E., J.; E. Wellington, Scribe E.; N. H. Lamb, Scribe N.; Sylvanus Trevail, Treasurer; Walton, Principal Soj.; Elliott, Janitor. A candidate having been proposed for exaltation at next meeting, and the other business disposed of, the chapter was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Present: Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; J. S. Cumberland, M.O. York Lodge (T.I.), as M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamony, W.M. 229, Chap. (Freemason); Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; J. Adair, Sec.; J. Cardiner, P.M.; J. Harrison, J. R. Banks, and Jos. Abbott. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The lodge then proceeded to consider certain alterations in the existing bye-laws, the first of which had reference to the Tyler's salary. Rule XIII. reading thus, "Brethren of lodges holden under foreign jurisdiction shall pay the extra fee for registration and certificate," was altered as follows: "Brethren of lodges holden under foreign jurisdiction, acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, in addition shall pay the extra fee for registration and certificate." This latter alteration is made to meet the case of brethren belonging to lodges holding under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, now working in England, who may wish to become joining members of Whitwell Lodge. One of these Scotch Mark Lodges has been working in Maryport for some years past, but is now practically broken up, though we are not aware that the warrant has been called in. Another alteration was made in the mode of proposing candidates for advancement. It was agreed to subscribe the sum of two guineas to the list of Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, who is a Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. After some other matters had been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

CHIPPING SODBURY.—Lyegrove Lodge (No. 218).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 24th inst., for the purpose of installing a W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present amongst the visitors Bro. I. Walker, M.A., P.M., and D.P.G.M.; and Bros. E. Hill, P.M.; E. J. B. Mercer, W. M. Howes, Jesse Haward, W. H. Young, J. S. Tuckey, &c. The installation ceremony was admirably per-

formed by Bro. Wm. Munro, W.M. (Canyuge), P.P.S.W. (Somerset), P.G.S., after which Bro. James Payne Curtis, W.M., made the following appointments to office: Bros. Geo. Rennie Powell, P.G.J.W., I.P.M., and Treasurer; W. M. Lowick, S.W.; F. J. Vizard, J.W.; Algernon Ludlow, M.O.; Thomas Parker, S.O.; Thomas H. Hughes, J.O.; Thomas Tinsley, Secretary; Wm. Munro, D.C.; James Iles, Org. and Registrar; John Naysmith, S.D.; Joseph R. Monks, J.D.; Samuel Davies, Steward; and C. Iles, Tyler. After the business of the day the brethren sat down to a capital dinner at the Grapes Hotel, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. James Payne Curtis. The toasts usual on such occasions having been proposed, "The Health of Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G. Chaplain and P.G.M. for Gloucestershire, with his Deputy, Bro. I. Walker, M.A." was accepted with the greatest enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M. submitted in an admirable speech "The Health of the W.M., Bro. J. P. Curtis," which was most cordially drunk. The W.M. then returned thanks, and also proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Rennie Powell," to whom, on behalf of himself and the other members of the lodge, he presented a very handsome jewel of the Degree. The I.P.M. having thanked the brethren for their kindness of feeling, "The Health of the Installing Officer" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. Munro in suitable terms. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then given, and called forth capital speeches from Bro. Hill and other visitors. The usual concluding toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons," was cordially responded to, and the proceedings of a very capital meeting were closed.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Reg. M., and Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler.—Bro. T. Weatherston, Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport. The minutes being read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Paisley, Steward Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, which proved unanimous, and he, being in attendance, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the degree of M.M. The W.M. stated it had been his intention to act as Steward for Faithful Lodge at the ensuing festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund; but having received an intimation from the W.M. of Henry Lodge, No. 216, stating the intention of that W. brother to act in a like capacity, he (the W.M. of Faithful Lodge) thought one lodge in a small province like Cumberland would be sufficient, and he would let it stand over till next year, so far as Faithful Lodge was concerned. Bro. Thomas Mason, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, having been proposed and seconded as a candidate for advancement, the lodge was closed with the address from the chair.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.—This distinguished encampment met on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present, amongst others, Sir Knights D. M. Dewar, G.R., acting M.E.C. in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knt. Morgan; E. Baxter, P.E.C., acting Prelate; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; Driver, 1st Captain; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C., &c., acting 2nd Captain; T. C. Walls, Expert (Freemason); A. Williams, C. of the Lines; Rawles, Equerry. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, Comp. R. Berridge was most impressively and ably installed a Knight of this ancient Order, and duly proclaimed. The conclave having been closed, an encampment of Knights of Malta was formed, and Sir Knights Walls, Williams, and Berridge received that interesting and quaint degree. The ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Dewar, assisted by Sir Knights Rosenthal and Paas. The Sir Knights then adjourned to an elegant banquet, well served by Comp. Best and assistants. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts of the Knights Templar Degree were given briefly but pertinently by the acting M.E.C. Sir Knight Rosenthal ably responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In giving "The Health of the M.E.C.," Sir Knight Paas congratulated the encampment upon possessing a member who at a moment's notice could carry out the impressive and arduous ceremony of installation so well as Sir Knight Dewar had done that evening. In concluding his remarks he hoped that their genial and talented P.E.C. and Recorder would be spared many years to come among them, and to render his valuable aid in the performance of the ceremonies of their beautiful Degree. Sir Knt. Dewar having briefly responded, then gave "The Newly-installed Sir Knight." This toast having been heartily received, Sir Knt. Berridge made a neat reply, in which he expressed the great satisfaction it had afforded him at being present that evening, and also the impression the ceremony had made upon him. In conclusion he hoped that the members of the Mount Calvary Preceptory would never have occasion to regret having admitted him among them. "The Past Eminent Commanders" was acknowledged in a humorous speech by Sir Knight Baxter. "The Health of the Officers" followed, coupled with the names of Sir Knights Driver, Walls, and Williams, who severally replied. The Equerry having been called upon to discharge his duty, the meeting terminated.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans Preceptory (No. 10).—The annual meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, the

21st inst., and after the inception of a new Frater, the installation of the E. Commander elect, Sir Knt. J. Henry Keats, took place. The ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knt. Charles Godtschalk, P.E.C., P.P.G.M., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Commanders; amongst others were Sir Knts. Vincent Bird, P.G. Treas.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, P.G.M.; Col. Fitzgerald, P.G.C.; Rear-Admiral F. H. Glasse, B.B., P.G.S.P.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.V.C.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.M.; Isaac Watts, P.P.G.I.; J. Austin, P.P.G.E. The following Fraters were appointed as officers for the year: Sir Knts. Samuel Jew, P.E.C.; Thos. Heath, 1st Cap.; S. L. R. Templar, 2nd Cap.; L. D. Westcott, Pre.; Josiah Austin, Treas.; J. B. Gover, Regr.; W. Browning, Ex.; John James, C. of L.; J. P. Sawyer, Herald; F. B. Westlake, S.B.; I. Watts, A.; T. Smith, Guard. The Priory of Malta was then opened, and Sir Knt. J. H. Keats was duly installed as E. Prior. The Fraters adjourned to the Globe Hotel for refecton.

STONEHOUSE.—Loyal Brunswick Preceptory (No. 24).—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Sincerity Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 20th inst., when Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.C., was installed as the E. Commander, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knt. E. A. Davies, P.E.C., and P.P.G.V.C., assisted by Sir Knights J. J. Daw, P.P.G.H.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, P.G.M.; Colonel Fitzgerald, P.G.C. (England), and P.G.C. (Devon); I. Watts, P.P.G.T.; F. R. Toms, P.P.G.A. The following officers were appointed: Sir Knights J. J. Daw, P.E.C.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, 1st Cap.; Elliot Square, P.P.G.C., 2nd Cap.; Rev. J. E. Risk, P.P.G.C., Prelate; J. Harris Square, Examiner; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, C. of L.; I. Watts, Treasurer; J. E. Curtis, Arch T. and P.P.G.R., Reg.; H. Bartlett, 1st H.; T. W. Coffin, 2nd H.; J. F. Matthews, S.B.; J. Rogers, Guard. The usual banquet was held at the Globe Hotel, Plymouth.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., the installation meeting of this preceptory was held at York, when a candidate was admitted to the Order, and the E.P. elect (Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland) was installed in the chair of E.P., the ceremonies of the evening being worked by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., G. Capt. of Guards England. The epidemic of bronchitis, which has prevailed in the north during the late bad weather, prevented many from being present, and numerous letters were read from members confined to bed through serious illness. There was a good attendance of visitors, amongst whom were E. Sir Knts. W. Hill, Sub-Prior of West Yorkshire; W. Beanland, P.E.P., Bradford; C. L. Mason, E.P. Fidelity, Leeds; Andrews and Monckman, Bradford; and S. E. Seanor, Leeds. The E.P. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Const.; G. Simpson, Marsh; P. H. Rowland, Sub. M.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chap.; T. B. Whythead, Reg.; A. G. Duncombe, Herald; J. G. Croft, Swd. Bearer; C. Palliser, Std. Bearer; G. H. Simpson, Org.; M. Millington, Capt. of Guards; J. Ward, Equerry.

Multum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

ALBAN, ST.—Albanus is said by some to have been a Roman Knight, who was converted to Christianity by Amphibalus, of Caerleon, and to have presided over the operative Masons. He is said to have been at Rome seven years, and served under Diocletian; but in consequence of hiding his friend and convert, Amphibalus, to have been put to death in 303, and thus become proto-martyr of England. The Guild Legends all mention St. Alban as having benefited the operative Masons, though there is a little variation as to the amount; as having obtained for them a charter, probably a Guild charter, and as having presided over their assemblies. This is, of course, only pure Masonic tradition, but it is very continuous and distinct. In an unpublished poem, by John Lidgate, in the British Museum, "Lansdowne 699," we have a full account of St. Alban's martyrdom. The poem is very long, and was written 1439 by John Lidgate, for John Whitehamstede, Abbot of St. Albans, and translated from French and Latin. According to this account St. Alban was "Borne, as I said, in Brutis Albion, a Lordis sonne," an Englishman; sent to Rome with Bassianus, son of Severus; made a Knight of Rome by Diocletian, and on his return from Rome became High Steward, and was "beloved and dred of hih and low degre." Carausius destroying Bassianus, according to Lidgate, St. Alban received and was converted by Amphibalus, and as Amphibalus escaped, St. Alban was put to death. Lidgate states that St. Alban's family coat of arms was St. Andrew's Cross. He may have been, and probably was, the President of the Roman Guild of Masons.

ALDWORTH, THE HON. MRS.—She was the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, and the only daughter of Arthur St. Leger, first Viscount Doneraile. She married Richard Aldworth, Esq., of Newmarket, county Cork. At that time the meetings of Lodge 44, an aristocratic lodge, were held at Doneraile House, her brother, Lord Doneraile, who succeeded his father in 1728, being the W.M. On one occasion, the adventurous young lady, hearing that the lodge was about to assemble, was anxious to hear what was going on; and, according to one account, she concealed herself in a clock, and according to another she saw the proceedings of the lodge through a crevice in the wall; that she was made a Freemason is undoubted, though when so made does not quite clearly appear. Her portrait in Masonic clothing hangs in many of the Irish

lodge rooms, and relics of her are preserved, such as her apron and chair. Her name appears in the list of subscribers to Field D'Assigny's pamphlet, Bro. Hughan points out to us, in 1744. She was a great benefactress of the poor and needy. One panegyrist has said, "She was the best and kindest of women." Some writers have found fault with the story of the clock; we, on the contrary, think that it only serves to show how true it is, after all, that sentiment, like kindness, "makes the whole world kin." She died about the beginning of this century, having been born about 1713. But the dates of her life and death are uncertain, though why, we know not. The only account of her, published at Cork in 1811, is singularly meagre. We think it right to add that her family believe the story of the clock to be incorrect, and prefer the statement of the crevice in the wall.

ANCIENT MASONS, ALSO CALLED ANTIENT MASONS, OR ATHOL MASONS.—They form the body which seceded in 1739 from the Grand Lodge, on some grounds of real or pretended complaint, and formed illegal lodges of their own. They took the name of Ancient York Masons, though very improperly, and they established a Grand Lodge of their own, and chartered many private lodges eventually. We need not to-day go into the cause of the schism, as at this distance of time it is impossible to lay down accurately either the grounds or facts connected with such a regrettable act. Some of our writers have said that the main cause was the making of certain alterations in the ritual. But as in 1813 there was really no irreconcilable difficulty in the union of the two Grand Lodges as regards working, we are inclined to believe that the points of difference were very trifling, and purposely exaggerated by those who perhaps thought they had hardly sufficient of merit acknowledged, or dignity awarded, in the old Grand Lodge. Laurence Dermott seems to have become ere long the ruling genius of the rival Grand Lodge, though he was not on the scene in 1738. It has been said also that the institution of the Royal Arch was a great cause of difference and division, but this is hardly borne out by the facts of the case. It is probable that Ramsay's manipulations were known in England, though there is no proof that we are aware of that Ramsay ever had anything to do with our Grand Lodge, which, as he was an avowed Jacobite, was not *prima facie* very likely. But Dermott may have seen, and possibly did appropriate, the words "Royal Arch," and though this nomenclature was new, the substance was well known. Hence, practically, the differences between the two bodies were really very small, though we may admit that the Ancients more fully developed what is now termed the Royal Arch Grade, and gave to it its distinct position and separate organisation. After 1775, the Ancient Masons seem to have been generally called Athol Masons, in honour of the third Duke of Athol, Grand Master in 1771. He was installed March 2, 1771, and Dermott as D.G.M. Bro. Hughan mentions this on the authority of the records of the ancient Grand Lodge. In 1813, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, father of our gracious Queen, was Grand Master of the Athol Masons, and H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The happy union was effected, to the great good of Freemasonry alike in England and in the world. Preston says that the Ancients had no Grand Master until 1772, but Preston seems to be in error. For the list of Grand Masters, see the word Grand Master.—*Keating's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD RODDA.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Rodda, of East Stonehouse, Devon. On Monday evening, the 17th inst., he was at a Masonic banquet at Devonport, and never seemed to have been in better spirits. He made one of those interesting speeches on matters affecting the Craft for which he was well-known among the brethren, and when the meeting for a short time became convivial, he amused the company by one of his Cornish recitations, for which he had such an aptitude, and no wonder, for he was a Cornishman, having been born at Redruth in 1816, and was consequently sixty-three years of age. On Tuesday he attended to his usual business, but in the afternoon he was seized with violent inflammatory pains, and not becoming better, Dr. Hingston was sent for, who administered to the relief of the patient; but on Wednesday, the symptoms becoming alarming, Dr. Bulteel was called in to advise, and the united assistance of the two physicians procured for a short time relief from the intense pain he suffered. On Friday, however, it was apparent that the sickness was one unto death, and although, to a great extent, relieved of the pain, he gradually yet quickly sank, and expired at 12.25 at mid-day of Saturday. Our deceased brother was well known to the Craft in the West of England, and a most devoted Freemason, as the following list of his connections with the Craft will show:—He was at the time of his death P.M. of Lodge Fortitude, having served the office of W.M. on two occasions, and was P.P.G. Reg. of Devon. In Mark, he was P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Royal Arch, P.Z., P.P.G.S.E.; Knights Templar, P.E.C., P.P.G. Chan., Past Grand Almoner of England; Rose Croix, P.M.W.S. Huyshe Chapter. About twelve years ago he was presented by his brother Masons with a testimonial—a salver, &c.—in recognition of his exertions in getting up the Fortescue Memorial Fund, which was raised in memory of the late Lord Fortescue, and by Bro. Rodda's personal efforts upwards of £1000 was collected, and at the present moment there are about a dozen persons receiving £26 yearly from the fund. He was seldom behindhand with his donations, both private and public, for any good or for charitable purposes, and although few knew of his private charities there are many who will miss his kindly

donations. Bro. Rodda was a widower, his second wife having died about ten years ago. He leaves a family. The funeral took place on Thursday last.

BRO. JAMES SETTLE ELLISON.

We are exceedingly sorry to have to chronicle the sudden death, from apoplexy, of one of the truest Masons this century has produced, in the person of Bro. James Settle Ellison, who died at his residence at Leamington, on the 11th inst., aged 62. The news will be a great shock to our brethren in Gibraltar, where our Bro. Ellison held an important Government appointment for a great number of years, and from which he only retired in 1872. Bro. Ellison, whose Masonic career was both long and useful, was initiated nearly 40 years ago, in Lodge 325, I.C., held in that island, becoming its W.M. in 1845, having previously joined the Lodge Friendship, No. 278, E.C. He was, in Dec. 1845, appointed District Senior Grand Deacon, in 1853 District Senior Grand Warden, and in 1859 District Grand Secretary, which office he only relinquished on leaving the island in 1872. In Royal Arch Masonry Comp. Ellison in due course reached the chair of First Principal in Chapter 325, I.C., at the same time being a member of the Calpean Chapter, No. 278, under the English Constitution. Bro. Ellison did not confine his energies to Craft and Arch Masonry, having taken the degrees of Mark Master Mason in 1846, Knight Templar in 1863, Rose Croix 1866, Knight of Constantinople 1868, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in 1870, &c., &c.

CERAMICS IN MASONRY.

In a second article on this subject, the *Liberal Freemason* (New York) says that in general terms all articles of porcelain or pottery bearing Masonic emblems or devices may be classed under the name of *Staffordshire ware*, and that bowls, pitchers, &c., coming from China are due to special orders from shipmasters and others. The following review of the present state of the art will be found interesting:—

"The productions of this country (America) are entirely devoid of any originality, but much progress has been made within the past five years in the common grades of earthenware. China and Japan manufacture largely at the present time, but their work does not compare with the older pieces of centuries ago. England, since the Paris Exhibition of 1867, has made great progress, for at that time they discovered that the French display far excelled theirs, and at the Exhibition of 1878 the porcelain from England was pronounced the most attractive feature of the entire collection. The manufacturers of porcelain in England receive great encouragement from the nobility, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is one of their best patrons, both by purchase and advice, often loaning rare specimens of his own to be copied.

"France received a blow at the time of the war of 1871 from which it has not yet recovered, but the great taste of this nation shows itself, most particularly in its productions of porcelain, and it will soon once more compete with the world. The Royal factory at Sevres flourished under the Empire, but at present it produces nothing new. Germany has its Royal factories at Dresden and Berlin, both of which are carried on with enterprise and taste. Their productions at present are magnificent, and command the admiration of all the world. The manufacture in the smaller towns has largely increased within a few years, but mostly by imitations of the work done at the Royal factories. Austria has several factories of importance, and is making great progress. Italy is reproducing copies of the last century, but makes nothing new."

PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT AMERICAN FREEMASONS.

There was recently presented to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, of Pennsylvania, life-sized oil-painted portraits of fourteen of the H.W. Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A.M., some of whom are still living, but the majority of them are deceased. These portraits were presented by R.W.P.G.M. Robert Clark and R.W.P.G.M. and present R.W. Grand Secretary John Thomson. The Library Committee have had these portraits handsomely framed, and they now occupy conspicuous places on top of the book-cases in the Library in the new Masonic Temple. The paintings are creditable works of art, and the likeness in each portrait is very striking.

The following are the names of those represented in the paintings, together with the dates of their administrations as R.W. Grand Masters:—

Cornelius Stevenson, 1812 (serving only one year); Samuel Badger, 1828 and 1829; John M. Read, 1836 and 1837; Samuel H. Perkins, 1838 and 1839; Joseph R. Chandler, 1840 and 1841; Wm. Barger, 1843 and 1844; James Page, 1845 and 1846; Peter Fritz, 1847 and 1848; Wm. Whitney, 1849 and 1850; Dr. Anthony Bournonville, 1851 and 1852; James Hutchinson, 1853 and 1854; Peter Williams, 1855 and 1856; Dr. John K. Mitchell, 1857. (Dr. John K. Mitchell died during his term of office.)

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Grand Secret.—With the variable temperature of this country, ill-health will creep in unless the blood from time to time be purified, and noxious matters be expelled from the body. In this the public may be its own physician. Holloway's Pills may be purchased at a trifling cost; in-tentions for taking them will be furnished with the Pills, and a little attention, with few instructions, will enable persons to keep themselves in health under every trying circumstance. These Pills act as alteratives, tonics, and aperients. Holloway's medicine should be ready for instant administration when the slightest symptom gives warning of approaching indisposition.—[ADVT.]

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The installation of the officers of the Orion Lodge, No. 1153, E.C., took place on Wednesday, the 11th of Dec., at the lodge room, Ballarat; Bro. Kelly, P.M., being the installing officer. Bros. T. Kennedy was installed as W.M.; T. Potter, S.W.; M. S. Clark, J.W.; J. Embling, Sec. and Treas.; Shorthouse, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; E. Ellis, I.G.; Wholohan, Tyler. There were a large number of visitors from other lodges, including Bros. Wheeler, W.M.; Nevett, Little, and Peake, P.M.'s, Yarrowee Lodge; Herbert, W.M.; and White, M'Cartney, Robertson, and Trevor, Past Masters, St. John's Lodge; Hamilton, W.M., and Hale, P.M. Buninyong Lodge; Weickhardt, P.M. All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Babington, P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton; and Tait, P.M. Havilah Lodge, Creswick. The S.W. of the Smythesdale Lodge, Bro. Bishop, and Bro. Salmon, of the Avoca Lodge, Ararat, were also present. The installation ceremony was ably performed by P.M. Bro. Kelly, who, during the meeting, was presented by the newly-installed W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Kelly suitably acknowledged the gift, and feelingly thanked the donors for the kindly feelings they entertained towards him. After the lodge was closed, about forty-five of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Wilkins. This having been done ample justice to, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Wheeler, W.M. Yarrowee Lodge, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Kennedy, remarking as he did so that the Orion Lodge had shown great discernment in choosing so able a Mason to preside over it. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and in replying Bro. Kennedy said:—W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge—I return you my most sincere thanks for proposing my health; to you worshipful sir, for the very flattering manner in which you proposed it, and to all for its hearty acceptance. I have to thank the brethren of my own lodge for placing me in my present honourable position. I trust I am fully sensible of the honour of being elected to preside over you, which, in my opinion, is the highest compliment any body of men can jointly bestow on any of their members. I shall to the best of my skill and ability, without either fear or favour, endeavour to discharge the duties of my office in accordance with our ancient laws and regulations. I am happy to say our lodge has materially improved, both numerically and financially, for the last twelve months, and I hope at the expiration of my term of office my successor will find it in as good if not in a better position. If I can succeed—it is my earnest desire to do anything that will tend to the advancement of Masonry in general, and the brethren of my own lodge in particular—I shall retire perfectly satisfied. Brethren, I again thank you for the very kind way my health was proposed and received. Bro. Hamilton, W.M. (Buninyong) then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Kelly," and complimented him upon his zeal as a Mason, and the way in which he had performed his duties that evening. The toast was enthusiastically received, and in responding Bro. Kelly said: Bro. Hamilton, W.M., and brethren, I return you my most sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which my health has been proposed and drunk. Nothing I have done during my term of office afforded me greater pleasure than that of placing Bro. Kennedy in the chair of King Solomon. I am sure he will, as he told you, discharge his duties to the best of his skill and ability; and though the usefulness of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren will materially depend on the zeal and ability of the W.M., yet his labours will be of little avail if not well assisted by his officers and supported by the brethren. I believe there is no ceremony connected with Masonry which so well illustrates its dignity as the one I have this night performed. What a vast field of thought does the placing of our W.M. in the ancient chair of King Solomon open up to us. It points out Masonry as the line of union between the civilised countries of every age and of every clime. It is the only institution that connects us with the sages of antiquity. It has frequently been asked, whence Freemasonry takes its rise, but the question is not easily answered, because it has been anterior to the age of history, and contemporary with, if not preceding, civilisation itself. Some date its origin from the building of the holy temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon; but though that may be an epoch in its history, it no more marks its origin than the Grand Mastership of St. John the Evangelist, or of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Centuries before the building of King Solomon's temple, when the golden fleece was watched by the sleepless dragon, when Priam reigned at Troy, Freemasonry flourished. The legend of the golden fleece is regarded as a lively fancy, the very existence of Troy has been questioned, and Jerusalem is only known from its sacred conceptions. Still Freemasonry flourishes full of life and vigour. Our greatest and most venerable institutions are but of yesterday when compared to it. Freemasonry was an ancient institution when the first Pope was placed in the chair of St. Peter, when the first king sat on the throne of England, when democracy was rocked in its cradle at Athens. It saw the growth and decay of all the great States of the past from Nineveh to Venice; it saw the founders of Rome suck the wolf on the banks of the Tiber; it saw the same Rome as mistress of the world, with Greece and Judea, Egypt and England, as Roman provinces paying tribute to the Cæsars; it now sees it as the decorated tombstone of its buried greatness. Other institutions have occupied human attention for a short time. Freemasonry has seen them all come and go. It saw the Magi perform their rites at Memphis, heard the Delphic oracle mystify its votaries, witness the age of chivalry pass through the south and west of Eur. pe as a brilliant meteor. Their very existence is now only known to the historian, yet Freemasonry flourishes throughout every part of the globe. Why? Simply because of the soli-

city of its foundation. It is founded, not on the gratification of the passions, not on the promotion of self-interest, not even on the achievement of ambition, but on the practice of every moral and social virtue. Those excellent precepts which are taught in a Masonic lodge must leave some impression on the minds of its members, and though they may be sometimes disregarded, can never be entirely forgotten. I do not go so far as to say that they can alter human nature, and change a depraved and worthless person into an honourable man, but I do say they restrain the evil propensities of the wicked, and call into action the virtues of the good. They supply us with fortitude to withstand the pleasant allurements of vice, and teach us not only to moderate our passions, but to be temperate in our conversations and our very thoughts. And I have no doubt that so long as Freemasons place men like Bro. Kennedy in their chairs, Masonry will continue to flourish throughout every part of the globe, and be influential in dispelling the beauties of virtue and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice. Bro. Embling next gave "Sister Lodges," to which Bro. H. Herbert, Wheeler, Weickhardt, Hamilton, Bishop, and Salmon replied. The toast of "The newly-installed Officers," proposed by Bro. H. I. White, was replied to by Bro. T. Potter, S.W.; and the following toasts were then drunk: "Our Visitors," by Bro. M'Donald, responded to by Bro. Little, P.M.; "Past Masters of the Orion Lodge," by Bro. Robertson, P.M., responded to by Bro. Kelly; "Past Officers of the Orion Lodge," by Bro. Nevett, P.M., responded to by Bro. Price. Bro. Kelly, P.M., then proposed, in deservedly complimentary terms, "The Health of Bro. Price" (who is on the eve of leaving the colony), and the toast was feelingly responded to by Bro. Price. The toasts of "The Ladies," "The Press," and "The Host and Hostess" followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The following officers were installed at St. John's Lodge, 427, I.C., Ballarat, on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1878, by the installing Master, P.M. Bro. Herbert.—Bros. J. Showman, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; W. Lawson, J.W.; Bryce Paton, Sec.; W. P. Martin, Treas.; J. Leggo, S.D.; Proctor, J.D.; Hennah, I.G.; Murgan, Tyler. The installing ceremony was ably performed by the installing Master, Bro. Herbert, P.M. There was a large number of brethren of the lodge present, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Baker, D.P.G.M.; Small, P.P.G.S.W.; C. B. Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W.; Scott, R.W.D.I.; Robertson, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Wheeler, W.M., and Little, P.M. of the Yarrowee; T. Kennedy, W.M.; Kelly, P.M. of the Orion; Babington, P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton; A. Wilson, W.M., and J. Hart, P.M. Havilah Lodge, Creswick; Batson, Weickhardt, and Eberhard, P.M.'s All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Smith, W.M., and Alice, P.M. Sebastopol Lodge; Caselli, R.A.C.; and the Rev. Charles Clark. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Gallery of Arts in the Academy of Music, where over 100 of them partook of a banquet, supplied in capital style by Bro. Walker. After the supper the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Masters," coupled with the name of the G.M., the Prince of Wales, were proposed by Bro. Showman, W.M., and duly honoured. Bro. Showman, W.M., then proposed the toast of "The Three Provincial Grand Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Baker, D.P.G.M. Bro. Baker, in responding, apologised for the absence of Bros. J. T. Smith, P.G.M.; Ellis, P.G.S.; A. Hart, P.G.J.W.; and J. Durose, P.G.I.G., who had intended to be present, but who were prevented by unforeseen obstacles. Bro. Kelly, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Small, P.G.S.W. Bro. Small suitably responded. Bro. C. B. Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W., then, in fitting terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M. Elect, Bro. Showman," and, in doing so, dilated upon the onerous duties he had before him, and the certainty he felt, from his knowledge of the newly-installed Master, that they would be faithfully performed. Bro. Showman, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind and hearty way in which the oath of his health was received. He felt proud of being placed in the honourable position of W.M. of St. John's Lodge, a position, he thought, worthy the ambition of any one. He was grateful for his preferment, more particularly as he considered he had been chosen from amongst men quite as worthy of the honour as himself, if not more fitted to the position; and that too, by the unanimous vote of the lodge. He hoped the success that had attended his humble efforts in the cause would encourage the younger members to persevere in learning and fulfilling the tenets of the Order. He could say that as he advanced he became more and more enthusiastic in pursuing his course, and the more he saw of Masonry the more he admired and revered it. The question was often asked of Masons, what was Masonry? It was an elevated system of morality. Many different theories had been propagated as to its rise and origin, but it is certain that the date of its origin was very remote. In the building of King Solomon's temple was to be found the symbol of the life of every true Mason. Each block and stone used in building the temple had to be hewn square and truly formed, and every Mason should enact that life which will show no blemishes or imperfect formation of character. The universality of Freemasonry was admitted, and it was to be found practised in all nations, by men of every religion. He would inform the brethren that there were no less than seventy-five Grand Lodges, numbering in all 450,000 members; and this, with the addition of some 50,000 who were in countries where the practice of the Craft was forbidden by the laws of the land—such as Russia and some countries in South America—would make about half a million of members. When it is known that the Masons form the elite of society, it will be understood that they exert a very peaceful influence in the world. The theme of Freemasonry was infinite, and as he felt he was not able to do justice to it with the few

remarks he had made, he concluded by again thanking the brethren for the manner in which they had drunk his health, and stating that he would do the best he could to faithfully discharge the onerous duty they had placed upon him. Bro. Little, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. the Rev. Charles Clark," which was duly honoured and responded to. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

NOTES OF AMERICAN MASONRY.

By BRO. ROB MORRIS, OF LA GRANGE, KY., P.G.M., &c.

Several of our Grand Lodges have become embarrassed by debts, incurred through building projects; and as references to them occur in our published records, it is proper that I should explain them to the readers of the *Freemason*. I will commence with my own Grand Lodge, that of Kentucky.

The organisation of this body occurred in 1800. Meetings were held at Lexington, one of the oldest cities in the State, and before the inauguration of railways, the largest. A Masonic temple was built there as far back as 1820, and upon its destruction by fire, an edifice of fine proportions, and occupying a commanding site, was erected. In 1858 the sittings of Grand Lodge were removed to Louisville, which, at the present, is very much the largest city in Kentucky, and the Masonic temple there is principally owned by the Grand Lodge.

The debt which troubles us in Kentucky was incurred in the construction of our Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville, completed and dedicated last year. This noble edifice, worthy of the great fraternity, was erected by voluntary subscriptions, and nearly completed, when, through the influence of a tornado, in 1876, the central portion was thrown down, and so an absolute loss followed of some thirty thousand dollars. Even this might, in better times, have been overcome, but the great depression in business caused the financial ruin of many of its most liberal donors. In 1876 the Grand Lodge ordered a proposition to be submitted to the consideration of all the lodges (500 in all) for an annual assessment of one dollar per year for five years upon each member of the lodges. To the honour of Kentucky liberality this was adopted by a handsome majority, and already two annual assessments have been paid. But the burden is heavy; many have become recalcitrant, and a feeling is abroad through the State that may lead to rescinding the assessment. I think it will not carry, yet the very agitation of the proposition is working injury to the cause. The "home," as it is affectionately styled, is doing its charitable work, about 150 pupils being boarded, clothed, and educated under its roof. A printing office has recently been established in a building near by, erected for the purpose, and some twenty of the boys are learning the typographic art. Bookbinding is proposed, and other industrial pursuits. For it is not deemed proper in a country like ours to rear boys and girls in idleness, even though the "home" is a grand charity.

In Indiana the financial trouble of Grand Lodge arises from a different cause. Eight years ago the Grand Lodge of that State was in possession of a large and commodious hall at Indianapolis, with ample grounds attached, and not a dollar in debt. Dissatisfied, and desiring to have a finer building, they tore down their hall, and, like the man in the parable, "built greater." The outstanding debt is about seventy-five thousand dollars. The rooms and offices are not rented, as was anticipated, and so there is no income. Foreclosures and judgments threatened the Grand Lodge until they have ordered an annual assessment of one dollar per member upon the lodges, to run for five years.

Massachusetts is in trouble from the same cause. They built a costly and imposing edifice when prices were at their highest, and thought to carry the unpaid portion for twenty-five or fifty years until the debt could be liquidated. But rumour has it that the sheriff has made a levy, and their splendid temple will be sold for its debts.

New York is in trouble for similar causes. Owning a noble hall, of which they are justly proud, the debt presses upon them as an incubus. Their building would not sell to-day, if forced upon the market, for the amount of its incumbrance.

Pennsylvania has an enormous debt (nearly a million dollars) resting upon that matchless temple in Philadelphia, which was such an attractive sight to visitors there during the centennial year. Yet so well are the financial affairs of that Grand Lodge conducted, and such faith have the citizens of the Quaker city in Masonic matters, that no trouble is found in carrying the burden, heavy as it is.

Maryland is in trouble; and the principal business of Grand Lodge for a number of years has been to keep afloat their bonds, and prevent their liabilities from crushing them.

But I will not draw out the gloomy tale any further. Perhaps it will serve to warn your readers that there is nothing so burdensome to a Masonic organisation as debt. Many of our secular lodges have found it so, and if once we recover from the financial depression, which begun in 1874 (may God speed it), let us hope that the record I have brought forward will stand as a warning for the generations to come.

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BIRTHS.

MAXWELL.—On the 23rd inst., at South Kensington, the wife of Brevet-Major Robert James Maxwell, of a son.

YORKE.—On the 23rd inst., at the Residence, York, the wife of Mr. Edward Yorke, of Halton Place in Craven, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RUSDEN—JEFFERY.—On the 22nd inst., at Islington Parish Church, William Henry, son of Mr. Henry Rusden, of Falmouth, to Jane Jennings, daughter of Mr. B. J. Jeffery.

DEATHS.

ELLISON.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 5, St. Mary's Crescent, Leamington, James Settle Ellison, aged 62, P. Distr. S.G.W. Gibraltar.

WOODFORD.—On the 22nd inst., at Lake View Villa, Keswick, Major-General Sir John Woodford, K.C.B., aged 95.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1879.

TIME'S CHANGES.

Time, that great arbiter of human life and destiny, is ever active and busy amongst us and ours. It accompanies us along our earthly pilgrimage, beginning with "our cradles," and ending with our "graves;" it lightens up our often arid and discontented present with pleasant memories of the past, and it throws over the dim and distant horizon of our future hopes the glamour of brighter aspirations, and better, because enduring expectations. Not that time itself can ever satisfy the longings or the wants of man. No, being passing and limited in duration, it does not, and cannot, consort with the innate anxieties and anticipations of even this mortal race of ours, but still it is the most important "factor" in the great and lifelong history of humanity, and is replete with the most solemn, the most tender, the most cherished, nay, the most sacred feelings, we believe, of us all alike. We should not like to believe it otherwise, and so we dismiss the doubt with indignant alacrity. And hence, short though the measure of time be for us all alike, the highest and the humblest of human beings, many are its effects, important its influences on us all. It often leaves us, for instance, when most we desire its presence, when its gifts seem to us the most varied, and its promises the most refreshing. It accompanies us often but a little portion of the normal way, often arrests its footsteps at an early milestone, and for us, sometimes when we least expect it, we find ourselves bereft of time, our journey over, our tale told out. For time, be it well understood, is the one limit here, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., of all our hopes and plans, all our longings and our dreams, our joys and our sorrows, our labours and our duties. Curious paradox! Though sometimes most ephemeral, it often goes with us to a green old age, mellowing the memories, and deepening the responsibilities of earth, and making the decline of life itself venerable and loving to those who still dare to trust in the reality of old affections, of proved friendship, and of lingering souvenirs. And thus we see, we think, clearly how many and great indeed time's changes must be to us all, whether as mortals or as Freemasons. We behold, for instance, in the every day condition of our common humanity, family ties severed, and loving hearts disunited: we miss the tender voice, the beaming smile, the gracious presence, the bright promise of youth, the comely associations of old age. For few of us all "time's changes" have no significance, for many of us they have consequences momentous and enduring. Time was, time is, and yet time is not, alike for us and ours. The friends and hopes of youth are gone; bright anticipations have yielded to sobered sadness; the vacant chairs round our board are not filled up; the empty spaces in our family circle are not closed in; and amid all assemblies comes the sad and subduing recollection both of the "touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." We need hardly add how that this account of time's changes squares with that of our Masonic circle with which many of us are so bound up. Week by week we miss the true and trusty, the old and bold, the kind old friend of long years, the cheery mate, ever smiling, always confiding; and as we look back to-day a sigh comes to us all as we recall the friendly faces which are wanting among us, the cheery voices which are hushed, the warm hearts which are still. And if time's changes then bring to us all those trials and troubles, and careworn hours, and chastening recollections, which are, more or less, the heritage of us all equally, let us also trust that they may appeal to us, with some elevating emotions, and some better and purer, and we will add eternal anticipations. Time will not be always time—its changes will one day end, its ravages, and havoc, and decay will one day be done away with,

thank God, for ever. For when time has ceased to dominate this lower world and dying man, it will be exchanged in God's own good time for the glad hours, blissful recognition, blessed privileges, and perfect knowledge of eternity.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION AT CHRISTMAS, 1878.

We are glad to note the great success which has attended our Boys' School in this important examination. Fourteen boys went up, and all passed. Nine obtained "honours" in the first class, three in the second class, one in the third class, one in the fourth class. We congratulate the authorities and Bro. Dr. Morris on this auspicious state of things, and it will be a pleasure to our brethren to know that the efficiency of the School is thus so fully maintained.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

We confess that we look with some apprehension, and no little doubt, on the constant formation of Grand Lodges in our Colonial Dependencies. Too often they are the result of the proceedings of a "caucus" of irresponsible brethren, the product of the exertions of mere "wire pullers," or party agitators. There are, however, new "Grand Lodges and new Grand Lodges," and while we do not deny that under certain circumstances the formation of a Colonial Grand Lodge is both allowable and tends to good, we advise all our colonial brethren to be very cautious in taking part in proceedings which are questionable, and in getting up jurisdictions which are needless. Let them beware of Masonic agitators.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the letter of Ill. Bro. Graham, the Secretary of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, which was in the *Freemason* of the 8th inst., it appears that, in General Pike's opinion, the Supreme Council of England and Wales was originally formed in consequence of Dr. Crucefix, its founder, having received the obligation by communication. It is a well-known fact, that the A. and A. Degrees have been frequently so conferred. The General, however, says that "nothing could have been more irregular. Yet it is too late to question the legitimacy of the Supreme Council of England."

Such a remark comes with particular bad grace from General Pike, the head of the Supreme Council of Charleston, U.S., for it is a notorious fact that that Council was spuriously formed by one Mitchell, who without the slightest authority assumed the 33rd Degree, conferred it on one Dalcho, and, although one of the fundamental rules of the Order is, that not less than three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General can form Supreme Councils, yet these two individuals formed General Pike's Council, which he now so modestly designates the "Mother Council of the world." Truly, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

Yours fraternally,

JOHN THOMAS LOTTY, 33^o,
Member of the Supreme Council
of the G. Orient of France.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, 1878.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Governors' report of the Cambridge Local Examination notifies that thirteen out of the fourteen girls sent up from this Institution to the examination have passed.

Frances Gardner has taken second class honours, with distinction for religious knowledge and zoology.

Five have taken third class honours, viz.:—Doral Bowles, Ellen Cates, Helene Meacock, Alice Thornbury, and Letitia Whitley.

Six have satisfied the examiners in all subjects generally, viz.:—Eliza Beveridge, Katherine Emery, Edith Nash, Annie Pattison, Elizabeth Roberts, and Bearice Wray.

One, Dora Jennings, has satisfied the examiners in all the preliminary subjects, religious knowledge, and English.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker in the chair. The other brethren present were:—Bros. A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, H. A. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts, F. Letchworth, Col. Peters, Fredk. Adlard, C. H. Webb, F. K. W. Hedges, (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The business of the meeting was merely formal.

CONSECRATION OF THE DINBYCH CHAPTER, No. 1177.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 19th inst., the Dinbych Chapter, No. 1177 of Royal Arch Masons of England, was consecrated at the Royal Gate House Assembly-rooms, Tenby, in the presence of several distinguished members of the Craft. The chapter having been duly opened, and the companions of the new chapter having entered, the acting M.E.Z. proceeded to constitute the companions into a regular chapter according to ancient form. The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by M.E. Comp. Captain S. George Homfray, P.Z., P. Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, assisted by E. Comps. White, as H.; W. Watkins, as J.; and Roberts, as D.C.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. Howell Davies, M.E.Z.; Henry Adams, H.; George Parry, J.

The following companions were appointed and inducted officers of the chapter:—C. W. R. Stokes, Scribe E.; W. H. Richards, Scribe N.; R. Lock, P.S.; R. W. Williams, 1st A.S.; A. W. J. Stokes, 2nd A.S.; J. R. Rowland, S.; W. H. Richards, Treasurer.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. W. H. Ribbon, Hwlford Chapter (464).

The brethren dined together in the evening at the Royal Gate House Hotel, the newly-installed E. Comp. M.E.Z. presiding. The banquet was put on the table by Bro. J. Gregory in his usual well-known style. The usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by several songs by the companions, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

On the following day a number of brethren belonging to the Tenby and neighbouring lodges were balloted for as companions, and the following were duly exalted:—Bros. J. G. Lock, J.D. 1177; J. L. Lister, Sec. 1177; C. B. Priest, 1177; M. M. Thomas, 1177; R. J. Morley, 1177; and R. Mathias, Org. 1177. The last named was subsequently appointed Janitor; Bro. Lock, J.J.; and Bro. Priest, D.C.

A banquet took place in the evening at the Royal Gate House Hotel, at which a good number were present.

SOUTHAMPTON NEW MASONIC HALL.

The corner stone of this new hall was laid, without official demonstration or ceremony, on Monday afternoon last, by the R.W. the Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was met by the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman (Chairman of the Hall Company), Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., Vice-Chairman, and several of the directors, with many shareholders and Masons. The stone having been duly laid, thanks were tendered to the P.G.M. for his presence, and he subsequently lunched with a few of the brethren in the present hall.

The principal elevation of the new hall, which is to be in the Italian style of architecture, freely treated, faces Albion-terrace, and is fifty feet in length; the side elevations, facing the beautiful Western Bay of Southampton, and overlooking the New Forest, extending about 73 ft. The passage, five feet wide, is approached by an arched porch, with a passage and a corridor or lobby, nine feet long, leading to a cloak room, with bay windows overlooking the Western Bay. There will be an ante-room or chapter-room, 26 ft. 4 in. by 18 ft. 9 in., with a height of eleven feet, its bay windows overlooking the Western Shore. The lodge-room will be 45 ft. by 30 ft. and 18 ft. high, and will be lighted by two lanterns from the roof. There will be a banqueting room, facing Albion-terrace, 38 ft. 6 in. by 25 ft., also 18 ft. high, together with a kitchen, wash-house, pantry, and serving passage. A back entrance will be from Forest View. On the one pair floor, over the ante-room, will be four rooms, and other accommodation for the lodge-keeper. The material is to be of white brick in all the exposed parts, with dressings partly in moulded brick, and of stone to the architraves and pediments. The roofs will be slated and tile capped. The plan altogether is adapted to a very irregular frontage in Forest View. The architect is Bro. J. G. Poole, of Portland-street, and the builder, Bro. S. Stevens, who it is hoped will have the hall ready for occupation during the present year. The corner stone was placed in the north-east corner of the building, and bears a suitable inscription.

Major-General Sir John Woodford, K.C.B., the oldest of the surviving Waterloo officers, died on Saturday last, at his residence, Lake View Villa, Keswick.

The next Installation Meeting of the Holy Palestine Preceptory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., at 6 p.m.

The consecration of Chapter Sincerity, No. 1019, was appointed to take place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Friday, the 28th inst.

THE FREEMASONS' HALL, IPSWICH.

Our readers, more especially the Suffolk brethren, will be pleased to hear that the new Masonic Hall, Ipswich, is now completed, and that the formal opening ceremony is shortly expected to take place, most likely in Easter week, when a large gathering of the brethren in the province is certain. The P.G.M., Lord Waveney, and the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, Bro. Rev. J. Martyn, P.G.C., are expected.

The new hall is built of red brick and stone facings. It consists of a very handsome lodge-room, about fifty feet long by twenty-three feet wide, and twenty-two feet high, ceiled lights, &c. The banquet hall below is same size. There are various rooms and chambers, kitchen, lavatories, &c., with every requirements for Masonry. The total cost will not exceed, including furniture, £2000, partly raised by voluntary subscription. The architect is Bro. H. Luff, of Ipswich, who has given great satisfaction to the Committee. The building has been carried out under supervision of Bro. Oliver T. Gibbons, manager for Messrs. E. and E. C. Gibbons, builders, Ipswich, who has done his contract exceedingly well. In fact, the work has only occupied some four months from commencement.

The St. Luke's Lodge, 225, held their first meeting there last week, when Bro. T. Wentworth, W.M., one of the trustees to the building, gathered together over fifty brethren to a sumptuous supper after the work of the lodge was over. The business occupied nearly five hours, as there were four raisings, three passings, and three initiations down for that evening.

The Masons of Ipswich may be congratulated on having now got such a capital hall to hold their various lodges in, as they have all united in the erection of this building.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF FREEMASONS' HALL, MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 1469, AT CRADOCK, SOUTH AFRICA.

The above lodge was established in 1874, Bro. W. B. Chalmers, Civil Commissioner and resident Magistrate, being the first W.M., and has held its meetings in the Government School-room, under a five years' lease. The desirability of the lodge possessing its own building had frequently been discussed by the brethren, and the approaching termination of the lease of the government buildings necessitated action of a decisive nature. Bro. Henry Beadle, J.W., placed at the disposal of the lodge, for less than half its cost, a valuable and suitable building site, and this generous deed was supplemented by money subscriptions from other brethren and promises of further assistance from extraneous sources. Little time was lost in commencing the serious work of building. Bro. W. Stonin Leigh, P.M., who is well known to members of the Craft in England and Scotland, kindly furnished appropriate plans, and undertook the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Committee, and Bro. Albert Ziervogel, Dis. Gr. Pur., I.P.M., the Chairman of the Committee, arranged for the supply of the requisite building material at the lowest possible outlay; other brethren actively assisting in various ways.

The foundation walls having been built, it was decided to lay the corner stone, with Masonic rites, on the 12th of February, 1879, being the day of regular monthly meeting, and accordingly the lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. E. Green, W.M.; A. Ziervogel, D.G. Pur., I.P.M.; W. B. Chalmers, P.M.; W. Stonin Leigh, P.M.; A. E. Austen, S.W.; Henry Beadle, J.W.; T. R. Smallman, as Treas.; James W. Riches, Sec.; S. J. Griffiths, S.D.; A. C. Maynard, as J.D.; James J. Games, Steward; A. Saunders, as I.G.; W. H. Hepworth, M.D.; A. Campbell, E. Plumbridge, Geo. Armstrong, A. J. Wright, and J. S. Distin, jun., and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. O. Fehrsen, M.D., Goede Hoop Lodge (D.C.); T. W. Smith, Canonbury, 955; D. W. Canood, lately Meridian, 1469; Henry Rowland, Albany, 389; Frederick Munnik, Goede Hoop Lodge (D.C.); W. R. Taylor, Wodehouse, 1467, and others.

The procession was then formed in the following order: Band of Cradock Volunteer Rifles, playing the "Freemasons' March" in slow time; the builder (Mr. James Mills), with plan; Tyler (Bro. John Urie), with drawn sword; visiting brethren two and two; members of Meridian Lodge two and two; Incer Guard with dirk; Bro. Hepworth, M.D., with mallet, and Bro. Plumbridge with trowel; Steward with corn in golden vessel; Junior Deacon with wine, and Senior Deacon with oil in silver vessels; Secretary with scroll, and Treasurer with box; Bro. Campbell with Bible; Bro. Rev. W. C. Wallis, rector of St. Peter's Church, wearing surplice and stole; Junior Warden and Senior Warden; the Past Masters; Worshipful Master; detachment of Cradock-mounted volunteers, under Lieut. Kirger.

On arriving at the site of the new building the procession opened out, allowing the officiating brethren to take up their position at the stone, the brethren forming a circle round it. The band played "The Queen's Anthem" while the stone was raised to the required height. The Rev. W. C. Wallis offered up the following prayer: "Almighty and Eternal God, architect and ruler of the universe, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men, regard, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy special favour this our present undertaking, and grant that the work which we now commence in Thy name may conduce to Thy glory and to the temporal and eternal good of Thy dependent creatures. Bless the Craft in this town with Thine especial blessing, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this work may continue Thy faithful servants unto their lives' end. Let their practice shadow forth the blessed principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and when Thou shalt be pleased to call them hence, and the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, give them a building

of God, a house not built with hands eternal in the heavens;" followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which the brethren joined audibly, and the response Amen. So mote it be.

The Secretary read aloud the inscription to be placed under the stone, and the Treasurer placed in the cavity in the lower stone a tin box, covered with blue velvet, containing the inscription, and sundry coins of the present reign.

The W.M. spread cement over the lower stone, and the upper stone was slowly lowered; three distinct stops being made in bringing it down; and was properly laid by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M., S.W., and J.W., the band playing "The Vesper Hymn," and the brethren standing "to order," with arms crossed. The J.W. was called upon to plumb the stone, the S.W. to level it, and the I.P.M. to square it, and with three knocks the W.M. declared it "well and truly laid," saying, "May the Great Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown this edifice, of which we have now laid the foundation stone, with every success. So mote it be."

The builder handed the plan to the W.M., who, on returning it, enjoined him to use due care and diligence in the erection of the building, and expressed a hope that it would be completed without accident to the workmen, and prove creditable alike to the builder and the Craft.

The vessel containing the corn was handed to Bro. Leigh, P.M., who strewed it upon the stone, saying, "Corn being a symbol of prosperity and abundance, I strew it upon this stone that our lodge may continue successful and promote the benefits resulting from Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." The wine was handed to Bro. Chalmers, P.M., who poured it upon the stone, saying, "Wine being a symbol of refreshment and cheerfulness, I pour it upon this stone that our lodge may enjoy the blessings arising out of perfect peace and tranquillity." The oil was handed to Bro. Ziervogel, I.P.M., who poured it upon the stone, saying, "Oil being a symbol of joy and happiness, I pour it upon this stone that our lodge may reap the advantages of Masonry with rejoicing and festivity."

Bro. the Rev. W. C. Wallis then said, "May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with all necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life, assist in the erection of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, and long preserve this structure from decay, and grant us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. So mote it be." Response by the brethren: "Glory be to God on high. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen."

This closed the ceremonial, and after the band had played "The Queen's Anthem," the procession reformed and returned to the lodge room, the band playing the "Freemasons' March" in quick tin c.

Bro. W. Stonin Leigh, P.M., as Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Committee, gave a brief statement of the funds collected. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. the Rev. W. C. Wallis and others for assistance rendered on the occasion, and the lodge was then called off to resume with the regular business at 8 p.m.

It is expected that the new building will be completed and ready for occupation by the 24th June, St. John's Day, the day of annual installation, and most probably the dedication and consecration ceremonies will be united with that of installation of W.M.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Lest some of my readers may be startled at the real object of the present article I shall defer presenting a full revelation until a pause has been duly honoured. The pamphlet now "looking at me" is a rare octavo, of some thirty-nine pages, and has experienced over some hundred and ten summers. I have never seen more than another copy before, which had London on the imprint, but the present one was reprinted at Dublin by W. G. Jones and J. Milliken, during the same year, 1768, the title being "Masonry the Way to Hell: a Sermon, wherein is clearly proved, both from reason and Scripture, that all who profess these mysteries are in a state of damnation; Mystery, the Whore of Babylon, &c., Revel." London, &c. Where this most extraordinary sermon was delivered, and by whom, we know not. It cost a "British sixpence" on publication, but now it is such a curiosity that it would take many of such little coins to procure a copy. The London edition consisted of twenty-two pages, but the Dublin one, from which I quote, contains thirty-nine. I am not sure now exactly as to the character of the first issue, but as there are representatives of this wonderful discourse in the grand libraries of Bros. E. T. Carson and R. F. Bower, perhaps one, or both, of these brethren would kindly state how far their copies agree with the following. The writer of the pamphlet commences with the verse 5 of Revelations xvii., and proceeds to explain the errors commentators have fallen into by presuming the word mystery referred to the Romish Church, for "the words of the text relate entirely to Masonry." The author considers he proves in the sermon, "both from reason and revelation, that by the title Babylon is understood Masonry," especially because it is evident because "upon her forehead was a name written mystery." The relevancy of such a proof we must not stay to consider, but evidently it quite satisfied the mind of the author, and others similarly constituted. The application of the word harlot (page 9) is curious. "As women of that character affect to inspire men with the warmest ideas of pleasure, &c., so the Freemasons or male harlots * * * (!) practise upon others their deceitful arts, to invite them to be initiated in their mysteries." The seven heads of the woman of prophecy would have nonplussed any ordinary mind, but the writer perceives the allusion at once, as (of course) it is the seven

members necessary to constitute a perfect lodge, who would doubtless on such occasions bring their heads with them. Should such a suggestion not be acceptable to all his readers, he suggests that the description applies to the "seven steps."

At page 15 the method of the reception of "the poor deluded candidate" is most graphically described, but it would not do to reprint these wonderful revelations without permission, for if they led many to keep from our society from their perusal how sad it would be. However, to speak frankly, my time is scarcely at my command sufficiently to write out such stuff, and, indeed, were it otherwise, and any gentleman was led to determine never to enter a Masonic lodge because of his belief in the statements made in the pamphlet, or in any other stupid exposé, I should consider that a positive benefit had accrued to our society, as there would be one weak-minded individual the less in our ranks, and the Order would be the gainer by the result.

From page 19 to page 23 the author seeks really to show there is no mystery really in Freemasonry, or his argument falls to the ground as to its being the Babylon mentioned in Revelations. The writer is evidently well informed of the movements of his Satanic Majesty, as he ravenly tells us that "whenever two or three Masons are met together to celebrate their mysteries, there the devil is essentially in the midst of them."

The crime of murder, it seems, is quite an ordinary event amongst the Freemasons, "and to this terrible charge may be added a strong attachment to the diabolical art of necromancy."

The author asks of the distinguished men who patronise the Craft "When shall the time come that an English alderman, like a Roman citizen, shall be contented with his frugal meal of turnips?" On this subject we are not able to offer an opinion. The last division of the pamphlet is devoted to show that all those who adhere to the abominations of Masonry will be damned.

Finally the writer implores the brethren to "Be not any longer the wicked instruments of bringing upon children yet unborn the horrors of temporal, and upon their deluded fathers eternal misery."

The work is numbered 857 in Bro. Carson's most excellent "Mason Bibliography," and styled by him "an exceedingly scarce pamphlet." His copy was published in London, and the Dublin edition appears still scarcer.

Of course many answers were forthcoming, not the least curious being one entitled "Masonry Vindicated: a Sermon, wherein is clearly and demonstratively proved that a Sermon entitled 'Masonry the way to Hell' is an entire piece of the utmost weakness and absurdity," &c. (London, 1768); and another, known by the startling title "Masonry the Turnpike Road to Happiness in this Life, and Eternal Happiness Hereafter" (London 1768). All these pamphlets are scarcely ever heard of now, but Freemasonry continues to increase in prosperity and usefulness.

MASONIC HIGH GRADES IN CANADA. (From the Prescott Messenger, Feb. 14.)

In writing upon Masonic High Grades, I wish, as a preliminary, to be distinctly understood as meaning, by the term, a variety of degrees, conferred by a variety of rites, and which degrees are in effect not strictly, but merely quasi Masonic. They are not strictly Masonic, for the reason that the Craft Grand Lodge, the ruling body in pure, ancient and symbolic Masonry, of which every Master Mason's lodge is a component part, entirely ignores them. It—the Grand Lodge—does not forbid them; it does not acknowledge them; it simply knows them not. Every Master Mason is well aware that all the benefit that he can personally derive from the Order, all the relief and assistance that those near and dear to him can claim, in short all Masonic utility, emanates either from the Craft lodge or Grand Lodge. Hence all useful, practical, and beneficial Masonry begins and ends in the Master Mason's lodge, and the Master Mason himself—being raised to the Sublime Degree—is the peer and equal of any Mason upon earth. This being the case, all the "High Grades," professing to be Masonic, cannot in strictness be considered as properly so; they are only, as before stated, quasi Masonic. It is true that there is no real harm in any Mason taking any or all of them; they are in most cases amusing, in some instructive; they are the toys or recreations of an idle hour, in which many Masons, being but children of a large growth, find pleasure by indulging in. They are generally harmless, always useless, and in truth are valueless excrescences upon the body Masonic. With this declaration of what is generally held to be the sound Masonic law upon the subject, I will proceed to notice the manner in which the "High Grades" are used and sometimes abused in Canada. The rites claiming to possess them are as follow:

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Thirty-three Degrees, which originated at Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., 31st May, 1801.

The Rite of Mizraim of Ninety Degrees, which originated at Milan, in Italy, in 1805.

The Rite of Memphis of Ninety-six Degrees, which originated at Paris, in France, 7th July, 1838.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Thirty-three Degrees (being a condensation of the Rite of Memphis of Ninety-six Degrees), which originated at Paris, in France, in 1862.

The manner in which these various rites were primarily constituted was this. During the latter half of the last century, a vast number—some hundreds—of pseudo Masonic degrees were fabricated and set afloat in Europe, and were generally entitled "Side Degrees." It at length occurred to some enterprising Masons that it would be both pleasant and profitable to congregate a quantity of these

Degrees together, to number them consecutively, beginning with the fourth (leaving to genuine Masonry the questionable honour of being the first, second, and third), and administer them to brethren who had a fondness for high sounding titles, resplendent jewelry, and "fuss and feathers" generally, at a price. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being first in the field, led off the game, and the others followed suit, and they have continued up to the present time, sometimes flourishing, sometimes nearly dormant, their good or ill success chiefly depending upon the state of the times, that is, as to whether money was plenty or scarce. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has been, by all odds, the most successful, and is at the present time by far the most widely diffused of all these rites, but at the same time it has shown itself to be in many cases the most intolerant and arrogant amongst them. Owing to its priority of origin, and some pretended charter of constitution, purporting to emanate from Frederick the Great of Prussia (which most Masonic writers of repute now consider forgeries), it seems disposed in some countries, of which Canada is one, to claim for itself the sole right and title to propagate the "High Grades," and to pocket the fees attendant upon such propagation. The most learned and distinguished member of this rite, the Hon. Albert Pike, Thirty-three Degrees, Chief of the Supreme Council of the United States—the Mother Supreme Council of the world—distinctly repudiates any such design on the part of himself or his Supreme Council, to practise this selfish and illiberal policy. In a letter to the chief officer of the Rite of Memphis in Italy, bearing date 18th February, 1877, Bro. Pike says: "We have never interfered to prevent the establishment within our jurisdiction of what is here called the Oriental Rite of Memphis (which has been reduced by its possessors to thirty-three degrees), because we conceded to the fullest extent the right of all Masons to practise any Masonic rite, ancient or modern, without hindrance from any one, and because we hold that each, our own included, ought to stand or fall, succeed or fail, upon its own merits."

Now, Bro. Pike is not only a distinguished Mason, but a distinguished jurist also, and as it is generally admitted that to his very great genius and ability the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite owes almost entirely its present prominence among the rites, it must, therefore be evident to every impartial mind that this opinion of Bro. Pike, so liberal and truly Masonic in its principles, expresses the law of his rite, and that in effect, arrogance or intolerance are no real or fundamental part of its constitution, and that these objectionable qualities are merely errors into which men of narrow minds and weak understandings—inflated by imaginary distinctions—have unwittingly fallen. It may now be affirmed as a settled truth that the law of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite neither requires nor permits its members to interfere with other rites, and those who have done so have displayed not only intolerance but ignorance.

I have been led into this disquisition upon High Grade Rites and their relations to each other by a recent perusal of the proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, at the last session held in Montreal in October, 1878. In his address, the Presiding Officer, "The Most Illustrious and Most Puissant Sovereign Great Commander of The Holy Empire"—(Great Cæsar, what a title! the Brother of the Sun! and Father of the Moon! and Lord of a thousand white Elephants! of Oriental fame, must pale and fade away before the lustre of this Magnifico!)—This stupendous Potentate, I say, took occasion to fall foul of some aspiring brethren in the small and insignificant village of Maitland, Ontario, who not having the fear of the Supreme Council before their eyes, had the audacity and atrocity to obtain lawful authority to confer the Degrees of the Rites of Mizraim and Memphis, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and to publish to the Masonic world a very mild and modest register of the various rites and degrees worked in that ambitious little village. For this act of so called rebellion against the "very superior persons" (in a Disraeli sense) of the Supreme Council, these presumptuous villagers were hauled over the coals most unmercifully, were called "prostitutors of Masonry," and defiers of the powers that be, "traffickers in degrees," in short, a most unsavoury stream of mock Masonic Billingsgate was poured upon their defenceless heads. Perjury was plainly intimated, and swindling, if not worse, hinted at. And why all this swelling indignation, this letting loose of a tornado of wrath? Merely because the Maitland brethren had done that which Bro. Albert Pike, the very highest authority in this same Ancient and Accepted Rite, had publicly proclaimed every brother had a perfect right to do without molestation from any one.

But as if to show the inconsistency into which a rage for supremacy, combined with a greed for fees, will hurry even "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Holy Empire" (I write this title with awe), it was deliberately resolved by the Supreme Council at this same session, that as the mountain would not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain; that as the general insensible public would not so far appreciate the beautiful and sublime Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as to seek after them, that these Degrees must "go for" the public, and that consequently emissaries must be sent into the cities and towns of Canada to endeavour to stir up the enthusiasm of the Masonic fraternity, and induce them to receive the Degrees of Perfection—Fourth to the Fourteenth—at the rate of thirty dollars per head. The "denounced" of Maitland only published a Register of Degrees, and that without a scale of fees; the "Illustrious" ones of the Supreme Council not only advertise their price, but in addition send out "Drummers" to dispose of their wares. In this connection I feel irresistibly impelled to give a quotation from Pickwick. Mr. Alfred Jingle having eloped with Miss Rachel Wardle, and being desi-

rous of obtaining a marriage licence, consulted Mr. Weller—the immortal Sam.

"Do you know-what's-a-name—Doctor's Commons?" said Mr. Jingle.

"Yes, sir," replied Sam.

"Where it is?"

"Paul's Churchyard, sir, low archway on the carriage side, booksellers at one corner, hotel on the other, and two porters in the middle as touts for licenses."

"Touts for licenses?" said Mr. Jingle.

"Touts for licenses," replied Sam. "Two cores in white aprons touches their hats as you walk in. License, sir, license? Queer sort them, and their masters, too, sir."

As Jack Bunsby, another of Dickens' characters, would say, "The bearing of this here quotation lies in the application of it." My application is this. Can a discriminating Masonic public draw a parallel between the "two cores in white aprons touting for licenses," and two illustrious deputies of the Supreme Councils, also in white aprons, touting for thirty dollar fees through the towns and cities of Ontario and Quebec?

As regards the real value of these High Grade Degrees, I can speak with authority, being possessed of about all of them. As I said before, some are interesting, some amusing, and all harmless. To a Master Mason they are of no practical utility, he already having all that Masonry can give him, as regards rank, benefit, or position. Still if he is possessed of Masonic curiosity and a spirit of research, if he can spare the time and can afford the expense, I can with good conscience recommend him to take them, if it can be done conveniently, and he is not victimised by enormous fees. If they will do nothing else for him, they will at least entitle him to affix certain mysterious numbers to his signature, to wear a variety of costly jewels, and to call himself by magnificent titles, such as "Illustrious Brother," "Sovereign Prince," or "Sovereign Grand Inspector General." To my mind, and in this I am sustained by most Masonic writers, the grades or degrees known as the "Rose Croix" and "Kadush" are by far the best, and singularly enough these are Templar Grades, properly belonging to the "Order of the Temple," and of which it was somewhat surreptitiously deprived. They have no connection with and are out of place in the hotch-potch aggregation of "Side Degrees," which form the principal ingredients in all the High Grade Rites. The Order of the Templar, I may here observe, is not in any sense a Masonic rite or Order, although the degree of a Royal Arch Mason is now required as a pre-requisite for admission to it. It is a Christian chivalric Order, and is generally considered to be a genuine continuation of the old knightly Order of the Temple of the Crusades, and admission to its ranks is eagerly sought after and highly esteemed.

MAITLAND.

Feb. 6th, 1879.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

The Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, held its anniversary meeting on the 27th December, 1878, in Shanghai, when the Worshipful Master was installed, and the officers appointed for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at nine p.m. by W. Bro. H. S. Morris, W.M., at which time there were about forty brethren present, including Bros. Pemberton, W.M.; Birt, P.M. 428, S.C.; Jansen, W.M., Ancient Landmark, Am. Com.; Koch, P.M., Lodge Germania; Weiler, S.D.G.W.; Drummond Hay, D.G. Treasurer of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, and several well-known brethren. At 9.15 p.m. the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, entered the lodge, accompanied by Bros. Hart, D.G.J.W.; J. I. Miller, D.G. Registrar; Thos. W. Kingsmill, Pres. D. Board of G. Purposes; Moore, D.G. Sword Bearer; Orme, D.G. Secretary; Evans, D.G.S.D.; Fentum, D.G. Organist; Brown, D.G. Pursuivant, and was received with the customary honours. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Morris, W.M., requested Bro. Thorne to honour the lodge by performing the installation ceremony, and Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., having acceded to the W.M.'s request, assumed the chair. Bro. Anderson, S.W., who had been unanimously elected as Master for the ensuing year, was then presented, and was duly installed in due and ancient form. The lodge having been closed respectively in the Third and Second Degrees, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Robinson, S.W.; J. F. Holiday, J.W.; Wm. White, Treas.; J. D. Bishop, Secretary; H. A. Johnston, S.D.; J. Findlay, J.D.; T. Hore, Tyler. After which the D.G.M. delivered addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and the lodge respectively. The W.M. then thanked the R.W.D.G. Master and his officers for their attendance and assistance in the working of the installation ceremony. The R.W.D.G.M., in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to assist at all times in the working of our ceremonies. He called the especial attention of the brethren to the necessity of their making themselves conversant with our ritual, so that they might always be ready to aid the W.M. in the working of the lodge, should any of the officers, unfortunately, be absent; he also urged them by their conduct outside the lodge to uphold the high character of our Masonic institution. The W.M. then thanked the visitors for their attendance, and after some Masonic business had been attended to, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 10.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where a cold collation was spread. After ample justice had been done to the viands, and the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Morris, P.M., proposed "The M.W. the Grand Masters and Grand Officers of Sister Grand Lodges," which was responded to with honours. The W.M. then proposed "The R.W.D.

G.M. and the D.G. Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China," and Bro. C. Thorne briefly replied, thanking them for the kindly feeling shown to him. Bro. Robinson, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., to which Bro. Kingsmill responded, and whilst thanking the brethren on their behalf, he must ask them to pay a special mark of honour to one who had only that evening taken his seat amongst the Past Masters; he alluded to Bro. Morris, P.M., who had presided over them as W.M. during the past year; how well he had performed his duties, and how kind and courteous he had proved to all, was so well known, that to dilate upon his many virtues would be superfluous. To prevent being tedious, he would call upon them to show their appreciation of Bro. Morris by the manner in which they responded to the toast of the health. Bro. Morris replied, and heartily thanked the brethren for the assistance rendered to him during the past year. He thanked Bro. Kingsmill for bringing his name before the lodge, and the brethren for thus enthusiastically responding to it. He had to express his thanks to the brethren of the sister lodges who from time to time had visited the Northern Lodge and assisted in its working. Personally he had received much attention at the hands of the P.M.'s of those lodges. That night they were favoured with the company of many of the members, and he felt assured the brethren would with him pay their tribute of respect by responding to the toast of "The Sister Lodges." He would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Short, W.M. elect of Lodge No. 1097. Bro. Short briefly replied, and thanked the brethren on behalf of his own lodge, as also on behalf of the Royal Sussex Lodge. Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Hart, D.G.J.W., drew the brethren's attention to the happy selection of officers made by the W.M. Many of them had filled subordinate offices, and were now gaining the reward of merit. All promised fairly for a successful year. He pointed out to the officers some of the duties expected from them, and urged them to a regular attendance to their duties. He commended to the brethren the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." Bro. Bishop, Secretary, in a few well chosen words, expressed on behalf of himself and brother officers their thanks for the notice taken of them. He then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Housbury, in returning thanks, said how pleased all brethren were to visit the Northern Lodge of China, where they always received a hearty welcome. That night they had partaken of its hospitality, and he was sure by the happy faces of his brother visitors, who stood with him, that they felt deeply indebted to the brethren for the kindness received at their hands. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated at 12.30 a.m.

The election and installation of office-bearers of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, for the ensuing year took place at Shanghai, on the 20th December, when the lodge, in response to an invitation of Bro. T. Pemberton, the R.W.M., had the honour of a visit from the District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, accompanied by his officers. The lodge met half-an-hour earlier than usual, and balloted for the candidates who had been previously nominated for the different offices, the voting resulting in the election of the following: Bros. T. Pemberton, R.W.M.; W. Burt, I.P.M.; W. Youngson, S.M.; U. W. Harris, S.W.; F. T. Williams, J.W.; W. Youngson, Treasurer; J. J. G. Thurston, Secretary; J. Gould, S.D.; J. D. Clark, J.D.; J. Beckhoff, I.G.; R. A. J. Andersen, S.S.; J. Tonkin, J.S.; A. Silverthorne, D.C.; W. Van Corbach, B.B.; G. Baffy, Hon. Org.; T. Hore, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Pemberton, thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him by his election a second time to the highest position in the lodge, and took the opportunity to thank his officers for the great assistance they had rendered him, without which he was sure the success that had characterised their proceedings during the last twelve months would not have been achieved. Punctually at nine o'clock, the R.W. District Grand Master of Northern China, English Constitution, Bro. Cornelius Thorne, and his officers, were announced, and were received by the brethren with the customary honours of their rank. The R.W.D.G.M. was accompanied by the following of his officers:—Bros. Hart, D.G.J.W.; F. W. Kingsmill, President of Board of General Purposes; H. Evans, D.G.J.D.; Geo. B. Fentum, D.G. Orgaust Moore, D.G. Sword Bearer; and J. Brown, D.G. Puist. W. H. Anderson and H. J. Camajee, D.G. Stewards; and among the visitors present were Bros. Rohl, of the Lodge Germania, German Constitution; M. H. Cook, I.P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; D. C. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; Weiller, S.D.G.W. of the District Grand Lodge, Japan, and other eminent Masons, there being altogether about seventy-five brethren present. The R.W.M. expressed to the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers the pleasure their visit afforded to the brethren of the lodge. It was an honour of which they were all proud, and their pride would be enhanced by the R.W.D.G.M. kindly consenting to officiate as Installing Master. The R.W.D.G.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception accorded to him and his officers, and said it was always a pleasure for them to meet their brethren on occasions like the present. Being himself a honorary member of the lodge, it was his duty to be present and assist in the labours; therefore, they had, as it were, doubly honoured him in asking him to conduct the installation ceremony. The R.W.M. thereupon vacated the chair, and handed over the gavel to the R.W.D.G.M., who then proceeded with the business. Bro. Burt, I.P.M., presented the retiring W.M. for re-installation, explaining that he had again been elected Master of the lodge by a large majority. Bro. Pemberton was then re-installed in the chair of K.S., and was saluted by all the brethren in due and

ancient form. At the request of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Hart, D.G.J.W., obligated and invested the office bearers in their respective positions, which was followed by the usual addresses, given by the R.W.D.G.M. to the R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The R.W.M. again thanked the Master and officers of the District Grand Lodge, and the visitors generally, for their attendance, and hoped they would not leave without partaking of the refreshments provided. The lodge was then closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M., Bro. T. Pemberton, rose and proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and then gave "The Rulers of our respective Countries," after which Bro. W. Birt, P.M., 30, proposed "The District Grand Lodge of Northern China," and thanked the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, and his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Jas. Hart, and the other officers of the District Grand Lodge for their presence, and for conducting the installation of the Master and officers of the Lodge Cosmopolitan, to which Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, and afterwards proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." At the call of the R.W.D.G.M., the health of the W.M. was then drunk with musical honours. The W.M. graciously acknowledged the compliment the R.W.D.G.M. had paid him by proposing his health in such felicitous terms, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. In conclusion, he proposed "The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge," and again referred to the great assistance they had rendered him during the last twelve months. Bros. Johnston, S.W., and Youngson, J.W., each responded. Bro. Johnston next proposed "Our Sister Lodges in Shanghai," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Kingsmill. Bro. Kingsmill responded. Bro. Cook, in response to loud calls, also said a few words as to the good feeling that existed among the different lodges in Shanghai, and took occasion to propose the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," and Bro. Birt, replied, thanking the members of the District Grand Lodge and visitors for the cordial reception given to the toast. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink to "The W.M.'s elect of Sister Lodges," which was accordingly done, and Bro. Anderson, of the Northern Lodge, and Bro. Short, of the Tuscan Lodge, replied. The Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," was then given, whereupon the majority of the members of the District Grand Lodge withdrew. Several other toasts were afterwards given, interspersed with songs; and the gathering, which may well be described as one of the largest and most successful held under the auspices of Scottish Masonry in Shanghai, was appropriately brought to a close by the health of the founder of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, Bro. Donaldson, being drunk in a bumper.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Lieut. Teignmouth Melvill, 24th Regt., and Lieut. Col. Arthur Geo. Durnford, killed at Isandula, on the 22nd January, 1879, were both Masons.

Bro. William Malthouse, of the Central Meat Market, will come forward as a candidate for the office of Common Councillor for the Ward of Farringdon Without, when a vacancy occurs.

Bro. John Soffery has received from Her Majesty the Queen, and also H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, letters thanking him for copies of his poems "Welcome" and "Epithalamium."

The public will be glad to learn that the medical attendants of the Vice-Chancellor Malins consider that he is making such satisfactory progress towards recovery from his late accident, that he is sanguine of being able to resume his judicial duties early in the Easter Sittings.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms on Tuesday week. The meeting was numerous and influentially attended, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland occupying the chair. The report stated that the lifeboats of the Institution had saved 471 persons from shipwreck, and helped to rescue seventeen vessels from destruction.

The trustees of the British Museum have decided that the galleries of that Institution shall be opened to the public until eight o'clock p.m. from May 8th till the middle of July, and thenceforward to the end of August until seven o'clock.

The want of cooling and refreshing drinks, which are at the same time slightly though not overwhelmingly stimulating, has long been felt, and has been acknowledged by the faculty. We are glad to be able to state that several eminent physicians have testified to the value of the Pilsener beer imported and sold by Bro. F. Jacob and Co., of Gracechurch-buildings, and now sold at all the best restaurants. It contains all the properties of a gentle stimulant and an innocuous quencher of thirst. We strongly recommend our readers to patronise this very nice and wholesome beverage. In our advertisement columns will be seen the opinion of the merits of the "Pilsener" beer by the *Daily Telegraph*, no bad authority on matters of taste.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

ROSIERUCIAN SOCIETY.—The Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday next, 3rd April.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, 15, Soho-square, to be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Monday, May 5.

Mr. W. Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, was presented at the levee held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Monday. Amongst those who attended were Bro. J. D. Alcroft, M.P., Mr. E. L. Lawson, Mr. J. D'A. Samuda, M.P., Mr. Marwood Tucker, and Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson.

We learn that the installation of the Master of the Temple as Dean of Llandaff will take place in Llandaff Cathedral at the morning service on Tuesday next.

The usual Quarterly Court of the Governors of the Scottish Corporation was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the temporary offices, Fleur-de-lis-court, Fetter-lane, Bro. Dr. Charles Hogg in the chair. A letter was received from Mr. Cross on behalf of the Queen, acknowledging the receipt of an address by the Governors on the occasion of the death of the Grand Duchess of Hesse.

The annual meeting and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, will take place in the Exhibition Palace, Earlsfoot-terrace, on Thursday, the 8th May next.

The North Warwickshire Hunt Meeting, at the Regent, on Wednesday last, was presided over by Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, who has recovered from his recent attack of bronchitis and gout. The arrangement with Mr. Lant, Nailcote Hall, for hunting the country remains undisturbed, but complaints of inadequate subscriptions were made.

The master, wardens, court of assistants, and clerk of the Glass-sellers' Company are arranging a complimentary dinner, to be given next month, in honour of Bro. Sheriff Burt. The entertainment is not to trench on the funds of the company, and the members of the court are restricted to one visitor each.

On the occasion of the University Boat Race the *Maria Wood* will be moored off the winning post at Mortlake by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. There will be a band on board.

The balance sheet and report of the second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable association has been issued by which it appears that a sum of £176 2s. 6d. has been subscribed, out of which sixteen appropriations have been made to the three Charities. The members are to be congratulated upon having secured the services of a Treasurer and Secretary, whose zeal and energy have assisted materially its prosperity.

ROYAL SEA BATHING INFIRMARY.—The annual general meeting of the governors of this charity was held on Tuesday, at the offices, 1, Queen-street, Cheap-side, Bro. Colonel Creton presiding. Bro. Clabon, Hon. Sec., read the report, which stated that while a large number of patients had been received during the year the mortality was about a third less. They had admitted during the year 647 patients, of which number 517 had been discharged and 11 had died, leaving in the hospital on January 1, 1879, 119 patients. The subscriptions amounted to £784 1s. 5d., and the "Hodgson" 5s. fund to £1257 7s. 10d. There was a considerable falling off in the donations and legacies, the former amounting to £452 5s. 7d., and the latter to £889 10s. 3d. The balance-sheet showed total receipts £5546 0s. 5d., and expenditure £8414 17s. 5d., leaving a deficit of £2868 17s. to be made up by the sale of stock. The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Spencer Smith and carried. The following gentlemen were appointed Vice-Presidents: Lord Sondes, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Moses Montifiore, Hon. Spencer Law, Sir Thos. Tyler, Canon Zarver, Mr. Jocelyn Percy, Alderman Sir Thomas Dakin, Mr. Robert Heath, Mr. Chas. C. Hardy, and the Rev. Samuel Prosser, M.A. The Directors, Auditors, and Treasurer were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Our readers will be gratified to hear that the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C., gave their twelfth Irish Stew Dinner, on Wednesday, at Conder-street Hall, Limehouse, E., to several hundred poor children, numbers of whom were turned away as funds were so low. The little ones were as hungry as ever; for many of their parents are still out of work and cannot provide the common necessities of life for them. For three months this charity has laboured hard to assist the poor suffering children, and has succeeded so far as to have given several thousand dinners, besides free teas, during this severe and trying winter. This mission studies in every way to do good, both temporarily and spiritually, and has a missionary agency a colporteur to circulate pure literature, free reading rooms for working men, Sunday schools, mothers' meetings, clothing club, penny bank, evangelistic services, and lectures for the people, and a variety of good work. A bazaar and fancy sale is also in progress to enable the promoters to purchase Conder-street Mission House and Hall, and it is to be hoped that our readers will not allow so good a charity to flag for want of means, but will aid it with goods or money, which will be gratefully received by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin, at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

In consequence of the visit of the Queen to Italy, the annual presentation of drawings by the boys of Christ's Hospital to her Majesty will not take place this year.

Prince Waldemar, third son of the Crown Prince of Germany, died suddenly of heart disease at half-past three o'clock on Thursday morning. The deceased Prince was born on the 10th of February, 1868, and had, therefore, completed his 11th year.

The Eastern Telegraph Company have concluded their arrangements, and the ships carrying the cables will depart immediately. The first ship will sail right away to Natal, and will commence to lay the cable towards Mozambique. The other ships will join her, and, taking there several sections of cable, will make a complete cable to Aden, where it will join the Eastern Telegraph system, which communicates directly with India, China, Australia, &c. The cable will be worked under the general administration of the Eastern Telegraph Company.

AMBULANCE CLASSES.—Major Duncan, R.A., on Wednesday last distributed, in connection with the ambulance classes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the certificates gained by members of the 2nd Middlesex (her Majesty's Customs and the Docks) Artillery Volunteers. The ceremony took place in the lobby of the Custom House. Major Duncan in his address mentioned that ambulance classes had now been established in no less than fifty of the principal cities and towns in England, the most recent being Margate and at Rugby Junction, where fifty porters had been enlisted in the cause. It was not their intention to intrude on the province of the doctors, but rather to assist them in the first instance. All the collieries had readily accepted the proffered aid, and he was glad to hear that only recently there were five cases of saving life due to the action taken.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, 3d. each; parsnips, 3d. each; savoys, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 4, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Fentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bgds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1687, Rothersey, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicker Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hot., Albion-rd.
Rosicrucian Society, Metropolitan College, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
" 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.
K.T. 134, Blondel, Cannon-row, Westminster.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up.George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 5, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Leonard's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerald's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkey, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Alpax Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—This distinguished lodge met in goodly numbers on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and we observed among the visitors present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; and Brodie. Bro. J. A. Batley was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. W. Hope, D.M., in a very effective manner, and then took place a ceremony, which was undoubtedly the great event of the evening, and which conferred both pleasure and prestige on all concerned, as well as afforded much satisfaction to all present. It had been decided to present Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton with his portrait, painted by Bro. Stephen Pearce, and the presentation was now to take place. Bro. P.M. Swinburne, by permission of the D.M., addressed Bro. Creaton in the following manly and touching words, which were warmly appreciated and applauded by the brethren assembled: "Bro. G. Treasurer, I have been commanded by the W.M. to communicate to you the pleasure we all feel at your recent promotion to the office of high dignity and trust which you now hold in Grand Lodge, and to assure you that we all feel that by your promotion to this office the lodge has had an honour conferred upon it also. You have for many years been a prominent member of the Craft, and have especially been associated with what we all consider its greatest good, namely, the noble Charities, which are the practical result of the teaching we have received in our profession as Masons. You have not alone given with an open hand, again and again, but you have done more than this, for although there have been many calls upon your time in the performance of the duties which have devolved upon you as a soldier, a magistrate, and a gentleman, you have, nevertheless, given the first and the best of your time, of your thought, of your patience, and of your labour to those excellent institutions, which are the chief honour of English Masonry. But it is not as a distinguished officer of Grand Lodge, nor as a distinguished patron of the Masonic Charities, that I have been commanded to address you this evening. You have a personal claim nearer even than these, great as they are, in our common brotherhood. You are one of ourselves, a distinguished member of this grand old lodge, where you have especially served us in a manner most gratifying to its members, namely, by promoting its unanimity and concord by your own kind and genial nature, and by upholding its dignity and traditions as its Master. The good work of a man is his best and most lasting monument, and his mission is, in one sense, illustrated by the monument of our greatest Master in the noble cathedral that adorns our city, for you read, on entering that building, that should you wish to see the monument of him who erected it, you must look around, and there it stands a grand and imperishable record of a Master of his lodge. Still, in this room we find records of him scattered around us, and records not alone of him but of other illustrious Masters of this lodge, whose names are household words in Masonry. We have felt that one who has done so well should not alone be remembered by his contemporaries, but by those who are to follow hereafter, and we trust who will follow in the footsteps of such a leader. And it occurred to us, on reflecting on your own good work, that at some future time, when we shall all of us have gone hence, some might care to know what this Master of Antiquity was like that men spoke so well of, and who did such good work in his time. And we therefore said, we have amongst us a distinguished painter; we will confer with him; he may perhaps help us to hand down—not the memory of our good friend and brother, for that we trust will be ever green—but his semblance as he appeared amongst us. And our good friend and Bro.

Stephen Pearce, with that generosity so characteristic of an artist, and of such an artist, has reproduced you here. Accept this, dear brother, from us as a pledge of our brotherly love and friendship. And may you live long to enjoy the good will of this old Lodge of Antiquity, and when no longer with it, may this picture be where good Masons may sometimes see it, and when looking on it, say, 'Ah, that was Creaton, the Grand Treasurer; he was a Master of Antiquity, he stood well in the Craft, did good work in his time, and his name will go down to posterity on the Grand Muster Roll of good and great Masons.' The following is the inscription on the picture: "Presented by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c., and the members of the lodge, to Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past Master of the lodge." At the conclusion of his able address, Bro. P.M. Swinburne uncovered the portrait, which as a work of art was greatly admired, and reflects the most undoubted credit on the "limner's cunning hand." Bro. Creaton "more suo" returned thanks for the kindly and fraternal compliment in a few well-chosen words, which clearly came from the heart. It was then moved by Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.M., and carried unanimously, "That the best thanks of the lodge be offered to Bro. Stephen Pearce, for his kindly assistance in placing his great talents at the disposal of the lodge, to do honour to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton." Bro. Stephen Pearce acknowledged the compliment in a few feeling words. The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet and the pleasant reunion of the social circle, separating at an early hour, highly gratified with the gathering, and which will ever remain an "Alba Dies" in the warm memories of the many good Masons and friendly men who compose the "phalanx" of "Old Antiquity."

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the guidance of Bro. Louis Cornellisen. The officers present were Bros. Ashwell, S.W.; T. F. Knight Smith, J.W. and W.M. elect; Foster, S.D.; Skeggs, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; A. Vernon, W.S.; W. S. Ashford, D.C.; Noke, P.M.; Tolly, P.M., Sec., and others. The minutes of last lodge meeting were duly read and confirmed. After the usual questions, Bros. Trehearne and Shaw were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Francis Gill was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M., though speaking in (to him) a foreign tongue, performed these several ceremonies excellently. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, when the chair was taken by Bro. C. Smith, P.M., one of the founders, and the father of the lodge. Bro. T. F. Knight Smith was then duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was rendered by Bro. Smith, P.M., in a truly admirable manner throughout, the various orations being delivered fluently and impressively, and made a lasting impression on the minds of those brethren who had the happiness of being present. The W.M. duly appointed and invested his officers. The W.M. had the pleasing duty to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Louis Cornellisen, a very beautiful jewel, and in so doing expressed a wish that Bro. Cornellisen might live many years to wear it, as a mark of the great esteem the Ivy Lodge felt for him, and for the generous spirit he had frequently manifested. After some other business the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, in consequence of the large hall being let for other purposes. This was to many a great inconvenience, and to a certain extent accounted for the sparse attendance, many members having to come from great distances. The interests of the Craft are not so well considered at this hall as formally, at least murmurings of dissatisfaction are rife, and one would think it is certainly to the interests of the proprietors to endeavour to remedy this in future. On reaching the Holborn Restaurant the brethren found an atmosphere of warmth, brightness, and geniality there, which soon dissipated both the effects of the journey and the very unpleasant weather, and sat down to a very excellent banquet, which gave great credit to that establishment and to its admirable manager, Bro. Hamp. In presenting the various loyal and Masonic toasts, the few remarks which fell from the W.M. were well received, and on replying to the toast proposed to his health by Bro. Cornellisen, I.P.M., the W.M. said he felt it a great honour to be placed in the position he was in that evening for many reasons,—he was one of the first initiates made in the lodge, and the first who had risen to the chair of the W.M.; but not only that, he loved Masonry for its own sake, for its splendid traditions, its grand teachings, and its widespread Charities, and he would impress upon the brethren the importance of living up to those principles. In the First Degree the beauties of moral truth were unveiled to the eyes of the brethren; in the Second their attention was directed to the wonders of art and science, those endless fields of human investigation; and in the Third those sublime teachings with regard to the future, the spirit of all religions, the necessity of preparing by well-ordered lives here if we would wish to obtain a happy entrance to the Grand Lodge above. In presenting "The Health of the Installing Master, P.M. C. Smith," the W.M. said it afforded him a great pleasure, as the P.M. was one of the founders and father of the lodge. He had initiated him and now completed the work he had so well begun by installing him in the chair of K.S., and in so admirable a manner that it would make a lasting impression both on his mind as well as on the minds of all the brethren present. Bro. C. Smith, in replying, said it afforded him great pleasure to render any service he could to the lodge, for he looked upon it as his child, and loved Masonry in his heart, and trusted it would go on and prosper in the future as it had done in the past. The toast of "The Visitors" was well responded to by Bros. Farwig, W.M. St. James's Union, and Dr. Oswald, P.M. 1328. The toast of "The

Past Masters" was duly honoured and acknowledged by I.P.M. Bro. Cornellisen and P.M. Bro. Matlock; and P.M. Bro. Cattle the services of Treasurer. Bro. P.M. Matlock and Bro. P.M. Jolly were duly acknowledged, and after "The Officers" the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close. The brethren were enlightened during the evening by some songs well sung by Bros. P.M. Ion Cattle, Kift, Martin, and Cooper; and some excellent readings by Bro. Reynolds. Bro. Kift presided efficiently at the piano. Among the visitors present were Bros. Pollard, W.M. 1694; Farwig, W.M. 180; W. H. Morgan, 1388; L. Sarre, 1402; J. G. Rush, 1201; J. P. Tonge, 1216; and P.M.'s Hull, 87, and J. W. Oswald, 1328; Thurkle, P.M. 87; and Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P. (Hon. Mem.); W. J. Large, S.W. 1321; and many other brethren.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Agricultural Hall on the 28th ult. There were present Bros. T. J. Coombs, W.M.; E. Somers, P.M.; E. G. Sim, P.M.;—Lee, P.M.; A. J. Rowley, S.W.; John Weston, J.W.; John Greenfield, Treas.; John Osborn, Sec.; W. Norris, S.D.; W. T. Poulton, J.D.; H. Field, I.G.; W. Oppenheim, D.C.; R. G. Thomas, Organist; T. J. Rimell, Steward; W. Steedman, Tyler; R. Allison, J. Firlong, E. Payn, Wm. Payn, James Alexander, E. J. Pearcey, J. Brewer, James Crocker, E. Pelikin, J. Raffety, G. Tarrant, J. Kitchiner, C. Parslow, H. T. Godolphin, S. Hollidge, and A. H. Chisholm (Freemason). The visitors present were Bros. H. Sprake, 815; J. O'Connor, 1339; B. Clark, 1507; J. Humphreys, 167; R. Pearcey, W.M. 228; J. L. Cogan, W.M. 1365; and E. Roberts, 1623. The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Alexander was passed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. T. C. Duncan, who, being unanimously approved, was initiated into the secrets and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. A. F. Rowley was, by a majority of one, elected to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. Greenfield, Treas., and Steedman, Tyler, were unanimously re-elected. Bros. Tarrant, Raffety, and Firlong were appointed Auditors. A handsome Past Master's jewel was, on the motion of Bro. Somers, voted out of the funds of the lodge to the retiring W.M., which will be presented to him at the installation meeting in May. Bro. Coombs, in a few appropriate remarks, acknowledged the generous presentation, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner in the lodge-room, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, interspersed with some capital songs, and after spending a few pleasant hours together, the brethren adjourned until the 23rd of May.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this well established and most prosperous lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Thursday, the 20th ult. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The ballot taken for Mr. John Rose was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. The W.M., Bro. G. S. Elliott, in an impressive, correct, and painstaking manner raised Bros. Greenwood, Smith, Woolridge, P. Bowley, and Allen, passed Bros. Kinloch and Cork, then completed his heavy duties by initiating Mr. Richard Titcomb into Freemasonry. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., was highly complimented for the admirable style in which he had rendered every part of the work, his working being an intellectual treat to all who had the good fortune to be present. The proposed bye-laws were then read through by the energetic Secretary, Bro. E. Mallett, P.M. 141, who explained to the lodge that he had sent a copy of these bye-laws to every member, as every item in them had been fully discussed at a previous meeting. On the motion of Bro. W. Malthouse, J.D., seconded by Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S., it was unanimously resolved, "That the bye-laws, submitted to the lodge, do become its bye-laws, that they be submitted to Grand Lodge, and when approved of by the Grand Secretary the same be printed, and copies issued to all the members." Bro. W. Malthouse, J.D., who had been unanimously elected as Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, made an eloquent and soul-stirring appeal to the members to support him, as their representative of the lodge, at that festival. If eloquence and a clear matter of fact statement, showing how much the noble Institution needed their support, had any effect—and we are sure no Steward could equal our zealous brother in his endeavours to enlist the sympathies of all who were present—no doubt his list will be well supported. The names of several gentlemen were given in who were anxious to be initiated into Freemasonry. Letters of apology for absence were read from those officers who could not attend in consequence of severe illness, viz., Bros. John Johnson, J.W. (since died, on the 29th ult., of bronchitis and disease of the heart), and Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer. Business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned. The banquet then followed, served under the special superintendence of the kind and genial host, Bro. Thomas Butt, who was well supported, in his endeavours to give satisfaction and comfort to all present, by his sons, Bros. T. M. Butt and W. Butt. We need hardly here remark that the worthy host has earned a good and lasting repute for the good catering and lavish expenditure to make everything first-rate with which he puts on all his banquets. Great things were expected of him when he commenced his career as a Masonic caterer, and he has proved his capabilities by the exquisite manner he has done his business. The usual routine of Masonic toasts were given and responded to, that of "The Visitors" being answered by Bro. Elliott, 749 (father of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. S. Elliott), thanking the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and

brethren for the cordial manner the toast had been given and responded to. He also expressed the great delight he felt at seeing his son in the eminent position as their W.M. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. There were present, besides those named, Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; H. J. Lardner, D.C., as J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D.; T. M. Butt, I.G.; W. Snow, C.S.; T. W. Adams, I.P.M.; Woolridge, Preece, Leggett, Davis, Goodwin, Howard, Roberts, F. J. Howes, G. S. Wintle, P.M.; Delofons, Crombie, Greenwood, Smith, and many others. The visitors were Bros. Elliott, 749; D. Moss, 1275; Van Roelth, J.W. 917; V. Chipp, 1158; H. Blackwell, 177, and many others, whose names we were unable to ascertain.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. There were also present, among others, Bros. J. Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Deller, I.G.; Holt, W.S.; Smith, D.C.; Hixon, Philpott, Barham, Sillis, Callaghan, Cook, Read, and Lloyd. Visitors: Bros. Moore, P.M.; H. Stiles, S.D. 1507; Kauffman, 1744; Read, 177; and others. Bros. R. W. P. George, J. W. Wheeler, and F. J. Jagels were raised, and Bro. P. W. Earle, G. C. Dickey, and G. R. Carter passed. Afterwards, Messrs. G. Eschey and Alfred Ramsden were initiated. It was agreed, upon the proposition of the W.M., to have a summer festival, and ladies to be invited. An influential committee was appointed to carry out the same. The list of the W.M., as Steward representing the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, was liberally subscribed to, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after a long evening's work, which was very ably performed.

DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—A somewhat unusual occurrence took place in connection with this lodge in the death of two of its members, both Past Masters, within a day of each other. Bro. T. Brunton died on the 28th ult., at the age of forty-three, and Bro. A. F. Robinson on the 29th ult., aged forty-one. The former was interred on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and the latter on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Both funerals were attended by a large number of brethren, who had assembled at the Masonic Hall. Among them were noticed Bros. W. Hobson, W.M. 111; J. M. Meek, W.M. 1379; J. C. Martin, P.M.; George J. Wilson, P.M. and Sec. 111, P.P.G.J.W. Durham; J. Macnay, P.M., P.P.G.D. Durham; John Morrell, P.M.; John Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Durham; H. Maddison, John Hodgson, sen., Thomas Ness, John Watson, John Burney, F. Tovey, G. N. Watson, Ottiwell Smith, Minter, P.M.; B. Boulton, P.M.; W. Lear, P.M.; E. Hutchinson, R. A. Luck, John Hodgson, jun., Smith Ward, W. Dryden, A. J. Martin, John Willis, S. Carlton, W. Milford, J. W. Armitage, W. Swales, D. Brebner, James Hoggett, Dr. Frazer, George Cooper, Wm. Salkeld (C.E.), Thomas Garbutt, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). Bro. Robinson was also a member of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, in which he held the office of W.M. a few years ago. Bro. Brunton was a member of the Perseverance Court of Foresters, a large number of whom attended his funeral. He had also held the office of 2nd Principal in the Vigilance Royal Arch Chapter, 111. Bro. Robinson being an active member of the Temperance Society, his remains were accompanied to the grave by a large concourse of the members of that society and other friends. The greatest respect to the departed was shewn by the inhabitants of Darlington, for all along the route that the cortege traversed the shops were partly closed, and blinds drawn.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this highly esteemed and influential lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Bro. Henry Walley, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Joseph Mackie, P.M., S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; B. Williams, P.M., Treas.; William Siddeley, Sec.; W. D. Waddell, P.M.; William Livesey, John Studd, and Henry Heap, Stewards; H. H. Warburton, P.M., I.G. (pro. tem.) and Org.; and J. Kirk, Tyler. There was a very large attendance of brethren present, including Bros. G. F. East, P.P. G.D.C., and J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire. The visiting brethren included members from Lodges Nos. 1664, 1011, 1161, 654, 581, 1045, 993, 1609, 44, 204, and 317. At six o'clock between sixty and seventy brethren sat down to a well-served tea, à la fourchette, at the conclusion of which they assembled in the spacious lodge-room. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Francis Youle having been unanimously elected a member of the lodge, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., assisted by his officers. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Leo Bernstein, who was a candidate for passing, was interrogated, and then withdrew. On his re-admission he was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason, the ceremony in this, as in that of the E.A. Degree, being impressively rendered by the W.M. and his officers. The charge was then delivered to both candidates by the S.W., Bro. Alfred Heald, and at its conclusion the lodge was lowered to the First Degree. "Hearty Good Wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned downstairs to the refreshment board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed, and duly responded to, "The Healths of the Newly-Initiated Brethren" were next proposed, in response to which Bros. Youle and Bernstein returned thanks. The toast of "The Visitors" was drunk with enthusiasm, and acknowledged by three of the brethren. During the evening several excellently rendered glees and quartets were given by Bros.

Dumville (two), Lister, Turner, and Salmon, and Bro. Greenwood's comic powers caused peals of laughter, his singing of "Brown, the Tragedian," being very funny, while his imitations of Phelps, Buckstone, Fechter, Compton, and Toole were exceptionally good, and did him great credit—in fact, we have never seen this gentleman's equal off the stage. We have before dilated upon the abundance of vocal and instrumental talent among the members of this lodge, and we are quite sure that any of our Lancashire brethren who may pay a visit to the Integrity will not only be cordially received, and hospitably entertained, but will retain a pleasurable recollection of the same.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The March meeting of this lodge took place at the Swan Hotel, on Wednesday, 26th ult., Bro. Capt. Colburne, the W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers: G. Nash, I.P.M.; R. H. Coombs, S.W.; H. Thody, J.W.; J. Carter, S.D.; R. Stafford, J.D.; J. Sergeant, Treas.; J. R. Bull, Steward; Capt. Verey, I.G.; Cookson, acting Organist, and about twenty brethren. The minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, who was unanimously elected and initiated, the W.M. ably performing the ceremony, in which he was well supported by his officers. The lodge unanimously placed the lodge votes for the Boys' and Girls' Schools in the hands of the W.M. Bro. R. Boughton-Smith having offered to represent the Stuart Lodge as Steward at the Boys' School Festival in June, Bro. Bull proposed, and Bro. Coombs seconded, that the offer be accepted, and that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list out of the funds of the lodge—unanimously agreed to. Several other items of business were transacted. A solicitor of Bedford was duly proposed and seconded as a candidate for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form, and upwards of twenty brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Fraternity Lodge (No. 1418).—The March meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-road, on Thursday week, the 27th ult. Present, Bros. J. J. T. Thorman, W.M.; J. P. Banning, S.W.; James Hall, J.W.; W. J. Watson, P.M., Treas.; John Broome, Sec.; G. E. Pybus, S.D.; J. Pickering, J.D.; G. E. Smirk, I.G.; A. Crosby, Scwd.; J. Trenholm, Tyler; T. Bowman, T. Gibson, T. W. Pybus, J. Cook, R. Bradley, C. Burnett, W. Mace, G. Pickering, W. Henderson, J. W. Richardson, E. F. Wallace, J. Bolt, J. McBride, and R. Headlam. Visitors, Bros. A. S. Fowler, P.M. 940; B. R. Smith, Past Master 940; W. Kinney, George Lazonby, J. Ellis, T. W. Hudson, W. A. Hodgson, John Doherty, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Peter Hallstrom, after due examination, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The election of officers was then proceeded with. There were six brethren eligible for the office of W.M., but the votes were unanimous in favour of Bro. J. P. Banning, the Senior Warden. His installation will take place on the 24th inst., when a large gathering of brethren is expected. Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, an office he has held since the foundation of the lodge. Bro. Trenholm was also re-elected Tyler. The names of two gentlemen were then submitted for initiation at the next meeting, one of whom, Mr. W. H. Atkinson, was the winner of the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon in 1876. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table. After the cloth was removed, the following toasts were proposed. "The Queen," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were all done full justice to. The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. W. J. Watson, to which that brother ably responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," on behalf of whom, by request, Bros. W. Kinney and F. A. Kelly responded. In reply to the toast of "The W.M. elect," which was very warmly received, Bro. Banning shortly but forcibly replied. Bro. Jackson, P.M. 940, then proposed "The Health of Bro. Thorman." In the course of his remarks, he highly complimented the retiring Worshipful Master for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. Bro. Thorman neatly replied. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The brethren of Stockton are to be congratulated upon possessing such a splendid building in which their meetings are held, devoted solely to the Craft. The following particulars will, we are sure, be read with interest. The building is situated in St. John's-road, and the Stockton Masonic Club was commenced on the 1st of January, 1871, in the Freemasons' Hall, which building had been erected the previous year by the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940. It was soon proved that the rooms in the hall available for club purposes were insufficient for the wants of the rapidly increasing number of members, and in Nov., 1875, the corner stone of the present commodious and handsome building was laid by Bro. James Usher, the W.M. for that year, and opened for the use of the lodges of the town and the club in August, 1876. The new hall, which is the property of the Philanthropy Lodge, cost about £7000, and contains large lodge and banqueting rooms, besides others which are let to the club, including separate rooms for reading, conversation and smoking, billiards, in which room are two splendid tables, library, luncheon, &c. The present number of the brethren belonging to the club is 130. One of the conditions of membership is that each member must be a subscriber to a regular lodge. The club has served and still serves the very desirable purpose of promoting and maintaining kindly relations between the different lodges of the town by affording opportunities of agreeable social intercourse

among their members. This institution has been singularly fortunate in having for its President Bro. Alderman John Hunton, J.P., and ex-Mayor of the borough. The members prove their esteem and appreciation of Bro. Hunton's character and services by every year unanimously re-electing him to his honourable office. The success and prosperity of the club are also in a very great measure due to the ability and indefatigable exertions of its Hon. Sec., Bro. A. S. Fowler, who is, in the opinion of the members, so much the right man in the right place, as to be, like the President, annually re-elected with entire unanimity. Other towns would do well to emulate the example shewn by the brethren of Stockton.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous provincial lodge met in great strength, it being the annual election meeting, at the Lion Hotel, on the 20th ult. There were present Bros. Fox, P.M. Lebanon, W.M.; Jessett, S.W.; Ockenden, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. Middlesex, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. S.B. of Middlesex, Treasurer; Raw, Hon. P.M.; J. Hurst, P.M., &c. Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; Day, A.W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (*Freemason*); Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunyan bring in attendance was duly and impressively raised to the degree of a M.M. by the I.P.M. The election of officers resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Jessett as W.M.; E. Hopwood, as Treasurer; Gilbert, as Tyler. The bye-laws were then read. Upon the motion of Bros. Hurst and J. Hammond, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., who duly acknowledged the high compliment thus paid him. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The visitors were Bros. C. J. Costelow, S.D. 780; T. Pinckney, 1638. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave in very brief terms the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The R.W.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers" was acknowledged at length by the Secretary, Bro. W. Hammond. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. dwelt upon the long connection of Bro. Fox with the lodge. It had been his misfortune during his year of office to have been seriously indisposed, and which untoward circumstance had necessarily interfered very much with the proper discharge of his duties. He had, however, as far as was compatible with his health, carried out the duties of his position efficiently, and on his retirement he carried with him the good wishes of every member of the Hemming Lodge. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Costelow and Pinckney, in which they complimented the lodge upon its excellent "working." "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," quickly followed. In giving the latter toast the W.M. took occasion to return his thanks to the members comprising the staff for the very good support they had given him during his year of office, and he hoped that they would bestow the same amount of attention to the discharge of their duties during the reign of his successor. Bro. Jessett, S.W., W.M. elect, responded upon behalf of himself and colleagues. He, in conclusion, also thanked the brethren very heartily for the great honour that they had conferred upon him by electing him W.M. for the coming year. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him in the chair by discharging the responsibilities of his position as far as in him laid. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The regular March meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 22nd ult. at the Bull's Head, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Gloster, W.M. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. Kipps, I.P.M.; John Mason, S.W.; J. Griffin, J.W.; Hutchings, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; E. Kipps, I.G.; W. O. Goldsmith, Sec.; and visitors Bros. H. Chappell, 147; E. Lambert, 1362; C. Nightingale, 1362; J. Healey, 1348; C. Featherstone, 79; W. Medcalf, S.W. 1621; F. Dawes, 147; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 1568; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the lodge consisted of electing Bro. Wm. Ireland Levevre (No. 211), and Bro. Edward Good (No. 871), as joining members, and passing Bros. Brailey and Jupp to the Second Degree. On the proposition of Bro. J. Griffin, J.W., it was resolved to petition Grand Chapter for a charter for a chapter to be attached to the lodge, and the proposition was received with the heartiest satisfaction by the brethren, the Chislehurst Lodge having, by its work, prosperity, and strong support of the Charities of the Order, assumed a leading position in the province of Kent. Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, Secretary, standing as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the lodge voted five guineas to his list, which already amounts to over eighty guineas. There being no further work before the lodge, the brethren closed down, and adjourned to a most comfortable little supper, which was made the more agreeable to the visitors by the hearty welcome with which they were received and entertained. The usual toasts followed, but the speeches were very short, and more attention was paid by the brethren to amusing each other with some excellent music and singing than placing before them again all the good qualities of Masonry, which are the stock theme of after-banquet oratory. The cause of the Charities was by no means forgotten, and not only Bro. Goldsmith, who represents the lodge this year as Charity Steward, but several other brethren enforced upon their hearers the necessity of sending up a good list. The brethren returned to town by the last train, after spending a delightful evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hill, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was an attendance of about sixty brethren, including visitors. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., presided during the business, supported by Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; John Atkinson, Sec.; J. Pifer, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the "privates" present were Bros. J. M. Boyd, J. Shrapnell, M. P. Tieski, W. Heap, P. Lowndes, H. Leslie, J. Wainwright, F. Duncanson, R. J. Roberts, J. A. Mercer, H. Round, Dr. Whittle, Dr. Pitts, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Williams, C. Courtenay, Ownes, R. Evers, J. F. Ainscow, H. Holden, J. Kert, J. Wiatt, W. Williams, W. Hildyard, Barley, C. Burby, C. Campion, G. Martin, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. T. Fezzard, P.M. 1035; D. Donbavand, P.M. 317; W. H. Ivatts, S.W. 155; H. Hallam, 218; Sergeant Walker, and others. Messrs. Collinson and Addis were initiated into the Order, and Bros. J. Wainwright, J. Wiatt, and Sergeant Bullock were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. It was unanimously resolved, after considerable discussion, that the £100 odd realised by the performance last December at the Royal Amphitheatre, under the auspices of the Dramatic Lodge, should in the meantime be held by the Treasurer, and that the House Committee be informed that unless the decoration of the banqueting-room of the Masonic hall be commenced within three months the sum named would be devoted to the benevolent fund of the Dramatic Lodge. The sum of five guineas was voted for the relief of the orphans of a deceased brother, who belonged to the York Lodge, No. 236, and the lodge was afterwards closed. The brethren banqueted at a later period, and a special toast was proposed, and received with enthusiasm—"Bro. R. J. Roberts, Stage Manager of the Royal Alexandra Amphitheatre," who is about to proceed to Australia. During the evening several songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Busfield, R. J. Roberts, A. Woolrich, D. Donbavand, Webster Williams, W. Hildyard, and R. Burgess, Organist (whose pianoforte accompaniments were again of the choicest nature).

INSTRUCTION.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB.—The first annual festival of this club took place in New Market Hotel, Snow Hill, on Tuesday evening last. Although the club has been in existence, in name at least, for the last ten years, it appears to have hitherto been in a disorganised condition, owing to the want of a proper place of meeting. During that period it has had to make five changes in this respect, which greatly weakened its numbers. But having acquired suitable accommodation in the above hotel, and a fresh access of members, it is once more beginning to get its head above water. While it is a regular lodge of instruction when occasion requires, its primary object appears to be to afford to Masons the means of acquiring a knowledge of the ceremonies and principles of the Craft by mutual interchange of ideas without necessarily going through the ordinary working of lodge ceremonies. At a meeting of the Masonic Club, held on the 4th ult., it was decided to celebrate the rising fortunes and the removal of the club to Bro. Butt's hotel by a festival, which it is the intention of the brethren connected with the club to hold every year. Previous to the festival the ceremony of installing the W.M., and the appointing and investing of his office-bearers, took place in the lodge room. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, and Senior Vice-President of the club, kindly undertook the duties of Installing Officer, which he performed in the most efficient manner. The names of the office-bearers are as follows: Bros. Wm. Hames, 1677, P.M. 917, W.M.; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426, S.W.; Wm. Webb, W.M. 382, J.W.; T. B. Humphrey, Sec.; R. R. Harper, W.M. 1017, S.D.; R. W. Brown, I.G. 179, J.D.; W. Carlton Hale, S.D. 1216, I.G.; J. Seymour Smith, 743, Organist; and John Syer, 720 and 1017, D.C. Before the lodge was closed a vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, which he in a few well chosen sentences acknowledged, after which several brethren were proposed as joining members, and they adjourned to an adjoining chamber, where they partook of an excellent banquet, provided by mine host of the New Market Hotel. Bro. Hames, the W.M., occupied the chair. Besides those whose names we have already mentioned there were present Bros. W. Stead, P.M. 113; F. R. Hayes, 73 and 1697; Maurice H. Levington, 1017; G. W. Taylor, P.M. 917; Robt. Prime, 917; J. L. Coulton, P.M. 382; John Syer, 107 and 120; Wm. Hames, 917 and 1677; P. P. Chandler, 1017; T. F. Vann Raalte, J.W. 917; R. B. Greenwood, 1623; W. H. Gulliford, P.M. 1017; J. W. Wallace, P.M. 1509; Seymour Smith, 742; John Bain 360 (S.C.); Wm. Webb, 382; W. Heath, 584; W. J. Hunter, W.M. 1677; R. D. Cummings, 1677; J. Morgan Lee, 211; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (Freemason). At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. the Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured, Bro. Stevens proposed, in a happy speech, "Success to the Charterhouse Club of Instruction," coupling with it "The Health of the President, Bro. Wm. Hames," Preceptor of the club. Bro. Stevens was quite sure that the brethren would all be prepared to do full justice to this toast, which it was his good fortune to propose. Referring first to the club itself, he thought he might be permitted to advert to some of its past vicissitudes. The existence of the club had not been unmingled with very many happy and

prosperous days since its establishment some ten years ago. For himself he had known the Charterhouse Club of Instruction but for the short space of six weeks. But he had had nevertheless during those six weeks the opportunity of associating with many of its members who were well able to inform him with regard to its past history. It did not profess to work a sectional part of Masonry, but really gave itself up entirely to the full working of the ceremonies, and therefore, afforded to every Mason an opportunity of quickly making himself perfect in the office which he might be connected with in his own mother lodge. But for circumstances in its early history over which it had no control, there was little doubt that the club would have by this time occupied a very different position. Those circumstances had been occasioned, not by any inherent defect in itself, but rather owing to the various houses in which it had met during the last few years. He had been given to understand by those who had been associated in it for some considerable time that there had been no less than five changes made as to the place of meeting, and they all knew that no change of this kind took place without some detriment ensuing. In ordinary life it was a common saying that two or three removals were equivalent to a fire, and after such unfavourable experiences as they had had, it was matter of surprise that the Charterhouse Club of Instruction had not been buried out altogether. Some five or six weeks ago, when their Junior Vice-President was elected to the Mastership of a lodge at Uxbridge, he requested him (the speaker) as a friend to attend on one occasion the lodge of instruction in the Goswell-road, for the purpose of supporting him in going through the ceremony. But he could not say they were in the fire that night, but on the contrary they were out in the cold, and a bitter cold night it was. The house where this meeting was to be held was undergoing repairs, and they were literally left out in the streets. In this sad position they were found by one or two brethren, he might say shivering physically and Masonically without a rag to cover themselves (laughter), and they did not know what to do to spend the hour they had intended to give up to Masonry. But devoted as they were to the Craft, they made up their minds not to be baffled, and accordingly they walked to the New Market Hotel. Instead of receiving there a cold reception, they were ushered into a very comfortable room, which he was proud to say was now their lodge room. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) All the brethren then considered that the Charterhouse Club of Instruction could not find a better resting place, and he was certain that the opinion they entertained then had been fully realised by the events of the evening. (Hear, hear.) He desired it to be particularly understood that there was nothing whatever antagonistic to the ancient rules, charges, or constitution of the Order of Freemasonry in the means they adopted for the purpose of conveying instruction to one another. In his mind there was no more fit occupation for Freemasons than to meet together as a club and talk over their principles, tenets, and ceremonies, and mutually explain to one another their different significations. Besides, it was one of the best methods of making the young officers who came amongst them fit for carrying out the duties of their respective offices. After a few more words of a similar import Bro. Stevens concluded by referring in a few complimentary remarks to the President, who he was sure had earned the good will and respect of all the members of the club by his untiring interest in its welfare. The toast having been heartily drunk, the W.M. rose to thank the brethren for the honour they had done him in associating his name with the toast. He joined the club when it was first formed, and had consequently gone through all its vicissitudes and ups and downs. (Hear, hear.) During the time he had been its Preceptor they had had some very good meetings and some very bad ones, but he ventured to express the hope that all their bad days were now behind them (hear, hear), and that the club would in the future prosper to such an extent that it would be an honour for any Preceptor to preside over it. He would conclude by simply saying that, so far as he was personally concerned, he would always have the greatest pleasure in doing all that he could to promote the interests of the Charterhouse Club of Instruction. (Hear, hear.) It was a lodge to which many were indebted for their first knowledge in Masonry. He could point out at the present time several brethren, who had filled the Master's chair in different lodges, who were indebted to the club for all the knowledge they had gained in Masonry, and he thought if they would rally round each other, and work together in the spirit they had done since they had come to Bro. Butt's, they would in time regenerate the lodge and make it as good as it was at any former period of its history. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Bro. Wm. Webb, Junior Vice-President, next proposed "The Visitors" in a brief, but happy speech. Bro. Morgan, of 211, replied, and, in doing so, remarked that during the ten years of the club's existence it had been instrumental in doing good service in teaching its members some of the finest principles of Freemasonry, and although in the course of its meanderings it had not met with the prosperity which they would all have wished, still, with such associations as this, they must not look for unqualified success. The W.M. had much pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Vice-Presidents, Bro. Stevens and Webb." They had been extremely indebted to Bro. Stevens for the very able manner in which he acted as Installing Master. During his whole career in Masonry he could not remember having seen the ceremony worked in a more efficient manner. The Vice-Presidents having both appropriately acknowledged the toast, "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Press," "The Club Host, Bro. T. Butt," were, in quick succession, drunk and replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. In the course of the evening Bros. Seymour Smith, Stevens, Prime, Heath, Greenwood, and Turner greatly added to the enjoyment of the brethren by some capital singing.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Bro. W. A. Blackmore was the W.M.; and there were present Bros. J. Frost, S.W.; P. V. Denham, J.W.; J. J. Holland, S.D.; H. J. Newens, J.D.; F. Reed, I.G.; and W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, C. Digby, J. Sanders, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Hunt was a visitor from the Beaconsfield Lodge. The W.M. worked the First Degree, Bro. Morgan being the candidate. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. C. Digby (the W.M. of the Doric Lodge), who went through the ceremony of raising Bro. Hunt, which was done in a perfect manner. Bro. P. V. Denham, pursuant to notice, moved as to the disposal of the funds now in hand. He suggested that a portion should be spent in giving Bro. J. G. Carter some token for the benefit he had conferred on the brethren as Preceptor, and that a banquet, to celebrate the occasion, should be held. Bro. Carter, with becoming modesty, declined to accept a testimonial paid out of the funds, as he thought they should be given to the Charities. Bro. W. A. Morgan hinted that the better course would be for the brethren to subscribe, and this was agreed to. Bro. P. V. Denham, proposed, Bro. A. A. Denham seconded, and it was carried, "That a banquet be held of the members at a convenient date." It was resolved, upon a motion by Bro. J. J. Holland, seconded by Bro. C. Digby, that the lodge adjourn from the last Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in September.

Royal Arch.

CHAUCER CHAPTER (No. 1540).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The chapter was opened by Comps. Fuller, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Littaur, P.Z., as H.; Stidolph, J., and other Installed Principals. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. T. J. Sabine, M.E.Z., and J. C. Mason, H.; also from candidates for exaltation excusing their absence, caused entirely from unavoidable circumstances. The resignation of Comp. Frederick Walters, P.Z. and S.E., of his membership of the chapter, was accepted with very great regret, he having tendered it through ill health. The election for S.E. was unanimously in favour of Comp. T. J. H. Wilkins, S.N., who was duly invested with the robe, collar, and jewel of that office. Business ended, the chapter was closed and adjourned. There were present besides those named Comps. Hudson, P.S.; H. Faija, A.S.; Ricardo, Spencer, and others.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—At the annual meeting of the above chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 26th ult., the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Comps. R. H. Ellman, M.E.Z.; Jos. Farncombe, H.; S. Tanner, J.; R. Crosskey, Treasurer; G. Stone, E.; Hodgkin, N.; J. Stedman, P.S.; H. Hall, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. R. Crosskey, he having filled the position of First Principal during the past year.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The usual weekly convocation of this excellent chapter of improvement was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Jamaica Coffee-house, Cornhill, and was attended by some of the best working Royal Arch Masons in the metropolis. The three chairs were filled by Comps. Brown, Waterall, and Thompson, and the office of P.S. was most efficiently performed by Comp. Lee, who is now the prospective P.S. of a very flourishing chapter. The ceremony of exaltation was most correctly rendered by the M.E.Z., Comp. Gabb being the candidate, and the subordinate offices were well filled. Comp. Slainey, of the St. Machar's Chapter, No. 37 (Scotch Constitution), was elected a member. The principal offices for the ensuing fortnight were filled as follows:—Comps. Wood, M.E.Z.; Waterall, H.; and Thompson, J. The chapter was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Knights Templar.

NOTTINGHAM.—Abbey Chapter Preceptory.—The installation meeting of this the oldest preceptory of the Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, Knights Mediterranean Pass, &c., was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Maypole Hotel. There were present, amongst others, Sir Knights J. Thompson, E.C.; M. Vowles, P.E.C.; C. Truman, P.E.C.; R. Fitz Hugh, P.E.C.; C. Wragg, P.E.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, H. Hatherly, W. Hickling, E. Buckoll, W. Glover. The minutes of the previous preceptory having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Sir Knight Robert Boughton-Smith as Eminent Commander was then performed in a very able manner by Sir Knight C. Wragg, P.E.C. Having been duly proclaimed, Sir Knight Boughton-Smith briefly expressed his acknowledgments to the members for the honour they had done him in placing him in that high position, which he would endeavour to fulfil in as able a manner as it had been by his predecessor. The E.C. then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights H. A. Attenborough, Seneschal; M. Vowles, Prior; R. Fitz Hugh, Prelate; H. Hatherly, 1st Capt.; E. Buckoll, 2nd Capt.; D. W. Heath, Marshal; C. Wragg, Registrar; J. Comyn, Treasurer; C. Truman, Expert; R. T. Ingram, Constable; R. G. Hanson, Herald; W. Hickling, Capt. of Lines; H. Glover, Equerry. There being no other business, the preceptory

was duly closed. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. The E.C., Sir Knt. Boughton-Smith, presided. The usual routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the E.C." was warmly proposed by Sir Kur. Thompson, and most heartily received by the Sir Knights. He replied, and said he felt it a great honour to be installed the E.C. of the Abbey Chapter Preceptory, and he could sincerely say that nothing should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a successful one, feeling certain he should receive the same support from the Past E.C.'s as others had done before him. After a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Equerry's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

PLYMOUTH.—Holy Cross Preceptory (No. 30).—The annual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple recently. The E.C. elect, Sir Knight Elliot Square, P.P.G.C., was installed by the retiring E.C., Sir Knight Admiral F. H. Glasse, C.B., Prov. Sub-Prior of the Province of Devon, supported by the following Board of I.E.C.'s:—Sir Knights Col. Fitz Gerald, Past G.C. of England, and P.G.C.; C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.M.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Glover, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.V.C.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.C.L.; J. H. Keats, P.G.H.; G. V. Hilson, P.P.C.S.B. At the close of the installation the following Sir Knights were invested as officers:—Admiral Glasco, P.E.C.; J. S. Short, 1st C.; R. Pengelly, 2nd C.; Admiral Glasse, Prelate; L. D. Westcott, Treas.; J. Harris Square, Regis.; Jas. Griffin, Ex.; A. Vernon Maccall, C.L.; G. V. Hilson, H.; Lieut. St. Clair, S.B.; Lieut. Littledale, Alm.; Jas. Gidley, T. Smith, Equerries. The preceptory was then closed, the Priory of Malta opened, and Sir Knight Elliot Square installed as Prior. The E.C., in reply to the congratulations of the Fraters on his accession to office, said before separating he could but notice that the pleasure of their meeting had a sad gloom thrown over it by the decease of their distinguished Frater and Freemason, Sir Knight Richard Rodda. That night week Bro. Rodda was in good health and excellent spirits, and had promised to attend on the present occasion to conduct the installation. Providence had willed it otherwise. Their brother had been taken from them, and his remains now lay awaiting the rites of sepulture on Thursday next. During his busy life Bro. Rodda had been widely known in his sphere as an active and able business man. In the Masonic Order he had been a thorough Mason, and risen to eminence in all the various branches of the Order. It had always been his aim to extend and benefit the Order. His loss, he was sure, would be very generally felt throughout the Masonic body, and his memory respectfully cherished by the brethren who knew him. He felt sure all present would join in a vote of condolence with the bereaved family. It was at once resolved: "That the members of this preceptory desire to express their deep regret at the death of Sir Knight Richard Rodda, P.E.C., and their heartfelt sympathy with the members of his family at their loss." The P.E.C.'s among the visitors present, who represented all the other preceptories in the three towns, joined with the members of the Holy Cross Preceptory in their vote of regret and sympathy. The vote of condolence was directed to be drawn up and presented to the family, signed, in addition to the E.C. of the Holy Cross Preceptory, by the E.C. of the Royal Veterans Preceptory, and a representative P.E.C. from the Loyal Brunswick and the Royal Sussex Preceptories.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

The catalogue of Masonic books in the British Museum, commenced in the April number of the *Masonic Magazine*, promises to be of great use to readers, and I would suggest that the plan of this excellent chart be still further extended, by adding a supplementary list of works, not exclusively Masonic, and, therefore, not catalogued as such, which contain many references and allusions to Masonry. As examples of the class of work referred to I may instance "The Archaeologia;" "Anthologia Hibernica (1794);" "Wren's Parentalia;" "Higgin's Anacalypsis;" "Plot's Natural History of Staffordshire;" "Hope's Essay on Architecture;" "Dalloway Anecdotes of the Arts in England;" "De Quincey;" &c.

It struck me as a little singular that such well-known works as "Fort's Antiquities of Freemasonry," and "Kenning's and Mackenzie's Cyclopædias," were not obtainable in the British Museum.

R. F. G.

BOHME, JACOB (called also Jacob Bohmen), was born in 1575, and died in 1624. He was originally a master shoemaker at Gortitz, but about 1594 began, it is said, to study the Bible very carefully, and at the same time the writings of Paracelsus and Val Weigel. He then began with visions, and soon after this appeared as a mystic writer. His first work, "Aurora," appeared in 1612, and in "The Description of Three Principles of the Divine Being" we hear of "sex puncta mystica, sex puncta theosophica." Bohme's fundamental speculation is that "the forthcoming of the creation out of the Divine unity . . . which is itself distinguishable into a Trinity . . . can be contemplated by mystic illumination, and expressed in words." He seems about this time to have come across the clergy at Gortitz; then in 1624 the "Handbuch" tells us he found milder judges among the Dresden Consistory in 1624, in which year he died. He was called "Philosophus Teutonicus," because he made use of the German language, and his works have been published several times since 1675, their first appearance, ten volumes in one edition of 1682, six volumes in 1846. The "Handbuch" tells us that a certain Jane Leade, in 1697, instituted the

society of "Philadelphists" which made its aim the diffusion of his writings. Some writers have contended that Freemasonry was greatly affected by the "Theosophy" of Jacob Bohmen, but we think there is a good deal of exaggeration in any such statement, though perhaps his name was often used by those who knew nothing of his writings. Such as we have seen are pure mysticism, constituting a jargon of its own without anything that we can discern of practical utility or good. That Swedenborgianism was coloured to a great extent by the reveries of Bohme is, we apprehend, undeniable, and that those restless spirits who made up the Rose Croix and Hermetic Adepts of the end of the last century made use of his theosophy is also probably true. But beyond this the evidence does not go.

ANNIVERSARIES.—The two great anniversaries of the Masonic Order are St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, and St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27th. When the custom began of considering the two St. Johns the patron saints of Freemasonry is not very clear. It is in all probability a relic of the old Guild customs. Many of the Guilds kept St. John the Baptist's Day, many St. John the Evangelist's, and others kept the festivals of various saints; and we have, we are inclined to think, in this association of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, another witness to the Guild connection. In Bro. D. Murray Lyon's valuable work, the "History of the Lodge Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh," he gives us some very early regulations—viz., 1599—for the choosing of the "Wardenis" on St. John the Evangelist's Day. The first election which he records is St. John's Day, 1601. Nothing is said of St. John the Baptist, and we know from the Westminster Fabric Rolls that in the 13th century the Masons claimed neither of the two St. John's Days, but they belonged to the king, and were working days. The Guild custom seems then to be later, and the Masonic observance of them is, we think, not ancient. St. Andrew's Day seems to have been the Scotch Masons' anniversary, just as St. George's Day is for the English Grand Lodge practically now, or rather the Wednesday following St. George's Day.

CARBONARI, ORDER OF.—Properly the charcoal burners. The "Handbuch" says, and we agree with it, that it sprung up in Italy, in the early part of this century, though it may have had something to do with other such societies, which were prolific at the end of the last century. Some have affirmed that there was a society in France of "Charbonniers" and "Fendeurs," and "Bons Cousins," from whom the Carbonari also took the appellation of "Bons Cousins." They claim for themselves a high antiquity, and their patron saint is St. Theobald. They appear to have borrowed many of their forms from Masonry, but as a secret political order we entirely agree with Mackey that they are "entitled to no place" in a Masonic cyclopædia, except, perhaps, to give us an opportunity of repudiating the notion that they are in any way, however slightly, really connected with Freemasonry.

IONIC ORDER, THE.—One of the three famous Grecian Orders of Architecture, and so called from Ionia in Asia Minor, it is averred. It is distinguished by what architects term the volute of its capital, and is, as Mackey well puts it, more delicate and graceful than the Doric, and more simply majestic than the Corinthian. Preston preserves a tradition that it was formed after the model of an agreeable young woman of an elegant shape, with her hair carefully dressed, as a contrast to the Doric, which was said to be formed after the model of a robust young man. We doubt our old historian in this instance much. It has been also pointed out that the distinguishing features of the Ionic order are these—the body of the pillar is usually channelled or furrowed with twenty-four gutters, and its length with the capital and base is twenty-nine modules, the chapter being chiefly composed of volutes or scrolls. It represents with us symbolically the W.M., and is supposed to be an emblem of wisdom.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN JOHNSON.

Bro. John Johnson, S.D. 1423, J.W. 1623, 176, Caveac Chapter, M.C. 176, Era, Mark, &c., died on Saturday, March 29th, at his official residence of the Gas Light and Coke Co., 148, Goswell-road, after a short but painful illness. He was initiated at the Era Lodge, No. 1423, in the early part of 1875. He commenced office by being appointed D.C. in 1876, and was J.W. nominate at his decease. He was a founder of the West Smithfield Lodge, also we believe of 1719, Evening Star Lodge. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry at the Caveac Chapter 176, and was afterwards a founder of the Era Chapter, 1423. He was advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason at the Era Lodge, 176, was a founder of 211, Hammersmith, Mark, and 223, West Smithfield, Mark, Lodges. He was a Past Steward, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. His last public act in Masonry was representing his 1623, West Smithfield Lodge, when the large sum of over £14,000 was collected at that auspicious anniversary. He was always found to be a kind, genial friend, a worthy brother, and one beloved by all who knew him. He has left a widow and sorrowing children to lament his early decease, besides a large circle of relations and friends, who deplore his loss. Our deceased brother was a native of Leicester, and by profession a gas engineer, in which business he greatly distinguished himself. He was in his 51st year.

W. BRO. A. J. WHEELER, P.M.

It is with deep regret we learn that this worthy brother, who was Editor of the *Masonic Jewel* at Memphis, Tennessee, has fallen a victim to that dreadful scourge—the

yellow fever. He remained at Memphis during the late trying times, and took up the heavy work connected with the Secretaryship of the Masonic Relief Fund, and did his utmost to relieve the sad suffering that surrounded him. Through his zeal for the good of his fellow men, he was constantly visiting those stricken by the fell disease, and at last became one of its victims. The *Masonic Jewel* held a high place in American Masonic literature. We had missed its regular issue for some months, but considered the terrible plague that was ravaging the southern portions of the United States was the cause of its silence, and hoped to see it again as soon as things were more settled. But the sad fate that has now met its editor being known, we fear one periodical, which so ably advocated the cause of Masonry in the great Republic, will be lost. The loss will be a serious one, for the true spirit of Masonry was infused in its pages, and it was conducted with that ability characteristic of our American Masonic journals. Bro. Wheeler died at his post. He did his duty unflinchingly. He shared the toils and perils of that trying period bravely—a period most terrible that has visited America for years. He was as honest and conscientious in the discharge of his duties as he was ready and able with his pen in defending the rights of our noble Order. May he meet with his reward in the Grand Lodge above!—*Masonic Record of Western India.*

FUNERAL OF BRO. R. RODDA, OF STONEHOUSE.

The funeral of the late Bro. Richard Rodda, for twenty-one years high balliff of the Stonehouse County Court, took place on Thursday, the 27th ult. The cortege of twenty carriages proceeded from the deceased's residence in Durnford-street, Stonehouse, to the parish church of St. George, of the congregation of which Bro. Rodda was a member. There was a large attendance, including many prominent Freemasons, among whom the deceased had held high office. In the first mourning coach were Mr. Jonathan Rodda and Mr. Charles Rodda, sons of the deceased; Master Rodda, grandson; Mr. William Rodda, brother; and Mr. Thomas Rodda, nephew. Second—Mr. Martin Thomas, of Manchester, nephew; Mr. John Ivey, of Penzance, nephew; Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England; and Mr. George Cox, Manor-office. Third—Mr. R. G. Edmond's, Registrar of the County Court; Messrs. J. E. Curtels and T. S. Bayly, the executors; and Mr. J. R. Newcombe. Fourth—Bearers: Four P.E.C.'s of the Masonic Knights Templar—Fraters Colonel H. C. Fitz Gerald, R. R. Rodd, J. Sacler, and I. Watts. Fifth—Bearers: Four Past Masters of Lodge Fortitude, No. 105—3ros. George Hilson, G. C. Bignell, W. H. Anthony, and John James. Among others present were, in the first cab, Messrs. Davey, Field, and Castle, clerks of the County Court, and Mr. Mugford, clerk to Mr. Charles Rodda; in the next, the bailiffs of the court, and in the others, Dr. Wilson, Messrs. S. Jew, S. Hyne, S. Vosper, F. R. Tomes, J. S. Roach, G. Temple, T. W. Bastow, R. P. Culley, R. M. Bennett, G. V. Hilson, W. Brown, M. H. Rickard, J. E. E. Dawe, J. F. Veal, W. Powell, W. Woods, J. F. B. Hodge, F. A. Thomas, W. J. Thuell, P. Hamley, J. Williams, J. Baxter, J. Ingram, Mark F. Oldrey, high bailiff of the Totnes County Court; F. Lake, W. W. Bray, W. Harries, E. Aitken Davies, M. Watts, Horswill, H. Cochrane, W. Mitchell, H. Scott, E. Taylor, and H. E. James. Mr. Matthew Fortescue, judge of the County Court, wrote expressing deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement, and added that he would have been present at the funeral but for severe indisposition. Letters of sympathy had been sent by several other friends, who regretted their inability to be present to pay a last token of respect for the deceased.

At the church gate the corpse was met by the Rev. Percy R. Scott, the vicar, and Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chaplain of the Freemasons, and minister of the Independent Chapel in Batter-street, Plymouth, who walked together into the church, where the vicar read the Psalm and the lesson, Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley occupying a chair by the reading desk. Mr. Scott having had one placed there in order that Bro. Whitley might remain near him. The hymn, "A few more years shall roll," was sung, and as the mourners left the church the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ. Mr. Scott and Bro. Whitley rode together to the Plymouth cemetery, where a vault in which rested the remains of the deceased's second wife had been prepared for the reception of the body. This vault is situated in the Nonconformist portion of the ground, and here the concluding portion of the beautiful service of the Church was read by Bro. Whitley, Mr. Scott standing by his side, and leading the responses. At the close of the service, Bro. Whitley gave a brief address to the Masonic brethren present. He pointed out the suddenness of the death. In the full vigour of life on the Monday evening, an inanimate corpse on the evening of the following Saturday. Cut off before the usual span allotted to man. How soon for aught they knew might that be the fate of any one of them. What a solemn admonition to live so that it might be a life of preparation for the certain lot of all. Might they all be looking forward to that hopeful reunion promised to all that proved sure and faithful. A large number of the brethren gathered around the grave to take the last farewell of their brother according to the rites of the Order. The deceased, although he suffered much in his illness, died in perfect consciousness. His end was one of hopeful faith; almost his last words were, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." The coffin was covered with floral remembrances; among them Lodge Fortitude contributed a large and handsome wreath containing the square and compasses in camellias, azalias, and lilies of the valley, a similar wreath with a triangle came from the gardens of Mount Edgecombe, and another

in the form of a P.E.C.'s cross was sent by Frater J. E. Curtis.

The cost of the improvements at St. George's Church will entail an expenditure of £600, without including the re-seating, which is also contemplated. A portion of the £600 is as yet not gathered. On the Monday before Mr. Rodda's decease he was in conversation with the vicar and churchwardens at the church on the question of providing a central painted window, and on being told that it would cost £50 he at once undertook to obtain ten parishioners, including himself, who would provide the money by contributing £5 each. Towards the improvements recently effected Mr. Rodda contributed largely in personal exertions and pecuniary aid, and in obtaining an organ he was an active member of the Committee and contributed liberally. The opening performances were given on it on Friday previous, when he was on what proved to be his deathbed, and its next performance, besides accompanying the services on Sunday, was at his funeral.

STRASBURG CATHEDRAL.

There is a quaint old tradition, which comes down to us from ancient times, tottering under its load of age and replete with superstitions of the past. On the borders of Alsacia there lies a great city, dating its foundation far back, to the old Roman days, and rich in those architectural relics of the olden time which are ever so dear to the antiquary.

"Quain offspring of centurial years, the town of Strasburg stands;
Rich in the love of a mighty past, in legend, and in story;
Rich in high hearted, honest sons, a country's truest glory;
Rich in its old Cathedral Church, with clustering ivy spread,
The Santa Croce of the land, where sleep her noble dead."

The story runs that once in every twelve months, on the eve of St. John, when the quiet burghers of that ancient city are wrapt in slumber, and when the hour of midnight clangs out from the loud-tongued bell which hangs in the old cathedral tower, that the spirits of the stonemasons, by whose hands the sacred pile was erected, arise from the tomb and once more revisit the scene of their former labours. Up from the dark and gloomy crypt, along the columned aisles and vast dim nave, across the white gleaming marble floor, checkered with ghostly shadows that stream from pictured oriel, past the stone-carved statues that keep watch and ward with their swords and sceptres, comes the long train of death-like, night-wandering shadows. Clad in their quaint old mediæval costume, the Masters with their compasses and rules, the Craftsmen with their plumbs and squares and levels, the apprentice lads with their heavy gavels, all silently greeting their companions, old and new, with time-honoured salute and token as of yore. While the last note of the deep-mouthed bell is still trembling in the air, reverberating from arch to arch, and dying away amid the frozen music of the traceryed roof, forth from the western portal streams the shadowy throng. Thrice around the sacred edifice winds the waving, floating train, brave old Erwin himself leading the way, while far above, up above the sculptured saints who look down upon the sleeping city, up where at the very summit of feathery, fairy-like spire, the image of the Queen of Heaven stands, there floats a cold, white-robed female form, the fair Sabina, old Erwin's well-beloved child, whose fair hands aided him in his work. In her right hand a mallet, in her left a chisel, she sits among the sculptured lace work of the noble spire like the genius of Masonry. With the first faint blush of dawn the vision fades, the phantom shapes dissolve, and the old Masons return to their sepulchres, there to rest until the next St. John's Eve shall summon them to earth.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge, No. 1423.

—The installation meeting of this well-known Middlesex lodge will take place on Saturday, 12th inst., at the Island Hotel, Bro. Tagg's, at 3.30 p.m. The installation ceremony will be conducted by Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, the present W.M., assisted by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1423, P.P.G.P. Middlesex. Splendid views of the river Thames, extending on one side as far as Hampton Court Palace, and on the other as far as the village of Hampton, are obtained from this hotel. The charming locality chosen for the meeting of the Era Lodge should render it one of the most popular of the London summer lodges.

We are glad to hear that as the result of our paragraph announcing that thirteen out of fourteen of the girls of the Masonic Schools had passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, a Suffolk brother has offered to take the fourteen competitors, with two attendants, to a grand morning concert to be given at St. James's Hall, London, in May next, in aid of the funds of the new Hospital for Women, 222, Marylebone-road, London.—*East Anglian Daily Times.*

The installation of Bro. E. W. Devereux, of the Era Lodge, 1423, and Hon. Sec. of the Surrey Masonic Club, will take place at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 12th inst.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of the Committee of this association took place on Wednesday last at the offices, 1, Clifford's Inn, when the arrangements for the elections were carefully considered, and several communications ordered to be replied to. A meeting will take place on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at 5 o'clock p.m., of the General Committee to make the final arrangements. All voting papers should be at once sent, *not filled up*, to Bro. A. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C., in order that the same may be registered and properly applied.

FAREWELL BANQUET TO BRO. J. CLARK.

A farewell dinner was given by Freemasons belonging to several lodges in the Portsmouth district on Wednesday, the 26th March, at the Golden Fleece, Commercial-road, Landport, to Bro. John Clark, Senior Warden of No. 1776, agent for the Buttery Iron Company, on the completion of an extensive contract for sliding caissons in the new extension works of Her Majesty's Dockyard, Portsmouth. Bro. E. S. Maine, P.M., &c., occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Craven, P.M., &c. the vice-chair. The dinner was of a substantial character, and reflected great credit on the host.

After the cloth had been removed the Chairman gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts; and in proposing the toast of the evening viz., "The Good Health and future Prosperity of Bro. John Clark," remarked that Bro. Clark had been a sojourner in Portsmouth for about six years, that he came among them a stranger, but during this period he had, by his good nature, geniality, and courtesy of manner, gained a large number of friends. Not the least sincere were those who surrounded the festive board that night. In bearing testimony to the many good social qualities of Bro. J. Clark they must not omit to pay a tribute of respect and admiration to the great Craft to which they belonged, inasmuch as however great the qualifications of Bro. J. Clark might be, he would not have had the opportunity of making so many or such genuine friends had it not been for the organisation of the great Order of Freemasonry, which enlisted men of all classes under its banner and enabled them to interchange their ideas and form the basis of many sincere friendships which death alone would sever. He need not say how exceedingly delighted they were to meet their guest that night, and regretted that it should be occasioned by his leaving the neighbourhood, and hoped that he would carry away with him kindly feelings towards the Masons of Portsmouth, and receive a cordial welcome from the brethren in Derbyshire.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Bro. J. Clark, who was much affected, in response, said that he could not find words to express his lasting gratitude to the Freemasons of Portsmouth for the kind, cordial, and sincere manner they had treated him during his stay there; he had never received an unkind word from them, but, on the contrary, had received from them the greatest assistance. He regretted much that he was compelled to leave them, but as they had finished their contract, there was no alternative for him but to return, and, as a consequence, the best of friends must part; he should, however, ever remember the unexpected kindness in inviting him to a farewell dinner in the handsome manner they had done. Again thanking them for their fraternal conduct, he resumed his seat amidst considerable enthusiasm.

Bro. J. Clark next proposed "Success to the Borough of Portsmouth Masonic Hall and Club Company," and observed that he was certain the company would prove a great success, and be highly beneficial to Freemasonry in Portsmouth. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. H. Cawte, P.M., and G. Cunningham. Bro. H. Cawte, P.M., in reply, said that he had long desired to see a company formed for the purpose of affording lodges good accommodation in a central part of the borough; they had at last succeeded in their object, and secured the co-operation of brethren belonging to all the lodges. Bro. Cunningham also, in reply, observed that the company must be a success from the perfect unanimity which prevailed amongst the Masons there with respect to the objects of the company; he remarked that he was a Mason of some years' standing—he had belonged to the Robert Burns, No. 25, London, since his initiation, but he had become an affiliated member of the newly-constituted Landport Lodge, and intended to do his utmost to make the new company successful for the benefit of the Masonic lodges of the borough. They had succeeded in inducing the Mayor, Bro. W. D. King, to be the chairman, and from his known aptitude for business augured well for its ultimate prosperity.

Bro. J. Willmott, W.M. 342, who was mainly instrumental in getting up the dinner, proposed "The Health of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman," which was briefly responded to by Bros. E. S. Maine and J. Craven. Some capital harmony was rendered by the brethren during the evening, and a most agreeable and happy evening was spent.

There were present Bros. E. S. Maine, P.M.; J. Craven, P.M.; H. Cawte, P.M.; A. Riddell, P.M.; Clay, P.M.; W. Payne, P.M.; R. Turney, P.M.; Willmott, W.M. 342; R. Barnes, S.W. 342; C. G. Adames, J.W. 1776; Baci-galupo, E. J. Smith, G. Cunningham, J. G. Niven, G. Chamberlain, A. Holbrook, R. King, J. Cowd, A. H. Hancock, J. Smith, Lenanton, Groom, Matthews, Robinson, German, Parkhouse, Green, McKinlay, Johns, J. Clark, and others.

The Goldsmiths' Company announce that several exhibitions in their gift are vacant at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Notes on Art.

The Paris Salon promises to be unusually good this year, artists having no such counter-attraction as the Exhibition Fine Art Galleries proved last spring. All the pictures had to be sent by Friday, the 28th ult. Amongst the most noticeable are a portrait of Victor Hugo by Bonnat, the well-known portrait painter, yet another episode of the struggle in 1870 by M. Detaille, "Defence of Champigny by the Division Faron," a military scene in Brittany by M. Berne-Bellecour, and an enormous triptych depicting the miracles of St. Cuthbert—large enough for the wall of a Cathedral—by M. Duez. M. Henner sends a painting of Naiads on the banks of a stream, and a head of a sleeping girl, taken promptly from one of his models who had been overcome with drowsiness, and M. Carolus Duran, one of his usual portraits; but MM. De Neuville, Vibert, and Munkaczky will not be represented at the Palais de l'Industrie.

THE TELEPHONE.—At the Royal Society's *soirée*, held at Burlington House on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., there was a demonstration of the power of Edison's new loud-speaking telephone.

LORD BEACONSFIELD.—Mr. Jabez Hughes has executed some remarkably life-like photographs of the Premier.

The Society of Painters in Water-Colours have elected Mr. A. P. Newton a member, and Mrs. Helen Angell and Mr. H. M. Marshall Associates of the Society.

The sun will not shine for a longer period than seventeen million years, according to Professor Dubeis Reymond, of the University of Berlin. By that time, he adds, the earth will be covered with glaciers.

NATIONAL GALLERY.—The National Gallery will be closed, for cleaning, from Monday, the 7th inst., to Saturday, the 12th inst., inclusive, but will be re-opened to the public on Easter Monday, and during the whole of the Easter week, including Thursday and Friday—the days ordinarily reserved for students.

ROYAL GIFT TO THE BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY.—At a meeting of the Birmingham Town Council on Tuesday, the Mayor read the following letter, which had been received from General Ponsoby, on behalf of the Queen:—"Buckingham Palace, March 24, 1879.—Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to inquire if the managers of the Birmingham Library will accept from Her Majesty the volumes, a list of which I enclose. Not being certain to whom I should address myself, I venture to trouble you with this letter in the hope that you will communicate the Queen's offer in the proper quarter. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, Henry F. Ponsoby.—The Mayor of Birmingham." The list of volumes is as follows:—"Lepsius' "Denkmale aus Aegypten und Aethiopien," 12 volumes, large folio; Dr. F. Bock's "Kleinodien des heiligen Romischen Reichs Deutscher Nation," 1 volume, large folio, Wien, 1864; Nash's (Joseph) "Windsor," London, 1848; and Wyatt's (Mr. Digby) "Industrial Arts of the 19th Century," London, 1853. On the motion of the Mayor, it was resolved "That the letter of Lieutenant-General Ponsoby be received and entered on the minutes, and that he be requested to be the medium of conveying to Her Majesty the Queen the grateful acceptance by this Council of her gracious offer to present to the free library of this borough a valuable selection of books."

Bro. Stephen Pearce, who has painted the likeness of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton—see report—is well known by his exhibited life-sized portraits at the Royal Academy Exhibition. We well remember the eminent President of the Royal Society, General Sabine, painted by him some few years ago, and also his fine mainly portraits of the distinguished Arctic heroes, Sir Leopold McClintock, Sir Robert McClure, Captain Penny, and others. Then, if we mistake not, there were very beautiful portraits of the late Duke of Bedford, Sir Francis Beaufort, and Sir John Barrow, also exhibited in successive years on its walls.

The Duke of Connaught has appointed Dr. Charles Murchison Physician-in-Ordinary.

Professor Virchow has left Berlin for Troy in acceptance of an invitation of Dr. Schliemann.

Mr. Carlyle has been unanimously re-elected President of the Edinburgh Philosophical Academy for the ensuing year.

A somewhat novel haul was made by a fishing-boat from St. Ives last week, for in the meshes of a large net, besides some hundred mackerel, were found 400 gulls, kittiwakes, and "murra."

Lord Beaconsfield has placed Mr. Frederick Martin on the Civil List for a pension of £100 a year, in recognition of the service he has rendered by compiling the *Statesman's Year Book*, which he has now issued for sixteen years.

According to report, the White Lady, whose visits always precede the death of some member of the Royal Family, was seen on the eve of Prince Waldemar's death. A soldier on guard at the old castle was the witness of the apparition, and in his fright fled to the guard-house, where he was at once arrested for deserting his post.

At Paris, on Monday, the church of St. Germain l'Auxerrois was the scene of a funeral service, conducted, with the greatest pomp, over the remains of M. Heriot, one of the proprietors of the immense shop in the Rue de Rivoli, known as the "Magasin du Louvre." The hearse was followed by all the *employés* of the vast establishment, divided into nine groups; the last group consisted of the young women of the shop, to the number of upwards of 200. M. Heriot rose from the position of a shop-boy to that of part owner.

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Can any brother give us the name or send us a specimen of an Anti-Masonic paper published in Chicago.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Le Monde Masonique," "Broad Arrow," "Scottish Freemason," "Modern Thought," "Western Morning News," "Brief," "Condition of Malta," "Prize Paper," "Masonic Newspaper," "Voice of Masonry," "Bulletin de Grand Orient de France," "Our Home," "West Central News," "The Advocate," "Temperance Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Stoke's Rapid Drawing," "Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DALRYMPLE.—On the 29th ult., at 39E, Onslow-square, the wife of Mr. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., of a son.

MACLACHLAN.—On the 30th ult., at 29, Marlow-road, Kensington, the wife of Captain D. MacLachlan, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

COLLET—HARRIS.—At the Parish Church, Broadwater, Golding Bird, son of the late Dr. Collet, of Worthing, to Minnie, daughter of Mr. William Harris, of Aller House, Worthing.

DEATHS.

BRUNTON.—On the 28th ult., at Park-terrace, Darlington, Bro. Thomas Brunton, P.M. Lodge No. 111, aged 43.

ROBINSON.—On the 29th ult., at Northgate, Darlington, Bro. A. G. Robinson, P.M. 1379, aged 41.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1879.

WHAT FREEMASONRY DOES DO.

We are often asked by the curious and the impertinent, what does Freemasonry do? We are often taunted by the credulous or the sceptical that it is practically "much ado about nothing." We have thought it well, then, to throw our thoughts together, so to say, and to answer these doubting or deprecatory queries, by pointing out to-day what Freemasonry does do, and we hope next week equally clearly to demonstrate what Freemasonry does not do. And in order to clear the way from the "debris" of all that dreadful rubbish which socialist Freemasons themselves, alas! a goodly number, or Ultramontane opponents, have placed in our way, misleading the gullible, and also deceiving the confiding, we wish, in the first place, to state what we mean by Freemasonry. In using that word we do not include in its use fictitious systems, or perverted jurisdictions. We do not claim as our brethren those who denounce or deny the fundamental tenets of our universal Order. We openly repudiate any teaching or any body which throws over Freemasonry and Masonic teachings, aims, or practice, the hurtful colouring of political reveries, or the debasing, the grovelling animus of sectarian violence. The Freemasonry we mean is that which is now openly professed before the world by above a million of Freemasons, banded together in brotherly love, peace, and goodwill, intent and never ashamed in its lodges to "own" T.G.A.O.T.U. under all circumstances, and, at all times, anxious ever to promote the welfare of humanity, to advance the brotherhood of Freemasonry, and to sympathize with any fallen, struggling, weak, erring, and dying brother and sister of the dust. And thus it is that Freemasonry seeks ever by its unselfish efforts, and its generous devotion to benevolence and timely aid, to make clear to all men that it is not merely a goodly profession, that it does not begin and end in fine words alone, but that it is a reality, practical and active, God fearing and philanthropical, seeking to render all its meetings and organizations, its brilliant assemblies, and its social pleasures all alike minister, and minister truly, to the help of truthful indigence, the raising up the fallen, the friendless, and the destitute. And therefore, at this very moment, while it proclaims and promulgates with unflinching voice, whenever and wherever "Freemasons most do congregate," the goodly and ever needful axioms of toleration, justice, sympathy, kindness, liberty of conscience, goodwill for all men, and, above all, the "household" of Freemasonry proper; it also tries to evince that its practice and its profession go hand in hand. It does not content itself with goodly dogmata or didactic morality; it despises and discountenances the baneful sophistries of "Pecksniff," and the vulgar hypocrisy of "Stiggins;" it knows nothing of "bunkum" or "high falutin," the brainless outpourings of the fanatic, and the childish moonshine of the self-constituted censor, but it works manfully to make its words good, its aims evident, and its use admitted in the great thoroughfares of life, as well as in the more secluded recesses of the lodge-room. Hence, to-day "charity," true charity, in its widest meaning and fullest sense, is the keynote which nominates all true Masonic harmonies. It begins in the lodge, it goes on in the Prov. Grand Lodge in our provinces, it continues in the Grand Lodge, it culminates in our great Metropolitan Charities, and is also to be clearly traced in those local efforts for education and the like, which are such a credit to those warm-hearted brethren who have constituted them, and kept them afloat in many of our Masonic provinces. All honour to them. There is no earthly society that we know of which does more, year by year, to prove that it "says what it means, and means what it says," than does our own good old Craft. And long may it so continue. Warned by the follies and the falls of foreign bodies, by the pitfalls and the

stumbling blocks they place in the way of weaker minds, the discredit they bring on the Order, the injury they do to Masonry proper, let us all hope and strive that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry may long pursue the "even tenour of its way," without deviating to the right or the left, advocating and practising that great virtue of charity, which ennobles all its efforts, sanctifies all its aims, and elevates all its struggles, as it marches on to-day, leaving stragglers and "malingerers" behind, under that emblazoned banner high over head, on which we still read the good, old, and sacred motto, "Glory to God on High, on earth peace, goodwill, and kindness to men."

A PLEASANT PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday week, as by a report elsewhere, it will be seen that the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity presented to their Treasurer and esteemed Bro. Col. Creton, now Grand Treasurer, a very admirable portrait of himself, painted expressly for this presentation by that distinguished artist, Bro. Stephen Pearce. It is not too much, we think, to say that in this little fraternal episode the greatest credit is reflected on all concerned, and the genuine principles of Freemasonry, alike in their theoretical aspect and practical effect, are remarkably exemplified in the generous and unselfish exertions of the Craftsman artist, on the one hand, as well as by the fraternal regard and friendly sympathy of the brethren on the other. Our Grand Treasurer is too well known and too widely appreciated to need any encomiums from us in our unassuming pages. His services to the Lodge of Antiquity, as to the Craft at large, have been many, and great, and untiring, and the brethren of that most ancient and distinguished lodge have testified to their appreciation of his Masonic career, as well as of his private worth and personal amiability, by a presentation both pleasant and praiseworthy to all, and a lasting memorial of the skill of the artist, and the worth and eminence of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

At the approaching elections for the Girls' and Boys' Schools this, in our humble opinion, valuable and useful Association will endeavour to secure the election of several London candidates, who, for want of effective support, might probably otherwise "be left out in the cold." On their behalf we think it is advisable that all brethren unpledged should send in their votes at once to the Secretary, Bro. C. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C., as they may feel confident that all votes, so generously given, will be both gratefully received and faithfully appropriated to their much needed purpose.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
May I be permitted in your pages to ask any of my brethren who have votes to spare for the Boys' and Girls' School, to kindly give them to me? I shall be truly grateful for any little help.
Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

10, Upper Porchester-street,
Hyde Park-square, April 2.

IGNORANCE AND INTOLERANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Under the above heading you have lately published some remarkable intelligence of great interest to your readers, and the Craft in general. I venture to think that the case I am about to state will, if you deem it worthy of insertion in your columns, prove both interesting and surprising, if not even startling, to your readers in all parts of the world.

The week before last I received a visit from a Norwegian clergyman, Pastor J. H. Simonsen, a priest of that branch of the Lutheran Church which is established in Norway. He brought me a letter of introduction from my friend, Bro. Oscar Dickson, of Gothenburg, whom many will remember as one of the Swedish deputation at the Prince of Wales' installation, in the Albert Hall, in

1875. A few years ago Bro. Simonsen was appointed pastor of a Norwegian congregation in Wisconsin, one of the United States of America; and he went out there to discharge the duties of his office. It happened that he had been initiated into Freemasonry in Christiania, but had only received the First Degree when he went over to America. He was, however, not inclined to "hide" his Masonic "light under a bushel," and it came to the knowledge of his brother clergy that he actually was a Freemason. They took counsel on this (to them) extraordinary fact, and he was summoned before the Wisconsin Norwegian Synod, at their annual meeting in the town, or city, of Lisbon. The Synod not only required that he should abjure Freemasonry, but that he should denounce it as "sin!" Our brother declined to do either of these things; but, on the contrary, had the courage to deliver before the Synod a very bold defence of Freemasonry, in which, with perhaps more courage than caution, he strongly rebuked the narrowmindedness of his opponents. But he paid dearly for his outspoken advocacy of our Order; he had not a single supporter in the Synod, which by an unanimous vote then and there deposed him from his pastorate. He had, however, gained the affections of his flock, who would not submit to his deposition; and he continued for three years to act as their minister. But at length the persecution to which he was now subjected was such that he felt compelled to resign, and return to his native land. And even there it has followed him! The persecutors reported his case, accompanied by slanders of different kinds, to the bishop at Christiania, who now refuses to license him to any church, or to permit him to advance in any way in his profession. I must say that I was greatly surprised to hear this, well knowing that in Sweden many Lutheran priests, and some of them eminent men, are members of the Craft. But Bro. Simonsen tells me that in Norway there are but eight priests who are Masons, as against about from one to two hundred in Sweden, and that these eight have not "come to grief" simply because their Masonry is somewhat "sub-rosa," while he has drawn down the episcopal ire upon his devoted head by frankly defending it, and still more by allowing a brother to publish his "Defence," in a pamphlet.

Bro. Simonsen has come over to England with a view to circulate a translation of his pamphlet, and in the hope that by the sale of copies he may raise funds to enable him to live until something can be done to reinstate him in his position as a clergyman in the Norwegian Church; a good brother in Christiania having given him a free return ticket by one of the Hull steamers. I tell him that I do not know that we can do much to help him over here, but that the best thing I can do for him (after giving him some pecuniary assistance, which I would not mention except as an example) is to ask you to make this case known by this letter. I have also told him it is a great pity that he did not take his Third Degree before coming to England to seek admission into our lodges as a visiting brother. I will only add that he is a married man, with a young family dependent on him.

I remain, yours, faithfully and fraternally,

R. P. BENT,

Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Canon of the Order of Knights Templar in Sweden.

DR. HOPKINS' MASONIC CHARTS, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have several times drawn attention to the Masonic and Ecclesiastical charts, so beautifully drawn by the W. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Warwickshire, &c., of 14, Belvedere, Bath, not only because of their great value and excellence as symbolical charts accurately and most artistically executed, but likewise because the proceeds of their sale were devoted to one or more of our "Great Masonic Charities." This Dr. Hopkins had done for many years, until the cost of the materials being ultimately a considerable burden, he has of late years given one half of any profits for so good an object.

The charts are a marvel of skill and ingenuity, and just "brim full" of Masonic or Ecclesiastical suggestions, so much so that they have but to be seen to be admired and purchased. The price, however—because of the time involved—did not bring them within the reach of some who could only admire; but now, happily, our brother has had them photographed by Messrs. J. and J. Dutton, of Bath, and the charts can now be obtained at 3s. each, or 2s. each, according to the sizes required (see advertisement). I shall be very pleased to be the medium of the sale of any of these gems of art and industry, or communications may be sent direct to Dr. Hopkins. As upwards of £100 have been devoted to our Charities through this means alone, it will readily be seen that brethren can gratify their tastes and their benevolent proclivities at the same time.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, April 1st, 1879.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although in no wise desirous of putting myself forward as the champion of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, I cannot allow your remarks regarding the Irish Grand Lodge balance sheet to pass without protesting against the manner in which you put the subject before our English brethren. You appear to take a leaf out of the books of those who sneer at everything Irish, which I cannot help thinking is scarcely in accordance with the principles laid down for your guidance, and if your Irish brethren are not educated enough to make out a balance sheet suffi-

ciently clear to please fastidious England, let yours be the task to teach, not to ridicule.

Yours fraternally,

H. S. CAMPBELL, P.M. 95.

[Our worthy brother is wrong, both in his premise and his conclusion, as far as we are concerned. Our good Irish brethren have no warmer admirers than ourselves. —Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an Irishman I most strenuously object to your remarks on the balance-sheet of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; brotherly love does not seem to preclude the tone of your article, judging from the sneering allusions you make to the "Irish way" things are done, and the "Flemish account" you would expect. Did you have an inquiry?

Allow me to suggest you are in the position of the man in the glass house who threw stones. Look well to the doings of your own Grand Lodge, and tickle the fancy of your English brethren by a few facetious remarks against the position assumed by some of its late officers.

The disbursements of Grand Lodge of Ireland may not be in accordance with your views, but Irishmen have yet to learn of anything detrimental to the cause of Masonry by one of its members.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

A. H. SUNNER.

[We refer our impetuous brother to our editorial remark above.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I consider the "cutting" the Freemason so neatly is a great improvement, and I have reason to believe that many agree with me in that statement, for it is a great convenience, and the paper keeps better for binding. One other change is still needed (which has been pointed out by my friend and Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin), and that is to keep all the advertisements on separate sheets, that may easily be detached and excluded from the part to be bound. We have wished the Freemason every health and happiness on its tenth birthday, and are glad to see that as its age increases its appearance continues to improve, which is more than can be said of,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, April 1st, 1879.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Could you kindly give me any information about Botzaris Eustratius Kras, a P.M. in Liverpool before 1867, and for many years a member of lodges under various degrees in that city, as to what lodges he belonged?

A line in the Freemason would greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

C. L. CONSTANTINUS, 1009.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your weekly columns indicate that the lines of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are not falling in pleasant places; its paths are so tortuous, traversed and crossed as to form a labyrinth, from which the only escape is by jumping the barriers. Many, unable to escape in any other way, have so vaulted over them, probably on the principle that repudiation of one oath, unwittingly taken, is better than constant perjuries. Some time ago a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, and Sovereign Prince, Rose Croix, of one of the Supreme Grand Councils of the Holy Empire, led me to the top of one of the pinnacles of his temple, and directing my attention to a mirage, which he imagined, in his distempered fancy, to be a landscape of cities and kingdoms, said: "All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me." I replied "Nay, not so, but I will view this landscape of mystery from the summit of the pyramid of Memphis, which embraces a prospect few have comprehended, and those few Orientals, and I will not defile myself by the worship of those who are marked with the mark and number of the beast. Listen to what a modern seer, who visited the temple of visions, whither we shall follow, has recorded of thee and thy Rite."

"His face was covered with pimples, such as accompany a burning fever, his eyes had a ferocious look, his breast swelled out into a great prominence; from his mouth he belched forth fire, like a furnace, his loins seemed on fire; in place of feet he had bony ankles without flesh; and from his body there exhaled a foul and stinking heat. I was terrified at the sight of him, and cried out, 'Approach no further, tell me whence you are?' He replied, in a hoarse tone of voice, 'I am from below, and live there in a society of two hundred, which is the most super-excellent of all societies; there we are all emperors of emperors, kings of kings, dukes of dukes, and princes of princes; no one is barely an emperor, or barely a king, duke, or prince. We are seated there on thrones of thrones, and thence dispatch our mandates over the whole world, and even beyond it.' I then said to him, 'Do you not perceive that you are in a state of insanity, arising from the fantasy of super-eminence?' He replied 'How can you talk in this manner, when we absolutely seem to ourselves, and are also acknowledged by ourselves, to have such distinction?'"

Verbum sap.

To abandon abstruse sentiment, and to descend to facts and to plain things, which every one can comprehend. It seems that by the impulse of its own inordinate vanity the Rite is now at war within itself in every quarter of the

world. The latest dissention has arisen in Canada, and I have just received from a brother, holding high degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, a printed slip of a newspaper letter, which I send herewith for the indulgence of its insertion.

The writer's argument applies equally to this country.

The Constitution of the Rite, Article 5, Section 3, provides:—"In each great nation of Europe, and in each kingdom or empire, there shall be a single Council of the said degree." Now England, Ireland, and Scotland form only one nation and one kingdom, namely, the British Nation and the United Kingdom, and is therefore only entitled to one S.G.C., and not three S.G.C.'s, as at present existing. That of Ireland was formed August 13, 1824; Scotland claims from 1814, but this is doubtful, as other authorities only allow her to date from 1843; England, 1845. Now leaving Ireland and Scotland to settle the point of priority between themselves, it is very certain that England was the latest constituted, and consequently, by establishing her S.G.C., has invaded the rights of either Scotland or Ireland; therefore the English Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite must of necessity be a nullity, and is spurious for that reason, but also for others, and clandestine. Moreover, there is no escape, for the Constitution (forged no doubt though it be) ordains that it shall remain for ever the supreme law of the Rite. As Bro. Pike points out, every member has sworn to obey it, and hence so long as these three councils continue separate every English member violates his oath, and puts himself as an honourable man outside his Rite.

Whilst adopting a representative Constitution the Ancient and Primitive Rite, or Oriental Rite of Memphis, avoided such a mistake by obtaining a charter for the whole of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, added to which it has degrees of great value in addition to its Knights Rose Croix and Royal Arch ceremonies.

MEMPHIS.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE IN CANADA.

A question of very great importance to the members of this Rite in Canada has suggested itself to my mind from a careful study of the Constitutions of 1786. The question is this. Are these Constitutions regarded by members of the A. and A. S. Rite as the fundamental law of the Rite? Dr. Mackey, in his admirable Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, says most distinctly and emphatically that they are so regarded. Bro. Albert Pike, the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.—the mother Supreme Council of the world—published these Constitutions in 1872, in Latin, French, and English, and in his exhaustive annotations respecting them says: "The Supreme Council of Charleston (formed in 1801) had a perfect right to adopt them as the law of the new Order, no matter where, when, or by whom they were made, as Anderson's Constitutions were adopted in Symbolic Masonry; that they are and always have been the law of the Rite, because they were so adopted, and because no man has ever lawfully received the Degrees of the Rite without swearing to maintain them as its supreme law." In view of this testimony, so decidedly given, by the two most eminent and learned members of the Rite, I think that all interested must, without hesitation, acknowledge, that the Constitutions of 1786 are, and have always been, the supreme and fundamental law of the A. and the A. S. Rite. Let us now consider carefully one particular clause of the Constitutions, and the bearing that it has upon the present position of Canadian members of the Rite. I refer to Article V. Section III., which reads as follows: "In each of the Great Nations of Europe, whether Kingdom or Empire, there shall be but a single Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree. In all those States and Provinces, as well of the Main land as of the Islands, whereof North America is composed, there shall be Two Councils, one as great a distance as may be from the other. In all those States and Provinces also, whether of the Main land or the Islands, whereof South America is composed, there shall be Two Councils, one at as great a distance as possible from the other. Likewise, there shall be one only in each Empire, Supreme State, or Kingdom in Asia, Africa, &c." In the preamble it is declared that "these Decrees are and for ever shall be the Constitutions, Statutes, and regulations, for the government of the Rite," consequently they cannot, by any authority whatever, be ever abrogated, altered, or changed. I think it must be held as an undeniable fact, that by the Constitutions of 1786, unaltered and unalterable as they are, and binding upon every member of the Rite, inasmuch as he has solemnly sworn to observe them in their integrity, that two Supreme Councils, and two only, can legally exist in North America, and that if more than that number should have been inadvertently created, that those in excess of the two first are of necessity illegal, and are in fact nullities. Unfortunately there are now more than two Supreme Councils in North America: there are three, to my certain knowledge, and possibly may be more, as, for all I know to the contrary, Mexico and the Central American States may claim to possess one each. Those of which I have information are as follows: first, the S.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., dating from 1801. Second, the S.C. of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S., dating from 1815. Third, the S.C. of the Dominion of Canada, dating from 1874. The S.C. of the Northern Jurisdiction has authority over only fifteen States, which were specially given up to it by the S.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction, which claims the remainder of the States, on account of its priority of origin, amongst which States are Iowa, Minnesota, and California.

As it has been proved that only two Supreme Councils can legally exist in North America, and as it is certain that the two legal councils are those of the Southern and Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S., it behoves Canadians, claiming to be members of the A. and A. S. Rite, to con-

sider what their real position is. It must be evident to every one who has followed the proofs above given, that the so-called Supreme Council of Canada, created in 1874, was, and is, an illegal body, being formed contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the Constitutions of 1786. It is true that this S.C. was inaugurated by Bro. Pike himself, under warrant from the S.C. of England, but neither Bro. Pike nor the S.C. of England, nor any other man or body of men, had the power or authority to repeal or set aside even one section or article of those Constitutions, which are the fundamental law of the Rite. No doubt the mistake was unwittingly made, but still the mistakes and oversights that the ablest of men at times fall into cannot exonerate others if they persist in violating an acknowledged law, after the existence of that law has been plainly pointed out to them. It is now, therefore, incumbent upon the members of the Rite in Canada to yield their allegiance to the body that is alone entitled to receive it, and that body is, without a shadow of doubt, the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which has the sole right to exercise authority over the whole of North America, excepting only that portion which was yielded to the S.C. of the Northern Jurisdiction at its formation in 1815. Up to 1874 all members of the Rite made in Canada, under the authority of the Supreme Council of England, and by the tacit consent of the S.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S., are regular and legitimate. Since the withdrawal of the English authority in 1874, and the illegal creation of the so-called Supreme Council of Canada, all persons receiving Degrees under the auspices of the last mentioned body are irregular and illegitimate, and must of necessity be healed by the lawful authority alone entitled to receive them before they can be considered as members of the A. and A.S. Rite at all. The only course that can now be lawfully followed is this: let the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S., declare the so-called Supreme Council of Canada dissolved, as being from its inception an illegal body; form its members into a Grand Consistory for the Dominion of Canada, and give it authority to heal those brethren who have been inadvertently misled into considering themselves members of the Rite. This will no doubt be a bitter pill for Canadians to swallow, but what else can be done? The fundamental Constitutions to which the Rite owes its existence, and under which alone it exercises its lawful authority, must be obeyed to the very letter, because, to again quote Bro. Pike, "no man has ever lawfully received the Degrees of the Rite without swearing to maintain them as its Supreme Law." This solemn obligation, now that it is brought plainly to our remembrance, must be respected, even at the sacrifice of national feeling or of personal consequence. We must now retrace our steps, and yield our allegiance to that Supreme Council—that of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States—which is alone entitled to receive it, and which cannot lawfully refuse to receive it.

S. P. OF THE R. S.

Ontario, Canada, 11th March, 1879.

P.S.—By a singular coincidence, the reverse of the paper whence I send the enclosed cutting has the following "Inscriptions from Egyptian Tombs," which I beg to transfer to your columns. Surely, the checks of the Christian Knights and Princes of the Holy Empire will tingle when they read the sentiments, by which these un-saved pagans directed all their lives. If they do not so tingle mine would blush for the degradation of humanity:—

"He loved his father and mother, and honoured his brother. He never entered his house with an angry heart. He never favoured the nobleman above the simple."

"On earth I was a prudent and wise man, and my soul ever loved God. If I was a brother to the noble, I was a father to the poor, and never scattered hatred among men."

"I will tell you, O ye that live after me, how it was with me during my life. I was not haughty, neither did I curse, neither did I revile, neither did I love to quarrel with my neighbour. I never withstood the poor and oppressed, but always sought by word and deed for reconciliation."

"I honoured my father and respected my mother, and loved my brother. I provided burial for those that died and were not laid in the earth, and supported the children who were born. I founded houses for them, and filled them with good deeds, as a father doleth by his own children. For behold! it was an evil time in Sais, when the great disaster passed over Egypt."

Reviews.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES. A REPORT TO THE LODGE HOPE AND CHARITY, No. 377. By Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, F.M., P.G. Purst, Worcester-shire, Kidderminster: W. Hepworth, Sun Office, Bull Ring. We have read this "brochure" with singular pleasure. It is alike simple and yet lucid in statement, ably drawn out, and effectively written. Bro. Taylor has done good service to our Metropolitan Charities, by a seasonable and eloquent recital of their work and their merits, their needs and their claims. We recommend any of our brethren who wish to be "posted up" in a few comprehensive words as to what our Masonic Charities really do, to obtain Bro. Taylor's pamphlet, as many who do not like to wade through long reports will find in his clear pages and concise statements, complete justification of Masonic usefulness and Masonic Charity. We hope to see a fuller review of this little publication in the *Masonic Magazine* for May. We thank Bro. Taylor for it, and sincerely hope that it may be widely circulated and largely read.

AN ADDRESS BY THE REV. J. H. SIMONSEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCANDINAVIAN WISCONSIN SYNOD. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

It appears that the Rev. J. H. Simonsen, a Norwegian Lutheran clergyman, has been practically excommunicated by the Synod of his co-religionists, both in America and Norway, and deprived of the means of living for himself and family, simply for his defence of Freemasonry. The "appeal" we have just noticed is put forth by him to attract the notice and sympathy of brethren in England, and is alike forcibly written, and appears to make out a good case. Such, at any rate, is the opinion of competent judges like our worthy P.G.C., Bro. Bent, whose acquaintance with Swedish affairs is well known. We confess that we are deeply struck by the intolerance manifested, and the injustice perpetrated. Some Scandinavian Lutheran "pastors" in America seem to be excessively active in condemning Freemasonry, so let us preserve the names of the worthies, the Revs. Preus and Hvistendahl. Their main objection seems to be the fact of secrecy, though, as ardent controversialists, they forget that to secrecy, per se, there is, and can be, no objection, and that the only possible condemnation of it can be found in opposition to the laws of the land. We have recently observed in some of the American Masonic papers allusion to these high-handed, loud-voiced Scandinavian acts of intolerance and injustice, which remind us of the worst excesses of an ignorant and blatant Ultramontanist. But then, as we know, the spirit of persecution is the same in all ages, if under altered forms, and we only ascribe it to that petulance, ignorance, and unfairness of human nature, which like to impose what is subjective for what is objective, with all the bitterness of sectarian rancour, on the minds and consciences of fellow mortals. We trust that Bro. Simonsen's pamphlet may lead to a more critical examination of the whole affair, and may induce many worthy brethren, haters of injustice and intolerance, to study the case for themselves. We also trust that Bro. Simonsen's energetic and eloquent appeal may be largely read with profit to this modern victim of an unreasoning opposition to, and dislike of, Freemasonry. Some of us may ask, is such a state of things possible in 1879? But so it is, my masters, and as the world wags apace we fear there is but little change and less amelioration in the baleful and hopeless tendencies of our poor, our weak, our selfish humanity!

Public Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL, BIRKENHEAD.—A grand dramatic performance was given at the above theatre on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, and the Cheshire Royal Masonic Institution. The entertainment enjoyed the distinguished patronage of His Worship the Mayor of Birkenhead (John Laird, Esq.); David MacIver, Esq., M.P.; Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Bro. the Viscount Combermere, R.W.P.D.G.M. Cheshire; Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., V.W.G.R. of England, R.W.G.S.W. Cheshire; Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, P.G.S.W. England, P.G.J.W. Cheshire; Bro. the Hon. Col. F. Stanley, M.P., R.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Bro. G. W. Latham, R.W.P.G.D. England; Bro. Major Horner, P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire; William Laird, Esq., J.P., Birkenhead; C. J. Preston, Esq., Birkenhead; Clarke Aspinall, Esq., J.P., Bebington; Lieut.-Col. King, Oxtou; Thos. Brasey, Esq., Major Walker, and officers of the 1st Cheshire Engineers; Worshipful Masters of lodges in the district, and others. The performances began with *A Kiss in the Dark*, in which Bro. C. Courtenay, 1609, as "Frank Fathom," Mr. Stoddart as "Mr. Pettibone," Miss F. Courtenay, Miss Stinton, and Miss Smith took part. After an interlude, in which the band of the 1st Cheshire Engineer Volunteers played a selection of popular music, Tom Taylor's comedy of *Still Waters Run Deep*, was played by the Amphitheatre company. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M. 1609, took the leading rôle as "Captain Hawksley," and Bro. W. Constantine, I.P.M. 1609, was a capital "John Mildmay." Miss L. Courtenay as "Mrs. Sternhold," and Miss Florence Courtenay as "Mrs. Mildmay," sustained these characters with effect; while the subordinate characters were represented by Mr. F. Clarke "Potter," Mr. Forrest, "Jessop," Bro. C. Courtenay, "Dunbilk," Mr. Wilson, Mr. Harris, and Bro. H. Leslie, the latter as "Gimlet." The actors were several times applauded, and the performance as a whole was much admired.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—The crowd of hungry children, numbering several hundred, that presented themselves on Wednesday at the doors of Conder-street Hall, Limehouse, E., to partake of the 14th Irish stew dinner, given by the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C., was no mean sight, and one that shows only too plainly the sad distress that still exists, even though mild weather has come upon us. The little ones brought, as usual, their plates and spoons, and quietly waited until their turn came to participate in so good a meal. They were ravenously hungry, and devoured the Irish stew with the greatest rapidity and relish, which was repeatedly served to them. Such a real work of charity that feeds the hungry, and has for its one aim the social, intellectual, and religious elevation of the working classes, should have the warmest support of the benevolent and philanthropic; and, as the funds are now exhausted, we hope that as our readers have so far enabled this mission to do so much good that they will not allow it to collapse for the want of means, and the smallest donations will be cordially received and acknowledged by Mr. W. Austin, at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

THE ALTAR IN MASONRY.

The presence of the altar in the lodge-room testifies emphatically that Freemasonry recognises and enforces the truth that there exists one only true and living God, who is the hearer and answerer of prayer. So long as that altar remains, so long must the fraternity continue to be theists; but when it is removed, or the First Great Light is removed from on it, and it comes to be termed merely a pedestal, then those that gather around it are no longer Freemasons, but only an organised society of atheists. What is the history of the decline and fall of the Craft in France, as it exists under the present Grand Orient? It is simply the history of the removal of the Bible from the altar, and the degradation of that altar into a pedestal. Bro. Mackenzie in his *Royal Masonic Cyclopædia* most erroneously says: "In an ordinary English Craft lodge, the altar is also called the pedestal." There could not be a more radical error—one more calculated to undermine the pure principles of Masonry. Bro. Woodford, in *Kenning's Cyclopædia*, states the truth in this connection when he says: "It is a mistake to call the altar the 'pedestal,' which is purely the Master's desk, and such a confounding of two distinct things is a remnant of the slovenly working of the early part of this century." But it is more than slovenly, it is a departure from principle, and surely entails, as we have shown, the most fatal results.

There were two altars in King Solomon's Temple, the altar of sacrifice and the altar of incense; and in like manner there are two altars in Masonry. In the Blue Lodge there is only the altar of sacrifice, but in the Royal Arch Chapter there is besides it the altar of incense. We shall not do more now than refer to the latter. The altar, par excellence, in Masonry, is the altar of the Blue Lodge, that of sacrifice—the sacrifice of prayer, and the pledging of solemn vows.

In American lodges the altar is placed in the centre of the lodge room, but in English lodges it is located not only in front, but also near to the Master's station. The former position appears to us to be the true one. King David said: "I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, O Lord"—compass, that is, pass around and go to. How true is it that the candidate for Masonry compasses the altar, and having reached it, does he not offer a sacrifice thereon—the sacrifice of prayer, and the offering up of his vows? Some, perhaps, pray there who never prayed before. It is a solemn moment, and its lessons are for a life-time.

Man is naturally a worshipping animal—indeed, it is this quality which chiefly distinguishes him from the brute creation. All heathendom had, and still has, its altars. The famous city of Athens was wholly given to idolatry when St. Paul visited it, so that it is said to have been easier to find a God there than a man! There were altars to all the known Gods, and one to the unknown God!

Prof. Chase has termed the world-renowned Acropolis at Athens "one grand, vast altar." It was, and is, a natural altar. It is an immense table of rock, one hundred and fifty feet high, eleven hundred feet long, and five hundred feet broad. This altar is now covered with the remains of stupendous and magnificent temples, the grandest being the Parthenon. These ruins are the most remarkable in the world, exemplifying, as they do, such unique classic beauty, monumenting so vast a body of history, and suggesting so great a pageant of immortal memories. In the language of a modern historian: "As Pausanias saw it, the Acropolis was covered with statues, as well as with shrines. It was not merely a Holy of Holies in religion, it was also a palace and a museum of art. Even all the tides and slopes of the great rock were honeycombed into sacred grottoes, or studded with votive monuments."

There is one other well-known natural altar—the noted Rock of Cashel, in Ireland. Upon it is its great cathedral, the Parthenon of the place, and near by it is the holiest of all, the beautiful Cormac's Chapel. Around the base of the rock flourished a number of abbeys—all looking out upon the golden Vale of Tipperary. We do not wonder that men revered the Acropolis of Athens, and the Irish Rock of Cashel, since both seem designed by nature for the worship of nature's God.

Freemasonry now, whatever may have been its early origin and intermediate history, honours and worships the one only true and living God, who is the Grand Architect of the Universe. We believe in the principle of progress, and we think we clearly see how mankind and Mason-kind have been steadily advancing more and more into the light, and towards the highest truth. Among the Jews, the Abrahamic or patriarchal dispensation led up to the Mosaic or priestly, that to the Solomonic or kingly, and that in turn to the crowning ultimate or Christian dispensation, under which we are now living. So, if Masonry began, as some allege, in its simpler form in the earliest times, it is developed and been gradually evolved into its present highest form of pure Freemasonry. It owes this purity and prosperity primarily to one great cause—its acknowledgment of the one only true and living God, the prominent symbol of which is the altar in the lodge room.

Let us cherish the Masonic altar, together with the First Great Light which rests upon it, for in them is, as it were, the very life-blood of the Craft. Were there no God in Masonry, Masonry would be dead. Degrade the altar into a pedestal; remove the Holy Bible and replace it with the Book of Constitutions; take away the Square and Compasses, and substitute the crossed swords, and you sign, seal, and deliver the death-warrant of Freemasonry.—*The Keystone*, Philadelphia.

The Marquis of Hartington, Lord Rector of Edinburgh University, has offered a prize of twenty-five guineas annually, during his term of office, for the best historical essay, to be competed for by students of the University. The subject of the first essay is "The Share of Scotland in the creation of British India."

MASONS AS JUDGES, JURORS, &c.

There is a popular belief that Masons, when acting as judges, jurors, or citizens, frequently permit the guilty members of the Craft to escape such justice as they would measure to those not members of the Order. An eminent officer of the government addressed me on this subject, and although believing that such conduct was in opposition to the law of Masonry, yet he had no faith that it was adopted by many as the rule for their guidance. Not long since one of the Craft was tried in this State for murder. The evidence adduced was such as would authorise conviction, yet the jury failed to agree, nine being in favour of a verdict for murder in the first degree, and three for it in the second degree. Of the nine four were Masons—of the three, two were Masons; and the public generally believed that the disagreement was occasioned by Masonic influence in behalf of the accused, because he was a Mason. If the brothers who adhered to the lesser finding were controlled by the fact simply that the accused was a Mason, then it is hardly necessary to inform you that they failed to do their duty as jurors, and had no precedent for such action in Masonic law.

Masonry acknowledges the supremacy of the government, enforces respect for the civil magistrates, and enjoins upon its followers an obedience to law, to be exemplary in the discharge of civic duties, and to be quiet and peaceable citizens. It does not array itself against law, or seek, however remotely, to shield the guilty from punishment. It has its own trials, and convicts offenders who have been acquitted in civil courts by reason of legal or verbal technicalities; and, while it exercises, as far as practicable, a sympathising equity, it exacts, when the occasion demands, a rigid justice. There is no condonation of crime in Masonry. One is first a citizen, then a Mason. Bad citizens make bad Masons. Good Masons are always good citizens. They recognise their duties to society as paramount, and are aware that the general welfare reaches them as well as others; that, as all is more than a part, their duties as good citizens to the common community are among their primary obligations; and that support to the laws and the punishment of law-breaking is alike expected, irrespective of the professions of the offenders. It is time that less-informed Masons and the non-Masonic community should be told that neither judge nor jury, as Masons, have a right to avert a merited punishment from a guilty Mason, or in any civil procedure to have their verdicts influenced in favour of a party because he is a Mason. This is not Masonry, and if it were, then Masonry would be justly doomed.—*Grand Master Browne, of California.*

THE PRINCESS ALICE.

(From "England's Royal Home.")

LOVING MINISTRY.

"The following letter (recently found amongst some treasured papers), was written by the Princess Alice in the early part of the year 1861, which ere it closed, was to bring such deep sorrow to the Royal Home. It shows how truly she had already learned the lesson of sympathy which so markedly characterised her after life. Mr. Corbould, to whom the letter was addressed, had the office of drawing master to the Princess, and the loss he had experienced was the death of a daughter. The Princess wrote:—

"Tuesday Morning, May 24th, 1861.

"Dear Mr. Corbould,—Having just heard of your sad bereavement, I cannot refrain from sending you a few lines to tell you how truly I sympathise with and mourn over your loss. Having so lately, for the first time, seen death (the Duchess of Kent died in March) and felt its grief, and the anguish of losing one we love so deeply, so truly. I know what bitter trial you have, and how little words from others can bring comfort to the bleeding heart at such a moment. There is but One who can give you consolation, and we have that blessed hope of meeting again to part no more. She has only left you for a little while, and her gentle spirit watches over you, and waits for you. If the sympathy of one who feels, and that most warmly, for your grief, can bring you the slightest consolation, I do sympathise with all my heart. May God support, strengthen, and comfort you, and your wife and children, under this heavy affliction. This is the fervent prayer of

"ALICE."

* "England's Royal Home." By the Rev. CHARLES BULLOCK, B.D., Editor of "Home Words" (Hand and Heart Office, London, E.C.)

Mr. Manley Hopkins writes to the *Times* that the absence of caloric during the past winter has extended to Hawaii (20 deg. N. lat.), where, in January, the mercury touched 50 deg.—a very unusual reading in that latitude. Mr. Edwin Freshfield states that on the 25th of January, after a calm for some days, the Bay of Smyrna was, to the astonishment of the inhabitants, found frozen, the ice extending about 40 yards into the sea. There is no record of such a circumstance ever having occurred before.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The bowels should settle there may be prevented or dissolved by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible or irritating the most delicate organization. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort, and confer relief on every headache, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralyzed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[A.D.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has intimated his intention to appoint Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Earl Fortescue, to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. L. Huyshe, of Clyst Hydon. Lord Ebrington is Senior Warden of the Barnstaple Lodge, and is now only 24 years of age. His grandfather, however, was Provincial Grand Master of Devon for 42 years.

The Consecration of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday next, the 7th inst. We understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold has permitted the lodge to use his crest and arms upon the summonses, jewels and lodge banner, and has further conferred upon the lodge the distinguished honour of enrolling his name as its first honorary member. The day fixed for the consecration is the anniversary of the birthday of His Royal Highness.

In our report of the Holmesdale Lodge meeting last week Bro. J. Greig was described as G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; it should have been Past D.D.G.M.

Among the forthcoming pictures for the Royal Academy Exhibition will be a powerful work by Keeley Halswelle, A.R.S.A., entitled, "Waiting for the Blessing." The scene represents some groups of Italian peasantry, seated on a wall, under a brilliant sunlight effect, awaiting, with expectant faces, the appearance of Pius IX.

Bro. J. R. Hodgkins, a Past Master of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026 (E.C.), Hong Kong, China, has been visiting in Boston, Mass. Bro. Hodgkins was present in February, 1878, at the opening of the first Hindoo Lodge in Bombay. He also states that the first Parsee was made a Mason in Paris in 1847, and is still living.

MEMORY AND THE FINE ARTS.—Some extremely ingenious applications of the Mnemonic Art have been made by Bro. Stokes for teaching principles of the fine arts, in a little publication, "Stokes's Rapid Drawing," now before us. As its price is but a shilling, we advise all to read it, and we are confident that those who give the book most attention will be most pleased. All that is worth knowing is put into the book. Bro. Stokes is lecturing as usual at the Polytechnic.

The next convocation of the Frederick Chapter of Unity will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next, at 4 p.m., when the election of Principals and Officers for the year will take place.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Thomas, who is as celebrated for his pastry as his "Hots," has taken extensive premises at 167, Fleet-street, where we hope he will be as successful as he is energetic.

Their Royal Highnesses Prince Philip and Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha honoured Messrs. Felton and Sons, in Albemarle-street, on Thursday week, with a visit, and graciously favoured them with commands for the renowned "Specialite" Sherry.

PRESENTATION.—A set of gavel, made of sandal wood from Hawaii, having been presented to the Fortitude Lodge of Instruction, 131, Truro, by its sole honorary member, Bro. J. J. Taylor, W.M., of Penzance, on the eve of his leaving England, at the last lodge meeting, the hearty thanks of the members were voted to him. The gavel, each of which is suitably inscribed, were cut from wood Bro. Taylor obtained for the purpose from the King of Hawaii, David Kalagna, who is himself an enthusiastic member of the Craft.

The third biennial Aldersgate ball, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of Middlesex, and a large number of gentlemen of influence and position, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 24th inst. The band of the Hon. Artillery Company will attend, and Messrs. A. J. Altman, W. G. Howard, T. Illman, and T. M. Jones will officiate as Masters of the Ceremonies. The proceeds of the ball are to be devoted to one of the Aldersgate Charities.

The Haberdashers' Company have voted £10 10s. in aid of the funds of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, for the Education and Maintenance of the Orphans of Scottish Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines.

At a meeting of the United Wards' Club on Wednesday evening last, at the Salutation Hotel, Newgate-street, Mr. Bonnewell urged the advisability of establishing a fish market at Smithfield.

At the meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity on the 26th ult., Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, was, by the command of Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.J.W., W.M. 2, presented with an admirable painting, executed by Bro. Stephen Pearce, a member of the lodge. The subject of the picture is Col. Creaton himself, and the portrait is of life-like truth. The presentation was made by Bro. Chas. A. Swinburne, P.M. 2.

A presentation portrait of Bro. Sheriff Burt, painted in his official robes, has just been completed by Mr. J. Edgar Williams. It is said by all who have visited it to be not only a successful likeness, but an admirable specimen of the "art which doth immortalize."

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Advt.

Bro. Sheriff Burt will preside at the twelfth annual dinner of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 29th inst.

The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff Burt, and Mr. Sheriff Bevan, have accepted an invitation from the Master and Court of the Tylers and Bricklayers' Company to dine, on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Albion.

The Right Hon. Earl Cairns (the Lord Chancellor) will preside at the 90th anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, to be held at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday, May 7th.

THE OWL CLUB.—Monday was a "ladies night" at this club, when an excellent concert was given in the great hall of the Cannon-street Hotel. The attendance was good, and the selections gave evident satisfaction. The programme, consisting of glees, part songs, songs, ballads, and pianoforte solos, was rendered by Mr. Burgess Perry, Mr. A. James, Mr. Moss, Mr. Collins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Musgrave, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Harper. Mr. Burgess Perry was much applauded for his song, "Afton Water." Mr. James, with a fine baritone voice, gave, with considerable effect, the ballad, "The Thorn." Mr. Thompson's clear tenor was heard to advantage in several concerted pieces, and especially in his solo, "Just as o' Old." Mr. Hubbard assisted materially with his bold and powerful bass voice. These three gentlemen were undoubtedly the favourites of the evening. The part songs and glees were good; and Mr. Harper's pianoforte solo, comprising selections from Sterndale Bennett and Bach, was executed in artistic style. The club will reassemble early in October. The Secretary is Mr. C. E. Layton.

Sir Wilfred Lawson is to lay the foundation-stone of the Temperance Hospital on the 8th of May. Some twenty M.P.'s have already promised to assist at the ceremony.

Orders have been received from the Admiralty directing the armour-clad ships Nelson and Audacious to be completed, the former by the end of this month, and the latter by the middle of June. The Flying Fish is to be out of hand by the latter end of May.

The Council of the Royal Agricultural Society have added to the other attractions of the Exhibition by taking advantage of the railway embankment in the show-yard and arranging for an international horticultural display of growing plants. A comparative museum of ancient and modern farm implements will enable the visitors to form some idea of the rapid advance made in agricultural machinery during recent years. £13,188 has been allotted in prizes for live stock and produce. The subscriptions received by the Mansion House Committee amount to about £7000, whilst it is anticipated that at least £20,000 will be required to cover the expenses of the Exhibition. At Liverpool, last year, £7500 was raised by the local Committee, and taking into consideration the fact that the Show Yard this year will be fifty per cent, larger than at Liverpool, and that other expenses will be correspondingly large, it is evident that, unless the subscriptions be considerably increased, the Society will suffer seriously in its finances. All donations forwarded to the Mansion House (Agricultural) Committee will be gladly received and duly acknowledged.

The marriage of the Right Honourable Lord Richard d'Aquila Grosvenor, M.P. for Flintshire (only brother of the Duke of Westminster), with Miss Eleanor Frances Beatrice Hamilton Stubber, daughter of the late R. Stubber, Esq., of Moyne, Queen's County, Ireland, was solemnised on Thursday, in All Saints' Church, Ennismore-gardens, Knightsbridge. The Rev. John Blomefield, Vicar of All Saints, performed the ceremony. The wedding was carried out with almost Quaker-like simplicity, the bride being attired in a plain brown dress and bonnet to match. Her only bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Florence Hamilton Stubber, who was similarly attired. The bride's brother, Mr. Robert Hamilton Stubber, gave the bride away. There were scarcely 100 people present, and amongst them were the Duchess of Westminster, Lord Wenlock, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, &c.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the W.M. and several members of the York Lodge, 315, waited on Bro. Hugh Saunders, at his Brighton residence, and presented him with an illuminated testimonial. It marked the respect in which Bro. Saunders was held by the brethren, and their great regret at his retirement from the post of Treasurer, after holding office thirty-three years. Bro. C. Hudson, W.M., presented the address in appropriate terms, and his remarks were endorsed by several Past Masters and officers of the York Lodge, who formed the deputation.

OPENING A NEW STREET.—On Saturday last Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, M.P., accompanied by several members of the Metropolitan Board of Works, opened to the public a new street in connection with the Bethnal-green improvements. The street thus thrown open for traffic is 2,000 ft. long and 60 ft. wide, and forms a junction between High-street, Shoreditch, and the wide portion of Bethnal-green-road.

DULWICH COLLEGE.—The annual distribution of prizes to the boys of the Lower School Dulwich, took place last Tuesday in the large hall of the new building. The Rev. W. Rogers, chairman of the governors, presided on the occasion, and the Rev. Mr. Carver, head master of the College, and the Rev. Mr. Smith, head master of the Lower School, delivered addresses.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "The Paris Exhibition, its Lessons and its Warnings," in the Wardour Chapel, Wardour-street, on Thursday last. Mr. E. F. Storr presided.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, April 11, 1879.

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

SATURDAY APRIL 5.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 11, Fortitude & O. Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 1194, Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, APRIL 7.

- Lodge 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chbrs., Victoria-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, Crichton Club, 4, Adelphi Terrace.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8.

- Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderer, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Asley's Hot., Covent Gdn.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-st., N.W.
Mark, Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.

- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, Horus Tav., Kennington.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clekenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11.

GOOD FRIDAY.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 12, 1879.

MONDAY, APRIL 7.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool. (Installation.)
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1547, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 178, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11.

- Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallett, I.P.M.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. A. Cameron, P.M. 180; W. Stephens, W.M. Unity; A. H. Coleman, W.M. St. John's, Wapping; J. Endicott, 147; C. E. Gobby, 1599; W. Vincent, S.W. 1624. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Bendall and Lloyd, passed Bro. Whadcoat, and initiated Mr. Henry Hart, the ceremonies being well performed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.M. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Mallett for the very handsome manner in which he had proposed his health. In alluding to the encomiums passed upon him by the I.P.M., he said that he had simply done his duty as W.M. of the Lodge of Faith, and if he had given them satisfaction he felt amply repaid. If any action of his, however, had given offence to any individual member, he felt sorry, because what he had done had been carried out for the good of the lodge. In conclusion he said that he hoped to be spared many years to come among them as a Past Master, and he thanked them all very heartily for the very many acts of kindness that he had received at their hands. "The Initiate" followed, and was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Hart. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed his gratification at seeing so many distinguished Masons present, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way satisfactory to them. If there had been any shortcomings that evening in the "working" of the ceremonies, he trusted that their visiting brethren would kindly excuse them. Bro. Cameron, in reply, said he felt extremely gratified with his reception. He had been many years connected with their W.M., Bro. Dairy, and he congratulated him upon the great honour he had attained in being elected to fill the chair of so old and popular a lodge as 141 undoubtedly was. Bro. Stephens in the course of his response said that it was not the first time that he had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge of Faith, and of giving his humble meed of praise in honour of its "working" and hospitality. He congratulated them upon possessing a W.M. who was thoroughly imbued with the true principles of Freemasonry. He, their W.M., had been a regular attendant at lodges of instruction, and had endeavoured in every way to render himself worthy of the great honour that had awaited him in his mother lodge. In conclusion he complimented the lodge upon the very handsome amount their W.M. had taken up to the recent festival in connection with the R.M.B.I. (Hear.) The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." In the intervals several brethren musically entertained the lodge. The proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, terminated at eleven with the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627). This prosperous lodge held its last meeting for the season on Friday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. W. E. Gordon Leith, W.M.; B. F. Cramer, S.W.; C. E. Sappet, I.P.M., as J.W.; Hyde Pullen, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; George Matthews, S.D.; J. B.

Stevens, J.D.; Jos. Steele, I.G.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; Eugène Delacoste, W. L. Harvey, G. W. Tustin, J. B. Ball, G. T. Robinson, Chas. Waters, and R. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: F. Curlier, 11; D. Nicols, 12; E. E. B. Kidder, 12; H. C. Barker, 29; John Welch, 3; and F. Darnoisean, 1017. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Gustave Masson was balloted for, unanimously elected, and initiated into Masonry. The lodge voted £5 5s. (afterwards increased to £6 17s.) from the alms fund on account of the Secretary's list as Steward for the Boys' School Festival, and after the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed, and adjourned to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. Best's most superior manner.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—At the monthly meeting held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the lodge was opened at a quarter to eight by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c. S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cir.; Radway, Sec.; Cater, S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Peach, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The Past Masters present were Bros. Rubie, Moutrie, and Brown, P.P.G.S.W. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer read his report, as audited by the Committee, which was passed. At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the W.M. and some members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, as well as others, sought admission, when by request of the W.M. the Dir. of Ceremonies received them at the porch and conducted them to their seats. Among them were Bros. C. Collins, W.M. 53; Col. England, S.W. 53; Sumsion, 53, and P.M. 335; Gen. Doherty, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. 53 and 906; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Timmins, 53; W. F. Collins, 53; G. Bush, Org. 53; Vowles, W.M. 446; Innes, W.M. 639. Bro. Charbury was examined, entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, after which the candidate was re-admitted and duly passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Mercer explained the working tools, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the charge and also the lecture on the Tracing Board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. proposed that a very aged Mason, Bro. Marsh, who was initiated in this lodge in 1819, subsequently filled the chair of W.M., and has had an active Masonic career of 60 years, be elected an honorary member. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. At the request of the W.M. the S.W. then read a paper which he had prepared, giving some curious statistics and details, suggested by perusal of an old Masonic book in his possession, specially in connection with Freemasonry in Bath, drawing comparisons on some points between the two periods, making several suggestions based on his own experience of more than 30 years, lamenting the present apathy in regard to Masonic literature in the city, and the limited use made of the library, for which he accounted to some extent by the want of a resident curator and a reading room. The S.W. also mentioned that he had prepared for publication a series of large Masonic charts, which had been photographed, and that he hoped to raise a considerable sum for the Charities by the sale thereof. These he had been kindly permitted to dedicate to the W.M. Pro. Grand Master, and to the R.W. Prov. Grand Masters of Warwickshire and Devonshire. A vote of thanks to the visitors terminated the proceedings, and the lodge was closed at 9.30.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, March 27th, at the Asheton Arms Hotel. There was a fair attendance of members. The W.M., Bro. F. Fothergill, presided, and there were also present Bros. Hatton, S.W.; P. Lawton, J.W.; J. Reed, Sec.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; E. Dodd, S.D.; W. Clarke, J.D.; S. Hewitt, Org.; and J. Kent, Tyler. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary (Bro. Reid), and received confirmation. Mr. James John Dunbabin was proposed as a candidate, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was accordingly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. F. Fothergill, who likewise presented the working tools, and delivered the address. The ceremony throughout was very impressive. Hearty good wishes were accorded by a visiting brother, and charity having been attended to, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to the festive board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable evening to a close.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M.; D. Donbavand, I.P.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; J. Church, Secretary; J. Bladon, P.M., D.C.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; E. J. Cohen, I.G.; J. Wilson, Steward; S. Titmas, P.M.; H. Walmsley, L. Oppenheimer De Yongh, and R. R. Lesenden (Freemason). Visitors: R. Dottie, S.D. 1161; S. H. Ormerod, J.W. 1011; J. H. Greenwood, 163; W. Pettite, 581; and Matthew Owen, 163. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, as well as the emergency meeting, held March 12th, and of which a report was given in these columns. Bro. John Whitfield Edwards being a candidate for raising was interrogated by the W.M., and having answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner, withdrew. On his re-admission he was raised to the

Sublime Degree of a W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. D. Donbavand, I.P.M., in a truly impressive and faultless manner. Bro. Donbavand also presented the working tools, and Bro. J. Dawson delivered the charge, after which the W.M. assumed the duties of the chair, and by authority declared the M.M. Lodge was closed, and left open in Second Degree, which was also closed, and left open in the First Degree. The W.M. then informed the brethren of some particulars concerning the grant of £20 made by the Board of Benevolence to a member of the lodge, who had for some time past been in very needy and unfortunate circumstances. It appeared that a petition was signed by members of the lodge praying the Board to grant a sum of money for this brother's relief. The petition was favourably answered, and the sum of £20 voted. Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, thereupon wrote to the W.M., informing him what had been done for their brother, and enclosed £5 for his immediate want, the remainder to follow. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards assembled at the refreshment board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the newly-raised Bro. Edwards" was proposed and drank with enthusiasm, and acknowledged by him in a few well-chosen words. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was always a source of pride to him, and he was sure also to all the members of the Affability Lodge, to see visitors amongst them, and on this occasion he felt not only proud, but grateful to them for coming, on account of there being so few of their own members present. As he was well acquainted with the vocal and instrumental abilities of some of the visitors, he would ask them in place of the usual response to their healths to sing a song, and he would, therefore, call upon Bro. Ormerod to favour them. Bro. Ormerod, who was suffering from a cold, excused himself from singing, but gave a reading from Hans Breitman, in a very humorous manner, after which Bro. Dottie, who has gained great renown for his elocutionary power, recited a Lancashire story, which very much amused the brethren by the drollery of the incidents in it, and the comical utterances of the Lancashire dialect by Bro. Dottie. Bro. Pettite next sang the "Armourer," with great feeling, and was accompanied on the piano by Bro. J. H. Greenwood. This last gentleman gave, in masterly style, Sullivan's "From Rock to Rock," and accompanied himself, both singing and playing being effective. With a recitation by Bro. Donbavand, entitled "Little Jem," given in his usual masterly style, a most agreeable meeting was brought to a close.

MOTTRAM.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 320).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., the following officers being present: Bros. Wm. Hadfield, W.M.; Wm. Hanson, I.P.M.; Hugh Kinder, S.W.; Harrison, P.M., acting S.W., Treasurer; J. Ashton, P.M.; Rollinson, S.D.; Wardle, J.D.; Woodhouse, Sec.; Birch, I.G.; and Collier, P.M., Tyler. A goodly number of brethren were also in attendance, as were also several visiting brethren from Lodge Industry, 361. The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, at 6.30. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Smith, and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Smith was initiated by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Saxon then showed his proficiency, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Saxon was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The rest of the evening was spent in the usual Masonic manner at the festive board, and a most pleasant reunion was brought to a conclusion a little before 11 o'clock.

SYDENHAM.—Crystal Palace Lodge (No. 742).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Crystal Palace on the 3rd inst., Bro. C. D. Hume, W.M. presiding, the usual routine business was followed by the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. H. Speedy, being elected W.M.; Bro. Foxall, Treasurer; and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. The Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees having been appointed, several propositions were received for the installation meeting in June next, and the lodge adjourned. The banquet which followed fully sustained the reputation of the caterers, Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, concluding with a hearty recognition of the arrangements made by them for the comfort of the lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Speedy, S.W.; Dick Radclyffe, J.W.; T. Foxall, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Land, P.M., Sec.; Blundell, S.D.; Frederick Orme, J.D.; Eyre, I.G.; Lassam, W.S.; Cole, D.C.; Roberts, I.P.M.; Ayres, S. P. Acton, P.M.; Baxter, P.M.; Blott, Blunson, H. Cox, P.M.; Graddon, Hazelmann, Pullen, F. Speedy, H. T. Thompson, P.M.; G. Weeks, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. R. B. Newsom, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; C. Eaton, 1692; H. W. Chappell, 1553; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; J. B. Walter, and others.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Prilory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20, Sligo (I.C.), presided, and there were also present Bros. G. F. Jones, S.W.; G. Berry, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; T. F. Barrett, S.D.; W. D. Merritt, J.D.; F. D. Grayson, I.G.; A. Martin, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; E. E. Phillips, P.M. and P.Z. 379 and 1000, P.P.G.D.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Herman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. McCall

Walker, F. Howell, W. Griffin, C. Pooley, W. Wallis, G. Glasscock, H. Beecher, W. Poplewell, W. Waterhouse, G. R. Dawson. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Farr, 1536; E. Rowley, P.M. 879; and A. R. Foster, 1679. After the usual routine business, the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, the W.M., in a very able manner, initiated Mr. N. Millar into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and afterwards delivered the charge and the Lecture on the Tracing Board. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

CARLISLE.—Bective Lodge (No. 1532).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in their rooms, English-street, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. G. Noakes, 34th Regt., W.M., P.G.A.D.C.; G. Potter, P.M., P.G. Steward; G. Hetherington, Treas.; J. Cook, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Haswell, J.W., W.M. elect; F. Allen, J. Ewing, T. L. Thorpe, G. Oliver, J. Mason, W. Carrick, G. Thorpe, J. Relph, R. Atkinson, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Banning, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamonty, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*), and others. The Installing Master was Bro. W. B. Gibson, and the addresses were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy. The following were invested officers for the year: Bros. F. Allen, S.W.; J. Ewing, J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, Chaplain (re-appointed); G. Hetherington, Treas. (re-elected); J. Cook, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); T. L. Thorpe, S.D.; G. Oliver, J.D.; R. Atkinson, I.G. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, at 6.30 p.m., for banquet, which was served up in a most superb style. Bro. Haswell, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported by all the Past Masters present. A very pleasant evening was spent, and in the course of the proceedings Bro. Noakes, P.M., was presented with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, as a token of the very able manner in which he had performed the work of Bective Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Noakes, in reply, spoke of the many happy hours he had spent in Bective Lodge during the few years he had been stationed at the Carlisle garrison, and, though he was leaving the border city, he should make a point of visiting his old lodge now and again. Bro. Noakes, it may be mentioned, has been appointed Acting Conductor in the Commissariat and Transport Department of the War Office, and his new station is Glasgow.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The first regular meeting of the season was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 2nd inst.; the W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, ably supported by his officers, and assisted by Bros. Helsdon, P.M.; Vincent, I.P.M.; Garrod, P.M., and several brethren. Visitors: Bros. Holah, G.M.L., 1; Denison, 1541; Cecil Austin, 811; Greenwood, 100. The lodge was opened by the W.M. in the First Degree at 3.40, and the minutes of last regular meeting, of October, 1878, were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Paten was examined and approved, prior to raising. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Paten was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of M.M. On resuming to the First Degree, the W.M. feelingly alluded to the first loss the lodge had sustained by the death of their respected brother, T. Peach, and a letter of condolence to the widow was voted unanimously. The ballot was then taken for Bro. John Welford, as a joining member, and found unanimous in his favour. Bro. John Clark tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret. The W.M. then announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward for the Girls' School, and received the thanks of the lodge, with many promises of support. "Hearty Good Wishes" having been expressed by all the visiting brethren, and four candidates for initiation, and one joining member for next meeting in May, the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5.40. The customary banquet followed, with the usual Masonic toasts ably given and received—the musical brethren were also equal to their duties; and the meeting closed satisfactorily at 9 p.m.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Angel and Crown Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. J. Wilson, E. Amphlett, G. H. Edmunds, A. S. Paterson, G. P. Gillard, H. F. Bing, Alex. Paterson, W. Cock, F. G. Hubbard, R. L. Sindall, R. G. Jewell, Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., and several visiting brethren. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Keily, P.G.T. Middx., the W.M., Bro. J. Wilson, took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Amphlett, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Amphlett, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the Secretary convey to Bro. Keily the thanks of the brethren for the way he presided over them for the past year, and that a bar be presented to him to be added to the jewel that was voted to him on the completion of his first year as W.M. of this lodge. A vote of thanks having been given to Bro. Wilson for the admirable way in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent dinner provided by Bro. Jewell, and returned to town at an early hour.

ALFORD.—Hamilton Lodge (No. 1600).—The installation of the W.M. and festival of St. John was celebrated on the 31st ult. The hour of opening the lodge was fixed at half-past three in the afternoon, in order to accommodate brethren and visitors travelling by railway. Lodge was opened in due form, all the officers being in their places. The minutes of the previous lodge were read

and received unanimous confirmation. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province (Lincolnshire), W. Bro. E. Locock, and several Provincial Grand Officers being announced, were received with the usual honours. Bros. W. Budbent, C. Robinson, T. Needham, and F. Needham signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Cartwright Johnson, S.W., was now presented by the two first W.M.'s of the Hamilton Lodge (Bros. C. Smyth and R. Garfit) for installation, and the W.M., Bro. F. Higgins, passed him through the first stages of the ceremony. Upon the opening of the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. C. Smyth continued the ceremony, and installed Bro. Johnson into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The beautiful ceremony of installation was completed by Bro. Smyth in a manner which subsequently earned for him a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. R. Garfit acted as D.C., Bro. F. Higgins was invested I.P.M.; and the following officers were appointed and duly invested, viz: Bros. the Rev. B. A. Galland, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon, P.M. 1067, S.W.; E. A. Young, J.W.; F. Higgins, P.M., Treasurer; Chas. Smyth, P.P.G. Purst., P.M., Secretary; R. Garfit, P.P.G. St., P.M., D.C.; Dr. F. A. Handsley, S.D.; Dr. G. Bosson, J.D.; J. E. Mason, I.G.; W. N. Mason and C. Mason, Stwds.; R. P. Hodgson, Tyler. The visiting brethren were W. Bro. E. Locock, D.P.G.M.; F. D. Marsden, P.M. 712, P.G. Secretary; the Rev. G. Lowe, W.M. 272, P.G. Chap.; James Robinson, P.M. 792, P.P.G.D.; A. Bates, P.M. 792, P.P.G.D.; John Mawer, W.M. 712; Wm. Griffin, P.M. 712, P.P.G.D.C. Letters expressing regret at not being able to be present had been received from W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, Grand Master of Lincolnshire (a member of this lodge), and other distinguished brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Higgins, for the zealous and assiduous discharge of the duties of the office of W.M. during the past year, in which he has been punctually and effectively assisted by all the officers and brethren. Hearty congratulations were offered to the newly installed W.M. from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Oxfordshire and Lincolnshire, and from Lodges Apollo, 357 (Oxford); Harmony, 272 (Boston); Hundred of Elloe, 469 (Spalding); Lindsey, 712 (Louth); Pelham Pillar, 792 (Grimsby); St. Albans, 1294 (Grimsby). The honour of a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was referred to by Bro. C. Smyth, much regretting their honoured chief the Provincial Grand Master was away from home and not able to be with them. The W.M. in a few well chosen sentences conveyed the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Locock, who in reply stated he was exceedingly gratified with the hearty welcome accorded him; it was a pleasure to visit lodges of the calibre and standing of the Hamilton, and the skilful manner in which the work had that day been done, reflected infinite credit upon the lodge. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. Hibbitt. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Adams, P.Z., acting J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Buss, P.Z., Treas.; Lawrence, S.N.; Briggs, 1st Asst. S.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Foulger, P.Z.; Bolton, P.Z.; G. Everett, M.E.Z. 1381, H. elect. The visitors were Comps. Lockhart, Union; J. Michael, 829; T. C. Walls, J. elect 185 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Noton, Acacia, was ably exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his very efficient staff of officers. The ceremony of installing the Principals was then proceeded with, the "work" being carried out by the veteran Comp. T. Adams. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. Everett, H.; Lawrence, J.; Buss, Treas.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Briggs, P.S.; Maclean and Jones, Assistants. The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary and preliminary Royal Arch toasts were quickly given and duly responded to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.Z., and having been received with excellent "fire," the M.E.Z. responded in fitting terms. "The Exaltée" came next in order, and, having been duly drunk, Comp. Noton briefly replied. In giving "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. dwelt at length upon the merits of each. In concluding his remarks, he touched upon the services and abilities of the I.P.Z., and presented him with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him at the last convocation. Comp. Weaver, in reply, ably expressed his gratification for the kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had proposed his health, and in the course of his speech he said he should prize the jewel which they had awarded him most highly. In conclusion, he said he particularly desired to impress upon the minds of the young officers of the chapter, who were advancing to the high and honourable position which he had just quitted, the urgent necessity of being punctual in their attendance and zealous in the discharge of their duties. "The Second and Third Principals" followed. In pre-facing this toast, the M.E.Z. spoke highly of the qualities of Comps. Everett and Lawrence, who had been inducted to those responsible positions that evening. He felt confident that he should receive their hearty support and co-operation during his year of office, and, as the Third Principal had been compelled to leave early in the evening, he should call upon Comp. Everett to respond for himself and colleague. The Second Principal, in reply, having kindly and favourably reviewed the services of Comp. Lawrence to the Domatic Chapter, briefly said,

upon his own behalf, that, owing to very fortuitous circumstances, and over which he had no control, he found himself occupying the proud position of Second Principal of their old and deservedly popular chapter. As he held the positions of P.M. and Treasurer of the mother lodge, it was a very gratifying thing indeed to be on the road to the First Principal's chair in the chapter. As one of the oldest members of the former, he looked back with pride to the twenty-one years of his Masonic association with No. 177. In concluding his remarks, he said that, although at the risk of being thought egotistical, he would say that whatever position in Freemasonry he had held he had striven hard to conscientiously perform its responsibilities, and he believed that he had succeeded in pleasing those who had elected or appointed him to office. The companions of the chapter, therefore, might depend upon him to further their interests in every possible way. "The Treasurer and S.E." followed, and having been enthusiastically received, Comps. Buss and Cottebrune duly responded. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Lockhart, Michael, and Walls. "The Officers" and "The Janitors" terminated the proceedings.

HONITON.—Fortescue Chapter (No. 847).—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 19th ult., when there was a good attendance of the companions and visitors from the neighbouring chapters. Amongst others present were V. Ex. Comps. Keyworth, P.P.G.J.; Stone, Bruyn, Prov. G.P.S.; Maynard, P.P.G.D.C.; Woodgates, P.P.G.R.; Bishop, P.P.G.S.B.; and Haynes, Prov. G.A.S. The ceremony of installing Ex. Comp. J. Albert Orchard, as Z., and Ex. Comp. Barker, as H., was most beautifully performed by V. Ex. Comp. Keyworth. Comp. Read's absence, through ill-health, prevented the performance of the ceremony of installing him as J. The following companions were invested as officers of the chapter for the ensuing year:—Comps. Swann, S.E.; Thornton, S.N.; Ackland, P.S.; Ward, 1st Asst. S.; Gray, 2nd Asst. S.; Sutton, Treas.; Burrows, Reg.; Wilton, Standard Bearer; V. Ex. Comp. Woodgates, P.P.G.R., Org.; Comp. Goleworthy, Janitor. After the installation an exaltation took place, when V. Ex. Comps. Bruyn and Maynard rendered various portions of the ceremony in an able and impressive manner.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 37).—On Thursday, 3rd ult., the annual installation ceremonies of this conclave were held. In the absence of the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Thos. Cooper, who is labouring under severe illness, the ceremonies were performed by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, P.S., Int. Gen. unattached. The following is the list of officers for the year: Sir Knts. Earl of Zetland, Grand Viceroy of England, M.P.S.; J. S. Cumberland, V.E.; C. G. Padel, S.G.; G. Simpson, J.G.; L. Murphy, H.P.; A. T. Turner, R.; M. Millington, Prefect; T. Humphries, S.B.; W. P. Husband, Herald; H. Jackson, Sentinel.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of this college was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Fraters Stanton Jones, T. W. White, Cubitt, Weaver, Dewar, Foulger, Thiellay, Levander, Massa, Peck, Rosenthal, Dr. Woodman, George Kenning, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Reed, P.M. 733, was admitted to the grade of Zelator.

Royal and Select Masters.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Master, was held at 2, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. T. C. Walls, very ably filled the chair of Dep. M., assisted by Bros. Poore, Cooyer Smith, and Donald M. Dewar. There was a good attendance, and, after the usual business, the following candidates were duly admitted: Bros. W. Klingenstein, Mark Lodge, No. 2; George Kenning, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1; W. Hickman, St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 63; Fentham Hedges Weir, University Mark Lodge, No. 55, and other brethren.

We understand it is contemplated to establish a Masonic Club of the highest class in the neighbourhood of Pall Mall. Many distinguished Masons have already signified their approval of the scheme, and we look forward to the head of the Craft giving it his valuable support. Brethren desirous of obtaining further information should apply to Bro. Stephens, 8, Carlton Chambers, Waterloo-place, S.W.

The Earl of Hardwicke has met with another serious accident in the hunting field. He was with the Royal Buckhounds, and was thrown heavily while his horse was leaping a stile. No bones were broken, but it is feared his spine is injured. He was removed by special train to London.

The Consecration of Trinity College Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 244, will take place at Trinity College, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Col. F. Burdett, 32, assisted by Bro. W. G. Brighton, and other Grand Officers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, the annual meeting of West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 2nd inst. in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master (Sir Henry Edwards), assisted by Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew, and a large array of Prov. Grand Officers. Only six lodges out of sixty-six in the province were unrepresented, the attendance numbering about 250.

The customary salutations having been tendered to the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Tew, the following brethren were appointed as officers:—

- Bro. R. I. Critchley, 208 Prov. S.G.W.
- " B. Broughton, 302 Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. B. Towns Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. J. Room Prov. G. Chap.
- " C. L. Mason, 304 Prov. G. Treas.
- " D. Allison Shaw, 837 Prov. G. Reg.
- " H. Smith, 387 Prov. G. Sec.
- " John Fawcett, 904 Prov. S.G.D.
- " G. F. Crowe, 1211 Prov. J.G.D.
- " Pratt, 1034 Prov. G.S. of W.
- " J. Beedle, 1042 Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. Edwards, 296 Prov. G.D. of C.
- " W. W. MacVay, 154 Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " S. Suckley Prov. G. Org.
- " P. Parker, 264 Prov. G. Purst.
- " Thos. Knowles, 308 Prov. G.A. Purst.
- Bros. Dr. Paley, 837; S. Slack, 910; J. Menzies, 61; J. Sykes, 1514; C. E. Freeman, 275; and W. Harrop, 290 } Prov. G. Stewards.
- Bro. J. Lee, 290 Prov. G. Tyler.
- " J. Sheard, 208 Prov. G.A. Tyler.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, said—Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, it gives me much pleasure to greet you here to-day, for I feel that the progress of your Masonic Institutions has been one of success, and especially since this lodge was first opened in 1789, and of prosperity since its warrant was renewed in 1839. We cannot, therefore, but feel gratified that the Craft has been once more invited by the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, to hold the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner in Huddersfield, a lodge in which the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw, exerted his benign influence for very many years in the cause of Freemasonry. When last I occupied this chair in this hall, it was for a few brief moments, on the occasion of the assembly of the brethren to render a tribute of respect to the memory of a virtuous brother and excellent Mason, and to pay our last homage to departed worth. No one who looks around this hall can fail to be struck with the portraits of many administrators in the Craft in this province, and how well you have invoked the painter's skill to adorn your walls with the likenesses of the rulers and governors of our Order. Let us imitate their virtues, and follow in their footsteps, and practise the lofty principles of these builders and founders of our Institutions, whose resemblances you have been pleased to perpetuate with such fidelity. Moreover, when I examine the roll of this lodge, I find the names of a large number of Past Masters, the majority of whom have been thought worthy at various times to hold different offices in this Provincial Grand Lodge. No brother who reads the names of those who form your list of Past Masters, no one who noted the record of their services, can doubt that the Masonic work they have accomplished has been done for this lodge under the most able guidance, and has been of a thoroughly solid and satisfactory character. Your present Worshipful Master, Bro. W. C. Keighley, can look back upon a brilliant set of Masonic occupants of the chair which he himself, I am well assured, fills in an accomplished manner; and his warm heart, which at Barnsley prompted this invitation, will, I am sure, reflect with genial influence beneficially over every action of this lodge, whose charity, harmony, and prosperity will always be deeply interesting to me and to the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The latest illustration of your principles is the generous contribution of nearly £90 to the "Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund Prosecution," and £50 to the "Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund;" and further, the Worshipful Master has set a good example by making himself a Steward at the annual festival of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, accompanied by a donation to each of these Masonic schools. This Lodge of Harmony is, as it were, the centre of a Masonic system. Where we meet to-day we are surrounded by other lodges of planetary brilliancy. There is a lodge, No. 290, with ninety-four members; No. 521, with 100 members; No. 1514, with seventeen members; No. 652, with twenty members; No. 140, with thirty-five members; No. 1783, with fourteen members; and this centre lodge itself, No. 275, with ninety-seven subscribing members. Thus we see with what success Freemasonry has ramified and increased until this part of West Yorkshire is covered with Masonic institutions, after the same pattern as our central institution, the Grand Lodge of England; and the importance which is represented by the brethren and friends I see gathered around me; and by the lists of the lodges, which testify to the number of novitiates who, under your auspices, are entering Freemasonry and the world of geometric science and of moral culture. Since we met under the Friendly Lodge, I and my Deputy, Bro. Tew, attended the festival on the 12th February of the Aged Freemasons and Widows, in the Freemasons' Hall. We supported our gallant friend and neighbour the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, when the largest sum collected within those walls was announced; and, in consequence, at the meeting of the Committee of this Institution the following

day, it gave my Deputy and our Secretary, who were present, the satisfaction to acquaint me that the number of vacancies for widows was increased from six to sixteen. (Applause.) As the Chairman of our charity will shortly inform us, this province has one widow and two aged men candidates for our sympathies. This augmentation of admission will give our voting power and our efforts a far higher prospect of success for these worthy but unfortunate claimants on our benevolence. Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman have laboured earnestly for us, and will do their best at the elections. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with success. When we last assembled at Barnsley we offered our sympathies to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the death of her daughter Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. To day it is our duty to express our felicitations towards the same Royal lady on her acquisition of a Royal daughter-in-law. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who, on the day of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, was described by our Royal Grand Master as the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Craft, has been united in marriage to the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia. We offer the congratulations of the Craft in this province, not only to Her Majesty, the Patroness of our Order, but also to the newly-wedded Royal couple. May this bride and bridegroom realise the heartfelt aspirations of the Craft that there will be a most ample fulfilment of the promise ratified in the ancient chapel of St. George, at Windsor, of a happy and contented married life. (Applause.) Our Poet Laureate has said of his typical English Margaret—

"From the westward-winding flood,
From the evening-lighted wood,
From all things you have won,
A tearful grace as though you stood
Between the rainbow and the sun."

The new English Margaret has indeed a tearful grace, and on Thursday, the 13th March, in St. George's Chapel, this Royal lady stood indeed "between the rainbow and the sun." (Applause.) The time has again come round when I must part officially with those of the acting Provincial Grand Lodge officers, and select other to fill their chairs for the coming year. The demands upon the services of these retiring brethren have been indeed during the year just closing excessive. I thank all the outgoing officers for their zeal, and the ready performance of their, at times, difficult duties; and, perhaps, more particularly the Registrar, on whose time, patience, and legal knowledge this province has largely drawn. But in the annual constitutional change of officers comes the most difficult, onerous, and disagreeable of my duties—so many worthy brethren on whom I should like to confer Provincial Grand Lodge recognition, and so few official favours to bestow. I always approach this duty with difficulty, anxiety, and delicacy—viz., out of a long list, yearly increasing in number, to select names for the ensuing year of the most energetic, able, and zealous Past Masters. Those brethren, therefore, who shortly will receive from me the appointment of office must, under the difficult circumstances by which I am surrounded, accept even the lowest office it is in my power to offer them as the equivalent of the highest position in the Craft. It is not by placing you in a chair that I can best confer recognition on your Masonic labours. I want you to feel your work in the Craft is far more precious than that which lodge rank confers. It is because your labours and generosity cause your names to be respected in every lodge, it is because you give to your Masonic work something which to my mind is far more precious and rare than the mere merit of the apron of Provincial Grand Lodge—intelligence, and the single-hearted devotion of a well-spent Masonic life. I thank you all, and honour these Past Masters because they have helped the lodges within and the brethren without, and because they have touched the chords which have evoked the impulses of benevolence and charity towards others who could not without assistance help themselves, either within or outside the walls of the lodge. It is for their mental and administrative endowments I appreciate and recognise and thank them most; for their examples of fortitude, prudence, and justice. The best of endowments and the most enduring reward they can possess is the memory they leave in their lodges, which impels those who come after them to strenuous efforts and exalted aims. I accept the invitation of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, to meet at Batley, in October, the place of the next Provincial Grand Lodge gathering. In consequence of the depression of trade, and other matters which I named at Barnsley at the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I deem it inexpedient this year to hold an intermediate quarterly meeting in July. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, also addressed the brethren, joining in expressions of gratitude to the retiring officers, especially paying a high compliment to the zealous, genial, and able manner in which Bro. Malcolm had discharged the duties of Prov. Grand Registrar, an office which had largely trespassed on his time during the past year.

In the course of the day the Prov. Grand Master, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Malcolm with a handsome jewel as some slight but permanent recognition of his services, and expressed the pleasure he felt in pinning it on his breast.

Bro. Malcolm briefly acknowledged the gift, but felt he had done no more than his duty as a Mason.

[We are indebted to the Yorkshire Post for the above report, and regret we did not receive it direct, in time for our last issue.]

The Premier has sent £150 from the Royal Bounty Fund to Lord Houghton for Mrs. Llanos, the sister of Keats.—Athenaeum.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Chapter was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on the 3rd inst., a numerous assemblage of companions from all parts of the province testifying to the interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry in this district. Amongst those present were Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Stacker, M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent; Comps. R. H. Hutchinson, as Prov. G. H.; Dr. Royle, as Prov. G. J.; J. B. Carr, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; W. O. Walker, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; Wm. Roberts, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Chas. Davis, Ralph Landless, Thos. Hargreaves, P. Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourners; G. P. Brockbank, T. J. Hooper, P. Prov. G. Treasurers; T. S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; E. Heywood, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Ellis Jones, Benj. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearers; E. Sleight, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; R. Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Jas. Varley, Prov. G. Org.; T. R. Peck, J. W. P. Salmon, W. Nicholl, Prov. G. Stwds.; Thos. Mitchell, Prov. G. Janitor; and representatives from all the chapters in the province, with only one exception.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at 1.45 p.m., and after the roll of chapters had been called over and letters of apology from absent Provincial Grand Officers had been read, the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent called attention to the fact that the absence of the 2nd Prov. G. Principal, Comp. J. L. Hine, was occasioned by a painful bereavement, namely, the loss of his beloved wife. The Provincial G. Superintendent in fitting terms then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Hine. The motion was duly seconded and carried, with universal expressions of sympathy with Comp. Hine in his deep affliction.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as were also the accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter for the past year.

Comp. Edmund Heywood was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following companions as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, and they were severally invested with their jewels of office, and saluted accordingly, viz:—

- Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Prov. G. 2nd P.
- " Franklin Thomas Prov. G. 3rd P.
- " John Tunrah Prov. G. Scribe E.
- " James Newton Prov. G. Scribe N.
- " Geo. Higgins Prov. G.P.S.
- " Denis Towers Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " R. Timperley Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " Edmund Haywood Prov. G. Treas.
- " John E. Anderton Prov. G. Reg.
- " John Smethurst Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " Julius Arensberg Prov. G. Std. B.
- " John W. P. Salmon Prov. G. D. of C.
- " Edwin Halliwell Prov. G. Org.
- Comps. Saml. Haworth, N. Jones, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- R. Gornall }
- Comp. T. Mitchell Prov. G. Janitor.
- Comps. John E. Lees and Thos. Grime were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter accounts.

A Committee was appointed for the purpose of framing a code of bye-laws for the government of the Prov. G. Chapter.

It was determined that the Scribe E. of each chapter in the province be desired to send a copy of the circulars, convening meetings of chapters, to each of the three Prov. G. Principals.

A grant of £10 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed at 2.45 p.m., and the companions adjourned to banquet at the Old Bull Hotel.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

This promising branch of philosophical Masonry is still putting forth fresh leaves of the eternal acacia. Although its progress has been comparatively slow, its vitality is evinced by many satisfactory tokens, no doubt to be followed by many more. The strong, calm good sense and energy of the Lancashire and Cheshire men has done much to promote the success of the Primitive and Original Rite of Freemasonry, which illustrates in so remarkable and pleasing a way the purity and eternity of Craft Masonry. Those acquainted with its excellent principles earnestly advocate its extension, and labour unceasingly to water the branch so successfully planted by the original founders about three years since. And among these labourers there are none more deserving of honourable mention and reward than our brethren, the members of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9, of Liverpool, the meeting of which occurred on Thursday last, under the presidency of W. Bro. W. T. May, supported by W. Bro. Thomas Clark, P.M. of the lodge and Temple. The Royal Oscar Lodge was actually founded by Bro. Thomas Clark, and the Supreme Council of the Rite have recognised his eminent services by promotion to a high office in Supreme Grand Lodge. It would be perhaps invidious to mention the names until officially given, and hence we do not give them now, but they will doubtless be announced in our next issue. They have had two severe losses this year in the persons of Bros. Captain Charles Scott and H. F. T. Irwin, whose several devotion in their special positions will ever remain engraven on the pillars. The meeting of the Royal Oscar was interesting, as several brethren were admitted, advanced, and elevated on the occasion.

Bro. R. N. Field, has removed from No. 28, to No. 77, Cheapside.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A special meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 24th ult. At 4.30 the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, No. 5, was opened by Bro. C. H. Rogers Harrison, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. W. G. Brighton, P.M., Grand Supt. of Works, and Prov. G.M. Sec. of Middlesex and Surrey, who proceeded to the installation of Bro. A. W. Hume, as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the W.M. advanced Bro. Turner to the degree of M.M.M. The Mallet and Chisel Lodge was closed at 6 p.m., when the P.G. Lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M.M., Col. Francis Burdett; the V.W. F. Davison, D.P.G.M.M.; Major C. H. Harding, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Prov. G. Chap.; C. Hammerton Prov. G. Treas.; R. Davies, Prov. G. Reg.; W. G. Brighton, P.G. Sec.; F. Draege, P.G.J.O.; R. P. Spice, P.G.S.D.; S. W. Lambert, P.G.J.D.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. B. Batten, Sword Bearer; A. W. Hume, Standard Bearer; H. Court, jun., Org.; E. Passawer, I.G.; C. Palmer, W. L. Nicholls, and R. W. Brown, Stewards; W. Taylor, P.P.S.W.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.O.; R. H. Thrupp, G.J.O.; E. S. Bakie, P.M.O.; J. Stevens, P.P.M.O.; and J. K. Pitt, W.M.

There were likewise present the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Henry Lovegrove, jun., 234; H. J. Stark, 5; H. J. Sparks, J. Horton, W.M. 176; E. J. Hoare, Org.; H. C. Jepps, E. W. Lote, B. Haynes, S.O. 211; M. Ramsey, P.M. 13, W.M. 7; E. Hopwood, S.O. 181; and C. H. Rogers Harrison, P.M.M.

The first business of the evening was to confirm the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on 29th June, 1878, and these having been duly confirmed, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighton, then proceeded to call over the roll of lodges, twenty-one in number, and reported on the great progress made by the province during the past year, the lodges therein having increased in number, and each in number of members.

The following Mark lodges were represented:—Keystone, 3; Mallet and Chisel, 5; Carnarvon, 7; Hiram, 13; Macdonald, 104; Percy, 114; Panmure, 139; Grosvenor, 144; Era, 176; Francis Burdett, 181; Croydon, 198; Duke of Connaught, 199; Hammersmith, 211; West Smithfield, 223; Menatschin, 224; Brixton, 234.

The following were unrepresented:—Studholme, 187; Clapton, 236.

The P.G. Sec. further reported that warrants had already been granted for three new lodges in the province, and that they would be consecrated during the ensuing month, namely, Prince Leopold, 238; Royal Naval, 239; and Trinity College, 244.

The proposed new bye-laws were then read, and it was moved by the V.W. Bro. Davison that such bye-laws be adopted by this province, and that the Prov. Grand Sec. do forthwith have a proof thereof prepared and submitted to Grand Mark Lodge for the purpose of taking its opinion thereon, and, if possible, obtain such opinion and consent of Grand Mark Lodge prior to the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in June next, when these minutes would come on for confirmation.

This motion was seconded by Bro. James Stevens, P.G. J.O., and carried unanimously.

Several letters of regret for enforced absence were read, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

FREEMASONRY IN EUROPE.

An American with American ideas of Masonry can form no conception of the difference between Masonry here and in Europe, particularly on the Continent. Here the rule is to find Masons everywhere; there it is the exception. The peculiarity of European society may in part account for this; again, it may be due to the difference in the price of labour between the United States and Europe.

In this country the doors of Masonry are open to every man of good moral character who has a friend to propose him who desires to become a Freemason, and has the small amount of initiation fee required. In Europe this is all different. Many men are members of the Order there, entirely unknown to any but the brethren; much more secrecy is practised; emblems of Masonry are seldom or never worn. The members of the lodges, as a general thing, are much older than here, mostly, even in the middle-class lodges, heads of families, or principals of some factory, business, or store, or perhaps government officers. A journeyman or clerk a Mason is hardly ever seen; and, it is safe to assert, a private soldier, or even a non-commissioned officer, never. Very few Masons in Germany ever advance beyond the E.A. degree; all business is transacted in E.A. lodges. Much decorum, and a generally worn and uniform black dress, with neat white gloves and aprons, are observable in the lodges.—*New York Masonic Newspaper.*

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Nearing completion in Fleet-street, at the corner of Poppin's-court, is a handsome new building, which it is intended shall in some measure form a memorial of the ancient history of the site. It was here that the town house of the abbots of Cirencester stood, and many years afterwards a celebrated inn called the Poppinjay. The new building is in the Italian style, in red brick and stone, with enrichments of Sicilian marble and majolica.—*Citizen.*

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The first annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held recently at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Among those present were R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M., who presided; Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, H. Horton, the Rev. W. Whittle, S. Hyne, S. Jew, L. D. Westcott, V. Bird, J. B. Gover, E. Aitken-Davies, D. Box, K. Lose, F. B. Westlake, John Lynn, G. R. Barrett, R. Pengelly, G. J. Firks, J. R. Lord, R. Cawsey, and Bircham.

Bro. Whittle raised the question whether the bye-laws prepared by the Committee ought not to be confirmed by that general meeting before other business was proceeded with, but the Chairman ruled that the agenda paper should first be gone through.

The following officers were elected:—Bros. Lord Ebrington, L. P. Metham, J. Tanner-Davy, the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, W. Moore, W. Derry, W. Vicary, Jas. Murray, and F. B. Westlake, the number being limited to nine; G. R. Barrett, and S. Jew, Auditors; V. Bird, Treas.; J. B. Gover, Sec.; H. Horton, R. Lose, and S. Hyne, Finance Committee; the Rev. W. Whittle, S. Jew, D. Cross, R. Lose, Stonehouse; W. Vicary, Newton; S. Jones, Exeter; A. A. Carter, Exmouth; T. Perry, Torquay; W. Brodie, Okehampton; S. Loram, Dawlish; J. Tanner-Davy and the Rev. Mr. Russell, Southmolton, the Educational and General Purposes Committee, with the Chairman of the annual meeting, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Honorary Solicitor, as ex-officio members.

The number of candidates to be elected at the coming election was then discussed. It was thought the average cost of each would be £15 per annum, and at present the Treasurer had received about £125, of which £101 10s. was from Life Governors, Vice-Presidents, &c., and the remainder (over £20) from eighty annual subscribers of 5s. and 10s. each. It was urged that the money subscribed by the life voters should be invested and capitalised, and not used as present annual income, but it was decided to leave that question open for the next general meeting. The present amount received by the Treasurer was considered to be no criterion of what the income would be, and as large sums were known to be lying in various lodges, and not yet sent in owing to the lodges not having made up their accounts, it was ultimately agreed that the election of candidates should commence with the election of four, the present prospects of the fund admitting of this expenditure. Some difficulty had occurred in arranging with the Prov. G. Secretary to grant the certificates of periods of subscribing membership of the fathers of candidates, and it was arranged that the matter should be left to depend on the reports made by the lodges to which the fathers belonged. It was decided that deceased members' families who had removed out of the province should be entitled to furnish candidates, and that a special general meeting of donors and subscribers to elect to the four vacancies should be held in June; all applications of candidates to be sent in by May 13th.

The question of confirming the bye-laws was next considered, and it was resolved that it was a mistake to consider them finally adopted by the resolution of the committee meeting of March 19th, and that they must be put to the general meeting. They were so put, and carried, and adopted.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE AT WHITBY.

On Friday evening, the 28th ult., an elegant and attractive conversazione and musical and miscellaneous entertainment took place in the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, under the auspices of the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Lion Lodge, No. 312. It is not often that the uninitiated have a chance of entering the Masonic Hall, perhaps the most commodious and well proportioned assembly-room in the borough, and since the last gathering of a semi-public nature was held there the interior has been beautified and embellished, in excellent taste and in a superior style of artistic treatment. The W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, is now presiding over the Lion Lodge for the fourth time, and his third year of office, 1878, was distinguished by the improvements alluded to in the lofty and spacious hall, towards the consummation of which his own liberality and resources contributed very materially. The present was therefore an appropriate and well chosen time for such an assemblage as the one under notice. It is perhaps unnecessary to inform those who had not the privilege of being present that there was nothing in the order of procedure or in the externals that met the eye to reveal any of the secrets or mysteries peculiar to the Craft. Nevertheless, the brethren who attended were easily distinguishable from the non-elect, as they moved about in the gay and lively throng, by their Masonic clothing—Craft and Royal Arch—which in the eyes of many was pleasing from its novelty, if for nothing else. Each member of the lodge had liberty from the W.M. to introduce two friends, and as the gathering numbered about 150 altogether, it was evident that the opportunity had been duly improved. The attendance included the W.M., many of the Past Masters, the officers and brethren, and a numerous body of both lady and gentlemen visiting friends. The large hall had a brilliant appearance; and in addition to the musical attractions and social pleasures, there was an extensive collection of valuable pictures, which were exhibited in an effective manner. The owners of these fine works of art kindly lent them to enhance the gratification of all interested in the success of this event, and as the collection included the productions of most of our well-known local artists, it will be readily believed that it was one of the choicest which has been brought to-

gether for many years. There was also an exhibition of curiosities, telephone, and other scientific instruments, the aggregate forming an instructive and highly interesting variety of objects. The arrangements were excellently contrived and carried out by Bros. Moss, P.M., Stonehouse, P.M., Waller, and others. The first part of the evening's entertainment consisted of a programme of select music, in which Bros. Hallgate, P.M., Armfield, and Padel (J.W. Eber Lodge, York) performed some first-class instrumental music in an admirable style. Bro. Armfield favoured the company with a song. Bro. Padel executed a sonata in exquisite style, and Bro. Hallgate was applauded in his masterly solo on the violin. Miss E. Marwood was encored in her song, "My Laddie, far away." The solo and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales," concluded the first part. The second part was miscellaneous, and was composed of suitable readings by Bros. Bottomley, P.M., and Wolsey, S.D., a recitation by Bro. Stonehouse, P.M., and songs by Bros. Hallgate, P.M. (Organist to the lodge), Godfrey Hirst, P.M., Crowther, J.W., Farrow, J.D., Trueman, S.S. (who was enthusiastically encored), and others. Bro. Padel was pianist. There was an ample and varied supply of superior refreshments, which were served during the evening; and the Stewards, Bros. T. H. Trueman and T. Harland, were very attentive and active in ministering to the wants of their brethren and visiting friends in this important department. The proceedings from beginning to end were animated and agreeable, and were kept going with unceasing and unflagging zest until a late hour of the evening; the W.M., the Past Masters, officers, and brethren co-operating with great harmony to make the occasion one of unmixed enjoyment.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

The regular meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, 7th of January, 1879. Present: R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, D.G.M.; W. Bros. James Hart, D.G.J.W., acting D.D.G.M.; J. I. Miller, D.G.R., acting D.G.S.W.; T. W. Kingsmill, P.D.B.G.P., acting D.G.J.W.; the Very Rev. Dear Butcher, D.D., acting D.G.C.; Peter Orme, D.G.S.; Robert Fergusson, D.G.S.D.; H. Evans, D.G.I.D.; F. J. Marshall, D.G.S. of W.; H. S. Morris, D.G.D. of C.; Lewis Moore, D.G.S.B.; G. B. Fentum, D.G.O.; J. Brown, D.C.P.; H. D. Camajee, W. H. Anderson, Bro. B. Palamoutain, and W. Bro. R. G. Goldspink, D.G. Stewards; Bro. T. Hore, D.G. Tyler; W. Bro. W. H. Short, W.M. 1027; Bro. Wm. Miller, S.W. 1027; A. Robinson, S.W. 570. Visitors: Bros. E. P. Lalcaca, Sec. 501; J. Inokay, M.M. 501; W. Bros. A. Weiller, P.D.G.W. of District Grand Lodge of Japan; D. Hay, D.G.T. of District Grand Lodge of Japan; Bro. T. W. Harrocks, Member of the District Grand Lodge of Japan; W. Bro. W. Birt, P.M. 428, S.C.; Bros. J. Petersen, 428, S.C.; R. Anderson, 428; W. Bro. W. L. Koch, jun., P.M. Lodge Germania; Bros. G. Baffy, D.M., T. Huchings, and Chas. Schmidt, Lodge Germania; W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M., Bros. A. Bruse, G. L. Skinner, W. Graham, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Con.; J. Sharples, 477; and others.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at five p.m. with solemn prayer.

The circulars calling the meeting were read, and the minutes of the last regular communication were read and confirmed.

The President of the Board of General Purposes was then called upon to present the report of the meeting of the Board.

The report was received and ordered to be inserted in the minutes of the District Grand Lodge.

The next business before the District Grand Lodge being the election of a District Grand Treasurer for the year, W. Bro. Miller, D.G.S.W., asked if any one had consented to act, and the R.W. the District Grand Master stated he was happy to say that W. Bro. Orme had done so. W. Bro. Morris, D.G. Dir. of Cer., enquired if it was allowable to take the vote by acclamation, and the R.W.D.G.M. said he had looked at the bye-laws and found it must be by ballot. This having been taken, it was found on opening the ballot box that W. Bro. Orme, D.G. Secretary and P.D.G.J.W. of China, had been elected unanimously. Whereupon the W. Bro. addressed a few words to the brethren, thanking them for the honour they had conferred on him.

The R.W.D.G.M. said that it was not customary in District Grand Lodges to re-appoint officers from among those who had already held office, but as this was a small district, he was enabled to advance brethren who had served and had worked well during the past year, and had also been regular in attendance, without debarring any worthy brother from a position in D.G. Lodge. He then proceeded to appoint the following officers:

W. Bro. J. Hart, P.M. 525	...	Dep. D.G.M.
" J. I. Miller, P.M. 1027	...	D.G.S.W.
" T. W. Kingsmill, P.M. 570	...	D.G.J.W.
" P. Orme, P.M. 1027	...	D.G. Treas.
" H. Evans, P.M. 501	...	D.G. Reg.
" R. Fergusson, P.M. 570	...	Pres. D.B. of G.P.
" W. H. Anderson, W.M. 570	...	D.G. Sec.
" A. B. Menzies, P.M. 1433	...	D.G.S.D.
" H. S. Morris, P.M. 570	...	D.G.J.D.
" F. J. Marshall, P.M. 238	...	D.G. Supt. of W.
" L. Moore, P.M. 1027	...	D.G. Dir. of Cer.
" J. Brown, P.M. 501	...	D.G. Swd. B.
" G. B. Fentum, P.M. 525	...	D.G. Org.
" W. H. Short, W.M. 1027	...	D.G. Purst.
Bros. A. Johnsford, W.M. elect 501;		
E. P. Lalcaca, acting Sec. 501;		
W. Miller, S.W. 1027; D. A.		D.G. Stewards.
Emery, W.M. elect 1433	...	
Bro. F. Hore	...	D.G. Tyler.

In accordance with bye-law No. 10, the brethren then proceeded to ballot for three members to serve on the District Board of General Purposes, and on the same being closed, the following were declared elected:—W. Bro. Moore, P.M. Tuscan Lodge, 1017, D.G. Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Short, W.M. Tuscan Lodge, 1017, D.G. Pursuivant; and Bro. Johnson, S.W. and W.M. elect Royal Sussex Lodge, 501, D.G. Steward. In the case of the latter it was explained that although not at present eligible to serve, he would be so before being called on to act, as he was the W.M. elect of the Royal Sussex Lodge, 501.

W. Bro. Moore, acting D.C. Treasurer, now presented the accounts for 1878, which shewed a balance of Tals 136.02, and on the motion of the R.W. the District Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. Kingsmill, D.G. Junior Warden, these were received and passed unanimously.

The R.W.D.G. Master then said a well-known brother had spoken to him in lodge a few meetings back, saying that he failed to see what beneficial effect Masonry had produced. He did not dispute the excellence of its foundation, but he observed that it did not apparently regulate the conduct of many who had been admitted to its privileges. This, brethren, the R.W.D.G.M. observed, is a matter for our very serious consideration. It behoves us not simply to study our own lives and actions, but also teaches us to be careful not to introduce any into the Craft who will not conscientiously fulfil the promises they make previous to their admission. Should any one desire to join our lodges, he ought to be told that the institution being founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, those who enter it are bound to act up to these principles. After the candidate has acknowledged his belief in the G.A.O.T.U. he is urged to practise every virtue; the address delivered to him on conclusion of the initiatory ceremony points out more fully the line of conduct expected from him. Perhaps brethren, if we look fully into our own conduct, we may find much in it which requires amendment: many of us now present are Installed Masters, and we ought not to forget that when we received the benefit of installation we were especially warned to impress upon our brethren the dignity and high importance of Masonry—we were serious to admonish them never to disgrace it—we were to teach them to practise out of the lodge those duties they were taught within it, so that by amiable, virtuous, and discreet conduct they might prove to the world the large beneficial effects of our institution. If every Master would act up to these precepts, I am perfectly sure we should have an improvement amongst the members of the Craft generally, so that remarks similar to those of the brother alluded to could not be made with justice. I would earnestly ask the co-operation of all present to the end that we may elevate the name of Mason to something beyond an empty title. In closing our lodges in the Second Degree, we always call upon the brethren to remember that the eye of God is upon them, wherever they are or whatever they do, and if, brethren, we carry this feeling with us out of lodge, it will regulate our lives in such a manner as to make members of our fraternity respected by the world at large. Be especially careful whom you introduce into Masonry, lest you cause a slur to be cast upon our institution. Before proposing a candidate for initiation, you should ascertain whether he has seriously considered what Masonry really is, and what it demands of its professors, and if you find him to be sound on these points, then by all means propose him, but do not propose any one unless you have fully explained to him some of our principles; we should thus raise our Masonic standard, and instead of as at present, giving the outside world a chance to sneer at our institution, we shall gain the esteem of all right-minded men. Brethren, I trust you will duly think on these remarks, which I commend to your earnest consideration.

The R.W. District Grand Master then congratulated the brethren of the District Grand Lodge on having among them as visitors members of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, and lodges working under Scotch, American, and German Constitutions, but more especially the former, as there were Past District Grand Warden, and the District Grand Treasurer present. W. Bro. Weiller, Past D.G. Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, replied, returning thanks for the reception he and his brother visitors had received.

W. Bro. Nya, D.G. Registrar, asked a few questions regarding the knocks given in the various degrees, to which the R.W. District Grand Master replied.

There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with prayer, at 6.20 p.m., the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

LODGE SUPPERS.

Three times a day the world is happy—at breakfast, dinner, and supper—the only exceptions being in the cases of those persons who have nothing to eat. It may not consist with our idea of the intellectual and spiritual dignity of man to deride his most frequent and pronounced happiness from the gratification of his appetite, but it consists with facts as they exist, and have always existed. Eating and drinking, whether or other, fill a man with happiness, with good cheer, and also, not unfrequently, with good sense. At breakfast he is ready for business, after dinner for business, pleasure, and after supper for pleasure, and sleep. Masonry, with its sagacious practical character, takes a man as it finds him, and finding him to be in the sense a feeding animal, it provides for filling him with good things material, as well as good things moral and intellectual—in other words, in accordance with the traditions and usages of the Craft, the banquet or supper has been considered an integral

part of Masonry. The wisdom of this provision is apparent, for it grows out of the nature of man. There is nothing merely fanciful or theoretical in Masonry—its purposes are all practical. It aims to mould its members into a true brotherhood, and to supply to each the means to gratify his moral, intellectual, and physical wants. The Holy Bible is the fountain-head of its morality, the sciences and arts the sources of its intellectual teachings, and the banquet-table the seat of its pleasures, physical and mental. And Freemasonry has never been conspicuously prosperous, gathering together the large body of its membership at regular meetings, except when labour and refreshment were steadily combined.

It is a great mistake to omit the supper or collation from the regular proceedings of a lodge; it does not pay to omit it. Neither work, nor a lecture, nor even a Grand Visitation, will attract like a banquet. It may be humiliating in some respects to make the statement, but it is true. Men love to eat and drink, and to chat over it, and enjoy good fellowship, and make new acquaintances. While in the lodge they are required to be distressingly orderly, but in the banquet-hall they may talk at will, laugh until they grow fat, sing a song or make a speech, and all in the intervals of tickling their palates with toothsome solids and inspiring liquids. If the reader has not discovered it before we inform him now, that we are pronouncedly in favour of the supper or banquet in Masonry, and for the same reason that we are in favour of supper at home in the circle of the family—it attracts all "around the mahogany," and unites all into a loving throng.

We do not know whether King David, when he made the declaration, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," had in his mind's eye a host of brethren whose minds and hearts formed, as it were, one great unit, and the contents of whose stomachs were precisely the same, because they had filled them from the same bounteous table; but we do know that disagreement at a lodge table is impossible. When the stomach is full of good things the head is empty of all bickerings, and especially when sentiment, jest, and general good-fellowship accompany and follow the liquids and solids. If a serious difference of opinion should ever arise in a lodge, let it be ordered to lie on the table—the supper table—for sure are we that it will never be taken up from there. At a banquet no one wishes to taste of that dish. While there, every brother realises that grand saying of our traditional Grand Master, King Solomon: "He brought me to the banquetting-house, and his banner over me was love." When the brethren are enjoying a lodge supper they are in the Craft's banquetting house, the very atmosphere of which is an atmosphere of love. We breathe it with every breath, and it fills us with good thoughts, good feelings, and good humour.

One of the wisest known traditions of antiquity, handed down to us in mythology, is the story of a certain banquet of the gods in Olympia. There was a Royal marriage in heaven, and all the deities were invited to the nuptials except Discordia. Enraged at this slight, she who was the friend of Mars, the god of war, and the sister of Death, and who had been dismissed by Jupiter from heaven because of her continually fomenting quarrels in the supernal household—this Discordia, at the banquet of the gods consequent upon the marriage, threw a golden apple among the guests, bearing the inscription, "to be given up to the fairest." Thereupon Juno, Venus, and Minerva each claimed the apple for herself. Jupiter ordered the three goddesses to Mount Ida, to submit their claims to the judgment of Paris—who decided in favour of Venus. The Trojan war followed, in the human world, when Venus naturally took the side of Paris, and her rivals, Juno and Minerva, that of his opponents, and thus did gods on both sides fight with men, and hence the ruin of Troy, and the infinite misfortunes of the Greeks. But all this occurred in an imaginary world, among the imaginary beings. In the real world, with which we have to do, no apple of discord ever appears at our banquets.

Another of the legends of Olympia tells of a feature of the banquet of the gods that is no less unknown upon earth, and especially in Freemasonry. It horribly relates, that Tantalus, preparing to feast the gods, had boiled the mangled body of his son. The frightful banquet had begun, when the crime was detected, and the Goddess of Fate drew from the cauldron the revivified body of Pelops. One shoulder only was missing—Ceres had unfortunately swallowed it! but the place of the absent limb was ingeniously supplied by an artificial one of ivory. And Tantalus was hurled to his merited doom in Tartarus. Now, Freemasons do not prey upon each other in any manner—we have heard of "roast missionary," but never of roast Freemason. Backbiting is forbidden in Masonry!

Brethren, let us rightly estimate and wisely use the banquet, for it belongs to Masonry as truly as our daily meals do to the regime of our families. There are in it the elements of sociability, conviviality, and fraternity, and in its absence there is nothing else that can take its place. There is no better antidote to non-affiliation, no surer source of attraction to the entire membership of a lodge, and no greater pacifier and harmoniser in the Masonic world than a lodge supper!—*Philadelphia Key-stone.*

We are glad to hear that Bro. Thomas, who is celebrated for his poetry as his hats, has taken extensive premises at 167, Fleet-street, where we hope he will be as successful as he is energetic.

Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., has accepted the presidency of the Birmingham Society of Artists for the ensuing year.

The Brussels Gothic Museum have purchased for £8000 the picture of the Holy Family, by Quentyn Matsys, from the clergy of St. Pierre at Louvain.

Notes on Art, &c.

At the ordinary meeting of the Royal Society on Thursday week last, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross was elected a Fellow, and the following were elected as foreign members:—Arthur Auwers, Berlin; Luigi Cremona, Rome; J. L. A. de Quatrefages, Paris; Georg Hermann Quincke, Heidelberg; Theodor Schwann, Liège; Jean Servais Stas, Brussels.

The next concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society will be given on Saturday evening, April 19th, in aid of the funds of the Royal Scamen and Marten Orphan School at Portsmouth, under the patronage of the Duchess of Edinburgh, who has signified her intention to be present.

THE TURKISH LANGUAGE.—The Turkish Commission on the alphabet propose, we learn, to go even further than we lately stated. Besides applying the Arabic alphabet phonetically to maps, they are prepared to recommend for staff military maps that, while Turkish orthography is preserved, the Roman alphabet shall be used. This is supported by the plea that the Arabic alphabet does not allow so many names to be put on a map in the same space as the Roman. This, of course, is a step by Mudif Effendi towards Romanising the Turkish language and increasing the Romanised area in Europe—*Athenæum.*

The artist Couture has died in France at the age of sixty-four. His most celebrated painting, "Les Romains de la Décadence," hangs in the Paris Luxembourg, and his "Baptism of the Prince Imperial" is also well-known, while his works in general were remarkable for the immense amount of labour and finish bestowed upon them.

SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS.—Dr. Jules Crevaux has brought his second journey through Guiana and across the Tumac Runic range into Brazil to a successful termination, having reached Para in the middle of January. He has paid special attention to the geology of the region traversed, and is bringing home with him numerous observations taken on the rivers Oyapock and Paru. We hear that Dr. Otto Finckh will shortly start on his expedition among the islands of the North Pacific, but Captain H. Sengstake will be unable to accompany him, as he has undertaken to lead an expedition for the relief of Professor Nordenskiöld. Dr. Bastian, who started on a scientific expedition in Persia, India, and the Eastern Archipelago in the early part of last summer, has written from Calcutta to the Berlin Geographical Society stating that he is about to leave that place with the view of pursuing his ethnological studies in Assam and Java.—*Academy.*

The Ober-Ammergau Passion-Play has been performed recently at San Francisco, where a storm of indignation has been aroused by its representation. The manager, however, refuses to withdraw the play, and points to the extreme decorum and reverence which has prevailed amongst the audience as a proof of the propriety of the production. The acting is highly spoken of, and Bach's *Passion Music* accompanies the play.

Sir Joshua Reynolds's chair, in which so many of his sitters were painted, will probably be presented to the Royal Academy by Sir Frederick Leighton. The chair was last in possession of Sir Francis Grant, and at the sale of the remaining works of the late President it was bought for 73 guineas by Sir F. Leighton, who at the same time acquired a sketch by Sir Joshua for a picture of Edmund Burke and Lord Rockingham, in which the chair appears.

The statue of Harvey, to be erected in commemoration of the discoverer's tercentenary, is to be executed by Mr. Bruce Joy, who is the artist of Model B in the exhibition of the competitive designs at South Kensington. Mr. Joy's design shows Harvey in his doctor's gown, standing upright, with head erect and his right hand placed on his breast to feel the pulsations of the heart, while in his left hand is the heart of some creature. The features—as in the other designs—are copied from the portrait by Jansens in the Royal College of Physicians. The statue will be of bronze on a granite pedestal.

It is announced in the *London Gazette* of last week that the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the First Class on Captain Peter Sharp and John McIntosh, A.B., of the Annabella Clark, of Ardrossan. The following is an account of the services in respect of which these decorations have been conferred:—On the 20th November, 1878, at about 5.45 p.m., a fire suddenly broke out on board the French ship *Mélanie*, which was lying in the River Adour, at Boucan, near Bayonne, loaded with 500 barrels of petroleum, of which 40 were on deck. A mass of flame shot up from the main hatch, and the ship quivered all over from the explosion of some of the barrels. The ship's seams opened at once, and the petroleum pouring through spread a belt of flame around the ship. The master and a seaman then jumped overboard, but the mate remained to try to save his son, who was lying helpless under some heavy objects which had fallen on him. Captain Peter Sharp, master of the Annabella Clark, of Ardrossan (which was lying close by in the river), accompanied by a seaman named John McIntosh, came at once to his assistance. They rowed their boat through the flames, picked up the seaman who had jumped overboard, and took the mate from the blazing vessel. Captain Sharp and McIntosh both sustained severe injuries. It was feared at first that Captain Sharp would lose the sight of one eye and John McIntosh the use of his hands.

Mr. Alfred P. Newton has been elected a member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours; and Mrs. Helen Coleman Angell and Mr. Herbert M. Marshall have been elected associate exhibitors.

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BIRTHS.

HOPKINS.—On the 6th inst., at 2, Upper Berkeley-street, Portman-square, Mrs. Edward M. Hopkins, of a son.

MIRAMS.—On the 4th inst., at 29, Pemberton-gardens, St. John's-park, N., the wife of Mr. Augustus Mirams, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

NASH—MATTHEWS.—On the 5th inst., at the Parish Church, St. Marylebone, by the Rev. Dan Greatorex, B.D., cousin to the bride, Arthur J. Nash, to Emmi, youngest daughter of Stephen H. Matthews, Esq., of Park House, Hanwell.

DEATHS.

HINE.—At Manchester, on the 3rd inst., in her fifty-third year, Harriett Hardwick, wife of Bro. Joseph Lancaster Hine, P.P.G.S.W. of East Lancashire.

PHILIPS.—On the 6th inst., at 28, Belgrave-road, S.W., Caroline, wife of Captain N. G. Philips.

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WHAT FREEMASONRY DOES NOT DO.

Though it is sometimes difficult, as they say, to prove a negative, yet there is no difficulty, as it seems to us, in laying down categorically, alike for the information of friend or foe, what Freemasonry does not seek to do, and *does not* do, under any circumstances here, despite the assertions of the malevolent, the cynical, or the intolerant. There is a great deal of pseudo-Freemasonry going on in the world just now, which, though it apes the form and assumes the name of our excellent Order, is not really and truly, and cannot be ever Freemasonry proper, in that it is as different from it as light is from darkness, as truth is from falsehood. For instance, Freemasonry knows nothing whatever, even in the slightest measure, of political questions; it entirely and happily ignores altogether theological controversies. Those burning debates in the great arena of political struggle which so divide and agitate persons and communities in this combative and combatant world of ours, do not intrude their "shibboleths" of party within the peacefully closed recesses of our lodges. Those endless subtleties and sophistries, those logomachies of worthy but wordy disputants, which often so distress the religious mind, and so divide the religious world, are not permitted, luckily, to harass the consciences of Freemasons, or impede the peaceful progress of Freemasonry. If, then, in any jurisdiction we note to-day political partisans rampant, or hear of ill-concealed or ill-omened cries of seditious sympathy; if on colourable pretences, or upon no pretences at all, the religious, but not sectarian, the universal, but not sectional character of Freemasonry is made to yield to a resolute faction, or a turbulent clique, much as we may deplore the fact, we may fairly exclude that special portion of the Masonic family from our consideration, "pour le moment." It never can be too often repeated that Freemasonry positively ignores and repudiates all political questions, and, in our opinion, none have any moral, much less a legal, right to discuss, "in secret," be it noted, public measures at all, and not even these "social questions," which are always best regulated whether by the municipal or legislative bodies of the country. Indeed, the idea which in some jurisdictions its members appear to take of Freemasonry is this, that it is a sort of secret debating society, in which the most abstruse social questions and the most absurd and visionary theories may be safely and profitably brought before the lodge. We have in this the secret of intense weakness of much of foreign Masonry. The authorities of any country have clearly a right to object to a secret Order discussing matters of government and even social questions, and it is this tendency to render our lodges political and social debating clubs which has too often brought down upon Freemasons abroad the disapproval and interference of the general or police authorities. There is another custom in some jurisdictions abroad, which cannot be too much reprobated. Each Mason is armed, and the consequence is, that the authorities lock upon Freemasons in lodges as an armed body of secret conspirators. Freemasons are by their principles, which never change, peaceful citizens and loyal subjects, hostile to anarchy and revolution, friendly to tranquil progress and loyal improvement, and we have felt that in these two special particulars some foreign jurisdictions gravely err, and raise up "stumbling blocks" where otherwise, probably, none might be found to exist. True Freemasonry does none of these things, but holding aloof from political complications and disavowing the "odium theologicum," above all, it seeks to maintain "peace with all men," and to advance and develop a spirit of good will and geniality among all classes and all conditions of mankind. One other mark of true Freemasonry is its comprehensiveness. It seeks to exclude none who honestly accept and avow the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." It imposes

no tests, it asks for no submissions; it desires to lay down no limitation of thought or membership, except what is rational and of immemorial usage. To proclaim Freemasonry to be a society without a God, without a moral law which comes from God and is of God, must ever be fatal to any such body of men, for such a theory outrages the innate sympathies and convictions of us all alike. On the specious and hypocritical pretence of liberty of conscience, to take away from countless believers the right of acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U. at all is one of the greatest proofs of perverted views and tyrannical irreligion which it has been our lot, in this generation, at any rate, to realize. Thus, then, true Freemasonry never seeks to renounce the universal and immemorial acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. as the foundation truth, the vital teaching of Freemasonry. Neither does it, on the other hand, seek to exclude any who, accepting this ancient and simple "formula," agree to assist each other in humanitarian efforts and "labours of love." From this reality of things arise the breadth and height and width of Freemasonry, perhaps at first sight somewhat of a "paradox," per se, but yet that distinguishing characteristic which renders it the admiration of its friends and the astonishment of its enemies. We find that some considerations flow out of these remarks, which we will deal with in our next number.

A SAD CASE OF PERSECUTION.

We can hardly realize that we are living in the year of light 1879, when we read of the persecution of Bro. Simonsen, a Norwegian clergyman, simply because positively he is a Freemason. It seems that Bro. Simonsen was originally located in Norway, and became, unfortunately for him, an initiate in the Masonic Order at Christiania, and he subsequently went to America, and settled in Wisconsin, U.S., as a minister to Norwegian congregations. The Synod, adopting the views of the Missouri Synod, seems to have desired to censure him in the annual assembly, and in his attempt and "trap" Bro. Simonsen appears to have defeated his opponents utterly. The Norwegian congregations clung to their "Pastor" for three and a half years, despite every sort of attack and slander, and even personal violence, when Bro. Simonsen thought it better for the sake of prudence, peace, and safety to return to Norway. Here, however, the same opposition was revived, and a special attack was made by a Rev. Mr. Preuss on Bro. Simonsen as a Freemason, and so angry was the feeling that the Bishop said he could "not see how a minister could remain a Mason." By these proceedings he was practically silenced, and had to withdraw from the ministry. He has come to England, we understand, to seek some assistance for himself, and his wife, and his young family from the brotherhood, and, as we understand, also to enable him to bring his case before the "Storting"; the brethren at Christiania are, in the meantime, taking care of his wife and children. Our worthy Bro. Bent, P.G.C., a high authority on Swedish matters, has lent his well-known name in support of Bro. Simonsen's appeal, and we confess that we have every confidence that his story is true, and that he deserves the sympathy and support of the Craft. He has published a pamphlet, or rather the translation of his address to his own people, which seems to us a very clear and straightforward document. If his statements are true, and we have no reason to doubt their literal exactness, on the contrary, we think that his is an "over true tale," alas! for the liberality and toleration of 1879. Some of our worthy brethren may interest themselves in the case, and we should suggest a conference, at which Bro. Simonsen might be asked to attend, and state his own position fully and freely. To any such arrangement we would give our hearty support. In the meantime Bro. Lake, at 198, Fleet-street, will give any information to brethren who may wish for it. It does seem a "strong order" and "hard lines" indeed, that in 1879 a Norwegian minister, simply because he is a Freemason, should be driven from his post, and left to starve with his wife and children. But does anything surprise our readers in this queer world of ours? Certainly nothing surprises us.

THE BUDGET.

Though it be a trite remark that Freemasons are not politicians, and know nothing of party, most properly, like other fellow citizens, they are keenly alive to that very serious fact, the "incidence of taxation," and the amiable calls of the untiring tax collector, with which the contemporaneous history of our great people is so intimately and closely bound up. Some of us may remember an olden skit, which declared and demonstrated that Britons were "taxed for everything" in this nether world, yes, "everything," and though since that time fiscal reforms and happy alleviations have lightened the burden of our Anglican "Issachar," yet, quite enough remains to prove that with us taxation is still a reality, a necessity, and a luxury combined. It will be a great relief to many honest Masonic breadwinners to be told, on the "best authority," that, except a slight additional duty on cigars, pace our young men, (a very proper tax indeed), there is to be no increased taxation in the current year. This will be very good news to many up and down the land who read the *Freemason* carefully week by week, and, like them, we ourselves feel to be in a very grateful and contented mood of mind, when studying the formidable array of figures and the bristling army of facts, which constitute the new Budget of her Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer. We are glad also to note some faint gleams of reviving trade and of returning prosperity, and we trust sincerely, as despite hasty vaticinations and profound calculations, that most important and able official has so well brought out his own figures in the twelve months that are sped, so in the year to come his auguries may be realized, and his satisfactory arrangements made still more satisfactory to a confiding and taxpaying people. We shall all of us probably, independently of mere politics, as Masonic philosophers, if you like, take rosy or despondent views of the "situation," as the case may be. But, perhaps, after all the best and safest mode of treating all such subjects is to adopt the good advice and better example offered to us by the facetious and friendly poet. So pray attend and practise his directions, kindly readers all—

"Some public principles he had,
But was no flatterer nor fretter,
He rapped his box when things were bad,
And said, 'I cannot make them better.'
And much he loathed the patriot's snort,
And much he scorned the plieeman's snuffle,
And cut the fiercest quarrels short
With 'Patience, gentlemen, and shuffle.'"

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
You will perhaps permit me to add in this week's impression, that any of my brethren who may kindly retain votes for me will find me (D.V.) in Freemasons' Hall on Saturday and Monday next, and I shall be most grateful for every vote.
Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I much regret, for one, the tone and temper displayed by "Memphis" in your last issue, in his letter on this subject. The most serious objections may fairly be made, even by the most neutral, much more by the partizan, to the whole style and verbiage of his diatribe. I am not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite myself, and, therefore, write quite calmly on the subject, but I doubt much the good of such letters as that in your last, and almost wonder at your allowing it to appear at all, without tremendous pruning, at any rate. For, to say the truth, the whole animus is as un-Masonic, and ungenerous, and ungenial as can possibly be conceived. And knowing how many excellent men and Masons form part of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I think, for one, "Memphis" had better amend his taste, his similes, and his vocabulary, before he ventures to write again on the subject.

Even as an outsider his letter strikes me as "mighty offensive." I know the difficulties editors have, who wish to be fair, in pruning or excluding correspondence, and probably the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country will say, "What does it all signify, this 'leather and prunella,' it amuses 'Memphis' and don't hurt us?" Seriously speaking, "Memphis" cannot fairly adduce any arguments from the Constitutions of 1786, which are either real, historical, or valid.

That the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite have a right to have a central authority in England is to me clear as day. If "Memphis" wishes, keeping clear of personalities, attacks, and inuendos, I shall be happy to discuss the matter with him in the pages of the *Freemason*.

But I much fear that the letter from the last paragraph is only another attempt to "puff" that ridiculous rite of "Memphis."

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OUTSIDER.

THE RITE ECOSSAIS, ANCIEN ET ACCEPTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been drawn to the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for the present year, and as the advertisement on the title page sets forth its being "A comprehensive Masonic book of reference, with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe," I am at loss to know how its compiler or editor could possibly have fallen into so grave an error as that which I find at page 211, where, under the heading of "Grand Orient of France, Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree," the honoured name of Adolphe Crémieux is given as Sovereign Grand Commander of that body.

The Supreme Council of France, Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepé, acknowledges as its T.P.S. Grand Commander, Grand Maître, the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, Senator, and not the Grand Orient. As your Calendar circulates extensively throughout these countries and abroad, it is but right this error should be corrected, as it cannot fail to be prejudicial to the interests of the Supreme Council to attribute its Gr. Commander, Gr. Master, to the Grand Orient, which latter body has completely suppressed the Grand Mastership. I am desired by the Grand Treasurer, the V. Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwalb, 33°, to request a correction in the columns of your journal, in the name of the Supreme Council, and as the Council is too important a body to be thus completely ignored, I append a list of its officers and members.

As I am well aware that the position of the Supreme Council and Central Grand Lodge of France with reference to the Grand Orient is not generally understood by the majority of the English brethren, and that too frequently the lodges under its obedience have been confounded with those of the Grand Orient, I will simply state that the lodge summonses bear a heading which translates thus, "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe," and the better to explain the position, I send you certain short articles on "Freemasonry in France." Perhaps one of the most important occurrences in the history of Freemasonry during this century took place on the 24th October last year—I allude to the Grand Masonic Fête, held under the auspices of the Supreme Council of France, in honour of the foreign brethren prior to the close of the International Exhibition. I cannot soon forget the magnificent picture which the interior of the palace of the Trocadero presented upon that important occasion, nor the brilliant addresses delivered by the V. Ill. Gr. Commander Crémieux, and the Gr. Orator, the V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago. In the words of the Grand Chancellor, the V. Ill. Bro. George Guiffrey, 33°, reviewing this important circumstance: "On the occasion of the International Exhibition we celebrated a Masonic fête, at which Masons from all quarters of the globe were gathered together; the most distant Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges responded to our call, and we have seen hastening to this rendezvous, held in honour of peace and labour, the followers of Hiram spread over the entire face of the globe. Even in the outer world, France herself exercises an influence upon the entire destinies of humanity, and in this circumstance we have proved that Freemasonry of the "Rite Ecossais" has been called upon in France to perform an important rôle in concert with the Freemasons of the entire world. We fully recognise the proofs of sympathy and regard which have been evidenced to us upon this occasion in assuring to foreign Supreme Councils our spirit of concord and devotion; in unison with them we will onward march in the progressive path of civilisation, since it is universal Masonry which should assure to us the definite triumph of the great principles of fraternity and justice."

Needless to say this memorable fête was presided over by the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, and that amongst the visitors and representatives from foreign Grand Bodies were the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; the Grand Chancellor, J. M. Pulteney Montagu, D.L. (whose able reply on behalf of the foreign brethren was admirably given in the French language); the Grand Secretary-General, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, and others; many of the Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges of Europe and America having been also represented. Yet, in the words of the Orator of the Central Grand Lodge of France, the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, "Who will guarantee but that within a century it will not be said that the grand Masonic fête of the Trocadero was presided over by Ad. Crémieux as Grand Master of the Grand Orient?"

I shall conclude this communication with a passage translated from a letter of the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, addressed to the V. Ill. Bro. Delongray (Grand Capt. of Guards and member of the Administrative Executive Commission of the Supreme Council)—"Strangers contest the regularity of our lodges; we should make ourselves recognised, but to do this we must show ourselves, act, speak, proclaim our principles, since our very existence, even, is ignored in London."

I am, Sir and Bro.,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. H. LLOYD, LL.D., M.R.I.A., 32^d, France.

7, Lower Gardiner-street, Dublin,
April 7th, 1879.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, RITE ECOSSAIS ANCIEN ET ACCEPTE.

- M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master—V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, Senator.
- M. Ill. Lieutenant Grand Commander—V. Ill. Bro. Baron Taylor.
- Grand Secretary General, Grand Chancellor, and Keeper of the Seal—V. Ill. Bro. George Guiffrey.
- Grand Treasurer General—V. Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwalb.
- Grand Orator—V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago.
- Grand Master of Ceremonics—V. Ill. Bro. Sapin.
- Grand Captain of Guards—V. Ill. Bro. Delongray.
- Grand Standard Bearer—V. Ill. Bro. Proal.
- Grand Sword Bearer—V. Ill. Bro. Meige.
- President of the First Section—V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.
- President of the Second Section—V. Ill. Bro. Sapin.
- President of the Third Section—V. Ill. Bro. Meige.
- Members of the Administrative and Executive Commission of the Supreme Council—
The V. Ill. Bros. Proal, Meige, and Sapin.
President of the Financial Commission—
V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.
- Offices of the Supreme Council, 46, Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having of late years left correspondence in your columns very much to younger men, it may appear unseemly to interfere on a question purely local, concerning a province not now my own. My Masonic life has been spent in four provinces, each respectively for 10, 9, 8, and 5 years, and, having been active in all, I naturally still feel an interest in their doings, more especially as an honorary member of lodges in all. I see that the venerable and beloved P.G.M. for Devon has at last resigned his high position, which he has so long filled with credit to himself and advantage to the Craft. His love for it has induced him to retain the office for many years, during which most men would have sought repose; yet no one who saw him, as I did, at the last provincial meeting could charge him with deficiency in mental vigour during a very lively discussion, for though courtesy and kindness have been marked characteristics of his character, he could and did act with decision and firmness when necessary. When I was first under his rule we several times differed materially on important points, yet he was open to conviction, and there was no departure on either side from kindly personal feelings. My experience in Devon convinced me of the desirability of dividing the province into two portions, and this was greatly strengthened by what occurred at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Okehampton last autumn, so much so that I sent you a letter on the subject, which appeared in your columns on Sept. 7th. I am glad to find that the course I then advocated commends itself to many brethren in Devon, and that steps are being taken to bring the matter before the M.W.G.M. The following appear to be the chief points in its favour:

1. The great extent of the province, about seventy by sixty-five miles.
2. The large number of lodges, nearly fifty, and more than half that number of chapters.
3. The scattered position of the lodges, and the difficulty the brethren have in attending meetings at so great a distance.
4. The impossibility of Provincial Grand Lodge holding meetings, except at very long intervals, at all the lodges, where a hearty welcome would be given.
5. The fact that there are two great centres, Exeter and Plymouth, widely apart, the one in the south, the other in the north, each somewhat jealous of the other in regard to appointments in the Prov. Grand Lodge.
6. There are now upwards of 400 P.M.'s, and the number necessarily increases at the rate of more than thirty annually, who stand no chance of the purple, though many of them have proved themselves highly worthy of such distinction.
7. The inequality between so large a province and many small ones, with less than a fifth of the number of lodges, where Provincial honours are conferred upon brethren who have never passed the chair.
8. The difficulty in selection which the Prov. G.M. encounters, and hence the risk of his popularity among those who are passed over.
9. The present seems a most favourable opportunity for making so desirable a change, which may not occur again for many years.

Commending the matter to the careful consideration of those in whose hands the power is vested, and trusting that the examples of Yorkshire and Lancashire in this respect will be deemed ample precedents for the course proposed,

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. H.,

P.P.G.S.W., P.M., P.Z., &c.

THE "FREEMASON" IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Public attention is now largely directed to Her Majesty's colonies in the various districts forming South Africa. Far-seeing commercial men regard the whole as a magnificent field of a very immediate future for the display of energy and enterprise. The temporary settlement of 10,000 British soldiers, and the arrangement of many disputes other than those involved in the Zulu war, will tend to the further development of the material interests of the different colonies forming a South African dominion. The readers of the *Freemason* will be glad to know that our Craft exists there in strength, numbers, and prosperity. A hearty welcome will, therefore, be in readiness for such of our brethren as may be proceeding to the Cape

on loyalty, business, or pleasure bent. The Freemasons of South Africa share "labour and refreshment" under two Constitutions, the Dutch and the English. The Masonic lodges under the Dutch Constitution are 21 in number, under the English 25, the Royal Arch numbering 8. The numerical strength of the fraternity is considerable. Hitherto the brethren there have been without representative literature. The readers of the *Freemason* will be glad to know that a spirited effort is about to be made by the proprietor of the *Freemason* to promote a further union of the lodges of the colonies and the mother country by establishing a local agency for your valued journal, and the other three Masonic publications issued from the Fleet-street depot. On Friday, April 4th, Bro. A. F. Baxter, recently initiated in the Lion and Lamb, sailed in the "Warwick Castle," with his young bride, to settle as a mercantile agent in South Africa, and to act as special representative for Bro. George Kenning's publications. The object of this letter, Mr. Editor, is threefold: 1. To draw the attention of the brethren at home to the strength and importance of the fraternity in South Africa, and to ask them to regard their progress with continued affectionate interest. 2. To acquaint our South African brethren that the four Masonic publications can henceforth be supplied regularly by R. W. Baxter & Co., Cape Town, and forwarded to subscribers in all parts of the colonies. 3. To bespeak a kindly welcome from veterans in South Africa to a young initiate and settler, who comes to them with the best and most fraternal good wishes of the "Lion and Lamb."

Apologising for thus intruding upon your valuable space,

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

THOMAS JONES, 1657.

Australian Avenue, E.C.

FREEMASONRY IN ASIA MINOR.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In Captain Burnaby's very interesting work, "On Horseback through Asia Minor," chapter lxxv., I find the following: "I have been a great deal in the mountains, and know the Kurds well. There are Freemasons amongst them. Their Freemasonry dates back from the time of the ancient Assyrians." The speaker, with whom Captain Burnaby was conversing, was a Turkish colonel of artillery, who had been educated at Woolwich, and spoke English remarkably well.

If Captain Burnaby is a member of the Masonic fraternity himself he might be able to give some more particulars respecting these Kurdish Freemasons than are embraced in the above extract. It would be very interesting to know upon what grounds the Turkish colonel believed that the Kurds derived their Freemasonry from the ancient Assyrians. Perhaps Captain Burnaby would not object to give fuller details through the columns of the *Freemason*, should the subject be brought under his notice.

Yours fraternally,

G. C. L.

Ontario, Canada, 22nd March.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is there good reason to suppose that a lady was once made a member of the Craft; and if so, what was her name and lodge?

Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY.

[Yes; the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, afterwards the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth. See *Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.]

Reviews.

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE FOR 1879.

159, Piccadilly, London.

It seems, from this most useful and needful work, a *vade mecum* for all connected with the Press, in its sixth annual issue, that there are now 1924 newspapers in the United Kingdom, and that of these 505 are published in the metropolis alone, 1015 in the provinces of England, 174 in Scotland, 148 in Ireland, 62 in Wales, and 20 in the British Isles.

Of these 1924 newspapers, 693 are published on the Saturday, 440 on the Friday, 129 on the Thursday, 120 on the Monday, 113 monthly, 112 on the Wednesday, 87 daily in the morning, 65 on the Tuesday, 59 daily in the evening, 27 three times a week, 16 fortnightly, 14 five times a week, 9 on Sunday, though we are glad only one of these—the *Observer*—is actually published on a Sunday, and which we regret as a fact. Sunday publication is, in our opinion, a wrong to all concerned. 7 seem to be numbered among the "irregular and miscellaneous," and one paper is published quarterly. Of these 1924 papers, as the fact may interest our readers, we repeat what Mr. May tells us, in his clear tabular statement, that 567 are of professedly Liberal principles, 329 of Conservative, 70 of Liberal Conservative, and 958 independent or neutral. Of this little army of the press, 1016 are penny papers—what a wonderful fact in itself—261 are at twopenny, 108 a halfpenny, 105½ threepence, 97 sixpence, 91 three halfpence, 61 fourpence, and the rest vary from threepence-halfpenny to two shillings, while 11 are published gratuitously. These are facts and figures which deserve attention and consideration. If we turn to the periodicals (including magazines and reviews), it seems that there are 860 published in the United Kingdom. Of these 580 are monthly, 105 are quarterly, 96 are weekly, 49 are irregular and various, and the remaining 24 vary from "twice a week" to "half-yearly." Of these publications—scarcely remarkable fact—283 are issued at 1d., 108 at 6d., and the remainder vary

from a halfpenny to six shillings, 19 being published gratuitously. We may observe, that in addition there are periodicals varying from 2d. to 5 guineas per annum, though this note we confess we do not quite understand unless, as it appears this list includes about 70 of the 860. Of this 860, 360 have a religious tendency, 305 are illustrated periodicals, and of these 25 contain coloured plates and six are illustrated by photography. 83 periodicals are devoted to the juvenile portion of the community, 111 are trade journals, 12 represent the labour question, and 58 are set forth of "temperance principles," 7 seek to advance the interests of women, and 28 are given up to "fashions." Several periodicals are issued in the Welsh and French languages, one in Arabic and Hindostani, and others are partly printed in the Gaelic and Lancashire dialect. Two magazines contain literary compositions by patients of asylums for the insane. Are not these "facts" indeed worth noting and which if they would have startled our forefathers, must have even some effect on our apathetic and unimpressed age.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME HOSPITALS' ASSOCIATION FOR PAYING PATIENTS.

Harrison and Son, 11, St. Martin's-lane, Printers to the Queen.

We have read this report with much interest, as a tentative effort to what many deem a much needed reform. We confess ourselves, however, to be somewhat in a haze and doubt on the subject, inasmuch as the movement, however well intended, seems to us to antagonise the great and beneficent idea of the "hospital," per se. It may be right, it may be a necessity of our times, but, none the less, it does at first sight appear to run counter to the genial and philanthropic principles of gratuitous hospital aid to the poor and suffering. So many kind-hearted and worthy persons have taken up, however, the theory, that we feel it deserves honest consideration and respectful treatment. The report so far is only preliminary. Something like £8000 have been received, of which £1185 have been paid as a deposit on the purchase of leasehold property, Berkeley House, Manchester-square, where the hospital work is to be carried on. We confess we do not exactly see why the block of St. Thomas's Hospital was not leased as an experiment. No doubt the Committee had good and sufficient reasons for their decision, but we venture to think the experiment would have started as well there as in or near Manchester-square. When "doctors differ who shall agree?" is an old adage, and we shall await, with no little interest, the second report of this new hospital. But we think it right to add that a good deal of nonsense, in our opinion, has been talked on the subject, and by those who ought to have known better too.

THE ROSICRUCIAN for January, 1879.

This number shews proof of able editing, and is full of articles of interest and pleasurable reading. For those who affect the mysteries of the "Rosae Crucis," to all who care for abstruse disquisitions and Hermetic researches, we recommend this well-printed and well-edited magazine.

THE MONDE MAÇONNIQUE for March. Edited by Bro. Caubet.

This well-known French magazine, ably edited as it always is, though we do not always profess to agree with it, has its usual articles, all, no doubt, full of information for French brethren, but possessing, for various reasons, little interest for English readers. It is, alas! only too marked, alike in tone and temper, the change which seems to have come over French Freemasonry.

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION for March.

Bro. Hubert continues the even and useful tenour of his way, and we always read his magazine with pleasure. Of course we do not always agree with the sentiments of the speakers, as French Freemasons too often wander, in our opinion, into devious paths, and un-Masonic regions, but no one can be insensible to the vigorous and enlightened editorship of Bro. Hubert, just as no one can doubt his honesty of purpose and Masonic singleness of aim.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, NO. 2.

It seems, though it is a fact which, as far as I know, has escaped even the attention of Bros. Hughan and Gould, and Masonic Student so far, that in 1794, the Lodge of Harodim, 467, was discontinued on being united to No. 1, the then Lodge of Antiquity. If I am in error on the point of this being a new statement I shall be glad of being corrected.

See *Freemasons' Calendar* for the year 1811, page 34.

ANTIQUITY.

ANDERSON'S LIST OF LODGES.

I should like to draw the attention of Masonic students to "Anderson's List of Lodges for 1738," in the *Masonic Magazine* for April, especially to the valuable explanatory notes. There is no name to the article, but I fancy the writer is well known to me as an earnest and able Masonic student.

I have been trying to place the present numbers to those lodges which bear the *, and think that consecutively they run as follows: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16, 14, 12, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, and 33. Old 68 (London in list) has a *, and also 69*. The latter is evidently 35, now held at Isle of Wight. Have not yet placed 68*. Then follow 45, 55, and 56 (now at Arundle). For country lodges we have now 39 (Axeth); 37 (Bolton); 41 (Bath); 42 (Bury); 43 (Birmingham). After this it is not easy to follow the stars. Newcastle-on-Tyne, of 1735, has a star. Should it not be 48 (Gateshead)? 51 (Colchester); 52 (Norwich); 61 (Halifax), then come regularly.

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MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

I quite agree with our Bro. R. F. G. in his estimate of the value of the catalogue, commenced in the April number of the *Masonic Magazine*, of Masonic works in the "British Museum." I find, however, many names absent of modern English Masonic works, viz., several of Dr. Oliver's, and of my own works only one is mentioned out of five, for which I hold the regular receipts of the British Museum. It certainly does seem strange that well known and useful works like the *Cyclopaedias* published by Bro. John Hogg, and the one published by Bro. Kenning, cannot be obtained by readers in the British Museum. Why is this? Surely both Bros. Hogg and Kenning have sent the copies, as required, for the use of that Institution and the Universities, &c.

Works which allude to Freemasonry, though not strictly Masonic, should also be catalogued, just as Dr. Kloss has ably done to the year 1844.

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FUNERAL OF BRO. JOHN JOHNSON.

The funeral of Bro. John Johnson took place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at Abney Park Cemetery. On behalf of West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, as their representatives, were Bros. E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Secretary; H. J. Lardner, G. H. Stephens, J. J. Howes, who were in the grounds, and followed his remains to the church. They proceeded to the head of the grave, accompanied by Bro. Summers, P.M., who had provided himself with a sprig of acacia, which he placed in the hands of Bro. T. W. Adams, I.P.M. 1623, who (on the arrival of the deceased brother's remains, and prior to the reading of our beautiful funeral service) put that sprig on the head of the coffin as a token of Masonic respect.

There were at the funeral a numerous assemblage of the employés of the Gas, Coke, and Light Company, apparently from the highest to the humblest of the firm, where he was held in the greatest respect, as he had devoted a lifetime of energy and talent in the best interests for the firm. Upwards of twenty carriages followed in the procession, and amongst the occupants we noticed Bros. J. H. Pearson, Church, Fraser, Crombie, and many other eminent Masons. Universal sorrow and regret was expressed at his loss; great sympathy and condolence was felt for his sorrowing widow and his three children, the eldest of whom is but thirteen years old.

The last public act of our worthy brother was his representing West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, when on his list he collected seventy-five guineas for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. His end was peace. He lived respected and died regretted.

Apologies were received from the Secretaries of his lodges, from a large number of the members who regretted their absence, caused by unforeseen circumstances, amongst whom were Bros. F. Walters, T. M. Butt, W. Butt, F. Howes, Egbert Roberts, and others.

THE DISASTER AT SZEGEDIN.

We have been requested to publish the following, which we gladly do:—

St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, Budapest. To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. To all W. and W. lodges and to all brethren of the globe. Or. Budapest, 14th March, 1879.

W. and Bel. Brethren,—

Szegedin, one of the most prosperous Hungarian cities, was inundated on the 12th March by the floods of the Theiss river, and was almost completely destroyed.

Thousands of inhabitants of that unfortunate city found their death, parents lost their children, and children their protectors and supporters.

Seventy thousand persons are exposed to the greatest misery and privation, and are left to wander about without shelter. Even the hope of gaining a livelihood is taken away from those unfortunate sufferers by the fact of hundred thousands of acres of fertile ground around being completely flooded.

In that city, once so industrious and now crushed by misfortune, for which it cannot be made responsible, exists one of our most active lodges, the Arpad Lodge. Its members have always shown themselves very assiduous in the services of the Royal Art, and have often proved their Masonic spirit by acts of charity. To-day they are themselves in need of help, for their property is destroyed, and the results of years of toil have become a prey to elementary force.

The different lodges working under the authority of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary have immediately been called upon to render all possible assistance, but, in spite of their readiness to do so, their power to carry efficient help to the numerous brethren in Szegedin must be pronounced totally inadequate to the magnitude of the calamity. In consideration of this sad fact the Grand Lodge of Hungary herewith addresses itself to all warranted and worshipful lodges, as well as to all brethren of the globe, with the urgent request to remember the unfortunate sufferers of Szegedin, and to assist them in finding the means for a new existence.

We are convinced that you will take part in such an act of humanity, and ask you kindly to direct your contributions to the office of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in Budapest, Josephplatz 11. The sums received shall be acknowledged in its official paper, *Orient*, and the Grand Lodge shall cause their distribution to be conducted by the brethren of the Arpad Lodge working under its authority in the Orient of Szegedin.

We greet you with brotherly love.

For the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary,
FRANCIS PULSZKY, The Grand Master.
ALEX. UHL, The Grand Secretary.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

The sixteenth annual installation of W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge took place on Monday, the 30th December, 1878, on which occasion the various officers were also invested.

W. Bro. J. C. Hughes, the W.M. for 1878, being unfortunately absent from Shanghai, the lodge was opened at nine o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Lewis Moore, I.P.M., the hall being well thronged with brethren, among the more distinguished of whom were the following:—W. Bros. Weiller, D.G. Supt. of Works, and Drummond Hay, D.G. Treasurer, of the D.G. Lodge of Japan; Thos. Pemberton, W.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan, 428, S.C.; M. H. Cook, P.M., and D. C. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; W. L. Koch, jun., W.M. Lodge Germania, and many others.

Shortly afterwards the R.W.D. Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, entered the lodge, accompanied by the following District Grand Officers:—W. Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, President Board of General Purposes; P. Orme, D.G. Sec.; H. Evans, D.G.J.D.; H. S. Morris, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; G. B. Fentum, D.G. Org., who presided at the organ; J. Brown, D.G. Purst.; W. H. Anderson and Bro. B. Palamountain, D.G. Stewards, and others, and they were received with the customary honours.

W. Bro. Moore thanked the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers for the honour of their company, to which the R.W.D.G.M. replied, that from the time of its foundation he had always taken the greatest interest in the Tuscan Lodge, and, as an honorary member of it, he felt an additional pleasure in the exercise of his right as D.G.M. to assist at these ceremonies.

W. Bro. Moore then requested W. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, President of the Board of General Purposes, to conduct the installation, and W. Bro. Kingsmill having accepted the gavel, took the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, W. Bro. W. H. Short, who, after the observance of the ancient customs, then invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Wm. Miller, S.W.; H. J. Fisher, J.W.; C. H. King, Treas.; John Morris, Sec.; Cecil W. Holiday, S.D.; J. W. L. M. Williamson, J.D.; R. Markwick, D.C.; G. E. York, Steward; J. A. Sullivan, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler.

The W.M. thanked W. Bro. Kingsmill for his kindness in undertaking the installation, and expressed his admiration of the able manner in which it had been conducted at his hands.

W. Bro. Kingsmill, in reply, paid some very high compliments to the working of the Tuscan Lodge, which he had enjoyed many opportunities of witnessing, and concluded by wishing the lodge continued prosperity.

The W.M. then thanked the numerous visitors for their presence, and invited them to partake of a supper which had been provided.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which had given Bro. Hore, the Tyler, an opportunity of displaying the decorative art in a very effective manner, seasonable evergreens being happily blended with Masonic devices.

After the refreshments, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast of the evening, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," and said—Our Queen shows her interest in Masonry by the generous support she gives to the Charities, and although the ladies are not represented at our Masonic meetings, Her Majesty has ever shown her kindly feelings towards the Craft. The present time, however, is one of sorrow to the Queen, and I am sure I express the sentiments of the Craft at large, when I say how heartily we sympathise with her in her bereavement by the lamented death of the beloved Princess Alice. The feelings of love and loyalty to Her Majesty extend, indeed, to the very ends of the earth, and I need, therefore, do no more than call upon you to honour the toast, "The Queen and the Craft."

The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. said—The next toast it is customary to divide, but, as time is short, I am sure it will not be considered disrespectful if I unite with our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, his Deputy Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales looks personally into all details connected with his office, and causes much enthusiasm amongst the Grand Officers by his own example. Indeed, no matter what duties he undertakes, he throws so much goodwill and work into them as to gain the affections of those around him. The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master also are ever to the front when needed in any Masonic capacity, while the Grand Officers well support their endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. I now ask you to drink "To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England."

W. Bro. Orme, P.M., then rose to propose a toast which he felt would meet with cordial acceptance from the brethren. Much of the success which had attended Freemasonry in China was owing, he said, to the mutual understanding and general good fellowship which had at all times existed between sister lodges working under various Constitutions. In a place so distant from our homes, and where the community was so purely cosmopolitan as in China, such friendly feelings could not be too warmly appreciated, and it gave him great pleasure, as he was sure it did to all the members of the Tuscan Lodge, to see so many illustrious brethren hailing from sister lodges among them that night. This was not the first time it had been the privilege of the Tuscan Lodge to meet brethren from sister lodges at the festive board, and he hoped it would not be the last. The example set by the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, and so successfully followed by other lodges in Shanghai, was a good one. He believed that such meetings did a great deal towards cementing union among Masons of different nationalities; it

enabled them to become acquainted with each other, and assisted in finding out the amiable qualities of each. He greeted with pleasure the representatives of the Lodge Germania, working under the Three Globes, Berlin, many of whose members were initiated into Freemasonry in the Tuscan Lodge, and he should always feel a warm interest in their welfare and prosperity. There were also members present from the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all of whom he heartily welcomed. Much had already been said on Masonic subjects during the evening, and as there were several speakers to follow him, he would, without further preface, ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Grand Masters and Officers of Sister Grand Lodges."

W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, responded on behalf of the Lodge of Massachusetts. Masonry, he was proud to say, had established a firm footing in America, and the Grand Lodge which he represented was one of the oldest offshoots of the Craft in the New Continent. He was happy to meet on common ground with brethren hailing from other Constitutions, and the Ancient Landmark Lodge felt itself honoured by the kind hospitality which had that evening been extended to its members.

The W.M. then said the toast he had now the pleasure to propose was "The District Grand Master and Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China." All Masons working under the English Constitution must feel very proud of the rare abilities of R.W. Bro. Thorne. W. Bro. Kingsmill, too, had that evening conducted the installing ceremonies in a most highly efficient manner, whilst W. Bro. Moore had had the bulk of the lodge work to direct during the past year, owing to the unexpected departure of W. Bro. Hughes, who held the chair. The W.M. concluded by proposing the toast of which he had given notice.

The toast was acknowledged by W. Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., who said—W.M., Bros. Wardens and brethren, in returning you thanks on behalf of the officers of the D.G. Lodge for the kind response you have made to the toast proposed in such eloquent terms by the W.M., I can assure you it is a pleasure at all times for us to take part in your ceremonies. The admirable manner in which the installation has been performed by our W. Bro. Kingsmill will, I hope, make its proper impression upon you, so that you may carry out the principles inculcated thereby. Masonry is doing good service in Shanghai, and I am sure if we all strive to promulgate its true principles, we shall find much benefit accrue to others who are not within our pale. The D.G. Officers are ever ready to lend their aid in assisting the working of the various lodges, and I trust the junior members of the Craft will emulate their example. To shew what may be achieved in this way, I may instance the career of our W. Bro. Henry Eneas Sidford, who was largely instrumental in establishing the Tuscan Lodge, in connection wherewith he overcame a multitude of difficulties. We all know his services to the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, and we now hear of his visiting Amoy to install the W.M. of the new Ionic Lodge there, the D.G.M. of Hong Kong having recognised Bro. Sidford's long and able services by appointing him his District Grand Senior Warden. Before I resume my seat I have to ask you to join me in drinking "The Health of the W.M." our W. Bro. Short, who by the manner in which he handles the gavel gives promise of proving himself a worthy successor of former incumbents of the Tuscan chair, and may our best wishes help him on the way.

The W.M. said he had already addressed the brethren on several occasions, and need scarcely say there was no more gratifying one than the present, but as he had no wish to monopolise the conversation, he would simply ask their acceptance of his heartfelt thanks and wish prosperity to every one present.

Bro. Wm. Miller, S.W., said the next toast was one which would be received with much satisfaction. Unlike the one they had last honoured, this was not a personal but a collective toast, yet it gave him (Bro. Miller) an opportunity of mentioning by name several of their senior brethren, who not only had benefitted Freemasonry generally, but had given himself great assistance, and allowed him to profit by their more extended experience. He alluded more particularly to W. Bros. J. C. Hughes, Louis Moore, J. I. Miller, P. Orme, R. S. Gundry, and last but not least to W. Bro. C. Thorne, our present R.W.D.G.M., who had been associated with the Tuscan Lodge from its very foundation, and although he had never filled the chair of that particular lodge, had always favoured us with his attendance on all possible occasions. Bro. Miller concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge" coupled with the name of W. Bro. Orme.

In replying to the toast, W. P. M. Orme, P.D.G.J.W. for China, alluded to the pleasure it always afforded Past Masters in the Craft to view the progress and improvement of Freemasonry. It was of course very gratifying to the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge particularly to mark the strides it had made during the past few years. One of its founders was present here that night, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, and to him many thanks were due, not only for work formerly done in the lodge, but for the instruction and guidance afforded to its rulers, since he had been appointed by the Prince of Wales to the high office he at present occupied; and it must be very gratifying to him to see the very creditable institution that had been erected on the foundation of the Tuscan Lodge. Bro. Miller had made very flattering allusion to the works of W. Bros. Gundry, J. I. Moore, L. Moore, and himself (W. Bro. Orme), and doubtless all the Past Masters would agree with him in feeling that their labours were rewarded by the high position the Tuscan Lodge now held. He noticed the improved working in Shanghai lodges generally, and recommended the junior brethren to attend regularly the Lodge of Assiduity which had so largely led to this result, and with a tribute of praise to the W.M. and officers lately

electd, he closed his remarks by thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast of the P.M.'s.

W. Bro. Kingsmill said a pleasing duty devolved on him in the toast he now had to propose. They had heard of the present officers of the Tuscan Lodge, and they had seen how worthy they were of the promotion which had fallen to their lot, but what of those of the past, without whose exertions the lodge could never have attained its present position? He had for many years noted the zealous discharge of their duties by the Masters who year after year had been elected to fill the chair, and under whose bountiful care the lodge had always been conducted in a manner which reflected credit on Masonry in Shanghai. He was sorry to miss from amongst them W. Bro. Hughes, their I.P.M., who had been summoned from Shanghai during his year of office, but all, or nearly all, the past officers of the year were then around him, and in proposing their health he would couple it with the name of one of the most distinguished of their number, a well-known and honoured Mason, W. Bro. Lewis Moore.

W. Bro. Moore, in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, I regret W. Bro. Hughes, the I.P.M., is not present here this evening, as he could have replied to the toast in a far more able manner than I can. However, on his behalf, I beg to thank you. I am sure you all regret that he was obliged to leave before his term of office had expired, as he had the working of the lodge at heart. On behalf of the officers I also beg to return their sincere thanks. They have all done their best to enable the working of the lodge to go on smoothly, and I am glad their endeavours have been so much appreciated. The praise poured on me by the W.M. I am afraid I am not entitled to, because I have only done my duty as a Mason ought to do, and further I shall at all times be ready to assist the lodge as far as lies in my power, when called upon. I trust the Tuscan Lodge will continue to work as heretofore, and that it will shortly be, if it is not already, second to none in Shanghai.

W. Bro. Moore again rose and said: W.M. and brethren, I am glad that the proposal of the next toast has been entrusted to me. You have heard W. Bro. Orme dilate upon the Sister Grand Lodges, and incidentally refer to the lodges in Shanghai working under their rule. It is "Prosperity to these Lodges and Health to their Members" that I ask you to respond to, and I am certain it requires no commendation from me to ensure an enthusiastic reception to this toast. We have present with us to-night members of the Lodges Ancient Landmark, Cosmopolitan, and Germania. Lately, many of us assisted at the installation ceremonies of the two former, and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of their members. I regret to say that, through the ignorance of many of our own members of the German language, we are not enabled to join in the ceremonies of the latter lodge as we would like to do, but we can at all times bear testimony to the fraternal feeling that exists between the members and ourselves, which is fully borne out by the ready and kind manner in which they attend our meetings, and cheer us by their genial cordiality. They also unite with us in aiding the relief of suffering amongst the brethren, when, unfortunately, it is necessary to enlist their sympathies. Brethren, I was going to say a great deal more, but I have just been reminded time is short. I will not, therefore, detain you further, but at once ask you to unite in wishing prosperity to our sister lodges, and continued health and strength to their members.

W. Bro. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, in a humorous speech, acknowledged the toast on behalf of his own and the other lodges, and favourably contrasted the warmth of his reception with the severity of the weather, the thermometer being at the time somewhere in the neighbourhood of zero. He was glad, however, to see that W. Bro. Kingsmill kept up a generous flow from the capacious punch-bowl before him, and which he fancied the coldness of the night would render more attractive than his speaking. W. Bro. Moore had claimed for the officers of the Tuscan Lodge that they had done their best in Masonry. He (Bro. Jansen) did not doubt they had also done their best to warm the room, and he could have wished that greater success had rewarded their labours in that direction. For his own part, however, he had been very glad to partake of their hospitable entertainment, and would conclude by asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge." (Cheers.)

Bro. H. J. Fisher, J.W., acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his brother officers.

W. Bro. Orme, in a few appropriate words, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged by W. Bro. Weiller, of the D.G. Lodge of Japan.

The Tyler's toast brought the formal part of the programme to an end, but the punch-bowl yet retained some hidden secrets which the more mysterious of the brethren were resolved to conceal.

The Provincial Grand Chapter Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland will hold a meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 15th May, at 4 o'clock. Names of candidates (who must be members of the Royal Arch and 18°), should be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary at the above address as soon as possible.

The half-yearly convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310, the Earl of Bective, M.P., M.E.P.G. Supt., presiding.

Bro. Sawyer, whose name was so well known to the frequenters of the Crystal Palace as the refreshment contractor, has entered on the management of the Station Restaurant (beneficent to be called Sawyer's), Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. We trust he will be quite successful in his new venture.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 18, 1879.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12.

Quart. Gen. Ct. & Election, Girls' School at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Alpine Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.
" 1446, Mount Edgecombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
" 1607, Royalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, APRIL 14.

Quart. Gen. Ct. & Election, Boys' School at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea old Bridge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.
Lodge of Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 193, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Rose Croix 44, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.
Mark " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st., W.
K. T. E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

House Com. Boys' School, 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
" 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
N. Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 19, 1879.

MONDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Instruction Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 666, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boole L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Roolie.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting—the closing one for the season—was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M., presiding. Bros. T. Arnison and W. Bell were raised. Bro. A. N. Newens was elected as the W.M. elect. It was resolved, after some discussion, to remove the lodge from its present quarters.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Grisham-street, City, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. Francis Brien, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and visiting brethren:—J. White, I.M.P.; H. B. Halliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; J. Dorton, P.M.; P. McCarthy, S.W.; W. Taplay, J.W.; James Mitchell, Sec.; J. T. K. Job, S.D.; W. Neverd, I.G.; A. R. Mason, D.C.; B. Norman, Tyler; G. S. King, 1256; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Sykes was raised to the Sublime Degree by the Master in rare style. Bro. White, P.M., then brought forward, pursuant to a notice of motion, the following resolution: "That the annual subscriptions be raised to 2½ guineas for town members, and £1 for country members, the additional subscriptions to be placed to the credit of the Vice-President Fund of the Masonic Charities." In putting it Bro. White, in eloquent language, pointed out that by the addition of 7s. 6d. per year to their present subscription the immense good the Charities would receive, and the large number of votes the lodge in a few years would have at its disposal for charitable purposes. For less than 2d. per week per member they could each year get a Vice-President for either of the Charities. A discussion ensued, and it was ultimately carried. Bro. Taplay then moved, in accordance with a notice of motion, "That the meetings of the lodge begin in October instead of September, and close in April instead of May." This, he said, would give them two months more rest than they had at present, and at the same time be a saving to the funds of the lodge. The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and cordially responded to. Bro. P.M. White, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of his excellent work and just impartiality as his ruler, and wished him all prosperity. Bro. Brien, in response, drew attention to the motion of Bro. White, and expressed his conviction that the more they saw of its working the better they would like it. (Hear, hear.) The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bros. White, Halliday, and Dorton severally responded. Bros. King and Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and the latter returned thanks for the Masonic press. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. McCarthy responded, and in so doing spoke with pride of the resolution passed that night. He likened the Masonic Institutions to lifeboats, and their little nieces and nephews and poor old brethren and sisters to drowning and shipwrecked castaways those lifeboats were to save from death and destruction. He believed it would be a work that would prosper and would have a blessing with it. (Cheers.) He concluded a stirring speech with thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the reception given the toast. Bros. Taplay, Job, Mitchell, and Nevin as well responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the meeting. We cannot close our report without mentioning the pleasure afforded the brethren by Bro. King's intensely laughable recitation, "The Choice of a Trade," and as well the excellent singing of Bros. Sherwin, Taplay, Halliday, and others.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, 10th inst. Present: Bros. Braine, W.M.; Banson, S.W.; Knell, J.W.; Cook, Treas.; Holness, Sec.; Sanders, S.D.; Blinkhorn, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; Halestrap, W.S.; Lake, D.C.; Mather, P.M.; Bowyer, P.M.; Davy, P.M.; Shaw, Hunt, Davies, Baker, and others. The following visitors were present: Bros. Dosell, P.M. 55, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Ford, 1580; and Shipley, J.W. 30. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Colmer answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Colmer was duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then resumed in the First Degree, and Mr. Samuel Henry Wallis was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Braine, in ancient form. The lodge again resumed in the Second Degree, and the dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. to enable Bro. Banson, the W.M. elect, to take the chair of this lodge (he being at present W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580), was read, and Bro. Banson, having been presented, was installed into the chair of K. S. by Bro. Braine, the W.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. Braine, I.P.M.; Knell, S.W.; Sanders, J.W.; Blinkhorn, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Lake, I.G.; Halestrap, D.C.; and Shaw, W.S. At the close of the business, the lodge adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Baker (who is a member of this lodge). The usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of "The Past Masters, I.P.M., and Installing Master," afforded an opportunity to present the retiring Master with Past Master's jewel. The toast of "The Initiate" was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to by Bro. Wallis. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. P.M. Dosell, in responding, thanked the lodge for the hospitality extended to the visitors, and also for the Masonic treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the able working of the Installing Master. He said that, during an experience of more than twenty years in Freemasonry, and having heard the ceremony of installation worked by many Grand Officers and Masters of lodges, he had never before heard it rendered in so perfect a manner as on this occasion. He also alluded to the able working of the ceremony in the First Degree, and trusted the present W.M. would be able to instal his successor in like manner. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Braine being well to the fore with his "Five o'clock Bus."

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This rapidly rising lodge held its second regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. J. Creaton, W.M.; H. J. Johnson, S.W.; J. J. Cante, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Nielson, S.D.; H. Buck, J.D.; R. G. Shute, D.C.; W. Williams, W.S.; J. Kift, Organist. The W.M. being detained by other business a little beyond the time for opening, P.M. Cante opened the lodge in due form, and Bros. R. H. Rogers and A. Walter, who were candidates for passing, having answered the questions in an excellent manner, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. by the P.M. The ballot was taken for three joining members, Bros. Renshaw, Colevill, and Paetel, it was also taken for two initiates, Messrs. E. Austin and A. Beaumont, being in all cases unanimous. Just at this moment a telegram arrived from Mr. A. Beaumont, saying, he was detained in the country and would not be able to be present in time. The W.M. then took his seat, and in a most impressive manner initiated Mr. Austin into our ancient Order. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. William, Junior Warden, stating that in consequence of a domestic affliction he could not be present—Bro. P.M., Thurkle acted as Junior Warden in his absence. The office of Treasurer having only been held by Bro. S.W. *pro tem.*, Bro. Thurkle, P.M., who had been duly elected to that office, was now invested. All business being over, the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to the tavern, where an excellent banquet was served to them by Bro. A. Best, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given. In proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. expressed his pleasure at the attention and general bearing of Bro. Austin, and hoped he would take a great interest in the Craft. Bro. Austin thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped he should prove in time all they wished him to be. Bro. P.M. Cante then addressed the brethren, saying he had been granted the use of the gavel for a short time, and the purpose to which he should use it was one which every brother would obey from the bottom of his heart—it was to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he felt sure no W.M. could be more beloved by the members of a lodge than theirs was by them, and he (Bro. Cante) felt proud of having such a W.M., and he was sure they all felt the same pride that he had. For twenty-seven years their W.M. had been a Mason. During that time he had filled the chair of K.S. twice in the Lodge of Antiquity, one of the highest and most celebrated lodges of the Order. He had by them been appointed to represent the lodge as Grand Steward, and he had been appointed by the M.W.G.M. to the position of Grand Deacon. He had in turn been President of all the Charities, and now they had to congratulate him upon another honour, which the Creaton Lodge considered greater than all, for it showed the great confidence the Craft had in their W.M., for they had elected him to the post of Grand Treasurer by an overwhelming majority, and over the head of one who held a far higher position in a worldly sense, but the Craft knew what Bro. Colonel Creaton had done for them, and took the opportunity of showing their great faith in him. Turning to the W.M., Bro. Cante said—And now I have to inform you that I am deputed by my brother officers of this lodge to present you with this gold key, the emblem of your new office, as a mark of their love and esteem, and as I place this upon

your collar, where, after a few days, it will be your duty always to wear it, think you are receiving it, not for any actual value it may possess, but when you look upon it think this was given you with feelings of most sincere love and kindest regards, and may the G.A.O.T.U. spare you for many years, and give you health and strength to wear it and be amongst us, and discharge the great duties of your important office. Col. Creaton, in responding, said he scarce knew how to reply to what had been said and done. He felt deeply moved at the kindness that had been shown him, and thanked them very much indeed, and hoped he should be spared for many years to be with them. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Letchworth, of Antiquity Lodge, No. 2, saying he was very pleased to have been present and seen the excellent working of the lodge; in every respect the officers seemed to be thoroughly well up to the work they had to do, and, for so young a lodge, he thought it was a sign that what they had commenced they intended to carry out well. He congratulated the W.M. upon being Master of such a lodge, and the brethren upon having such a tried and worthy brother as their W.M., one who had done all he could to forward Masonry in every way, especially its Charities. Wishing the lodge every success, he thanked them on behalf of himself and brother visitors. The toast of "Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed by the W.M., who said they had not had the opportunity of trying their new Treasurer, but he had no doubt he would prove an efficient officer. With regard to Bro. Cante, the Secretary, they had a great deal to thank him for, as he was decidedly the founder of the lodge; he was a zealous officer, and he asked the brethren to join him in the toast. The toast was responded to by Bros. Cante and Thurkle, and "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts followed. There were present as visitors Bros. Knight Smith, W.M. 1441; Reynolds, 1441; Martin, Acacia; Morgan, Unity; W. Williams, 724; Letchworth, 2; McLeod, 1624; Flatterly, 1624; Coulter, R. Union. Some excellent music was rendered by Bros. Kift, Martin, Reynolds, Knight Smith, and Cante, making a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—**Merchants Lodge (No. 241).**—The usual monthly meeting of what may be recognised as the premier lodge of West Lancashire—the Merchants, No. 241—took place on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. James Winsor, W.M., presided over a goodly gathering of members and visitors, amongst the Principals present being Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Thomas Salter, J.W.; Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; John Latta, S.D.; J. Proeber, Org.; J. Pendleton, I.G.; P. Ball, P.G.T.; Tyler; D. Wright, W. Stediford, John Winsor, W. A. Cottle, F. Shaw, J. W. Davis, J. Quayle, A. Ewart, O. Roberts, S. Jude, S. Broadbridge, E. S. Hall, P. Wade, J. Hayden, W. Rigby, P.G.R.; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609; M. Boyd, 1609; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, when a brother was passed to the rank of Fellow Craft in a very admirable manner. The brethren were afterwards called off to the festive board, where a pleasant few hours were spent. "The Health of the Worshipful Master," given in highly eulogistic terms by the J.W. (Bro. T. Salter), was most pointedly and appropriately acknowledged from the chair by Bro. Winsor. Several capital songs were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

LANCASTER.—**Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The regular meeting of the brethren forming this lodge was held on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate. Bro. Edwd. Carlwell, W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Nicholson and Burrows, who had been initiated the previous lodge night, were advanced to the pedestal and examined as to their proficiency as Craftsmen. This being concluded, they were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nicholson being re-admitted, he was passed to the Degree by the W.M. Bro. Burrows was afterwards re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Kelland, P.M., the working tools being presented to the candidates by the S.W. (Bro. W. Warbrick). Bro. Jowitt, I.P.M., afterwards gave the lecture on the First Degree tracing board, and was awarded a hearty and cordial vote of thanks on its conclusion. The working of the several officers was admirably and efficiently gone through. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

SALISBURY.—**Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, New Canal. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. Tucker, W.M.; T. Norwood, I.P.M.; C. H. Card, S.W.; T. S. Fletcher, P.M., as J.W.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Hannan, S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; A. Aylward, Org.; J. T. Calkin, as I.G.; F. J. Russell, P.M.; E. W. Wiltshire, J. H. Dear, R. Dear, E. J. Mannings, E. Hall, T. Harwood, J. Folliott, G. Wilkes, H. Crawford. Visitor: Bro. Slader. The lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for Mr. H. W. Larkam, which proved unanimous in his favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Crawford was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, after which the candidate was re-admitted and duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, when Bro. Geo. Wilkes, E.A., was examined,

entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge having been again opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Wilkes was re-admitted, and duly passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the name of a gentleman for initiation having been proposed and seconded, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitor, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 7th inst., the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. Helme, the W.M., who was supported by his respective officers; a fair number of members and visitors being also present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cutts, who was a candidate for being passed to the Second Degree, was examined as to his proficiency in the former, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cutts re-admitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. (Bro. Taylor). The J.W. (Bro. J. T. Jackson) afterwards gave the lecture on the Second Degree tracing board, in a very effective manner, and for which he received the encomiums of the brethren present. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when a candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamations having been made and responded to, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

CHEETHAM.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel. The W.M. (Bro. J. Pollitt), supported by several P.M.'s, the officers, and many members and visitors, opened the lodge punctually at 3.30, as announced on the summons. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robert McDowel Smith, P.P.G. Treas.; John P. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; Jas. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Parker, W.M. 993; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; Walley, W.M. 163; A. Lister, W.M. 1011; F. R. Hollins, P.M. 581; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; M. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Ernst Link, P.M. 633; A. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. Startop, P.M. 344; H. D. Miller, 1357, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted, after which Bro. J. R. Boulton, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. for installation. The W.M., Bro. Pollitt, having addressed the usual admonitions, proceeded with the ceremony until all the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters were requested to retire. Bro. E. G. Hughes, P.M., then assumed the office of Installing Master, and assisted by other P.M.'s of the lodge, viz., Bros. R. T. Glendinning, John West, G. F. Freeman, Geo. Kenyon, and Turner, completed the very interesting ceremony in most ample and comprehensive form. After the return of the brethren, and the newly-installed W.M. had been formally greeted, the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Mollison, S.W.; Hope, J.W.; R. T. Glendinning, P.M., Treasurer; Hooper, Secretary; Wimpor, S.D.; John West, P.M., D. of Ceremonies; Joseph Snape, I.G.; Jones and Sharples, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was duly closed. About eighty brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most sumptuous dinner was served by the host, Bro. Bremehel, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. Boulton), at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was most heartily given and enthusiastically received and ably responded to. The gavel was then passed to Bro. Turner, P.M., who, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel attached to a collar. Bro. Pollitt, in a very feeling manner, acknowledged the presentation, as well as the many kind expressions which had been made and cordially endorsed in his favour. Bro. Smith, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in a humorous speech, to which Bro. Link was called upon to reply. Other toasts followed. We must, however, not overlook the musical portion of the evening's entertainment, with such an array of professional talent as Bros. Miller, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, H. Lister, and, though last not least, Bro. F. R. Hollins, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Fielding. It is needless to say that seldom has it fallen to our lot to listen to such ably-rendered glees, trios, and songs as on this occasion.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge, which is justly recognised as a kind of pattern lodge in the province of West Lancashire, took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, and the whole of the day's proceedings could hardly have been more successful or pleasant. Bro. Thomas S. Williams, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and there were also present during the evening Bros. R. C. Yelland, P.M.; W. Healing, P.M.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; Richard Washington, P.M., S.W. (W.M. elect); T. Birch, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (*Freemason*); T. Marsh, Sec.; H. B. Jones, S.D.; J. Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; J. Skeaf, O.G.; Thomas Carr, S.; E. J. Callow, S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The members' list included Bros. F. E. Boustead, E. Sephton, W. Jones, R. Bethel, J. Cave, M. Yeoman, Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; N. Callow, G. F. Pringle, W. Pye, R. Ellinger, E. W. Boulding, D. Critchey, E. Chater, and J. Speer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. H. Williams, 324; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609;

J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. 1325; J. G. Hallwood, 1505; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. M. King, 823; A. Peters, P.P.G.S.W. N.W. and Salop; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094 and 1609; D. Callow, 823; C. Mandesley, 823; W. S. Brenchley, 477; J. Haynes, P.M. 249; Captain W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; S. J. Waring, 1502; S. Butterworth, 1547; J. Busfield, 216; A. Gieffan, 1393; Joseph Clegg, P.M. 1299; W. Ladyman, 477; P. Pennington, and G. Maxwell, 594. After the transaction of the ordinary initial business and the minutes of the previous meeting had been unanimously confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., who, in a most admirable and effective manner, proceeded to instal Bro. Richard Washington as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, an honour which was rendered all the more valuable by reason of the fact that he occupied the chair of the Temple Lodge about six years ago. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas S. Williams, I.P.M.; T. Birch, S.W.; Harrison Barclay Jones, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (re-elected for the fourteenth time); Thomas Marsh, Sec. (also re-appointed to that office for the fourteenth time); John Alexander, S.D.; H. Horspool, J.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; E. J. Callow, I.G.; J. Carr, S.S.; R. Bethel, I.S.; E. W. Boulding, A.S.; and P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. presented a very valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. S. Williams, I.P.M., in token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Williams. The P.G. Sec. (Bro. H. S. Alpass) then brought before the members of the Temple Lodge the scheme for the general decoration of the Masonic Hall, which would cost about £2000, and made an eloquent appeal for the liberality of the brethren in seeking to carry out the proposed and highly necessary work. Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. 823, also addressed the brethren on the necessity for the decoration of the hall, and the W.M. promised that the subject should have the careful consideration of the lodge at its next meeting. After "hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to the newly-installed W.M. by about a score of representatives of other lodges, the business of the evening was brought to a close, and the brethren immediately adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Bro. R. Washington, the esteemed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with extreme heartiness, and Bro. H. S. Alpass, in responding to the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and P.G. Officers," said that Lord Skelmersdale continued to take an ever-increasing interest in Masonry from day to day, and every fresh position which he received only quickened his zeal for the Order. They were very greatly honoured in having him as their head in West Lancashire, and he trusted that his lordship would long continue to occupy the proud position which he now filled. Bro. Dr. Johnson, P.M., in giving "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," spoke of the great and noble work which it was carrying out. Bro. the Rev. P. Pennington, P.M., acknowledged the toast, and, while speaking generally of the advantages of education, he called upon every brother to do what he could to support the Charity, which afforded instruction to those who might not otherwise have received any tuition. Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer (*Freemason*), also responded to the toast of "The West Lancashire," and said he was pleased to have the opportunity of bringing the claims of the Institution more forcibly before the lodge than they had been before. He was somewhat ashamed of the individual subscriptions to this Charity, and he trusted that these would be increased in the future. That day he had had the pleasure of handing the sum of 15 guineas to the Institution, as the proceeds of the charity box, to endow the W.M.'s, S.W.'s, and J.W.'s chairs with life governorships; and he had received from Bro. R. Brown, one of the joint Secretaries of the Institution, a cordial letter of thanks for the generous gift. Bro. T. S. Williams, I.P.M., said he felt considerable pride in rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," because every one who knew Bro. Washington would be aware that he was a thoroughly good, honourable, open-hearted, friendly, and loving brother, not only in Masonry, but in the social and domestic circles of the outer world. He was an honest, faithful, and genial friend, a kind neighbour, and one who was always ready to help those who needed help, having a word of sympathy and kindness for every one who came into contact with him. Every one present knew that in placing Bro. Washington in the chair they had placed the best possible man in the place of honour, and he (Bro. Williams) was sure they would all strive as one man to make his second term of office in the chair as pleasant and successful as he deserved. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and in acknowledging the compliment the W.M. said he felt he did not deserve the eulogiums which had been passed upon him. No words could express his sense of the high honour which had been conferred upon him in being again placed in the chair of that lodge, but he would do all in his power to hand the warrant to his successor pure and unadulterated as he had received it. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bros. P.M.'s Johnson and Cottrell. "The Installing Master," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Smith, who concluded by proposing "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Dr. Sheldon, P.M. Other toasts followed, and a pleasing musical selection was given during the evening by Bros. Busfield, Gieffan, Sheldon, and J. Skeaf, P.G.O. (who presided at the piano, and gave his own composition, "The Sabbath Evening Chimes," as a solo.)

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The installation of Bro. W. C. Banks, W.M. elect of the above lodge, was performed on Saturday, the 5th inst.,

by Bro. A. W. Duret, the retiring W.M., at the King's Arms Hotel, where the brethren assembled in good numbers. This lodge, so well known in the Province of Kent for its hospitality to visitors, was honoured by the presence of many distinguished brethren from London and local lodges, among whom were Bros. H. M. Levy, Joppa, 188; A. W. Dawson, W.M. Progress, 1768; E. Phillips, W.M. Panmure, 715; A. C. Spaul, J.W. Progress, 1768; Dinham, Fortitude, 105; A. D. Renshaw, J.W. St. Paul, 194; G. S. Bigley, Sec. Royal Standard, 1208; F. W. Greenville, Loyalty, 243; Burgess-Brown, Belvedere, 503; Vine, Phoenix, 173; and J. Wheaton Lewis, 1185. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. W. Duret, W.M., in the Three Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree, and the ordinary work was gone through. The brethren were then "called off" for a short period. On the arrival of the W.M. elect, Bro. Banks, the brethren were "called on," and work resumed. Bro. Banks was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. W. Duret, the Wardens' chairs being occupied, pro tem., by Bros. Newsons and Mortlock. Bro. W. C. Banks, on taking the chair, appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. W. Duret, I.P.M.; C. J. Dodd, S.W.; J. Webb, J.W.; Durnall, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., Sec.; Smalman Smith, S.D.; J. T. Baker, J.D.; A. S. Owen, I.G.; S. Laver, D.C.; E. Pilliner and H. E. Hall, Stewards. The W.M. then presented Bro. Duret with a handsome and massive jewel, and said it gave him great pleasure to place in his hands the spontaneous offering of the officers and brethren of the Amherst Lodge, in recognition of the ability and efficiency with which he had managed the business of the lodge during his year of office, and the high esteem in which he was held by one and all; expressing the hope that he might wear it for many years to come. Bro. Duret very briefly and feelingly acknowledged the great honour paid him. It should always be, as it had always been, his most earnest wish to promote the interest of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. On resuming his seat, Bro. Duret was warmly congratulated by the members and visitors on the very efficient and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed, in appropriate terms, by Bro. Duret, and the toast was most cordially received by the brethren. Bro. Banks, in responding, hoped that he might be able to discharge his duties in such a way as to merit the praise so justly given to his predecessor. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Levy and Dawson, who expressed the great pleasure it had given them to see the very good work done in the Amherst Lodge, and also to partake of the kind hospitality with which they had been received, and hoped that it would again be their good fortune to visit the brethren of the Amherst Lodge. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M., who alluded to the valuable assistance they at all times rendered to the Masters and brethren. Bro. Duret, I.P.M., returned thanks, and added he was deeply sensible of the complimentary remarks which the brethren had been pleased to pass upon his working, but all he did was for the benefit of the lodge. He did hope every officer and brother would do his utmost to assist the Worshipful Master in carrying out the duties of his important office, by making themselves proficient to fill any post to which they might be called by the W.M. Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M., added a few words intimating that he was a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and he felt sure this Charity needed and deserved their support, and hoped they would prove that the members of the lodge were liberal in act as well as in word. Bro. Durnall, P.M., as Steward for the Boys' School, spoke also in favour of that Institution, and trusted that the brethren would divide their favours. "The Health of the Officers" and several other complimentary toasts were proposed, among them "The Health of their most esteemed Bro. Mortlock, P.M.," whose good working is proverbial in the Craft. After spending a most pleasant evening, enlivened by recitations, songs, and glees, the brethren returned to Sevenoaks in order to meet the 9.34 p.m. for London.

LEWES.—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—The annual meeting and installation took place at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The usual day of meeting had been changed, by permission, but there was a very limited attendance, owing, no doubt, to its falling on the eve of Good Friday. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. F. Noakes, P.M., and P.P.G. Sword Bearer (Sussex). A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kraeutler on his retiring from the chair. The banquet took place at Bro. Whitcomb's, Bear Hotel, and was admirably served. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The guests included Bros. Kraeutler, I.P.M.; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, Lewes; Wilkinson, W.M. Royal York, Brighton; Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, Brighton; Martin, P.M. Royal Brunswick, Brighton; A. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian, Eastbourne; F. Tanner, W.M. Mid-Sussex, Horsham; Whatford, W.M. Lodge of Friendship, Worthing; R. H. Ellman, P.M.; J. C. Lucas, P.M. and P.G.D. Sussex; G. Stone, P.M.; J. Stedman, T. R. White (Sec.); Jos. Farncombe, P.M. South Saxon, and Prov. G. Sword Bearer Sussex (*Freemason*). Bro. Jos. Farncombe was called on to respond for "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex." He regretted the absence of his superior officers, as there was no doubt whatever that the hearty manner in which the toast had been received was due to their efficiency and popularity. In Sir Walter Burrell they had a Prov. Grand Master whose heart and soul was in Masonry, and who was eminently fitted for the distinguished position which he held in the province. In Bro. John Henderson Scott Sir Walter had a most able Deputy, and in Bro. V. P. Freeman

they had a Provincial Grand Secretary who was held in the highest esteem. In the discharge of his onerous duties there could not fail to occur occasions when his authority had to be exercised in an apparently somewhat severe manner, but this was necessary for the good government of the lodges in the province. Invariably little occurrences of this kind led to a good understanding ultimately, with the cementing of a lasting friendship. Personally, as well as on behalf of the Present and Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, he thanked the W.M. for the high compliment which it had been his pleasure to acknowledge. Bro. Kraeutler gave "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master" in flattering terms. The W.M., in reply, said his early life had been spent in Lewes, and it was a great pleasure to him to fill the honourable position of Master of the Pelham Lodge. It was true that they were not a numerous body, but, at the same time, they numbered among them several distinguished Masons. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. S. Tanner, and other visiting brethren. The after dinner proceedings were not prolonged, but while they lasted they were of a most enjoyable character.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The seventh installation meeting of this celebrated Middlesex lodge took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Tagg's Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Notwithstanding the exceptionally unpropitious condition of the weather, which was more in accordance with mid-winter than mid-spring, there was a goodly muster of members and visitors. Among the former we may mention Bro. J. J. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middlesex; Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middlesex; T. J. Sabine, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Theillay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; E. W. Devereux, S.W. and W.M. elect; Faulkner, Hon. Dental Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Pearson, Dr. Ryley, T. G. Tagg, Elliott, Henman, and others. Among the visitors we may enumerate Bro. the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Colonel Burdett, J.P.; Dr. Barringer, P.P.G.W. Herts; Graham, Holmesdale Lodge, Tunbridge Wells; Cash, Devereux, W. A. Simmons, P.M. New Cross Lodge, 1559, and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and signed, the W.M. referred in most feeling terms to the great loss which the lodge had recently sustained by the death of the S.D., Bro. J. Johnstone. The Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow and family. The W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine, then proceeded with the installation of the new W.M., Bro. E. W. Devereux, who was presented for the benefit of the ceremony by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M., &c.; after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in accordance with ancient usage, and the members below the chair retired for a short time. On their re-admission, the Acting Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed and the brethren then saluted the newly-installed Master, according to ancient custom. The appointment and investment of officers was as follows:—Bro. Loos, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Baldwin, P.M., Treas.; Wright, Sec.; Pearson, S.D.; Dr. Ryley, J.D.; Elliott, I.G.; Henman, D. of C.; Wingate, Steward; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. T. J. Sabine, then gave in a very perfect and impressive manner the three addresses. On the motion of Bro. Moss, P.M., &c., a special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. J. Sabine for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master. The lodge being closed in perfect harmony, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Tagg served up a repast equal to the best London houses. The menu and toast list combined was in itself a little work of art, illustrated with sixteen suitable quotations from Shakspeare. Ample justice having been done to the very excellent and well-served dinner, the W.M., Bro. E. W. Devereux, then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.H. the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were heartily received and responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, J.P., P.G.W. of England, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of England," the W.M. said he was exceedingly happy to welcome their venerated chief in the names of the members of the lodge on that occasion. The P.G.M. had, by a straightforward discharge of his duty, won the respect and esteem of all the lodges in the province, which, under his guiding care, had very materially increased since it was established a few years ago. Col. Burdett, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome which he had received, and assured them that it was his earnest wish and desire to promote the interest of true Freemasonry—to keep all the lodges in his province in a state of harmony and good working. He was glad to find that several of his Past Grand Officers were present, and that one had just left the chair of the lodge after installing his successor. The next toast was "The W. Deputy G.M., Sir Charles Bright, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G. Registrar. Bro. Moss, in reply, addressed the brethren in his usual humorous style, and attributed the success of Freemasonry in Middlesex to the great interest the P.G.M. (Col. Burdett) took in the proper working of the lodges. Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: I cannot but congratulate the lodge on the advance this day to the Master's chair of one of the first brethren who were initiated in the Era Lodge. It is an evidence of a new departure, and, I trust, one which will bring with it a continuance of the prosperity which has hitherto attended the lodge. It was originally arranged that the founders of

the lodge should go through the chair, and as that arrangement commenced with Bro. J. T. Moss, so to-day it has ended with me. Hence, I take it, there is a new departure. The veterans of the lodge have laid the foundation. These initiated in the lodge from to-day continue the work. I have every confidence in the arrangement. I have every confidence in the newly-installed W.M., who since the day of his initiation has passed through the various offices he has held with great credit to himself, with unquestionable advantage to the Lodge. He has set an example not only of constant attendance, but of perfect working, and I feel certain that during his year of office he will bear out the expressions of confidence I have used. I ask you to drink his good health, long life and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The W.M. (Bro. Devereux), in reply, thanked Bro. Sabine, for the very flattering manner in which he had been pleased to speak of him and his work. He also thanked the members and visitors for their hearty response. For himself he had made up his mind from the first to do his duty, and at the end of his year of office should not fear to be judged by results. He much regretted that the Easter holidays and the Christmas weather had prevented many from attending; he thanked those visitors who had favoured the lodge with their presence, and he trusted during his year of office to see them again, when the lovely scenery of the district could be enjoyed under more congenial circumstances. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him that day, and for the hearty expressions of success during the ensuing year. The W.M. (Bro. E. W. Devereux) then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and paid them collectively a high compliment for the work done by them. Addressing his Immediate Past Master (Bro. T. J. Sabine), he said: It is my pleasing duty to present you in the name of the members of the lodge with this handsome P.M.'s jewel, which I hope you may live many years to wear, and also with this elegant three-bottle liquor stand, which when used by you in your circle of friends will serve at all times to remind you of the Era Lodge which as a founder you helped to start, and which as a W.M. you have helped to support, and which as a P.M. you will be expected still to feel some interest in. The jewel and liquor stand are engraved as follows:—"Presented April 12th, 1879, by the members of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, to W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., founder and Past Treasurer of the lodge, in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master 1878-9. Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., in reply, said: The Past Masters of the lodge have at all times felt it a pleasurable duty, not only to attend with becoming regularity, but to assist in promoting the interests of the lodge. For myself, I can only say that from the day of consecration until this moment it has been to me a pleasure to attend and work with my fellow-members. It is my hope, if the G.A.O.T.U. gives me good health, to be as frequently among you as ever. I cannot sit down without thanking my brother members for the handsome vote of the lodge, which I shall treasure as souvenirs of my pleasant connection with the lodge during my life. I think, W.M., I may add, on the part of my brother Past Masters and myself, that you may rely on us to give you the assistance you may need, and at all times to support you in your laudable undertakings on behalf of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors" in suitable terms, referring to the work those present had done in Freemasonry, and offering them a very hearty welcome. Bro. Dr. Barringer, P.P.G.W. Herts, replied, thanking the brethren for the hearty way the toast had been received, and congratulating the new W.M. on his accession to the highest office the brethren can give in his mother lodge. He was also pleased with the excellent working of the installation ceremony by the I.P.M., Bro. Sabine. He might have heard it given in a more showy and more brilliant manner, but never with more effective heartiness. There was no attempt at display. It was given with earnest impressiveness, with almost faultless correctness, and delivered as if every word was heartily felt. He trusted to visit them again on some other occasion, for he was sure he should enjoy himself very much, not only in the lodge, where he should find careful workers, but outside the lodge, for the pleasant prospect up and down the river was in fine weather most enchanting. Bros. Graham, Cook, and Simmons also replied. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening, the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bros. Dr. Barringer, Graham, Dr. Ryley, and others.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1541).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe. Bro. Thomas Longmire, the W.M., presided. There was not a large attendance of brethren or visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no special business to transact, a conversation on Masonic topics took place. The lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—Tuesday, the 8th inst., was the birthday of his Worship the Mayor of Leicester (Bro. Ald. Clement Stretton), and it being the ordinary meeting of the above lodge, of which his worship is a member, the occasion was availed of to give him a special fraternal greeting. There was consequently a large and influential gathering both of the members of the Albert Edward and the sister lodges, especially, perhaps, of St. John's, of which the Mayor was for two successive years W.M., as he is now for a second year occupying the civic chair of the borough. The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, the brethren at a later period of the evening sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the esteemed W.M. (Captain J. G. F. Richardson). The following

other brethren were also amongst those present: Bro. Clement Stretton (the Mayor), P.M. 279, Prov. S.G.W.; C. G. Merewether, Q.C., M.P. (Recorder of Leicester); W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Prov. G.C.; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, P.G.T.; S. S. Partridge, P.M. 423, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Taylor, W.M. 523, Prov. G. Sup. Works; W. Millican, P.M. 523; J. M. M'Allister, P.M. 279, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523, P.P.G.O.; J. B. Haxby, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. L. Rolleston, J.W. 1560; W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523; Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 279, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Albert Stretton, 1560; G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523, P.G.S.B.; J. Vaughan, 279, P.M. 86; J. D. Harris, W. L. Emmerson, 523; the Rev. Edward W. Woodcock, P.P.G.C.; Wm. J. Freer, Robert Waite, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, 279; William Beeson, and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Clement Stretton, the Mayor of Leicester," prefacing the toast with a few complimentary observations upon the honourable position which the family of the Strettons had so long occupied amongst them, until he might truly say the name had become a household word. They were both proud and pleased to have the honour of the Mayor's presence with them that evening as one of their brethren, and as a fellow-citizen who had distinguished himself in the high office which he held as chief magistrate of the borough. In the discharge of the duties of that important position his worship had ably acquitted himself, and he had, at the same time, in the most hospitable manner, proved himself a worthy successor of his ancestors. In his Masonic career, too, he had not only won his way to very high office, but he had also distinguished himself by great generosity, being always ready to cater to the wants of others; and not only was his purse always open to the relief of such wants, but it was always so without the slightest ostentation. He (the W.M.) had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in proposing "The Health of Brother Stretton," coupled with a wish that he might live long to enjoy the honourable position to which he had attained, and the duties of which he had so worthily fulfilled. Bro. Stretton, in acknowledging the compliment, said the manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Worshipful Master, and the cordial way in which it had been received by the brethren, was very gratifying to him, and he was very grateful to them for such a numerous attendance in honour of his birthday. It was only two weeks ago that he spent his Masonic birthday, for on the first of the month just sixteen years ago Bro. Haxby, assisted by Bro. Kelly, introduced him into Masonry. He had been through most of the offices in Masonry, until he had arrived at the height of a Mason's ambition, namely, that of being P.G.S.W. During his connection with Masonry he had made many kind friends, and only this last year Masonry had been of very great assistance to him. When, by an unfortunate occurrence, it again fell to his lot to be again invited to take office as Mayor, he had recourse to his Masonic friends for their advice. Some of them present would no doubt remember that he solicited their advice as to whether he should accept office a second time; and the advice he received from his Masonic friends, of both political parties, determined him to accept the office which had been again so kindly offered to him. He could not do more than thank them most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received him on that, as on all occasions. Bro. S. S. Partridge said he had great pleasure in proposing to them "The Health of their much esteemed W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge," who so very admirably filled the office. It was not given to every one to occupy the chair in the manner in which Bro. Richardson now filled it, for he did not aim to go through the duties in a mere parrot-like, schoolboy way; but both in the lodge, and at their banquets afterwards, the admirable way in which he presided over them commanded their greatest admiration. His officers must all be very pleased to serve under him, and he (Bro. Partridge) was sure all the brethren present would unite in wishing him very good health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. said he thanked them very much for the great honour they had done him by the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Partridge. He said he never anticipated the honour of passing the chair in any lodge, and certainly never expected he should have the honour of presiding over such a lodge as the Albert Edward. He could only say that it would be his greatest endeavour to conduct it impartially, and with the best feelings towards all the brethren. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next eloquently proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged; "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. S. Cleaver, W.M. of the St. John's, 279; Richard Taylor, W.M. 523; and T. A. Wykes, I.P.M. 505; and this was followed by other complimentary toasts. During the evening the proceedings were greatly varied and enlivened by the musical performances, both vocal and instrumental, of several of the brethren, including Bros. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G.O.; Scott, Organist of 279; A. Wykes, R. Taylor, and others; the meeting being altogether a most enjoyable one. The chief work in lodge was to raise to the Third Degree Bro. James Neale, F.S.A. (the distinguished author of the beautiful architectural work on St. Alban's Abbey, who is a native of Leicester). The ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W.M.; T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Seller, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; H. Jackson, as I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; together with several other brethren and visitors.

The work of the evening consisted of the ceremonies of passing Bros. Haslam and Atkinson to the Second Degree, after which the following presentations were made to the lodge:—Three Masonic works from the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; illuminated vite of thanks from the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, Philadelphia, for the hospitality and attention shown to their pilgrims when in York last year; four beautifully framed water-colour drawings of the four ancient gateways, or bars, of the City of York, from Bros. W. P. Husband, J. Marshall, and A. T. B. Turner; plate of arms of the Grand Lodge of England from Bro. W. J. Hughan; "Hughan's Masonic Register," and photograph group of the Mary Commandery pilgrims from Bro. T. B. Whythead. After the close of the lodge a very harmonious evening was spent, the loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, and "Health and Bon Voyage" drank to Bro. J. Haslam, who is proceeding to South Australia, where he has received a Government appointment. The proceedings were culminated by the part singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, Humphries, and other members of the Lodge Gleec Club, accompanied by Bro. C. G. Padel.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; F. Brasted, S.W.; J. Dignum, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; also Bros. C. Olley, Marsh, and G. Ferrar. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and Bro. C. Olley, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Second Degree of a Fellow Craft. Assisted by the brethren, Bro. F. Brasted worked the First and Bro. Lorkin the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. F. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday. Nothing further offering, the lodge was adjourned. Any brother desirous of attending the lodge will be heartily welcome.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Companions present: Comps. J. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., acting H.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., acting J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, S.E.; George Newman, P.Z., acting P.S.; James Lorkin, A.S.; John Kent, Thomas Cohe, W. Darnell, Brand, Harmsworth, Cheese, Potter, and Perry. Visitors, Comps. Gompertz and Darcy. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Lorkin, Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1524, was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The sum of two guineas was voted to the George Chambers Testimonial Fund, and three guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A brother was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

WANDERERS' CHAPTER (No. 1604).—The installation convocation of this military chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The presiding officers were Comps. Thos. H. Meredith, M.E.Z.; Sergeant-Major W. J. Parish, R.E., H.; and T. R. McIlwham, J. The other companions present were Comps. Charles Fuller, Treas.; W. H. Bird, S.E.; F. J. Wray, P.S.; C. A. Cottebrune, W. Brown, C. Taylor, J. Gibson, C. Burmeister, E. Cole, Charles Smith, W. Vincent, D. G. Brown, B. Barton, Horace White; and visitors Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden (Vane Chapter); G. W. Dixon, Z. 771; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason). Comp. Meredith installed Comp. Sergeant-Major W. J. Parish, R.E., as M.E.Z., and Comp. McIlwham, P.Z., as H. Comp. Meredith was again elected as J., and took his seat accordingly. The other officers were Comps. W. H. Bird, S.E.; George Bolton, S.N.; Chas. Fuller, Treas.; Chas. Smith, P.S.; James Gibson, 1st A.S.; and Edward Cole, and A.S. After the installations and investitures Bro. Daniel Gibson Brown, of Lodge 1604, was exalted in excellent style, and Comp. Vincent, of the Stockwell Chapter, was admitted as a joining member. This concluded the business of the evening, and the chapter was then closed, and the company adjourned to a very nice banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, and afterwards honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Burmeister, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and in doing so adverted to the great services of Sgt.-Major Parish to Freemasonry, both in the Craft in the Wanderers' Lodge and in the Wanderers' Chapter. The M.E.Z., in reply, said that Comp. Burmeister had been pleased to refer to his connection with Craft Masonry in the Wanderers' Lodge and in the Wanderers' Chapter. He (the M.E.Z.) never expected when he entered Masonry to occupy the proud position he did now. He did certainly think it was his duty as a Mason to attain those honours which he saw were so ably and gracefully worn by companions in other lodges and chapters. He could only thank the companions for the honour they had done him, and although they had as regarded the way the ceremony was performed done the best, he said yet he should try to do whatever he could to render the beautiful ceremonies of the ancient ritual creditably and to the satisfaction of the companions of the chapter, and he hoped he should achieve the success he desired and the chapter deserved. He hoped that the companions would meet in the chapter in large numbers and support the chair, and they might rely upon it the chair would support them. He then proposed "The Health of the H. and J.," and

regretted the absence from the banquet table of Comp. McIlwham, who had been compelled to leave immediately after the working of the chapter through ill-health. He was happy to say that the H. and J. of the Wanderers' Chapter were both P.Z.'s, and therefore if he were at all at a loss for any of the ritual he would be able to obtain the knowledge he required from those two officers. Comp. Burmeister and Comp. Meredith replied, and the latter in the course of his reply assured the M.E.Z. that any assistance he could render during his year of office he should most willingly give, and he hoped the working of the chapter would be satisfactory to every Royal Arch companion who entered it. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Newly-Exalted, Comps. Brown and Smith." While doing so he said it must be the endeavour of the companions of the Wanderers' Chapter to introduce to it only such brethren as they would not be ashamed to meet in their own domestic circle. Keeping this cardinal point before them they would make the chapter an honour to Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Smith assured the companions that he took great interest in Freemasonry, which he looked upon as the greatest of human institutions, and in following up his Masonry he should endeavour to make himself an efficient officer. Comp. Brown also replied, and informed the chapter that he had been very much struck with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, and with the splendid ritual of the Order. The M.E.Z. afterwards proposed "The P.Z.," and in introducing the names of Comp. Meredith, to whom a P.Z. jewel had been presented, and Comp. Cottebrune reminded the companions of the great services which those companions had rendered to the chapter. Referring to the distribution of honour which had been bestowed on Comp. Meredith, he said he was certain that the compliment was no hollow one, for it was given to a companion who was thoroughly honoured and respected in every walk of life, and was conferred as an evidence that the companions of the chapter entertained the same feeling for him. With respect to the performance of the ceremonies that evening, there was no doubt that the installation, which only a few of the companions had been privileged to witness, had been conducted with the strictest regard to ancient form, and with a fluency and ability which would shed credit on any companion who attempted it. Comp. Meredith replied as P.Z., as Installing Z., and as Present J. Alluding to the remarks of the M.E.Z. in reference to the work of the past year, and the P.Z.'s jewel presented to him, Comp. Meredith said he had not performed the ceremony to his own satisfaction, but at all events he had done his best under the circumstance of his having a bad cold, and of having had a great deal to do lately, which had precluded him from getting up the ceremonies as he would have wished. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, to which Comps. Holden and Dixon were called upon to reply. Comps. Holden, Dixon, and Massey replied, and "The Officers of the Chapter" having been proposed, the Janitor's toast was given, and the companions separated. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening by several companions.

CROYDON.—Frederick Chapter of Unity (No. 452).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Greyhound on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The business of the evening was to exalt Bro. Steele, of 1627, and to elect the officers for the ensuing year. There were present Comps. Frances, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; Ohren, P.Z.; J. E. Evans, P.Z.; S. W. Sugg, H.; Edwards, J.; Pawley, N.; Blount, Dickenson, Jeffrey, and others. In the absence of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Sugg), the chair was taken by Comp. Frances, who impressively gave the beautiful ceremony of this degree, and he was ably assisted by Comps. J. W. Sugg and Edwards, as H. and J. At the completion of the exaltation, ballots were severally taken, and the following companions declared duly elected: Comps. J. W. Sugg, P.G.S.B. Z.; Edwards, H.; Pawley, J.; Ohren, S.E.; Dickenson, N.; and Jeffrey, P.S. In consequence of the illness of Comp. Robins (an announcement which was received with great regret by the companions), he was not re-elected Treasurer, but Comp. Evans, P.Z., was selected to fill the vacant post. At the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly responded to, the M.E.Z. gave "The Grand Superintendent of the Province (General Brownrigg), and the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter," observing that although their Provincial Grand Z. held the highest and most honourable position in the province, it was not one without its difficulties, and the chief among those was the proper bestowal of the honours he had at his disposal. He (the M.E.Z.) felt assured that the general never gave the Provincial collar to any one unless either from personal knowledge or reliable information that the recipient was thoroughly worthy. Of course in the large number of Masons in the province many who were worthy were passed over, but the fault was in the few tokens of recognition at the disposal of the Grand Superintendent, not from an unmindful disposition on his part. The M.E.Z. coupled this toast with the name of Comp. W. Sugg, H. It was enthusiastically received by the companions, and felicitously replied to by Comp. Sugg. The toast of "The Newly-Exalted Comp. Steele" had a somewhat mournful interest, inasmuch as his proposer, Comp. Masterman, P.Z., had died since the last meeting of the chapter, and the M.E.Z. paid a fitting tribute to his memory. Comp. Ohren, in replying to the toast of the S.E., made some appropriate comments on the remarks that had been made in the course of the evening with respect to the G.S., cordially agreeing with them, and observing that though the Prov. G. Chapter was in the first year of its existence, it had some of the best R.A. Masons in the province for its officers. The toasts of "The H. and Z." were responded to, and the Janitor's toast finished an agreeable evening.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE (T.I.).—This time immemorial lodge held its installation meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Chas. Jacques, W.M.; E. C. Mather, S.W.; Henry Venn, J.W.; Jas. Moon, M.O.; H. Dicketts, S.O.; W. B. Date, J.O.; J. O. Wood, I.G.; T. Keene, Col. Peters, Jos. Tanner, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hyde Pullen, C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Thos. Poore, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Rev. P. M. Holden, W. T. Christian, and E. M. Money. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Matier advanced Bros. Sappet, Pinder, Gimivgham, Leaman, and Silvestre, in his usual perfect manner, and Bro. Dewar, P.M., installed Bro. E. C. Matier in the chair of this ancient and prosperous lodge, who thereupon appointed his officers and invested them with their respective collars and jewels. After the lodge had voted £5 5s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and transacted other business on the agenda, the brethren dined together under the presidency of their W.M.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W., and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Paisley, as J.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Mason, No. 1002, which proving unanimous he was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The lodge was then closed.

India.

TRICHINOPOLY.—Rock Lodge (No. 260, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Trichinopoly on Friday, the 20th December, 1878. There were present W. Bros. J. E. Lillywhite, W.M.; and J. W. Borthistle, I.P.M.; Bros. J. Lennox, as S.W.; P. Webber, as J.W.; J. Elder, Sec.; A. Jones, as S.D.; W. Battensby, as J.D.; W. Barrow, I.G.; and Walford, Tyler. The lodge was opened with prayer in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the summons convening the meeting was read. Before proceeding to elect a Master for the ensuing year, the W.M. stated that there were three candidates for the E.C., viz., himself, W. Bro. Borthistle, and Bro. Littlewood, but the Secretary would, in the course of the evening, read a letter from Bro. Littlewood in which he regretted that owing to his duties he would not (if elected) be able to enter upon his duties as W.M. The brethren then voted for W. Bros. Lillywhite and Borthistle, the former obtaining four and the latter three votes. W. Bro. Borthistle then congratulated W. Bro. Lillywhite on his re-election, when W. Bro. Lillywhite thanked the lodge for the honour they had conferred on him. At the suggestion of the W.M., W. Bro. Borthistle was by acclamation appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Walford re-elected Tyler for the year. A letter was read from W. Bro. Koeman requesting affiliation into the Rock Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. Littlewood, which was referred to by the W.M. in the earlier part of the proceedings; also another from Garrison Sergeant-Major E. Marshall, acknowledging receipt of Rs. 20, and tendering his own and the Vestry Orphans' thanks to the lodge for the donation in aid of the Christmas treat. A letter was read from W. Bro. C. W. Pearce, P.M. Lodge No. 273, requesting that Dr. O'Hara, civil surgeon of this station, be proposed as a member. The W.M. proposed, and W. Bro. Borthistle seconded, that Dr. O'Hara be balloted for at next regular meeting. Lodge was closed at 8.25 p.m.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Rock Lodge, held at Trichinopoly on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1878.—The lodge was opened with prayer in the First Degree at sunrise, and the brethren called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. The lodge was closed at 8 a.m., and re-opened in the evening at 7 o'clock, and the summons convening the meeting read. The lodge was raised to the Second or F.C.'s Degree, after which the W.M. invested each of the undermentioned brethren with the collar of office as specified against his name:—Bros. John Lennox, S.W.; P. Subbyer, J.W.; J. Elder, Sec.; W. Barrow, S.D.; P. Webber, J.D.; C. Kite, I.G.; and J. Walford, Tyler. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Webber seconded, that Bro. J. A. Wright, of Lodge No. 260, be balloted for affiliation at next regular meeting. Bro. Barrow proposed, and Bro. Battensby seconded, that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Elder for decorating the lodge. The lodge was closed at 7.50 p.m.

The consecration of the Trinity College Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 244, will take place at Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-street, Portland-place, on Tuesday next, at four p.m. Bro. Dr. E. Passawer is the W.M. designate, and the ceremony of consecration will be performed by the R.W. Bro. Colonel F. Burdett, 32^d, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, assisted by W. Bro. W. G. Brighton and other Grand Officers.

The *Whitehall Review* says that the officers of the corps of the Royal Engineers contemplate raising a memorial to their gallant comrades, Bros. Col. E. W. Durnford and Lieut. F. H. MacDowell, who lost their lives in the terrible massacre at Isandula on January 22nd. If they carry out this idea, we would suggest that the memorial take a substantial form, and be made, in the first instance, to benefit the families of those who fell.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, in the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. Robert H. Griffin, W. H. Spaul, G. T. Wright, W. Winn, Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, John Wordsworth, Henry Smith, E. M. Haigh, Alfred W. Stanfield, Wm. Stephens, John Coutts, A. J. Ireton, W. H. Main, R. N. Harper, F. B. Davage, Fred. Adlard, N. B. Headon, Gaston Murray, T. W. Sedgwick, S. Rawson, C. H. Webb, W. W. Morgan, G. Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Stevens, Thos. Meggy, H. M. Levy, D. D. Berry, W. W. Morgan, D. R. Still, James Cowan, D. Rose, A. H. Tattershall, George Adamson, Thos. Bull, E. Coste, C. F. Maier, E. S. Snell, Thos. Fenn, L. Ruf, Hyde Pullen, W. Clifton Crick, John Mason, E. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, Chas. Coote, J. L. Hine, A. J. D. Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. Godtschalk, Gen. Neal, Andrew Middlemass, D. D. Mercer, G. Ward Verry, W. H. Saunders, Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex; W. J. Murlis, Thos. W. White, Col. J. E. Peters, R. F. Webster, E. Binckes, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason). The brethren from West Yorkshire were Bros. Thos Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, John Wordsworth, W. B. Alderson, A. W. Stanfield, and Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary.

The minutes having been read were put for confirmation, when Bro. C. F. Matier, objecting to the new Rule 55, requiring that the father of a candidate for the school should have been for seven consecutive years a subscribing member to a lodge, except in case of death or shipwreck, moved to strike out the word "consecutive." The motion was seconded by Bro. John Constable, but the Chairman, following the opinion of Bro. McIntyre, G.C., and G. Reg., at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, ruled that all that could be done at this Court with reference to the new rules was to confirm or non-confirm the minutes. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and several other brethren supported Bro. Matier's view, that it would be a hardship if the son of a Mason who had subscribed seven years in the aggregate, whether consecutive or not, to a lodge should be disqualified for candidature, and this feeling was very general among the brethren. Bro. Binckes, while following the generally-expressed opinion, pointed out to the brethren that if the rule was not confirmed there would be no rule for the General Committee to proceed upon in selecting candidates for the October election, and no candidates could be added for that election to those who would be unsuccessful at the present Quarterly Court. Thereupon Bro. Matier withdrew his proposition, and gave notice of motion for the October Quarterly Court to alter the rule.

Bro. J. A. Birch gave notice of motion for October that the election of Secretary of the Institution should take place by proxy instead of personally.

Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The General Committee was re-elected, and Bro. C. H. McKay was elected to fill the place of the late Bro. Jesse Turner on that Committee.

The Scrutineers of Votes were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to the election of sixteen boys out of an approved list of sixty-eight candidates for the benefits of the Institution. The poll was declared by Bro. R. B. Webster, Chairman of the Scrutineers, at four o'clock, when the following was announced to be the result of the election:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Thorn, William Richard	1592
Chandler, Arthur John	1572
Ward, James	1529
Landless, John Greenwood	1528
Walker, James Alexander	1504
Warner, Richard John	1503
Keighley, George Norman C.	1493
Waud, Frank Sydney	1489
King, Henry Hugh	1445
Nicholls, Richard Howell	1431
Sissons, Ernest William	1419
Allison, Tom	1411
Salter, Arthur	1408
Southam, George William	1387
Green, James Baker	1326
Gibbs, John	1290

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Wilkinson, Percy Charles	1285
Parker, George Shadwell	1255
Allin, Charles James Fox	1219
Colbeck, Frank	1065
Henderson, John	929
Beckett, Ernest George	919
Garstin, Paul Belmore	861
Norrish, Herbert	819
Spalding, Edmund Purcell	765
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	676
Brooks, George Bertie	619
Hounslow, Herbert Rich.	614
Thomas, John M. Alex.	575
Wait, Emanuel	541
Stone, Percy Hebert	512
Bzley, William Henry	400
Gauntlett, George Fredk.	377
Scott, John Sheppard	375
Grave, Richard Arthur	358
Kennedy, Arthur James	316
Seedon, James Albert	313
Ridpath, Lovell Hope	234
Wagstaff, Charles C.	199
Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	166

Shrapnel, C. E. Scrope	158
Crane, Harry Samuel J.	142
Tracy, William	135
Frost, Christian Frederic	127
Neville, Fredk. John	106
Fellows, Arthur	103
Coe, Albert Edward	102
Marshall, Phillipson	101
Woolons, Walter H.	84
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	79
Unwin, Fras. Arthur	57
Fellows, Herbert M.	49
Jones, Ernest Handel	45
Cole, Alfred Thomas	42
Bell, James Herbert	22
Brown, Walter Boston	16
Gay, George John	15
Giles, Frank Arthur	10
Bartley, William James	8
Steinhauer, George W.	5
Winter, Richard Thomas	5
Read, John	2
Black, William	2
Bowman, George Frederick	—
Hawke, Edwin Ernest	—
Barker, Arthur	—
Foot, William Robert D.	—
Pratt, Robt. Williamson	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers, and Col. Creaton, Chairman of the day, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present, amongst a very large assemblage of brethren, Bros. E. J. McIntyre, G.C., G.R.; J. L. Hine, C. F. Matier, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thos. J. Sabine, J. E. Le Fuvre, Charles John Perceval, W. H. Spaul, J. Vaughan, P.P.G.J.W. Warwick; George Wyatt, P.P.G.S.W. Isle of Wight; Capt. John Wordsworth, West Yorkshire, 1019; Alfred W. Stanfield, J. Thompson, P.M. W. Yorkshire, 1019; J. G. Stevens, Thomas J. Barnes, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, Robert Wylie, J. P. Platt, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, W. Yorkshire; Henry Smith, Prov. G.S. W. Yorkshire; W. J. Murlis, Ed. Hopwood, M. Stern, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. W. White, Albert Elford, James A. Birch, John Barker, W. James Gill, F. Adlard, Thomas Meggy, Herbert Dicketts, G. R. Sherrill, Henry Venn, H. Hacker, Fredk. Binckes, John M. Clabon, E. M. Haigh, George Bolton, F. B. Davage, H. M. Levy, W. W. Morgan, D. R. Still, James Cowan, George Adamson, E. Coste, E. S. Snell, Thos. Fenn, John Mason, Edward Cox, L. Ruf, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The following brethren represented West Yorkshire:— Bros. W. H. Gill, J.P.; A. W. Stanfield, J.P.; W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P.; John Wordsworth, Henry Smith, and Thomas Hill.

After the minutes had been read, Bro. J. A. Birch said there was an alteration in the rules which the brethren in the provinces certainly thought might have been made with advantage to the Institution. The provincial brethren believed that voting for the Secretary of the Institution might be allowed to be conducted by proxies instead of as at present in person. If provincial brethren now wished to vote for Secretary they had to come up to London, probably at an expense of £5 or £6, otherwise they were powerless to vote. They could vote by proxy for candidates for the Schools or the Aged Institution, and it seemed to him and numerous other provincial brethren that the same privilege might be extended to voting for Secretary.

The Chairman said the attention of the Committee for altering the rules had been directed to this subject, and they thought that the law should remain as it was. Bro. Birch's proposition not being a new matter it was competent for him now to move upon it.

Bro. Birch said he should be very glad to make a motion on the subject. The voting for Secretary was really now in the hands of the London brethren.

Bro. Thomas W. White said that though this was not a new matter, he must submit that the present was a meeting for the confirmation of the laws as altered, and he could not see how Bro. Birch's motion could be brought on without notice.

Bro. Woodford also drew attention to the question of seven years and seven consecutive years.

The Chairman, after conferring with the Grand Registrar, said that all that could be legally done at the present meeting in this respect was that Bro. Birch might move that the part of the laws that he objected to be not confirmed. With regard to seven years the Chairman said the matter would be settled on Monday.

Bro. Birch said he would move then to strike out the word "present" in Rule 73.

Bro. Thos. W. White said if this word was struck out it would leave the wording exactly as it had been in the old law.

Bro. McIntyre said, that being so, the old law would be revised. Bro. Birch might give notice of motion to alter the bye-laws at next Quarterly Court, or he might move for a Committee to revise that particular law.

Bro. J. A. Birch said he would give notice of motion for the Court in October.

The minutes of last Quarterly Court were then put to the meeting and confirmed.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., proposed that Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, be elected Treasurer of this Institution.

He was quite sure that every one who was present at last Grand Lodge was delighted at the unanimity with which Col. Creaton was elected Grand Treasurer. He had been one of the most active, able, and earnest supporters of the Masonic Charities, and every one would combine in doing honour to him who did such honour to this Institution.

Bro. Clabon, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, said that as one who was put in competition with Col. Creaton at the election of Grand Treasurer, and who so gladly saw the result, he had the greatest pleasure in seconding the proposition.

Col. Creaton was then elected unanimously as Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bros. N. C. Browse and J. J. Caney were elected on the General Committee.

The scrutineers of votes were then chosen, and the election of eighteen girls out of an approved list of forty-seven candidates was proceeded with. The poll was declared at four o'clock, when the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	1559
Jones, Florence May	1440
Palmer, Florence E. M.	1378
Busher, Helen Mary	1310
Peele, Katherine Anne	1268
Hiic, Catherine Frances	1256
Veal, Thurza Ann	1218
Mott, Mary Eliza	1211
Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	1210
Garnett, Edith Mary	1181
Wadhams, Ellen Amy	1149
Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	1112
Cook, Ada Mary	1058
Duckett, Florence Lizzie	1055
Senior, Ellen	1054
Good, Ellen Mary	949
Hebblethwaite, Kate	946
Clark, Beatrice Mary	899

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Jay, Gertrude Alice	797
Hicks, Edith	792
Deeley, Agnes A.	763
Kirke, Alice Clara	753
Simpson, Mabel Jane	685
Lang, Margaret Ethel	672
Williams, Emma Eliza	557
Allison, Ethel Frances W.	547
Fellows, Charlotte Amelia	546
Hill, Emily S. H.	480
Dawson, Alice Mary	475
Keighly, Harriott Geraldine	459
Hart, Eva C. H.	436
Pratt, Clara	436
Tipper, Mabel Harrison	389
Cheek, Laura Sophia	360
Wain, Fanny Elizabeth	216
Cecil, Emily Alford (1st application)	209
Priestley, Juliet S. H.	194
Evans, Mildred	139
Parker, Annie Sarah	135
King, Emily Beatrice	77
Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	75
Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	49
Brown, Edith	40
Gover, Annie	15
Hill, Annie Elizabeth	13
Howle, Minnie	2
Williams, Edith Corral (withdrawn)	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, presided, and there were also present Bros. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Frederick Adlard, J. A. Farnfield, James Brett, P.G.P.; John J. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, John Newton, Charles F. Hogard, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Edgar Bowyer, Charles J. Perceval, L. Stean, Erasmus Wilson, G.D.; W. Hilton, Charles Horsley, Charles G. Hill, William Hall, James Terry, Prov. G. J. W. Herts (Secretary); and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary reported the deaths of one male and two female annuitants.

The Warden's report was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and it was resolved that £3000 should be deposited at the banker's at interest.

The petition of Mrs. La Croix (Hampshire) was rejected, the necessary ten years' dues of her late husband not having been completed.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith were nominated as the Committee to draw up the annual report.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity, and for leave to reside in the asylum, was granted.

Bro. Col. Creaton's motion, "That owing to the continued growth of the Institution, and the additional work consequent thereon being very great, the salary of the Secretary be increased £100 per annum from the 1st of March last," was carried unanimously, and the proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

The annual festival of the Chapter of Fortitude, and annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday next.

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BRACEGIRDLE.—On the 2nd inst., at Morton House, Victoria Docks, London, the wife of Thomas McCampbell Bracegirdle, of a daughter.

CHOLMELEY.—On the 14th inst., at Brandsby Hall, Easingwold, Yorkshire, the wife of T. C. Cholmeley, of a son.

MAXWELL.—On the 6th inst., at Althorp-road, Upper-Tooting, Surrey, the wife of Captain Robert Maxwell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WHISH—CHURCHER.—On the 15th ult., at Basti, C. W. Whish, Bengal Civil Service, to Adeline, daughter of E. J. Churcher.

DEATHS.

BIRKINSHAW.—On the 18th ult., at Dhond, the Deccan, India, John Frederick Birkinshaw, P.W.D., son of the late John C. Birkinshaw, C.E., Bidford, Devon, aged 31.

ECCLES.—On the 12th inst., at Darwen Bank, Torquay, Thon as Eccles, J.P., late of the Elms, Lower Darwen, Lancashire, aged 7.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1879.

FREEMASONRY AT HOME.

If it be true, as we have endeavoured to point out in two preceding articles, that Freemasonry in what it does do, and what it does not do above all, has ever human happiness as its aim, and human well-being as its end, surely, we should be disposed to think, it must be highly appreciated among men. And yet, strange to say, for it is a paradox per se, this friendly, useful, and beneficent fraternity, for it is all this and even more than this, has had countless attacks to meet, and numerous and bitter foes to contend with. It has been assailed by ridicule and by obloquy, it has been menaced by spiritual excommunications and temporal condemnation; it has been for a time silenced, suppressed, and supposed to be extinguished under some unwise Governments in various parts of the world, and; even at this hour, the opinions of the outer world seem curiously intermingled, whether of admiration or detraction, approval or disapproval, sympathy or sarcasm, respect or ridicule. Why is this? What has Freemasonry done to disentitle it to fair play and equitable treatment, to the consideration of the tolerant and the approbation of the just? The truth is, and we will say it all at once, and once for all, the divided state of public opinion is due to the perseverance of malignant calumny, originally set on foot by the Jesuits and the Ultramontane party in the Church of Rome. It is more than possible, indeed, we think, and on no light evidence, that the Jesuits, with their worldly acumen, sought at one time to make use of the secret organization of Freemasonry to further their own political or religious views. According to the strict ideas of some Roman Catholic writers there have not been a few "heretics" even amongst the Jesuits themselves, and it is just possible that towards the end of the last century, for instance, when all society and all authority were decomposed and decomposing, that astute and secret sodality may have thought that they could turn Freemasonry to their own aims and their own benefit. But if so, this endeavour did not last long, and the earliest condemnation of Freemasonry, in 1738, procured by the Jesuits, probably represents their official, and latest, and deliberate views on the subject. Hence, their great object always has been to confound Freemasonry with revolution, and to represent Freemasonry as a destructive secret political society. In the earliest Bull of Clement, indeed, another ground is taken, namely, the pernicious fact that Roman Catholics and Protestants meet together—horrible act!—but the uniform tenor of all subsequent Roman Catholic anathemata and allocutions, and Bulls and Briefs, has been to confound Freemasonry with Fenianism, and the Carbonari, and other secret political societies, or rather to put them all, as we say, "in a lump" together on one level. In Great Britain, America, and the Canadas, and Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Holland, any such charge was quite unfounded, as many Roman Catholics know and admit—though we are obliged in fairness to confess that in Germany latterly some unwise individual utterances have been heard, proclaiming, with much egotism, that Freemasonry was simply an opposition to Roman Catholicism—a very great mistake in every respect. Still the old slander has been handed on, and it has even grown in younger and unskilful hands, until Freemasons are accused of all revolutions, of king-murder, of violence, turbulence, anarchy; of being the hidden cause of all the national tumults of past years or to-day. Anything more ridiculous or more false as a matter of history never has been promulgated on fallible or even infallible authority. With the "Illuminati," for instance, with whom Freemasons have been often, and still are, confounded by Roman Catholic authorities, they have had nothing whatever to do in any measure. The Illuminati were founded by Weisnaupt, a Roman Catholic and a Jesuit, on the system of Freemasonry, it is true, he being a Freemason, though not when, it is curious to

note, he founded his Order, and it is more than doubtful whether in what he did he was not following the "dicta" of countless leading Jesuit teachers, by whom revolution and king killing, and disobedience to rational laws, and anarchical and anti-social principles, have been openly expressed and carefully manipulated. Thus the prejudice, such as it is, lingering against Freemasonry in the world, rests, as such prejudices mostly do, on open or anonymous slander, and may well at once be dismissed for ever by the thoughtful, the studious, and the equitable. If any one asks of us to-day "what is Freemasonry, and what does it do?" we reply at once "Si queris circumspice." There is no human society in Great Britain which, with limited numbers and not very wealthy members, is doing as much as Freemasonry does do for genuine charity, for the mitigation of the sorrows, the woes, the trials of humanity, for lightening the burdens of this earthly pilgrimage, in reverence for God and in love for man. And here we stop to-day.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

Often as we use these words, and often as we have used them in the *Freemason*, we never touch upon the subject without some misgiving and much reluctance, and the reason is obvious. Our worthy brethren, excellent in many ways and capacities, zealous, earnest, undaunted, and untiring, do not yet quite see, for some reason or other, the need, utility, and advantage of Masonic literature—in itself and by itself—whether for themselves in particular, or Freemasonry in general. True it is that there is Masonic literature, and we will add "and Masonic literature," and, that, despite apathy and forgetfulness, "caterers" are still to be found to supply a "pabulum" for the Masonic mind, regularly, carefully, and effectively. But yet, alas! what is the record and result of most Masonic literary ventures, but this—loss, failure, breaking down? In both hemispheres the cry is "still they come," and above all, "still they fail." Goodly argosies, well freighted too, founder in the great ocean of Masonic indifference, and are heard of no more. Pale ghosts of departed "weeklies" and "serials" seem to haunt us still, reminding us that they have been once amongst us in the "body," but are now "disembodied" with a vengeance. And why is this, we repeat once more? We fear there is but one answer—our Masonic public wants "educating," not, indeed, in the vulgar necessities of the three "R.'s," but as to the high importance and value, and light imparted by "Masonic literature." As a rule, we fear, the less profound artistic and æsthetic level of Masonic literature is preferred, which deals with the "menu" and the "songs," which sets up elaborate "summonses" and deftly decorated invitations as the "summum bonum" of Masonic literary taste and power. If a few of the old "stock books" are sought for and read, that is all, and, despite the changes of time, the advance of criticism, and the discoveries of archaeology, we fear the majority of our Order remain perpetually indifferent to the lucubrations of the Masonic antiquarian, or the pages of the Masonic historian. Of course we are not insensible to the prevalence of the old Masonic hostility to all publications, and though we admit, promptly, that there may be over publication, we have yet to learn why Freemasonry, so rich in its legends and its traditions, its quaint customs, and its remarkable symbolism, is to be without a literature at all, and to be alone in the world, so to say, without any exposition either of its esoteric tokens or its esoteric formulæ. We trust sincerely that better days are yet in store for Masonic literature, and that the many thousand works, not all of course of the same value, which have been issued by Masonic writers since 1723, may be more studied by the "coming Freemasons" than they have been, we apprehend, by their worthy predecessors. Our publisher has lately issued two literary efforts which call for the thanks of Masonic students, and the support of intelligent and reading Masons, and deserve a place in all lodge libraries, be these many or be these few. The one is a catalogue of Masonic books, which will be excessively useful to Masonic col-

lectors, and as the forerunner of a later and larger one seems to point, let us trust, to Masonic studies and literary interest. The other is Vol. I. of a Masonic Archæological Library, which contains the Book of Constitutions of 1723, and the Wilson MS. The work is beautifully printed, and is a fitting commencement of a useful Masonic archæological library. In America, where Masonic archæology has more votaries than in Great Britain, these works will, we know, meet with much sympathy and approval as steps in a right direction, and we hope that we may see in them, as the Editor of Vol. I. of the Masonic Archæology Library states in his preface, "auspicious melioris ævi," the promise that is of "that good time coming," of which Mackay writes, alike for men and for Masons.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

We publish elsewhere a scheme, originating in West Yorkshire, for the formation of a local benevolent effort, somewhat on the system of the Lancashire and Cheshire Associations, to assist the education of indigent children of Freemasons in that province. A somewhat similar society, with similar aims, also exists at Leeds. We are glad to note and announce these proposals, because though they do not go as far as we could wish, they yet are good as far as they do go. In our opinion the time has come when the provinces should seek to have what the French call "succursales," or subsidiary institutions, to our great central Educational Charities. There can be no possible reason why one system of education, even the same books, might not be used among all the Educational Institutions, and as they would all lead up to the great central Schools, a qualifying examination might well be added to the election by subscribers as at present. Supposing, for instance, that West Yorkshire had a preliminary school of its own, its children who go to the central Schools might be there from 12 to 15, and 12 to 16, respectively, and the younger provincial children would be provided for in a provincial school, and the London juveniles in a London school kept up by the London brethren alone. There are some few obstacles in the way, no doubt, but none which might not be got over by patience and perseverance. There is no difficulty, for instance, as Dr. Morris and Miss Davis could tell our readers, in having one system of education for girls and boys all over the country, and it is just possible that we have in this fact the practicability of carrying out Bro. Clabon's view of bursaries or scholarships. The one great hindrance in the way of Bro. Clabon's benevolent scheme is, that whereas the Benevolent Fund is the contribution of the whole Craft, and meant for general benevolence, the proposal to alienate a portion of it to the Schools seems to savour to some of limited and special purposes, antagonistic to its avowed object. But if there were alike provincial and metropolitan "Bursaries" this objection would be met, and much good to Masonry would accrue. Do any of us think that our Educational Institutions with our growing order can stand where they are now, taking into consideration our applications for admission and the wear and tear of life? Any such idea is in our opinion a mistake. We must, while the sun shines, look out for increased wants and accumulated claims, and having "put our hands to the plough," let us not "look back" or "weary by the way," but resolutely set ourselves to the work of carrying on, developing, and perfecting Institutions so honourable to our Order, so blessed for the young, and so helpful to humanity.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have reason to believe that at the last elections this much needed association has done good service to many poor candidates. The recent election has been a very difficult one to contest, for various reasons, and is probably an omen of what each succeeding election must be. Indeed, in this fact alone is an apology to be found, if apology be needed with any, for the formation

of an organization so friendly to our great Charities, and so helpful to poor candidates. We await the official report, which will go into details, and probably touch both on the "modus operandi" and the serious difficulties which arise from a keen and earnest competition for the benefits, many and great, of our admirable Institutions. We understand that at the next meeting of the Committee several new members will be proposed.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.)

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I did not write for "An Outsider," who is not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I do not see why he should trouble himself about my tone; nevertheless, I have no special fault to find with his views, unless it be that they are singularly onesided for a disinterested person. My views of Masonry are, to say the least, as impartial as his own. I have no wish to say anything that may annoy "An Outsider," but I do not see how he can complain, if a society which has so little respect for the opinion of others occasionally receives a little in exchange of its own Billingsgate commodity.

My letter, I must remind your correspondent, was written in view of one signed "Maitland," which appeared in your impression of the 28th ult. I recognise the hand as that of a gentleman of good education and position, who was introduced to me by one of the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Canada. In the aforesaid letter he writes that the Maitland brethren "were called 'prostitutors of Masonry,' and defiers of the powers that be, 'traffickers in degrees.'"

Perjury was plainly intimated, and swindling, if not worse, hinted at. Now, whoever was the author of such a vile attack is of very little consequence, because I do not wish to make such unpleasant matters a personal affair apart from the Rite, and in this I think I act more Masonically than if I sought out and attacked the individual. It is enough for me that the Ancient and Accepted Rite has no authority outside its own members. Such language is, therefore, a mad conceit, and "An Outsider" is quite intelligent enough to see my comparison without my attempting to point it out more clearly, which would only add in his eyes to my offence. It is enough to know that the brethren attacked are quite as honourable as those who attack, and that is saying but little.

As "An Outsider" is not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I do not see how he is competent to discuss the question of the legality of the English Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and I think the Canadian discussion of the subject is in good hands. As it can only be resolved favourably to his views by showing that neither oaths or laws or anything else are binding, it would be impossible to consider it without implications. Moreover, I do not see any good in a discussion between a brother who can know nothing with certainty about the question, and one who (whilst his own opinions are respected) cares nothing about it.

As to "An Outsider's" gratuitous and partial attack upon that "ridiculous Rite of Memphis" (his words), by which (in view of the opening part of his letter) I am sure that he can mean no offence, I will answer him by a little of candid and open information, by which doubtless I shall bring upon the members the wrath of every man of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, to be followed elsewhere by special acts of annoyance. As man is punished by suffering, the Rite will be purged by annoyance. The first 20 degrees of the "ridiculous Rite of Memphis" are a selection of the 33 ceremonies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but deprived of their erroneous history, and with its titles of Sovereign Princes, Princes, Pontiffs, &c., reduced to simple knighthood; its next ten ceremonies are schools for the consideration of the ancient religions, and deducing therefrom the doctrine of immortality of the human soul and the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, the same being applied to the first Three Degrees of Masonry. If "An Outsider" can find anything ridiculous in this I regret his position, for he had better have never been born. One title to which objection may be taken is "Prince Mason," which is the Thirty-second Degree, and presiding officer of the chapters, senates, and council, but the English brethren did not consider themselves entitled to make a change in the general nomenclature.

There is a good and proper feeling in "An Outsider's" letter, for which I thank him, and I regret that he has destroyed its value by the tone of a partisan.

MEMPHIS.

THE HOLMESDALE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

The graphic and interesting report of the installation meeting at the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. (in your paper of the 22nd ult.), must have been highly gratifying, not only to the Craft, but to the outside world. As regards their meeting room, I have had the pleasure of seeing it, and can endorse the description given, that is, as far as my uninitiated eyes can form an opinion. The writer of the article referred to has felicitously and elaborately described the furniture and fittings. Passing from the robing room into the lodge, one can but be impressed with the chasteness and beauty of all its acces-

sories; every detail, I assume, that is distributed throughout the lodge has a sign, or emblem, of the cardinal virtues.

The after dinner speeches, at the Calverley Hotel, by the brethren of the Craft enlightens us to a certain extent of the deeply-rooted current of pure feeling that underlies and pervades the fraternity of Freemasonry. Those of the P.M.'s show us that the duties, although arduous, are labours of love, its attainment of very high honour, and the culminating point of human felicity. Few of us of the outside world (as one of the P.M.'s with the bright hues of inspiration and the colours of reality designated those out of the pale of the brotherhood) but have been in different degrees associated with the brethren, and have had opportunities of forming their estimation, and discovering the prominent features and principles of the Order. My father, and also my son, were Masons, and I may have had exceptional privileges as one of the outside world. On reading the speech of the W.M. we see he refers to the Sacred Volume, showing us that Masonry was not a name only, but a reality; and that there was a kindred nature between Masonry and that old Book. I believe that members are taught on the threshold of the institution to reverence God, truth omnipotent, immaculate, and eternal, that learned from Heaven, radiating from the throne of the Most High, the prominent feature of Freemasonry, love to God, and inculcating a veneration for religion; friendship towards all mankind—friendship that shields from reproach, counsels against evil, and defends from aspersion; just in all the duties and relations of life, cemented, and embodied in Christian charity are their cardinal virtues.

The brother Hudson, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," in a genuine and entirely unaffected speech, must have delighted his hearers. His lucid, eloquent, and appropriate remarks must have found an echo in every human breast present. It must have been through the knowledge and eloquence of such master minds of the present and past centuries, backed by the magic force of erudition, that these profound theories and organisations survive to make an enduring impression on our race. The uninitiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry cannot fail to perceive, if depending solely on Mr. Hudson's genial remarks, that there is a bond of brotherhood that binds them together by obligations the most sacred, and that strangers meet together as one family, and in the universal brotherhood of man, and that Masonry has survived the scorching heat, and winds of prejudice and opposition, and by the blessing of Heaven has become a majestic tree whose branches shadow the land as the waters cover the sea.

SAMUEL GREEN.

Tunbridge Wells, 8th April, 1879.

Reviews.

A CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY.

George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

This catalogue is likely to be very useful, and we are glad to note it and peruse it. As a first tentative effort it is manifestly limited and incomplete, but it is suggestive of a much larger catalogue ere long, which will be helpful and useful in the highest degree to all Masonic students in both hemispheres, as well as for all who seek to increase their libraries, learn the value of books, and encourage the circulation and expansion of Masonic literature.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

We are pleased to be permitted in the *Freemason* to announce this third volume of a Masonic Archæological Library. As it may seem perhaps a little too much like self-laudation to say much of the work here, we will merely add that it is admirably printed and illustrated, and dedicated to Bro. Hughan. Many brethren may like to possess a copy of a now scarce work "The Constitutions of 1723," and we therefore call the attention of all Masonic students to the reasonable appearance of this work.

HOW TO AVOID THE DOCTOR.

By Bro. J. R. Greenway, M.D. W. Nash, Tunbridge Wells.

We have perused this work, which is very pleasant reading, though, we confess, with some doubt, and we allude to it even with more "reserve." For in its idea it is probably most Masonic and benevolent, but in its development and application we somewhat fear that it may prove to be anything but helpful to the "non expert." We doubt very much, for instance, whether the average run of persons, mothers and the like, are capable of understanding and using the medical "formula" so kindly given, and whether, on the other hand, they may not "confound," both by their multiplicity or by their very minuteness. We appreciate Bro. Greenway's "idea," as we said before, but we are not quite sure, we confess, as to the "practicability" of his publication. Is it not better to send for a doctor when you have need of him? and can you do without a doctor here below? These are questions we venture to propound for Bro. Dr. Greenway's serious consideration. If Mr. Oldbuck's view be correct, that the "Doctors live by our diseases, the lawyers by our quarrels, and the clergy by our sins," doctors would seem to be a necessity of this mortal state of existence. We remember of old time, those who habitually studied "Buchan's Domestic Medicine," and "Buchaners," as they were called, they generally made themselves ill, and everybody else ill, including the servants about them. Our good Bro. Greenway will probably remember that most injured chemist in "Pickwick," at M. S. Bardell's "Breach," as Mr. Weller, senior, used to say, who informed the irri-

table judge and the sympathetic audience that his errand boy had a habit of supposing that "Epsom salts meant oxalic acid, and syrup of senna, laudanum." We are a little afraid of what the effect on some elderly or youthful patients may be in the hands of some excitable female, for instance, of some of the able writer's clear prescriptions. But still the work has a value and importance for those many excellent housewives who are "awmost," as they say in Yorkshire, "as good 't' doctor hisself," and for them this very pleasantly written and most readable work will be a treasure. That do what we will, we cannot do without a doctor, we venture to believe here, though, certainly, if such a state of things could be realized in this sublunary scene, Bro. Dr. Greenway will have done a good deal to herald its approach, and pave the way for its success. So all who object to doctor's prescriptions, &c., &c., may look to Bro. Dr. Greenway for the promise of more auspicious days, and less "medicinalized" hours.

THE HYGIENE OF THE SKIN. By J. L. MILTON. Chatto and Windus, Piccadilly.

This pleasant and chatty little work opens out to the public the "aporreta" of skin complaints, alike in their origin and development, their mystery and their evidence. Just now there seems to be a growing taste for medical works, whether a good taste we may perhaps be permitted to doubt, for the great and prescribed-for public. Like Masonry for the lodge room, medicine seems better adapted on the whole, we say it with all deference, for the "consultation," and in our humble opinion its "chaste mysteries" ought to be reserved for "experts." But no doubt Mr. Milton knows better than we do, and as his little work has reached a 6th edition, he can point to the greatest "factor" after all in this world's affairs—"success." As we have said before, we have run through the work, as "non experts" of course, and can bear willing testimony to its ease of diction, and agreeable flow of words. We quite appreciate the writer's motives, and do not wonder at his success, and we have no doubt that all our readers, who like to turn over its pages, will be glad to have made the acquaintance of another and genial writer.

THE LAW OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. By G. C. Whiteley, Barrister-at-Law. London: Chas. Knight & Co.

In this little book, which seems to have been prepared with great care, we have a complete collection of the law of weights and measures, with the decisions of the Courts on various points connected with it, and the cases in which the questions have been raised. The book is not only necessary for the table of Justices of the Peace, and the authorities who are called on to adjudicate in the numerous weights and measures cases which come before them, but will be a valuable help to inspectors of weights and measures, and may also very profitably be read by those tradesmen who at present do not appear to be quite cognisant of what constitutes a pound or pint.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Referring to the list of works on Masonry, a catalogue of which appears in the *Masonic Magazine* for this month, I may mention one that has no place. This is "The Spirit of Masonry," by Bro. W. Hutchinson, published at Carlisle, in 1796; but whether that was the only edition, I am unaware. Bro. Hutchinson was, moreover, the author of the now scarce and valuable "History of Cumberland," published in two quarto volumes, in the year 1798, also at Carlisle, a clean and perfect copy of which I have known purchased at an auction sale for £15.

W. F. LAMONBY.

THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, NO. 2.

I have been aware for several years of the fact noted by "Antiquity" in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst., having a copy of the calendar containing a list of the erasures and Unions for the year 1794, and I have pointed this out more than once. The lodge called the "Harodim" was constituted in 1790 by the "Moderns," soon after which Preston and his friends were reinstated by the Grand Lodge (2nd May, 1790), the warrant having been obtained "to empower the companions of the Order of Harodim to meet as a regular lodge of Masonry." Its number was 467 as altered on 18th April, 1792, but its existence was indeed brief. During its continuance, the funds of the Lodge and of the Chapter of Harodim were united for mutual good, and especially to promote the latter. Bro. R. F. Gould, the author of "The Four Old Lodges" (now in press), thus writes at page 6: "In 1794 it absorbed the Harodim, No. 467, constituted March 25th, 1790." I have had the pleasure of examining some of the first sheets of the "Four Old Lodges" in which this statement occurs, and anticipate much pleasure in reading the complete work shortly. In the *Masonic Eclectic* for 1878, and printed by Bro. G. H. Ramey in a most excellent manner, we have had the laws of the "Order of Harodim" reprinted of 1787, and in the *Rosicrucian* (then edited by our lamented Bro. R. W. Little) for Oct., 1876, will be found the revised laws for the same Order of 1790, and the by-laws of the "Harodim Lodge," referred to by our Bro. "Antiquity," of 1790 (dated 9th Dec., 1790). As the chief members of the Grand Chapter of Harodim were members of the branch of the "Lodge of Antiquity" which for a few years met under the wing of the "Grand Lodge of all England" held at York, and subsequently returned to their allegiance as members of the "Moderns," London, any facts relating to this interesting subject are of value, and though those stated by "Antiquity" are not new to us Masonic students, we feel sure that on pursuing his researches he will find many additional items of interest

if he has access to the old records of that ancient lodge. I have been anticipating information about the Lodge of Antiquity from the Deputy Master of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, viz., Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who has many times before now "struck light" where formerly was darkness, and I trust will do so many times more.

W. J. HUGHAN.

[In last communication of mine as to Anderson's Lodge, No. 39 is of Exeter, not Axeth.—W. J. H.]

Bro. Hughan's criticism of the list (1738) published by me in the current number of the *Masonic Magazine*, invites more remark than is possible under existing circumstances, the bulk of my lodge lists for the past century being now in the hands of the printer; and no one knows better than the esteemed author of the *Masonic Register* the difficulty of explaining in detail the discrepancies of successive calendars without all one's memoranda to refer to.

I think, however, I can answer the queries to Bro. Hughan's satisfaction, though I must refer general readers to my lists of the eighteenth century, which, embodying the full descriptions of more than three thousand lodges, will be shortly before the Craft. Old 68 and 69 in the 1738 list (*Masonic Magazine*) are at present "Strong Man" and "Medina" respectively. The lodge at Newcastle-on-Tyne (p. 437 *Masonic Magazine*) is the present Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. This connection is at first view very confusing, the natural inference being that, as per engraved lists there was a lodge at Gateshead in 1735, the present Gateshead Lodge, also dating from 1735; is identical therewith.

The notes, however, to my reprint of the 1740 list, show that the lodge numbered 127 on that list, meeting at the Fountain, Gateshead, and constituted 8th March, 1735 (really 1736: see *Masonic Magazine*, page 437), was erased 17th Nov., 1760, and again on 27th Jan., 1768, also, the engraved list of 1778 has the following:—

61, Lodge of Industry, constituted June 24th, 1735. This date corresponds with the period of establishment placed against the Newcastle Lodge in all editions of the engraved lists, and if Bro. Hughan refers to the same number (61) in his own list for 1774, which he was kind enough to lend me some months since (the list for that year being absent from the collection in the library of Grand Lodge), he will find "No. 61, Masons' Arms, Swallow, near Newcastle-on-Tyne."

R. F. GOULD.

Replying to "Antiquity."—In my work, the "Four Old Lodges," at pages 7 and 45, will be found a reference to the absorption by the Lodge of Antiquity of the Harodim Lodge, No. 558 (1790). A full description of this latter lodge is given in two lists appended to my work.

A marginal (MS.) note in the *Freemason's Calendar* (G.L.), 1793, informs us that the Lodge of Harodim was erased 9th April, 1794, which therefore may presumably be regarded as the date of its amalgamation with the Lodge of Antiquity.—R.F.G.

Australia.

VICTORIA.—Orion Lodge (No. 1153, E.C.).—The installation of the officers of this lodge took place on 11th December, 1878, P.M. Bro. Kelly being the Installing Officer. Bro. T. Kennedy was installed as W.M.; T. Potter, S.W.; M. S. Clark, J.W.; J. Embling, Secretary and Treasurer; Shorthouse, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; E. Ellis, I.G.; Wholohan, Tyler. There was a large number of visitors from other lodges, including Bros. Wheeler, W.M.; Nevett and Little, P.M.'s, Yarrovec Lodge; Peake, W.M., and H. I. White, M'Cartney, Robertson, and Trevor, P.M.'s St. John's Lodge; Hamilton, W.M., and Hale, P.M., Buninyong Lodge; Weickhardt, P.M., All Nations Lodge; Clunes, and others. The installation ceremony was performed with great ability by Bro. Kelly, who during the meeting was presented by the newly-installed W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which gift he feelingly thanked the donors. After the lodge was closed about forty-five of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Wheeler, W.M., Yarrovec Lodge, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Kennedy," remarking as he did so that the Orion Lodge had shown great discernment in choosing so able a Mason to preside over it. Bro. Kennedy replied eloquently. During the evening that brother was frequently applauded. Bro. Hamilton, W.M. (Buninyong), then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Kelly," and complimented him upon his zeal as a Mason, and the way in which he had performed his duties that evening. In replying, Bro. Kelly dwelt historically and classically on the antiquity and excellency of Freemasonry. The following is an extract from that brother's eloquent oration:—"What a vast field of thought does the placing of our W.M. in the ancient chair of King Solomon open up to us. It points out Masonry as the line of union between the civilised countries of every age and of every clime. It is the only institution that connects us with the sages of antiquity. It has frequently been asked, whence did Freemasonry take its rise? but that question is not so easily answered, because it has been anterior to the age of history, and contemporary with, if not preceding, civilisation itself. Some date its origin from the building of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon, but though that may be an epoch in its history, it no more marks its origin than the Grand Mastership of St. John the Evangelist, or of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Centuries before the building of King Solomon's temple, when

the Golden Fleece was watched by the sleepless dragon, when Priam reigned at Troy, Freemasonry flourished. The legend of the Golden Fleece is regarded as a lively fancy, the very existence of Troy has been questioned, and Jerusalem is only known from its sacred connections. Still Freemasonry flourishes full of life and vigour. Our greatest and most venerable institutions are but of yesterday when compared to it. Freemasonry was an ancient institution when the first Pope was placed in the chair of St. Peter, when the first King sat on the throne of England, when democracy was rocked in its cradle at Athens. It saw the growth and decay of all the great States, of the past, from Nineveh to Venice; it saw the founders of Rome suck the wolf on the banks of the Tiber; it saw the same Rome as mistress of the world, with Greece and Judea, Egypt and England, as Roman provinces paying tribute to the Cæsars; it now sees it as the decorated tombstone of its buried greatness. Other institutions have occupied human attention for a short time. Freemasonry has seen them all come and go. It saw the Magi perform their rites at Memphis, heard the Delphic oracle mystify its votaries, witnessed the age of chivalry pass through the south and west of Europe as a brilliant meteor. Their very existence is now only known to the historian, yet Freemasonry flourishes throughout every part of the globe. Why? Simply because of the solidity of its foundation. It is founded, not on the gratification of the passions, not on the promotion of self-interest, not even on the achievement of ambition, but on the practice of every moral and social virtue. Those excellent precepts which are taught in a Mason's lodge must leave some impressions on the minds of its members, and though they may be sometimes disregarded, can never be entirely forgotten. I do not go as far as to say that they can alter human nature, and change a depraved and worthless person into an honourable man, but I do say they restrain the evil propensities of the wicked, and call into action the virtues of the good. They supply us with fortitude to withstand the pleasant allurements of vice, and teach us not only to moderate our passions, but to temperate in our conversations and our very thoughts. And I have no doubt that so long as Freemasons place men like Bro. Kennedy in their chairs Masonry will continue to flourish throughout every part of the globe, and be influential in dispensing the beauties of virtue and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice." The annual installation took place on 13th December at St. John's Lodge, 427, I.C., the Immediate P.M., Bro. Herbert, being the Installing Master. The new officers are Bros. J. Showman, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; Lawson, J.W.; B. Paton, Secretary; Marlin, Treasurer; Leggo, S.D.; Proctor, J.D.; Hennah, I.G.; and Morgan, Tyler. The lodge was exceedingly well attended. The Installing Master's work was faultlessly done. The Masonic Anthem was very finely sung. Among the visitors to the lodge were Bros. Baker, D.P.G.M.; Small, P.P.G.S.W.; Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W.; Scott, R.W.D.J.; Robertson, P.P.G.D.C.; Wheeler, W.M., and Little, P.M., of the Yarrovec Lodge; Kennedy, W.M., Kelly, P.M., Babington, P.M., A. Wilson, W.M., and Hart, P.M., Havilah Lodge, Creswick; S. Batson, P.M., Weickhardt, and Everhardt, All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Smith, W.M., and Alroe, P.M., Sepastopol Lodge; Caselli, P.M., R.A.C.; Rev. Charles Clark, and others. About eighty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. Several toasts were eloquently given and responded to. In response to the toast of "W.M.," Bro. Showman, addressing the younger members of the lodge, said, "Practise the Masonic virtue of patience," and if they did so they would in time be as richly rewarded as he had been. He was not naturally an enthusiast in its cause. A question often asked of Masons was what Freemasonry was. It was a system of the very highest morality, and whether its origin were very ancient or comparatively modern, it had always taught the doctrines of morality, of liberty, of education, and of fraternity breaking down the barriers of despotism and ignorance. The worthy brother, referring to the universality of Freemasonry, said that "Statistics showed that 500,000 of the inhabitants of the globe were Freemasons, and that the influence for good of Masonry upon the world could scarcely be over-estimated."

CASTLEMAINE. — Mount Alexander Lodge (No. 692, E.C.).—The annual installation of W.M. of the above lodge took place on 5th December, 1878. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of Bro. Lempiere, R.W. Grand Sec., and a large number of brethren from all parts of the district, including fourteen Past Masters. Bro. T. L. Brown was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. Dallas, P.M., of Guildford, who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. D. L. Henry, S.W.; Philpots, J.W.; Cramer, Chap.; Beard, Treas.; Starken, Sec.; Adams, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; McLean, I.G.; Glendinning and McClean, Stewards; J. Brown, Tyler. The banquet following passed off very pleasantly, and, as several brethren are excellent vocalists, the proceedings were agreeably diversified. The R.W.D. Grand Sec., Bro. Lempiere, made some happy remarks in responding to the toast of his health, and expressed his conviction that Mount Alexander Lodge was rapidly regaining its former position as the leading lodge in the district. The excellent progress made by the lodge during the last twelve months reflected the highest credit on the retiring W.M., Bro. Dolphin.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, at the King's Head Tavern, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, on Saturday evening, 19th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock—Bro. D. H. McClell, P.M. 1624, W.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD MARK LODGE, No. 238.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238, was consecrated on Monday, the 7th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Bro. W. G. Brighten, P.M. No. 144, Grand Superintendent of Works, and Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex and Surrey. Prior, however, to the consecration of the lodge, Bro. Brighten advanced Bro. Sir Charles James Palmer to the Mark Degree, for which purpose a special dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge was granted.

The brethren present at the consecration were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Mark Master; Col. W. Wigginton, A. Tisley, Charles Horsley, T. R. Richnell, J. N. Rogers, F. H. Cozens, Don. M. Dewar, J. W. Baldwin, A. H. Hubbard, E. Hopwood, Dr. E. Passawer, H. C. Levander, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The consecration was appointed for the 7th April, on account of that day being the birthday of Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, who, in addition to granting permission for the lodge to bear his name, most graciously permitted the lodge to use his crest and arms upon the summonses, jewels, and lodge banner, and having further conferred upon the lodge the distinguished honour of enrolling his name as its first honorary member.

After the lodge had been formally opened, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. Beach to deliver the address.

Bro. Beach thereupon said that probably there was nothing in Masonry so remarkable as the progress of Mark Masonry in recent years. Not so many years had elapsed since Mark Masonry was practised only to a small extent in England, and throughout the world also to a limited degree. But of late years Mark Masonry had increased in an unparalleled degree. Lodges had sprung up in every part of the country, and in every colony and dependency attached to the British Crown, through the exertions of brethren who were animated by a desire to extend the principles of Mark Masonry, because they believed that Mark Masonry was an intrinsic relic of the past, that it was indissolubly blended with the best interests of Freemasonry, was an important link in our traditional history. That being so, they bound themselves together to spread it to the utmost of their ability all over the world. Some brethren, however, who presided over Craft Masonry declared that Mark Masonry was not a part of ancient Freemasonry, according to the traditions they had received from their Masonic ancestors. Mark Masons then took the resolve to establish an authority of their own. It would not have been fair to themselves, or to Mark Masons in every part of the world, were they deprived of some supreme power to rule over them. However zealous Freemasons might be to carry out their principles, it was necessary that they should have a supreme head, to which they might look for directions, and therefore Grand Lodge of M.M.M. was established, and it had reached to a point of permanent success. There were attempts at one time to check it, and attempts to depreciate it, but they had been totally unsuccessful, because the Mark Masons pursued their course undeviatingly; they did not set out hastily, but followed their object with steady resolution. They endeavoured to carry out those true principles of the Craft, endeavours to promote a good understanding between all the degrees of Freemasonry, and by that means they had achieved their great success. At first, of course, Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was not acknowledged in every part of the world or in many quarters, but of late Mark Grand Lodge of England had been acknowledged in most parts of the world, and had obtained a position which now it would be difficult to put aside. It would be the effort of those connected with the Order to do their duty to the best of their ability for the welfare of the degree, and it was the duty of brethren who were entering a new lodge and establishing a new lodge to exert themselves to make that lodge an important unit among the lodges which were ruled over by the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge. He trusted that all the brethren then present would do their best to support this lodge. It was a very gratifying thing to have new lodges established, especially when there was every reason to believe that they would be successful.

The consecration of the lodge was then proceeded with, Bro. Brighten being in the Consecrating Officer's chair, Bro. Beach in the Deputy Master's, Bro. Baldwin in the S.W.'s, and Bro. Hopwood in the J.W.'s. The ceremony was performed throughout in faultless style. The musical portion was most effectively rendered by Bros. Cozens and Hubbard.

When the lodge had been formally dedicated to Mark Masonry, Bro. Brighten installed Bro. Col. William Wigginton, P.M. 181, Past Grand Superintendent of Works, and Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Middlesex and Surrey, as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bro. T. C. Walls (J.W. 211), S.W.; Bro. A. Tisley (Sec. 211), J.W.; Bro. Charles Horsley (P.M. 1), M.O.; Bro. T. R. Richnell (1803), S.O.; Bro. C. J. Palmer, J.O.; Bro. Charles Horsley, Treas.; Bro. J. N. Rogers, Sec.; and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. read letters of apology for inability to attend from Sir E. Lechmere, Sir A. Trollope, Lord Henniker, Lord Holmesdale, and the letter from Bro. Collins, Secretary to His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, announcing that H.R.H. gave permission to the lodge to use his arms and crest. Prince Leopold was then elected an honorary member of the lodge, and the thanks of the lodge were voted to Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), for furnishing a sketch of Prince Leopold's arms and crest. The following brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge:—Prince Leopold, the Earl of Limerick, the Rev.

G. R. Portal, Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Henniker, Col. Burdett, Bro. Brighten, Bro. H. C. Levander, Bro. F. Binckes, and Bro. Donald M. Dewar.

Bro. Beach acknowledged the compliment, and a vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Brighten for consecrating the lodge and installing the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts were proposed in due course. The W.M. proposed the toast of "Prince Leopold, and the other Honorary Members of the Lodge;" and Bro. Beach, in responding, said he had had the opportunity of meeting Prince Leopold several times in Masonry, and he could fully testify to the truth of the remarks that had been made as to his merits. He witnessed His Royal Highness's installation as Provincial Grand Master of Craft Masons for Oxfordshire, since which time as well as before, he had taken the warmest and most active interest in Freemasonry. He had never relinquished his interest in Masonry, but wherever he had been resident he had made a point if possible of attending any Masonic ceremony. It was very gratifying to the feelings of Masons that His Royal Highness felt so much interested in the ancient Craft, and it was much to be regretted that his health had prevented him from being oftener among the brethren than he had. The brethren hoped, however, for better health for him, and that they might have the pleasure of his presence more frequently than hitherto. His talents and his wishes eminently qualified him for a Masonic career. He (Bro. Beach) had never heard any one, when he was first made Provincial Grand Master, more qualified and able to preside over Masonic ceremonies than he. He had that gift of eloquence which enabled him to preside with efficiency over a body of Masons. With regard to the honour this lodge had done him in electing him an honorary member, the lodge had done itself an honour. The other honorary members felt very grateful for the compliment paid to them. It was very gratifying when any one had done his duty for a number of years to have his exertions acknowledged. It was the highest reward which a soldier who had fallen on the field of battle could have, that his services were appreciated by his country. When Freemasons had done their duty they hoped their brother Masons would fully appreciate their endeavours. The honorary members of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge thoroughly valued the honour that had been conferred on them. It would incite them to take a warm interest in the prosperity of the lodge, and he hoped that the auspicious work commenced that day would lead to great success.

Bro. Beach also replied to the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale," which was proposed by Bro. Brighten, and reminded the brethren of what he had said in lodge as to the great progress of Mark Masonry. He remembered when Lord Carnarvon was the first Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, and various changes were made at different times. But there was one circumstance which he recollected that occurred during his (Bro. Beach's) own Grand Mastership, which he rather had to congratulate himself upon, and that was, that for the first time moveable Grand Lodges were held. It had been complained for some time in Craft Masonry that the Grand Lodges were not sent throughout the country. But it was resolved that in Mark Masonry there should not be this complaint, and therefore the brethren did what they could to remove any cause for it. That was carried out during his year of office, and one or two moveable Grand Lodges were held, and he had the great pleasure of presiding over them. The system had a most beneficial effect, and it had been continued ever since. It had been productive of very good results. It did not interfere with the meetings in London, and it offered a very nice occasion for visiting different parts of the country, and giving Mark Masons an opportunity of rallying round the standard of the Order, and conducting to the progress of the degree. Since the time when he had the honour of presiding over G. Lodge of the Mark Degree great progress had been made, which he believed was very much owing to the exertions of Bro. Portal, than whom, he thought, no one had ever taken so much interest in the degree. Since Bro. Portal's time other Grand Masters had presided, all of whom took great interest in the Order, and the result had been such success that while obtaining a firm footing in this country, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters had been acknowledged by the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters of other countries.

Bro. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Brighten to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer."

Bro. Beach proposed "The Newly-Advanced Brother," to which toast Sir Charles Palmer responded, and stated that he felt deeply gratified at having entered the Order, which he looked upon as an essential part of Freemasonry.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Prince Leopold Lodge," Bro. Brighten referred to the great services Bro. Charles Horsley had rendered to Freemasonry for many years, whom he described as a veritable Atlas, almost the world being on his shoulders. He prophesied continued success for the lodge with such an officer, and trusted he might live to a ripe old age to witness the fruit of his exertions on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Horsley replied, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close.

Some beautiful singing was given during the evening by Bros. Cozens and Hubbard.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d. —Edvt.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., the first meeting of Stewards of the Girls' School, 1879, took place at Freemasons' Hall at four p.m., when Bro. Major Ramsay, Deputy Grand Master Punjab, was elected President of the Board of Stewards, and Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., was elected acting Vice-President.

Bro. Hedges announced 221 Stewards. The usual routine business was transacted, and the Stewards' fee fixed at two guineas. The festival will take place on the 14th May. The Chairman is not yet fixed, although hopes are entertained that H.R.H. Prince Leopold may yet be able to preside.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Monday, the 28th inst., at 4.30, at Freemasons' Hall.

There was a numerous assembly of Stewards for a first meeting.

AN OLD MASON.

Bro. Chas. Marsh, of Tunbridge Wells, in his ninety-first year, was initiated into Freemasonry Aug. 6th, 1819, in Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, 41, then 48; became W.M. in 1828. In 1832 was appointed P.G.S.D. for the County of Somerset; was also a member, and became P.Z., of Royal Arch Chapter. He was subscribing member to both lodge and chapter over twenty years, when he removed to Liverpool, and subsequently went to Sydney, New South Wales, where he was one of the founders, and was elected honorary member of Zetland Royal Arch Chapter there. On his return to England in 1856 he lost his sight. Soon after he took up his residence in Tunbridge Wells, and in 1861 was one of seven to form the Holmesdale Lodge there, 874, and acted as P.M. till the first W.M. had passed the chair. Though increasing infirmity has prevented him from attending the duties he has been subscribing member ever since. Reference was made to him in the report of the March monthly meeting of the Bath Lodge in our columns, and in the meeting of the lodge this month the W.M., Bro. Philip Braham, proposed that Bro. C. Marsh should be elected honorary member, which met with a unanimous response, and the following letter was addressed to Bro. Marsh's son at Dover, who is a member of Lodge 199:—

April 6th, 1879.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the regular lodge held on Thursday, April 3rd, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Philip Braham, proposed that your dear father, and our old esteemed brother, should be elected an honorary member of this, his mother lodge, and I need scarcely say that the proposition met with the unanimous response of the members present. There can be no doubt our brother is the oldest living Mason in England. I shall feel much obliged if you will cause to be conveyed to your father the fact of his unanimous election, and the proud pleasure this ancient lodge feels that their old Past Master is still living, and may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to shed His protecting influence around him.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

C. W. RADWAY,
Secretary.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, Southwark Park Tavern, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., by Bro. T. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, assisted by the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction.

The collection of funds instituted by the Dutch Central Committee for Arctic Exploration for the renewed outfitting of the Willem Barents, which vessel is shortly to start on another expedition of some eighteen months' duration, is progressing so favourably that it may be reasonably expected that the 50,000 florins which are required for the expedition will soon be completely subscribed.—*Nature*.

COMPLIMENT TO A LIVERPOOL THEATRICAL BROTHER.—Bro. R. J. Roberts, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, a popular comedian, and the stage manager of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, who will sail for Australia next Tuesday, under a special engagement with Bro. A. Garner, was entertained at a farewell dinner at the Union Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., when there was a good representative gathering of gentlemen connected with the theatrical profession, along with several private friends. Bro. F. Wilkinson, S.D. 1609, occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Clegg, P.M. 1299, the vice-chair. After a recherché dinner, provided in first-class style by Mr. Thomson, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed. The chairman afterwards gave the health of the guest of the evening, referring to his many amiable qualities, his professional ability, and wishing him the greatest success at the antipodes. The vice-chairman also bore testimony to Bro. Roberts's many excellent qualities, and after the toast had been received with the utmost cordiality, it was acknowledged in suitable and feeling terms by Bro. Roberts. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden, K.G.B., to be Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Essex, vacant by the death of Bro. Robt. Bagshaw, in August last.

The regular meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will be held on Tuesday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at five o'clock, p.m. Bro. W. Bassington is W.M. There are four candidates for initiation and three for passing at this meeting.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand (Craft) Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of the Bective Lodge No. 1532, the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., presiding.

The installation of Bro. Richard Washington as the W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, took place on Wednesday afternoon last, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. A report of the interesting proceedings will be given next week.

POLICEMEN'S NUMBERS.—A correspondent writes:—"My wife was recently witness of gross misbehaviour by a policeman on the road to one of the suburbs, and would have felt it her duty to report it, but a bushy beard effectually hid the number on the collar. Either the beard or the number is surely in the wrong place."

The regular convocation of St. Thomas's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 142, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel this afternoon, at 4.30. Comp. H. C. Levander is M.E.Z.; Comp. G. A. Rooks, H.; and Comp. J. W. Lambert, J. There are three candidates for exaltation at the meeting, after the performance of which ceremony the companions will proceed to the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year.

Leo XIII., *motu proprio*, has appointed Baron Ceschi, the late Lieutenant or Deputy Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, to be Grand Master or Sovereign of the Order. For the last 70 years or upwards there has been no Grand Master, the functions of that official being entrusted to a Lieutenant. The Grand Master of the Order of Malta takes the rank of a Sovereign or quasi-Sovereign in Roman Catholic Courts.

The closing meeting of the present session of the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, will be held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday evening, the 28th inst. In addition to the usual business the lectures on the Tracing Boards in the Three Degrees will be given, the 1st and 3rd by Bro. Francis, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., the Hon. Preceptor; and the 2nd by Bro. Sudlow, the Hon. Sec. The lodge will be opened at 6.30 punctually.

BRIGHTON.—The installation meeting of the flourishing lodge Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, will be held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday next, April 23rd. Upon this occasion the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., will visit the lodge, with his Provincial Grand Officers. The lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m., when there will be two candidates for the degree of Fellow Craft, after which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, will proceed to instal Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., in the chair of K.S. for the second time.

THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.—Monday, the 27th, under the Chairmanship of Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., this new hotel, in South-street, Finsbury, which is intended to supply accommodation for passengers by the Great Eastern Railway to Liverpool-street, the Great Northern and other lines to Moorgate-street, and the Broad-street Station of the London and North-Western, was opened in the presence of a large company, among whom were Lord Alfred Churchill, Mr. Myles Fenton, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. William Hudson, and other gentlemen representing the various interests of metropolitan traffic. This hotel, which provides more than fifty beds, is fitted with all modern improvements and appliances, and contains public and private dining-rooms, billiard room, and ladies' dining-room, all of which are decorated with excellent taste; and the manager, Mr. James Adams, has made a selection of wines which, together with a well-arranged *cuisine*, will doubtless prove an attraction to diners in the City, the hotel being only five minutes' walk from the Bank. The hotel has been furnished, in a very substantial manner, by the well-known firm of upholsterers, Messrs. Brew and Claris, Finsbury-place North.

It is understood that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will assemble at Fowey on Tuesday, the 10th June, under the wing of Fowey Lodge, No. 977, held in that town. The lodge was warranted in 1863, and has proved a worthy successor of a lodge originally chartered in 1761, but, as 84, erased in 1828. The membership of Fowey ranks about the tenth in the province, being at the present time about 60. Its senior Past Master is Colonel J. W. Peard (the Senior Grand Warden of Cornwall in 1866), and the next is Bro. the Rev. Dr. E. T. Treffry, Prov. Grand Chaplain in 1868. In point of age it is the eighteenth on the list in the province, having nine juniors, making a total of twenty-seven lodges under the rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. The membership of the province has nearly tripled since 1863, and is now about 1600. The choice of a meeting place lay between St. Matthew's, No. 859, Lostwithiel, and the Fowey Lodge. A large gathering of brethren is expected, especially if liberal arrangements are made by the railway company.

We are asked to state that the next meeting of the Evening Star Lodge will be held on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, when the desirability of altering the day of meeting will be considered.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 25, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
"ercy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K. T. 137, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

Audit Com. Girls' at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix, 68, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
Rose Croix, 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngin, at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1563, City of Westminster, M.H., 68, Regent-st.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 271, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Dis. B. of Wks., Calford Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mire Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 26, 1879.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of the season of this prosperous transpontine lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst., when there were present among others Bros. T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.M.; H. Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Marston, J.D.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.G.D. of Middlesex, P.M. 1503, W.M. Dobie; Maloney, P.M. Robert Burns; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cockburn was passed to the Second Degree. Previously to the lodge being closed a very deserving case for Masonic support, that of a poor widow, aged eighty-six, was brought before the brethren by Bro. Saunders, which appeal resulted in a handsome collection being made. The lodge also unanimously consented to the W.M. and Wardens signing her petition, she being a resident of Kennington, to the Irish Grand Lodge for relief. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary and preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the Visitors" having been heartily drunk, Bro. Saunders, in reply, expressed the gratification his first visit to the Kennington Lodge had afforded him. He complimented the lodge upon the handsome and ready manner in which they had supported the case of the widow, whose husband's Masonic career commenced upwards of half a century ago. They were taught that "a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence," but it was a very graceful act of the lodge, simply upon his recommendation, to afford the poor lady so hearty and substantial a mark of their benevolence. Bro. C. Dairy and Maloney also expressed their satisfaction for the hospitable way in which they had been treated by the members of No. 1381. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was duly responded to by Bros. Koch, Everett, Higgins, Drysdale, and Honeywell. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order, and was briefly acknowledged, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Page, Treasurer, by Bro. Stuart, the Secretary. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening Bro. Honeywell and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. D. R. Still, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Seckbach to the Third Degree. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., then installed Bro. Walter W. Medcalf, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were appointed as officers for the year:—Bros. D. R. Still, P.M. 1203, and P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. Bergmann, S.W.; Carl Schmidt, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, and P.P.G.T. Devonshire, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S., Secretary; R. A. Morgan, S.D.; H. H. Wells, J.D.; Henry Warden, I.G.; J. Bromwich, D.C.; G. Lewis, Steward; J. Hill, Organist; H. Shaw, Tyler. The brethren did not banquet on this occasion, the meeting falling on the day after Good Friday, when most of the brethren were out of town. An emergency meeting was, however, held on Saturday last, when the following brethren were present:—W. M. Medcalf, W.M.; J. Bergmann, S.W.; C. Schmidt, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; J. J. Avery, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Sec.

R. H. Morgan, S.D.; James Bromwich, D.C.; John Hill, Org.; Nelson Reed, P.M.; W. E. Downey, C. H. Meitre, S. Heilbut, Geo. Coppard, Richard Nelson, P. Alpetre, N. Wilson, Joseph Zeder, Chas. Sissons, John Cartwright, A. R. Cartwright, J. Bedford; and visitors, Bros. A. Coultery, 70; John Cox, P.M. 190; R. H. Saunders, W.M. 889, P.M. 1503, G.D. Middx.; Henry Gates, Treasurer 1599; Julian Hartley, 1426; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Kenneth Harris, S.D. 1728; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728; Thos. Thextor, 1572; W. C. Hale, S.D. 1216; J. Slade Brown, P.M. 1056; John Green, P.M. 27; A. T. Pearce, W.S. 1572; J. Hamer, S.D. 1426; Henry Hoadley, S.W. 172; J. Llewellyn Jones, W.M. 657; Donald Clark, 1426, and 1632, Std.; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); and Walter Joyce. The W.M. raised Bro. Heilbut, and passed Bros. J. W. Cartwright and A. R. Cartwright, and performed his work in a way which gave unmistakable promise of a year of efficient working. The working also of the other officers was admirable. Bro. D. R. Still, I.P.M., was away on business at Manchester, and the brethren were thus deprived of the pleasure of seeing him presented with a splendid ten guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge, and which was handed round for the inspection of the members and visitors. The working of the lodge was followed by a banquet of the choicest description, to which succeeded the usual toasts. The Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. Buss were called upon to respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Simpson in doing so said that as one of the brethren present at the consecration of the Mizpah Lodge, he saw it was then a promising child, and he was happy to say it had fulfilled the promise it then gave. The true spirit of Freemasonry was present in the lodge, and it had been well carried out by the P.M.'s, and would be kept before the brethren's view by Bro. Buss, whose character both as a Mason and a man was well known to Freemasons. He looked upon the different brethren who had been initiated in the Mizpah Lodge as the right sort of brethren to belong to the Order. They were all honourable men, and the Mizpah Lodge was calculated to produce honourable men. Such men should all Masons be, and whatever might be the distinctive religious or political professions of a man, it would ever be considered a great and emphatic feature in his character that he bore the character of a body to which he belonged. Every Mason was pledged to hold forth a high example to the world, an example of being an honourable man. As such, he hoped they would give their minds and attention more and more to the subject which was cropping up in the Masonic papers, and still more in Masonic minds, of the mode in which the Charities of the Order were conducted and the admission to them was regulated. He hoped they would soon endeavour to be just as well as generous, and deal with the children of the Masonic brethren as the urgency of their cases demanded, and with as little as possible of weight of responsibility, expense, and worry to the unfortunate widows. Bro. Buss said the brethren who started the lodge were the majority of the lodge at present, and as long as the lodge was under their guidance it would not fail to be a success to the Craft. Bro. Simpson, in speaking of the Charities, had cautioned them to be careful on whom they bestowed their interest. The Mizpah Lodge would be as careful as they possibly could be in the execution of that duty, and the appropriation of that patronage which they from time to time exercised. They had already done some good that way, and he hoped they would do still more. He was sure the lodge was likely to prosper, and it would in time to come constantly apply itself to the object of doing good. Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," through whom he prognosticated a successful year for the lodge from the admirable way in which he had conducted the ceremonies on the occasion of his first presiding over the brethren. Every brother present had been delighted with the way in which he had done his first day's work. The lodge numbered among its members some of the first Masons in London, Bros. Hervey, Monkton, Fean, Simpson, and Buss, besides several others who did not wear the purple. The work of the lodge showed that it was no dishonour to them to be members of the lodge. The present W.M. would do everything in his power to raise it above the level of other lodges, however well they stood in the estimation of the Order. The W.M., in reply, said that from the period of the formation of the Mizpah Lodge he had always taken a deep interest in it, and so long as God gave him breath he should continue to do the same. His interest was bound up in that of the Mizpah Lodge, as he was one of its many fathers. Bro. Still and Bro. Nelson Reed had also shown every disposition to further the cause of Masonry, especially in connection with this lodge. If he had asked them how to do this or that particular thing he had always received from them that kind instruction which should always be given by Mason to Mason. In no case had it been more freely given to him than with regard to the Mastership of this lodge. He was a very young Mason, and to be placed in that distinguished position made him feel a little nervous; at the same time, he thought he would do his best, and doing that he knew the brethren would excuse deficiencies. He hoped in future to show less hesitation and more determination than he had that evening. Filling the chair for the first time was a very difficult matter. He had often seen brethren placed in that position, and he had thought to himself that it should ever fall to his lot to be so placed, he hoped he would fill the position with as much credit as they had. Without thinking that the brethren would flatter him in any way, he could tell them from the bottom of his heart that he had done his best. He had made a few mistakes, but he hoped the brethren would overlook them, and if God gave him health and strength he would, when he next occupied the chair perform his duties, he hoped, without any coaching whatever. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing

Officer, Bro. John Hervey," who he regretted was not present, and he regretted it the more because Bro. Hervey was not in good health. Bro. Buss said that he had been instructed by Bro. Hervey to say that he had intended to be present, but unfortunately, through he had lately been comparatively well, within the last few days he had had a return of illness, and he much regretted he could not attend the present meeting. Bros. Llewellyn, Jones, and Saunders responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Jones referred to his own connection with the lodge as one of the brethren who signed the recommendation for its warrant, and it had given him great pleasure, on the two visits he had paid to the lodge, to see how admirably it had been worked. Bro. Saunders, in his reply, drew the brethren's attention to the candidature of the late Bro. Stone's boy for the Masonic Institution for Boys, which case had been kindly taken up by Bro. Still, and though not successful at the last election, over 500 votes had been secured for him. Bro. Bush, in the course of his remarks, said that as a W.M. himself he had been surprised at Bro. Medcalf's self-possession, and at the fluency with which he performed the duties of the chair. It had been his pleasure for some few years to visit lodges, but never had he seen the ritual performed in a more creditable manner the first time the Master was in the chair than it had been that night. He was not at all surprised, for the W.M. and himself had for several months been in the habit of attending lodges of instruction, and he had noticed the zeal and assiduity with which Bro. Medcalf had applied himself to learn the duties of the chair. Bro. Medcalf had received the just reward of all his labours for the past twelve months, and the visitors that night wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. He (Bro. Bush) was certain he would have it, and that he would leave the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Mizpah Lodge. Bro. Nelson Reed replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and regretted that Bro. Still was not present to receive the handsome jewel which the brethren had been shown. The W.M. coupled the toasts of "The Masonic Charities and the Press," and calling on Bro. H. Massey to reply, that brother said that he felt peculiar pleasure in responding for this Holy Alliance, because he had had the immense satisfaction of having secured the kind friendship of so many supporters of the Masonic Charities at the late elections that the daughter of a very dear late colleague of his on the *Standard* newspaper who was found dead in his bed on the 26th of June last, was elected into the Girls' School, on her first application with 1055 votes, and the candidate of another press friend of his (Bro. Middlemass), the little boy, Arthur Salter, was also successful on his first application for the Boys' School. It was in emergencies like these when a man's real friends were discovered, and he felt he could never sufficiently thank his brother Masons for what they had done. The press was always pleased to support the Charities, and though he felt that in the Mizpah Lodge there was no necessity for the presence of any one to advocate their cause, he could not refrain from saying that any assistance bestowed on those Institutions was given to a worthy object. In his capacity as a pressman he was always pleased to bring the Masonic Charities before the Masonic and general public. Bro. Avery and Bro. Buss replied to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Avery said the lodge was in the proud position of having no liabilities, and no arrears of subscriptions; besides which it had £60 invested, and an available balance at the Master's disposal of £30. Bro. Buss referred to the same subject, and said that the brethren paying their dues so readily saved the Treasurer and Secretary an enormous amount of labour. Bros. Bergmann, Schmidt, and the other officers replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. H. Shaw having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, after spending a delightful evening, which was rendered additionally enjoyable by some beautiful vocal and instrumental music and also recitations, by Bros. Avery, Morgan, Heilbut, Reed, Bergmann, Bromwich, Clark, Whitaker, Meiter, Hill, Flack, and Schmidt.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This young and prosperous lodge met on the 31st ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur, W.M.; C. Jacques, S.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.W. and Secretary pro tem. (*Freemason*); Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Potter, jun., and Strugnell were raised, and Bro. W. Williams passed to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being most ably performed. Bro. Hart, who had been elected an honorary member at the previous meeting, was then invested by the W.M. with the collar of Organist. A Committee, consisting of the founders and Bro. W. Potter, jun., and Strugnell, having been appointed to audit the accounts and to consider the bye-laws, on the 28th of April, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was then proceeded with, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. C. Jacques, W. Ramsey, and Parkinson. A jewel of the value of ten guineas having been unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Bros. Larham, P.M. of several lodges, and Acland, of the Lodge of Israel, were visitors. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts were briefly given by the Worshipful Master, and duly responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in flattering terms by the Hon. I.P.M. This toast having been heartily drunk by the brethren, was acknowledged by the W.M. in a neat and modest speech. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Larham, who, in his reply, complimented the Farrington Without Lodge upon the success which had hitherto attended it. He said

that they were particularly fortunate in having so good a place to meet in as the Viaduct Hotel, because in consequence of the handsome and complete manner in which the lodge rooms were furnished the effect of the ceremonies were greatly enhanced. In concluding his remarks he said it also afforded him as an old Mason a great deal of pleasure in testifying to the admirable "working" of the officers of the lodge, some of whom would bear favourable comparison with any in the Craft. "The Honorary I.P.M." came next in order, and was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Dubois. The concluding toasts, viz., "The Treasurer," "The Officers," and the Tyler's, having been given, the proceedings terminated.

GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Monday last, the 21st inst., at the Half Moon Hotel, High-street, Gateshead. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock by Bro. J. Marchant, P.M., W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. Probert, P.M.; A. Anderson, S.W.; John Mackay, J.W.; W. F. Poole, Sec.; John F. Boyes, S.D.; John Redpath, J.D.; J. Beeby, Steward; G. W. Wealleans, I.G.; John Curry, Prov. Grand Tyler; Tyler; Thomas Ramsey, E. A. Gibson, A. Walkie, R. Nicholson, T. S. Miller, R. Kearon, and Thomas Pearson. Visitors: Bros. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; M. Corbitt, I.P.M. 48; W. McLerron, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Capt. Robert Kearon, having been previously examined and found proficient, was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. Marchant, who also delivered to the newly-raised brother the explanation of the Third Degree Tracing Board in a very distinct and able manner. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when the Building Committee for the new hall for this lodge submitted their report, and promised that the plans of the new building should be in the hands of the W.M. on the following Friday, after which day they would be open for the inspection of the brethren. The names of two candidates for Freemasonry were proposed by the W.M., who then adjourned the lodge for refreshment, where the usual loyal toasts were proposed, and heartily received with musical honours. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said how happy the members of the Borough Lodge were at all times to entertain visitors, and trusted that all present felt heartily welcome. Bro. R. Whitfield, Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, responded. The W.M. then proposed, in complimentary terms, the toast of "The Press," coupled with the name of our representative, to which Bro. Kelly replied. In proposing "The Health of the Newly-Raised Brother, Captain R. Kearon," the W.M. recounted an interesting and pleasing experience of the advantages of Freemasonry that Bro. Kearon had recently met with. Bro. Kearon had the misfortune to get on shore with his ship, in a storm on the 7th inst., on the Northumberland coast, near Blyth. His distress was increased by the fact that his wife was on board. On reaching the shore, he was met by Bro. Wilson, of the Coast Guard Station at Hartley, who, on discovering that he was a Freemason, exhibited the greatest courtesy and attention, and assisted Bro. Kearon in his efforts to land his wife, and treated her with the greatest hospitality whilst measures were being taken to remove the vessel from shore, which was happily effected, after many trying hours. Bro. Kearon, in reply, endorsed everything that the W.M. had said as to Bro. Wilson's kindness, and further related that he (Bro. Wilson) had been good enough to forward his wife home to Shields, which entailed upon him a walk of nearly five miles to the nearest railway station. Bro. J. Probert, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him in very eulogistic terms for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. The cheers with which the remarks of Bro. Probert were received was conclusive proof of the popularity of Bro. Marchant. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

BRIGHTON.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 811).—An official visit was paid to this lodge on Saturday, the 19th inst., by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. (Provincial Grand Master of Sussex), and a special vote of thanks was passed, thanking the Prov. G. Master and his officers for their attendance. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge a banquet took place at the Royal Pavilion in honour of the occasion. About sixty guests were present. Bro. H. Abbey (W.M.) presided, and he was supported by several distinguished visitors. The Provincial Officers included Sir W. W. Burrell, P.G.M.; Bros. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; W. Sergison, S.W.; V. P. Freeman, Sec.; Dawes, acting Registrar; Mark Tanner, S.D.; C. Tomkinson, Supt. of W.; Corder, acting D.C.; Jos. Farncombe, Sword Bearer (Freemason); A. King, Organist; Nell, Parst.; Hawkes, Holford, McWhinnie, Evershed, and Rubie, Stewards. Bros. G. Vickers, S.W., and J. C. Chalk, J.W., filled their allotted places. There were also present, Bros. W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; Wilkinson, W.M. Royal Clarence; Bennett, W.M. Royal Brunswick; Horsley, Dr. Taaffe, H. Hallett, W. L. Bridgen, G. Reeves Smith, H. Martin, J. Smith, W. Smith, J. Stedman, Mayall, J. Eberell, and G. De Paris. The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," also that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." In giving the latter toast he said his Royal Highness had carried all hearts captive by his genial manner and the great interest he had manifested in everything belonging to the Craft. Bro. W. R. Wood proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon." Bro. Horsley gave "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Wood responded. The

W.M. next gave "The Health of Sir Walter W. Burrell, their Provincial Grand Master," and expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him that Sir Walter should have visited the Yarborough Lodge during his year of office. They were all aware of the deep interest which he took in the Craft, and trusted he might long enjoy good health to fill the important office which he now occupied. The Provincial G.M., in responding, said he had only two or three more lodges to visit before completing the task which he had set himself of personally judging of the work in every lodge in the province. It had proved a very pleasing ordeal. He had always been well received, and the working of the lodges had invariably met his approval. He wished the officers of lodges to impress on members, by their example, the grand principles of the Craft, and if they had any differences he trusted they would endeavour to settle them with the right hand of fellowship. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. J. H. Scott and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." He said Bro. Scott was personally known to many, and was respected by every Mason in the province. Bro. Scott replied, and passed a high compliment on Bro. De Paris, Secretary to the Yarborough Lodge. He pointed to him as an example it would be well for other lodges to follow. Bro. De Paris was an old and tried Mason, and nothing was more conducive to the welfare of a lodge than to have a brother of experience as Secretary. It required peculiar qualifications for that post—"to the manner born." He deprecated the recent practice of appointing young and inexperienced brethren to the office of Secretary. Having congratulated the members of the lodge on the success of their candidate, who stood sixth on the list for the recent Girls' School election, he referred to the recently-formed Charities Committee in the province, and said the case he had mentioned was an instance of the good arising from their energies being concentrated. He could not but think it most desirable that they should use all their votes for local candidates. He mentioned as a singular fact that the Yarborough Lodge was No. 811. The last lodge was numbered exactly one thousand more, and as this large increase had occurred in 19 years, it was at the rate of one new lodge a week. There was no doubt but that the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership had given an impetus to Masonry, but the rapid increase had commenced before the time of his Royal Highness. He mentioned this fact to show that Freemasonry was no passing fancy—not a thing of fashion and a day. He urged the brethren to uphold the dignity of the fraternity in every way. While they continued true to themselves and the Craft they need not fear the result. Bro. W. Sergison, S.W., and Bro. V. P. Freeman, G. Secretary, also responded. Bro. Holford, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and he suitably responded. Bro. Dr. Taaffe gave "The Visitors." Bros. Hallett, Bridgen, and Eberell acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. W. R. Wood and F. Holford; "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bros. G. Vickers and J. C. Chalk. During the evening some capital vocal selections were given by Bros. Conti and Faulkner Leigh, Bro. G. Vickers accompanying on the piano. Mr. Booth, East-street, supplied the banquet.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The regular meeting was held at the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 16th. There were present Bros. H. D. M. Williams, W.M.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; B. S. Wilmott, P.M., P.G.S., acting S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; W. F. Elers, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Bates, Sec.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; T. Waterman, J.D.; R. W. Delves, D.C.; C. Graham, A.D.C.; C. Heale, I.G.; Strange, Tyler; A. Arnold, G. Farrer, Langridge, Rule, Ranking, Ramsbotham, Williams, J. Read, P.M.; W. Delves, P.M. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Cronwell Marsh, 199; W. T. Wrighten, 23; and J. G. Caleday, 1619. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. Thos. Boorman Lansdell was regularly initiated into Freemasonry in a most impressive manner, the W.M. giving the charge in excellent style. On P.M. Bacon bringing forward his resolution, "That all brethren being three years in arrears should be struck off the lodge," an amendment was put by Bro. P.M. Elers, seconded by Bro. Arnold, "That the Treasurer should write to or see those brethren who were in arrears, and inform them that unless they paid up their subscriptions before the next regular meeting in May, they will be struck off the lodge," which was carried. Hearty good wishes having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kentish Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served to them by Bro. Rule, after which the usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of "The Initiates" was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Lansdell replied briefly but pertinently. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro. C. H. C. Marsh, of Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dover, who said it was very pleasing to him to be the guest of the Holmesdale Lodge, especially as his father was one of the founders of the lodge, and the oldest Mason in England, having been initiated into the Craft in 1819, at the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, of which he has just been elected an honorary member, and wished him (Bro. Marsh) to inform the W.M. that although absent he was always pleased to hear of the continued prosperity of the Holmesdale Lodge. Other toasts followed, and during the evening the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bros. Wrighten, Boorman, and Bates.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).—One of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry is that its adherents rarely forget valuable services, and the brethren connected with this lodge fully

exemplified this in presenting Bro. Henry Cook with a beautiful illuminated address, which reads:—"To Brother Henry Cook, P.M. 119, 1021, Wor. Prov. Senior Grand Warden for Cumberland and Westmorland. Worshipful Sir,—Your year of office as Master of this lodge is about to terminate, and the brethren desire to express to you their high appreciation of your valued services. During your residence in Barrow you have ever manifested a warm interest in the welfare of the lodge, and have twice filled the highest position in it to the entire satisfaction of the members. They are pleased to remember that your labours in Freemasonry are generally recognised, and that you were their Worshipful Master when a neighbouring province conferred upon you the distinguished office of Senior Grand Warden. They earnestly hope that you may be long spared to continue by your Masonic example and teaching to beneficially influence your brethren." (Here follows the signatures of the officers.) As an acknowledgment Bro. Cook was pleased to present to the lodge a faithful and beautiful portrait of himself—the work was universally admired, and reflected great credit on the artist, Bro. Richards, J.W. 1021. The presentation was made in Bro. Cook's usual characteristic style, and called forth the warm applause of the brethren. Bro. Reid, W.M., on behalf of the lodge accepted the pleasing gift, and in very felicitous terms expressed the obligations the brethren were under to their worthy Bro. Cook.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The above lodge held their regular meeting at the Masonic Rooms, on the 16th inst.; Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; J. Ellershaw, S.W.; W. Parker, J.W.; J. Acton, P.M., Sec.; F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; H. Hartley, S.D.; H. Sturzaker (acting), J.D.; C. J. W. Stork (acting), I.G.; and a very good gathering of the brethren were present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. gave the charge and the historical part to a brother who had not received it. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. G. Dale, I.P.M., gave the Second Lecture on the tracing board in a very efficient manner. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., gave the charge, the brethren who had not heard it before standing. Bro. J. Acton, P.M., Sec., read the by-laws of the lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Dale, I.P.M., for giving the lecture, and to Bro. Ellershaw, S.W., for giving the charge. There was one proposal, and the business of the evening being ended the lodge was closed.

STRETFORD.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Herbert-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. This being Bank Holiday, and a beautifully fine day, there was a large attendance of the members of the lodge as well as visiting brethren. The lodge was opened at 2.45 p.m., by Bro. Wakefield, P.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Crompton, S.W., W.M. elect; Barber, W.M. 1730, J.W.; Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire, Treasurer; Crosby, Sec.; Andrew, S.D.; W. Cole, Org.; Boden, I.G.; Worthington, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. the Rev. H. B. Jones, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. E. H. Cooke, Chaplain 1730; Hollins, W.M. 152; England, S.W. 1730; Allison, J.W. 1730; Magee, W.M. 548; Erskine, 724; Vetter, 815; Bradbury, W.M. 1357; Batty, W.M. 1387; Watson, W.M. 1496; Dodd, S.D. 78; Miller, Sec. 1357. The lodge having been opened in the several degrees, Bro. Crompton was presented by Bro. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., for installation, the ceremony throughout being performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Crosby, S.W.; Andrew, J.W.; Goodacre, P.M., Treas., re-elected; J. E. Boden, Sec.; Wm. Cole, S.D.; Jas. Cole, J.D.; Geo. Barber, W.M. 1730, D. of C.; Thos. Avison, I.G.; and Wallwork, Tyers, and Sharp, Stewards. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed at 5 p.m. An omnibus being in attendance, the brethren were conveyed thereon to the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, where they sat down to an excellent banquet provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Holliday. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and suitably responded to, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 10.30 p.m.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult. There were present Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Weaver, P.M. Lily of Richmond, acting J.W., in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Piller; Fitt, Sec.; Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Abett, D.C.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., S.D. (Freemason); Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middx., W.M. 1656; Day, 1512; Eyres and Scott, 1656. Bro. Goodchild was passed to the degree of F.C., and Messrs. Humpries, Owen, and two other gentlemen duly initiated, the ceremonies being performed in a satisfactory manner. Several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was closed until the last Saturday in April. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served. It being an emergency meeting, the after proceedings were shorn of the formality usually observed at regular meetings. "The P.G. Officers of Middlesex, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. Walls, who immediately afterwards proposed "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been heartily received, the W.M. made a brief reply, and then proposed "The Initiates." This pledge having been drunk with the usual honours, each of the newly-admitted brethren

responded. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. took occasion to thank very heartily several of the visiting brethren for the kind manner in which they had officiated in various capacities during the working of the ceremonies. In concluding his remarks, he expressed an opinion that one of the greatest supports of Freemasonry was the practice of brethren interchanging visits. It not only made and cemented friendships, but it cultivated the growth of one of the vital principles of the Order, "Brotherly Love." This pledge was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Weaver, Day, Eyres, and Scott. The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Stevens, Hurst, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: E. Dignam, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. Williams, Sec.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; W. Ferrar, I.G. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by Bro. A. R. Olley, also worked the third section of the lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. C. Olley seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday evening. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form. Time of meeting from 8 till 10.

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ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER (No. 142).—A convocation of this new chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, on Saturday last. There were present Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooks, H.; J. W. Lambert, J.; C. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; W. Beattie, S.N.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. J. Macaulay, 1st A.S.; F. S. Hobson, 2nd A.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.Z., Treasurer; and other companions. Visitors: Col. Burdett, Sup. Middx.; J. Lewis Thomas, G. St. B.; F. T. Dubois, 1216; and J. H. Crowther, 1185, Lewis Chapter. Bro. G. Webb was duly exalted, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. C. F. Hogard. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Comps. G. A. Rooks, M.E.Z.; J. W. Lambert, H.; C. F. Hogard, J.; W. Beattie, S.E.; F. W. Levander, S.N.; F. J. Macaulay, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, Treasurer; and Harrison, Janitor. Comp. Hogard then proposed that as a mark of respect and esteem, also as a slight recognition of the great services rendered in the formation of the chapter, as well as its first M.E.Z. a P.Z.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s. be presented to Comp. H. C. Levander. This was seconded by Comp. G. Motion, and carried. Comp. Levander acknowledged the compliment, and the chapter was then closed. The companions afterwards dined together.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The installation meeting of this very old chapter and the last convocation of the season was held on the 8th inst. at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Mander, J., Second Principal elect; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Elsam, J., P.Z.; Stewart, and Davis, 1st and 2nd Assistants; Holbrook, P.Z.; Walls, S.N., Third Principal elect (Freemason); Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Watts, Third Principal of the St. James's Union, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Robinson was duly installed First Principal by Comp. Wagner. The M.E.Z. then installed Comps. Mander and Walls as Second and Third Principals, the ceremonies being ably performed. The other officers invested were as follows:—Comps. Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas. (by deputy); Moss, S.N. (by deputy); Stewart, P.S.; Davis and Ellborn, Assistants; Parkinson, Janitor. Bro. Smith, W.M. of the Jordan, was then ably exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z. Previously to the chapter being closed the I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. Comp. Wagner having suitably acknowledged this compliment, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions partook of a most excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.Z. He said that the career of Comp. Robinson, in the Jerusalem Chapter, had been marked by everything that was desirable in a good Mason. He had been attentive to his duties, and most energetic in mastering the details of the various offices which he had successively occupied. In concluding his remarks he said he looked forward with a very considerable amount of satisfaction to their M.E.Z.'s year of office, which tenure, he believed, would not only reflect credit upon Comp. Robinson but upon the whole chapter. The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Exalter," which was suitably acknowledged by Comp. Smith. "The Health of the Visitor" came next in order. Comp. Watts, in response, complimented the Jerusalem upon possessing so strong and efficient a staff of officers, who would do honour to any chapter. He had been exceedingly pleased with the "working" that day, and gratified at witnessing the unanimity displayed by the members, who appeared to be all working for one common end, namely, the well-being of their old and deservedly popular chapter. The toasts of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and were duly responded to. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, then terminated.

ASAPH CHAPTER (No. 1319).—The April convocation of this chapter was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present, among others, Comps. E. Stanton Jones, M.E.Z.; Chamberlain, H.; W. A. Tinney, J.; Wellard, P.S.; Edward Terry, 1st A.S.; and Harry Cox, 2nd A.S. Bros. Victor Tussaud, H. Whaley, R. Soutar, and J. Maclean, of Lodge 1319, were exalted to the R.A. Degree. The elections then took place, when Comps. Chamberlain was chosen Z.; W. A. Tinney, H.; Frewin, J.; Edward Terry, S.E.; C. S. Jekyll, S.N.; Wellard, P.S. Comp. E. Stanton Jones having served a second year as M.E.Z., the companions voted another bar to the P.Z.'s jewel already held by him.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this flourishing chapter, now numbering between ninety and one hundred members, was held on Friday, the 18th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. The following signed their names at four o'clock:—Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., as Z., in the absence, through illness, of Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; John Barr, P.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H. (Freemason); E. Tyson, J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; F. Hodgson, as S.N.; J. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; Capt. Sewell, G. Sparrow, G. Dalrymple, E. Clark, J. W. Miles, C. W. Hodgson, W. Jackson, jun. This, it must be confessed, was only a small muster; but, when it is considered that a great majority of the members belong to other towns, the paucity of numbers, for once, may be excused. The chapter having been opened, the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the former convocation read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Chas. Mossop, Lodge 119, Whitehaven, which being unanimous, he and Bro. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. Lodge 1002, P.P.G.J.D. (who had previously been accepted), were admitted, and duly exalted to the Sublime Degree by the M.E.Z. in the chair. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were respectively delivered by Comps. Tyson, Lamony, and Barr. This was all the business, and, for once in three or four years, there were no propositions for exaltation. The chapter was then solemnly closed.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; J. Rains, H.; and W. P. Groves, acting J. The attendance was not numerous, and after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Comps. J. H. Sillitoe was re-elected Z.; J. Potts, H.; J. G. Batty, J.; R. Davies re-elected S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.M.; J. Dewhurst re-elected P.S.; A. Love, Treasurer; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor. The chapter was duly closed.

BODMIN.—St. Petrock Chapter (No. 330).—The annual installation of Principals in connection with this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th inst., being the first annual meeting since the consecration of the chapter in April, 1878. The following companions were present: Col. Peard, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z. of 1151, as Z.; Thomas Hawken, H.; J. R. Collins, J.; Dr. De Leigh, P.Z.; and W. P. Smith, 1151; Wm. Rowe, Scribe E.; B. G. Derry, Scribe N.; Dr. Controller Bake, 1st A. Sojourner; J. F. Pagen, and Sojourner; J. Crang, Treasurer; T. H. Spear, John Dennis, Richard Adams, John Stephens, 1151; and Gust. E. Liddell, 454; Kandy Newera, Ceylon. A special and cordial vote of thanks was given to Comps. T. C. and J. Stephens, of 1151, for their constant and invaluable attendance at the chapter during the past year, without which the chapter could not have held its meetings, and also to Ex. Comps. Peard, De Leigh, and Smith, for their attendance on this occasion. The several companions suitably replied to the votes of thanks. Ex. Comp. Stephens most impressively installed Comp. Thomas Hawken as M.E.Z., John Richard Collins as H., and William Rowe as J. The other appointments and investitures were Comps. Dennis, Scribe E.; Controller Bake, P.S.; J. F. Pagen, 1st Asst. Sojourner; T. H. Spear, 2nd Asst. Sojourner; John Crang, S.N. and Treasurer; P. Carroll (who was exalted by dispensation from the P.G. Supt.), Janitor; B. G. Derry and R. Adams, Stewards, and others.

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MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The regular meeting of this lodge, for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. In the absence of Bro. North Ritherdon, the W.M., consequent on business engagements at a considerable distance from London, the chair of A. was occupied by the W. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., and there were present, amongst others, V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., as S.W.; Bros. R. P. Spice, as J.W.; W. P. Colling, M.O.; W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org., P.M. and Sec.; G. Ward Verry, S.D.; W. C. Hale, J.D.; W. Johnstone, L. Hirsch, J. Humphrey, and others. Visitor: Bro. Kidder, Bon Accord Lodge. The absence of the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treasurer, occasioned by illness, was generally regretted, as also was that of several other officers and brethren, whose apologies bore testimony to the ill effects of the late inclement weather. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the discharge of the only business then before them, and unanimously elected Bro. Edward Moody (the

well known and deservedly esteemed Secretary of The Great City Lodge) as their W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Meggy was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The office of Tyler was again conferred upon Bro. Grant, although his serious and much regretted illness precludes all possibility of his personal attention. His functions have been for some time past, and will continue to be discharged by his friend, Bro. Rowles, so that the lodge will not suffer by his enforced absence. Bros. Humphrey and Johnstone were appointed on the Audit Committee. After propositions were made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Williams, and a most agreeable evening was spent by all present.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting of this young but fairly successful lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 19th inst. Amongst the officers present were Bros. Baldwin, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Goodall, J.O., acting J.W.; A. Tisley, Secretary; J. Mason, J.P.M., &c.; Haynes, S.O.; and Game, D.C. The accounts having been audited, the lodge was duly and formally opened. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was then duly closed. There was no banquet. There will be an emergency meeting to advance several candidates on the third Saturday in June.

Notes on Art.

The week before last the exhibition of French water-colour paintings was privately opened. The two rooms forming the exhibition contained a select public, and the exhibition called forth the admiration of everybody, for though the number of pictures exhibited is small, they are really a collection of gems. The artists who have exhibited and who have founded the club are seventeen in number—Baron, Vibert, Doré, Lemaire, Heilbuth, Lame, Isabey, Jacquemard, Detaille, Madame de Rothschild, Lambert, De Beaumont, Maurice Leloir, Louis Leloir, Worms, Français, and Jourdan. Among the works which most strike one at first sight are Lame's pictures, the colouring and depth of which are extremely remarkable; those of Isabey, which are warm and of masterly firmness; a *souvenir* of the Palais Borghese and a *Woman and Swans* by the distinguished painter Heilbuth—two masterpieces of colour and spirit; Madame Lemaire's flowers, standing out from the canvas full of life, as fresh as if they had just been plucked; a grand work by Doré, the portrait of his mother, powerful and bold, like all that issues from that genius, full of artistic warmth and wayward inspiration, and two bright landscapes by the same; several works teeming with humour, colour, and life by Vibert; self-confident, gay, and animated soldiers by Detaille, and a fan by the same; a helter-skelter of Prussians, which is very original and lively; landscapes by Jacquemard, full of sunlight and life; cats by Lambert of unsurpassable truth to nature; pictures by Baron and Français rather oldish in style, but accurate and staid as befits masters who uphold good traditions; and, lastly, to do homage to wealth which embellishes its leisure by praiseworthy artistic efforts, the carefully-studied landscapes of Madame de Rothschild, who has painted them herself. The first evening was certainly a success. This courageous enterprise seems to be destined to have a brilliant future.

A hailstorm of extraordinary severity passed over the Tipperah district in Eastern Bengal on the 13th of March. The magistrate's official report says:—"Some hailstones fell as large as cricket balls. The storm lasted about fifteen minutes, and its track was apparently not more than 300 yards wide. Large trees were uprooted; bamboo clumps swept down like grass, and houses levelled with the ground. Twenty-nine persons were killed and 114 wounded, mostly by the falling trees and houses. A considerable number of cattle were killed, and among the victims was a tiger."

The New World is busy studying its antiquities, and American archaeologists have established a special organ to report on their labours.—*American Antiquarian*.

A Himalayan Club has been formed in India, whose members intend to make the ascent of the highest peaks of the chain, and notably of the Great Dwalagiri, which has an altitude of over 28,000 feet.

The Platform of St. Paul's Cross in St. Paul's Churchyard has been discovered during the works now going on for laying out the garden on the north-east of the Cathedral. As the Cross was believed to have stood on that site, the workmen were directed to search for any traces, and at a depth of six feet they found the identical platform on which the superstructure stood, and which exactly corresponds, by its octagonal form, with all descriptions. Paul's Cross is described by Stow as a "pulpit cross of timber," and from hence preached the most eminent divines from the time of Edward I. until the reign of Charles I.—the last monarch who heard a sermon preached from the Cross. The Long Parliament had the Cross demolished in 1643.

THE LATE PROFESSOR CLIFFORD.—Macmillan and Co. will publish shortly the following literary and scientific remains of the late Professor W. K. Clifford:—(1) A volume of mathematical papers which have been read before the Royal Society or contributed to scientific journals; Mr. William Spottiswoode, F.R.S., will probably see this collection through the press. (2) Two volumes of collected essays and lectures, edited by Mr. Leslie Stephen and Mr. Frederick Pollock; Mr. Pollock will also contribute a biographical introduction to this work. (3) A small volume containing three popular lectures on "Seeing and Thinking."—*Nature*.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER, NO. 1589.

A new Royal Arch chapter in connection with the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, was consecrated on Wednesday last at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Comps. James Terry, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, as M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z., as H.; and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., P.Z., and J. 2, as J. There was a large attendance of companions present, amongst whom were Comps. Walter Wellsman, H. W. Dalwood, A. Tisley, T. C. Walls, G. R. Richnell, George Manners, Henry Turner, George Kenning, P.Z. 192; D. W. Pearse, H. 1293; E. Kimber, W. Bristo, W. Lake, F. H. Clemow, John H. Dodson, E. Sharpe, P.Z. 28; J. W. Rogers, 1503; W. H. Hooper, Z. 1506; J. H. Naggs, Z. 1503; H. T. Whaley, 1319; George J. Palmer, P.Z. 11; George Campion, P.Z. 19; Edward Terry, Scribe E. 1319; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z. 73; William H. Wear, 19; F. Lawrence Knyvett, M.E.Z. 58, Treasurer, Prov. G. Chapter Herts; Harry F. Cox, 1319; Thomas Preston, 720; F. R. W. Hedges, 1319; W. Ansell, 176; John Mason, P.Z. 73; P.P.G.O. Middlesex; Fredk. Dyer, 91; Thos. E. Taylor, H. 657; W. H. Lee, 1st Asst. S. 975; C. B. Payne, G.J.; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The musical arrangements were carried out by Comps. Seymour Smith, and G. T. Carter.

After a few observations by Comp. J. Terry, following the opening of the chapter, and the introduction of the companions, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered an "oration," which, owing to pressure on our space, we are compelled to defer printing until next week, when it will appear "in extenso."

The consecration of the chapter was then proceeded with, and at its completion Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. Nos. 9 and 91, installed Comps. Walter Wellsman, P.M. 1589, as M.E.Z.; Henry Wadham Dalwood, P.M. 1589, as H.; and John Henry Dodson, W.M. 1589, as J. The officers appointed were Comps. A. Tisley, Scribe E.; T. C. Walls, P.S.; Manners, 1st A.S.; W. Lake, 2nd A.S.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. Comp. W. Winthrop Praed, Treasurer, was not present, and his investiture was postponed. Comp. Dalwood then proposed that Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford, the Consecrating Officers, be elected honorary members of the chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. Dodson, and carried unanimously, after the proposer, seconder, and M.E.Z. had passed a high eulogium on the splendid manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted. Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford acknowledged the compliment, and trusted that the chapter would have a prosperous career in furthering the interests of Freemasonry.

Propositions for joining and exaltation were then given in, and the chapter was duly closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet, which was of a choice description, and was admirably served.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were duly given. The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" referred to Her Majesty's visit to Italy, and regretted that the weather she had had while there was not such as Englishmen had been led to believe was the usual climate of the Sunny South. But whatever the weather had been, the people of that country, where constitutional government was on its trial, had received Her Majesty with a warmth and cordiality for which Englishmen must ever feel grateful.

In giving "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the Grand Z. of the Order," the M.E.Z. said that the St. Dunstan's Chapter had its warrant signed by the Prince of Wales himself, and assured the companions that His Royal Highness took great interest in the Order, and required that the issue of warrants for Royal Arch chapters should be exercised with the very greatest caution. It was a matter which the St. Dunstan's Chapter would always be proud of, that their warrant bore His Royal Highness's sign manual.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Pro Grand Principal, and the Rest of the Grand Officers," and called upon Comp. Woodford to reply.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand P. Soj., in responding to the toast, said that it was a very great privilege for any member, whether a Past or a Present Grand Officer of England, to return thanks for such an honour as had been done him that evening. The toast was always warmly given, and in every company of Royal Arch Freemasons at which he had been present it had always been warmly received. He could only say for those distinguished companions of the Order who presided with such ability in Grand Chapter, as well as the subordinate members, that they were all animated by a wish for the good of Freemasonry, which they endeavoured on all occasions zealously to promote. The M.E.Z. had been pleased to allude in flattering terms to the ceremonial in which he (Comp. Woodford) had been taking part, and he felt it a very great compliment. He had been asked to perform the part of J. to assist Comps. Terry and Radcliffe in the consecration of the chapter. The duty of J. on all such occasions was to his mind one of great importance. The truths that he put forward, and the lessons he proclaimed to his companions, were intended to produce a good effect, and he trusted they might not have been enunciated that day altogether in vain. He had endeavoured, almost at the close of a Masonic career, to put forward those principles which were imprinted in golden letters on the standard of Freemasonry—reverence to God, obedience to authority, and love to one another. On those principles Freemasonry acted, and while it acted on those principles it needed not the voice of a prophet to say that it would prosper, and that it would flourish in the world. Before he sat down he wished to say a few words with regard to the present position of Masonry. We had in this country no intestine troubles to combat,

no discords, and no quarrels. We had not to go far abroad to behold Freemasonry convulsed with struggles; but in this country, happily, we keep aloof from all those hateful discussions which involved political questions, we banished all intrusions of political and religious topics. We proclaimed ourselves humble servants of our great Creator, lovers of our brotherhood, and friends of mankind; the principles by which Freemasonry in this country always had been actuated; and he hoped they would lead us year by year to be held more and more in estimation by our fellow men. But there was one other characteristic of Freemasonry which he felt to be the keystone of the Order. Many of the companions present were interested in other charitable institutions—many of them took part in those noble and magnificent hospitals and charities in the metropolis which adorned it; but he asked, was there any Order, or body of men, which was really doing so much in such an unostentatious manner as Freemasonry, though in some countries it was excommunicated, and in others declared inimical to law, order, and peace? Though not a wealthy Order—an Order which had not many millionaires in its ranks—it raised over £40,000 a year for the great Masonic Charities alone. They said nothing, when they mentioned that, of what they were doing in their Prov. Grand Lodges, and by educational institutions, and free gifts out of their lodge funds; in addition to which it was not known to the world what was given month by month by the Lodge of Benevolence. When they "totted" it up, as the saying was, it came to a sum that all Freemasons might be proud of. He was inclined to say of Freemasonry, when any one asked the value of Freemasonry and what it does, as was said of their great Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, *Si monumentum queris circumspice*, for it supported the aged, and educated and trained up orphan children of the brethren. Its great principles were reverence for the Creator, loyalty to the throne, love of the brotherhood, toleration, liberty of conscience, equity, and truth, and he would say, and all would also echo the aspiration, he thought, "Floreat Freemasonry." (Applause.)

Comp. Terry proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, he said, had performed his duties in the St. Dunstan's Lodge with great ability, and by so doing had earned the position which the Grand Z. of the Order had appointed him to in the chapter.

Comp. Wellsman, in responding, said that companions who had served in a regiment as privates and been asked to come out and command a battalion, knew what it was to get into a glorious state of confusion. He felt in a similar position that evening—in the position of being called forth as a private in the Royal Arch to take command of a battalion. Whether he should do honour to the St. Dunstan's Chapter or disgrace it was in the future. That he should not disgrace it he hoped; that he should do honour to it he doubted; but it should be his most anxious effort. He had the honour of being one of the founders and the second Master of the lodge, and he hoped that the same efforts as he had made in the lodge would be as successful in the chapter. When he filled the chair of the lodge he endeavoured to do his duty, and the brethren were well pleased with him. It was a more arduous duty to fill the chair of the chapter. It seemed that the ceremonies of a lodge were nothing as compared with those of the chapter; but he was earnestly preparing himself for the work, and he hoped he should not disgrace the office, and that the companions would be able to say at the end of his year that he had done all he could, if he had not done all he ought. This chapter occupied a singular position in R.A. Masonry. He did not know that there was a parish chapter existing in London. There were but few parish lodges, and the St. Dunstan's lodge was the only lodge that had ventured to add a chapter to it. He was disposed to think sometimes that good luck followed when Comp. Terry consecrated. When he consecrated St. Dunstan's Lodge he wished every good wish for the Lodge, and it had done nothing but prosper from that day to this. The lodge was full, there were forty-nine brethren on the books, and unless there were any accidental vacancies they would not add more to the number. If Comp. Terry's prognostications of the chapter were as true as of the lodge, it was good for them that he had been with them. He hoped that all the good wishes of Comp. Terry might be fulfilled to the utmost extent, and that when the companions met next year they would be able to say that the St. Dunstan's chapter was no disgrace to the lodge. Their first M.E.Z. would then be able to sit down with gratification, and feel that what he had proposed to himself he had done.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that in the works of Shakespeare, whose birthday it was "they have indeed bettered expectations." He regretted it was only the P.Z.'s who could form an opinion of the whole of the work, as it was only them who had the privilege of being in the chapter the whole time. He was convinced that it was impossible to select from Royal Arch Masons three Principles who could do the work more completely than Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford. He had seen that evening how difficult it was to get the ceremonies up. It required great memory and exactitude. Comp. Terry was "to the manner born," whether in consecrating a lodge or a chapter, or installing a W.M. or M.E.Z. he was always ready to do it. Comp. Radcliffe had performed the difficult ceremonies of installation in a way which could be done by few. Col. Radcliffe, senior P.M. of his Craft Lodge was one of his earliest instructors in Masonry, and his mind naturally turned to Comp. Radcliffe, when he selected an Installing Officer in the chapter. Comp. Woodford had in his eloquent oration impressed the companions with the knowledge of the true principles of Masonry, which he hoped the companions would use their best endeavours "in season and out of season" to carry out in their lives. The chapter honoured itself in making these companions honorary members.

Comps. Terry, Radcliffe, and Woodford responded, and Comps. Knyvett and Kenning responded for "The Visitors."

Comp. Knyvett wished success to the chapter, at the consecration of which he knew when he received an invitation he should have a very great treat. That had been fully realised.

Comp. George Kenning said he had been at the consecrations of many Royal Arch Chapters, but he had never seen one conducted more ably than that of the St. Dunstan's Chapter. The M.E.Z. in proposing the toast had been pleased to mention his, Comp. Kenning's name as the proprietor of the *Freemason*. Some ten years ago he established that paper, and he was proud to say it had given satisfaction to the Craft. He felt very proud of the paper, the position of which, at the present time, was highly satisfactory. It had been his endeavour to make it so, and no efforts were ever wanting to make it a thoroughly representative organ of the Craft. That was the course which he, and those who conducted it, were resolved to pursue; and it was very satisfactory to him to know that the Craft at large appreciated it. He had been unable to be a member of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, although a Fleet-street man, as its meetings happened on those evenings when he was otherwise engaged. Nevertheless, he wished it every success, and had no doubt, from its favourable inauguration, that there was a brilliant future before it.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The 2nd and 3rd Principals," and from what he knew of them, Masonically and personally, he was sure the chapter could not have made a better selection when recommending them to the Grand Z. The H. was a pillar of Masonry and a pillar of the church, a church which boasted of Dr. Donne and Dr. Johnson. With regard to the J., his services as Master of Lodge 55 had won for him, as they merited, the esteem and confidence of the brethren, and as a Principal of the chapter they would equally do so. There were no more important officers than the three Principals of a chapter. As an old Mason, initiated in 1842, he knew that the whole prosperity of a chapter depended on the three Principals. They gave the tone with which to govern the future of the chapter; and knowing the three Principals of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, he believed that the same Masonic principles which had actuated them in the lodge would actuate them in the chapter. He predicted, as Comp. Terry had predicted, a similar future for the chapter, and expressed his most earnest aspirations that the prosperity of the chapter would be as great and eminent as had been that of St. Dunstan's Lodge.

Comps. Dalwood and Dodson replied; after which Comps. T. C. Walls, P.S., and Tisley, Scribe E., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. Gilbert having given the Janitor's toast the companions separated.

A nice selection of music by Comps. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter, and T. C. Walls were given during the evening, and Comp. E. Kimber entertained the companions with a very humorous sketch of proceedings in the House of Commons.

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sir,—It is with extreme reluctance and regret that I request you to publish the following correspondence, but it is a duty I owe to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," as well as to the lodges and brethren of the English Constitution, whom I am solemnly bound to guide, to guard, and protect in Masonry. I am compelled to give this warning to those who are Freemasons, and also to others who are intending to become Freemasons, and who might otherwise, from inadvertence or ignorance of facts, be led to join the self-constituted body called "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales," thereby excluding them from admission or recognition by any of the lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England.

JOHN WILLIAMS,
District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of
Royal Arch Masons, New South Wales, E.C.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
22nd December, 1878.

"Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,—Bro. Machin, P.M. of No. 930, Melbourne, having addressed a letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, inviting him to recommend the Grand Lodge of England to recognise the proposed Grand Lodge of New South Wales, I beg, for your information, to enclose copy of the letter I have written in reply, by command of the Prince.

"I remain, dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN HERVEY.

"John Williams, Esq., R.W. District Grand Master,
New South Wales, E.C."

"22nd November, 1878.

"W. Sir and Brother,—I am commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st July, to which he has devoted great consideration. His Royal Highness does not consider it necessary to answer your various arguments in detail, suffice it to say that he cannot assent to them, nor approve of the course taken by—he is correctly informed—a small number of brethren to form an independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Grand Master declines, therefore, to adopt the view you recommend, and to call upon the Grand Lodge of England to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

"I am, W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOHN HERVEY.

"Montague S. Machin, Rushcutter Bay,
New South Wales."

—*Sydney Morning Herald*, Feb. 8th, 1879.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW FREEMASONS' HALL AT IPSWICH.

The ceremony of dedication of the above hall took place on Friday afternoon, the 18th inst., and was attended by over 100 brethren of the Craft, including many visitors. The beautiful ritual was most ably carried out by Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, Rector of Long Milford, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, and P.G.C. of England, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. of Suffolk. Bro. Martyn's great zeal and popularity amongst his Masonic brethren is well known, and no more welcome guest could have been found to complete the ceremony of consecration.

The new hall is a very handsome building of red brick and stone, and consists of a beautifully arranged lodge room about 50 feet long, 23 feet wide, and 23 feet high. The banquet room below is the same size, only 16½ ft. high. There are various other rooms for Masonic purposes, besides lavatories, kitchen, &c. The entrance hall is very imposing, and commodious. The architect is Bro. H. Luff, of Ipswich, and he can be commended for his very convenient arrangements in every way, not a single inch of room but is utilised. We may here mention Bro. H. Luff is now engaged, under Government, in superintending the new post office erection in Oxford at the present time. The contract was given to Messrs. E. and E. C. Gibbons, Ipswich, and has been most satisfactorily carried out by Bro. Oliver T. Gibbons, their manager in the building department. The cost will be, including land, &c., about £1600. About half this sum has been subscribed voluntarily.

Amongst the brethren present were the following, who signed the presence book.—The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, W.M. 1224; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; J. H. Staddon, P.M. 376, P.P.S.D.; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.P.G.J.W.; William Clarke, 114, P.G.D.C.; T. J. Wentworth, W.M. 225; A. C. Barber, P.M., Sec. 225; J. Talbot, S.D. 225; C. Emmerson, P.M. 1224; S. R. Anness, S.W. 376; W. G. Cunnold, S.W. 225; W. Pearson, 936; S. Wright, 114; O. T. Gibbons, 225; J. Napier, J.W. 225; S. H. Wright, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., 316; H. J. Wright, S.W. 936; the Rev. W. W. Bird, P.M. P.G.C., 555; H. Harris, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Fleming, P.P.G.S.W.; G. H. Hart, 959; W. H. Finch, 959; R. Senton, 225; E. Buckham, 376; R. Cade, 376; W. E. Smith, 376; F. A. Hammond, 376; J. W. Daniels, 225; C. F. Browne, P.M. 81; A. Cowtan, S.D. 376; J. Barnes, 376; H. Nason, 771; T. B. Bird, 376; W. Eaves, 225; R. Anness, J.D. 376; T. Saul, 225; Jesse Sheppard, 225; L. J. Woodard, P.M. 936; J. B. Fraser, P.M. 376; John King, 225; G. Bedingfield, 376; P. Harrison, 959; B. P. Grimsey, J.D. 114; J. Brice, 650; E. Oxborough, 376; W. Fisk, 225; T. R. Elkington, 376; W. Spalding, Sec. 114; E. U. Butler, J.W. 114; Thos. Hooper, 376; C. E. A. Chapman, 376; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., 1592; G. S. Elliston, S.W. 114; J. L. Brook, 225; A. Cannon, J.W. 376; T. S. Grayston, 959; F. H. Fosdick, 114; D. H. Booth, 114; F. W. Wilson, 114; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M. 959; J. L. Brown, S.W. 276; G. Abbott, P.G.S.B., 225; J. K. Sidgwick, P.P.G.R., 757; J. Hunt, 376; H. C. Casley, W.M. 114; Rev. J. J. Burton, P.M. 114, P.P.G.D.C. Cambs.; R. F. Ladell, 114; D. D. Steele, 959; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C. 114; W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.D.C., 376; J. Whitehead, P.M. 225; P. Whitehead, P.M. 225; A. J. Barber, P.P.G.O., P.M. 114; W. H. Sidgwick, 68; Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.P.G.C., 114; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G.C.; Dr. W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., 376; H. Ribbans, 114; W. D. Paine, W.M. 959; F. Bennett, 959; G. J. Paine, S.D. 1008; H. Luff, P.M. 376, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B., Pro. G. Sec.; H. Miller, jun., P.M. 114, P.P.G.P.; Wm. Norman, H. Sidney, P.M. 376; G. Spalding, Tyler, 225.

The proceedings commenced by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, being conducted into the lodge room by the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The lodge having been opened, prayer was offered by the P. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird, and the D.P.G.M. expressed his pleasure in meeting the brethren in their new hall, congratulating them upon erecting such a building. He was desired to express the regret of the P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, in being unavoidably absent. Lord Henniker had also, with several other brethren, written letters of apology.

The plans of the hall were then handed in by the architect, Bro. H. Luff, who was congratulated upon the result obtained, and the Chairman of the Committee of Management, Bro. N. Tracy, detailed the various steps taken by the Craft to obtain a building as their home. In 1865 some energetic members of the Prince of Wales Lodge took in hand the erection of a building in St Stephen's Churchyard, which have recently been lost to the Craft by the mortgagees requiring a larger sum for the building than the Committee considered they were justified in giving. The facts connected with the erection of the present hall were then referred to at length.

The anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was then rendered by Bros. Abbott, Grayston, Steele, and Miller, Bro. C. Cooke presiding at the organ.

After the dedication prayer and invocation, a procession was formed and the ceremony of dedication performed by the D.P.G.M., and the proclamation made by the Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then delivered an oration, and after the singing of the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," the Lodge was closed in the usual form.

A grand banquet was then held, at which over seventy sat down to a splendid repast, supplied by Bro. George Ashford in excellent style. Bro. C. J. Martyn presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The Chairman in proposing "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M., Lord Waveney," remarked that he took the great-

est interest in everything connected with Freemasonry, and greatly regretted his inability to attend.

Bro. P. de L. Long, P.G.D., and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Martyn." A better man and a better Mason it was impossible to meet, and no man stood higher in the Craft in the Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. Martyn, in responding, trusted that the hall would be a very great success. Freemasonry in the province was going on successfully and well, and a petition had just gone up for the signature of the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales) for the consecration of a new lodge at Clare, which would make twenty in all. He concluded by giving "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. W. H. Lucia, G.S.W., and Prov. G. Sec.; W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W.; and J. B. Fraser, P.P.G.S.W., responded to the toast.

Bro. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Browne, S.W. Good Fellowship Lodge, Chelmsford, responded, stating that he should take home with him such a report of what he had seen and heard, as would, he hoped, inspire the brethren at Chelmsford to rear up a similar hall, though not on so noble a scale. (Applause.)

Bro. Brice, Star of the East Lodge, Harwich, also responded.

Bro. the Rev. J. J. Burton, P.P.G.S.W. Cambs, gave "The Masters of Lodges in the Province," to which

The Chairman responded; and proposed "Success to the Freemasons' Hall, and Prosperity to the Four Ipswich Lodges—its Founders." It was a very great source of pride to all Suffolk Masons to feel that in the town of Ipswich there was a hall in which they could not only carry out the ceremonial of the Craft, but where they could offer visitors that hospitality which was so dear to every Freemason's heart. (Applause.) He hoped and trusted that from the dedication to-day and from the commencement of the Masonic life of this house there might grow a great structure, which should not only be perfect in all its parts but honourable to the builders. (Cheers.)

Bro. H. Casley, W.M. 114, responded on behalf of his lodge, and as a Trustee and one of the most energetic members of the Building Management Committee, spoke most hopefully of the future success of the building. It ought to be known that, as a solicitor, Bro. Casley has done all the legal business for the hall free of any cost to the Committee.

Bro. T. I. Wentworth, W.M. 225, who is also a Trustee, and has subscribed most liberally, and also thrown great energy into the whole affair since its commencement, responded on behalf of his lodge, and urged in most emphatic terms the great necessity of every Mason in Ipswich contributing towards the expenses incurred.

Bro. S. R. Anness, S.W. 376, replied in similar terms on behalf of his lodge, as did also Bro. Payne, W.M. 959.

The other toasts included "The Architect and the Builder," and was ably responded to by Bro. H. Luff, and Bro. Oliver T. Gibbons. "The Masonic Charities" followed, when a collection was made on behalf of the new building, after a powerful appeal from Bro. Rev. Martyn. The very handsome sum of £110 was handed in, after a most amusing scene of the various members vying with each other in their contributions. This amount is quite exclusive of the regular subscription lists. Several musical brethren gave their services, and a most happy evening was brought to a close by three ringing cheers for the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and especially for Bro. Martyn.

There is no doubt now that Ipswich will be greatly benefited in a Masonic sense by the new hall, and it reflects great credit on all concerned in its erection. We shall bring this notice to a close by wishing that Masonry may flourish in the good old town of Ipswich.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER, No. 970.

East Loos presented a very gay appearance on the 10th inst., on the occasion of the consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970. A great number of Masons assembled to take part in and witness the ceremony, amongst whom were Comps. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Grand Sup.; Col. Peard, P.Z., P.G.J.; E. T. Carlyon, P.Z., P.G.E.; E. D. Anderson, P.Z., P.G.H.; G. Kerwill, P.Z., P.P.A.S.; J. B. Kerwill, P.A.S.; R. A. Courtney, P.Z. 510, P.P.G.M.C.; J. W. Chegwidden, P.Z., P.G.M.C.; W. Rooks, P.G. Janitor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was ably performed by the Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. Peard and Anderson, the following companions were invested as officers of the chapter:—Comps. J. R. Bishop, Z.; Isaac Dawe, H.; J. Hill, J. pro. tem.; Thomas Cook, crite E.; James Walters, S.N.; J. H. Dawe, P.S.; J. S. Tucker, S.A.S.; J. Crossman, J.A.S. pro. tem.; George Roseveare, Janitor, pro. tem.

Amongst the visiting companions were Comps. R. Coath, P.Z. 510; W. Nettle, J. 510; J. Beaglehole, S.E. 510; W. Huddy, S. 510; Albert Elford, P.S.E.

The business being ended in the lodge-room, the principal officers were entertained at luncheon by the Z. elect, Comp. Bishop.

The companions repaired to Bro. Cook's, Ship Hotel, where they were met by the W.M. of St. Anne's Lodge (Bro. J. G. Henwood), and about forty brethren of the Craft, and partook of an excellent banquet, and a very pleasant evening ended a day which will be long in the memories of the Masons of this "ancient old borough."

Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, has been unanimously elected Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., the same day as that of the Royal Arch Province, in the County Hotel, Carlisle, under the banner of Bective Lodge, No. 1532. In the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on the continent, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, P.G.W. of England, R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. J. Holme, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W., as D.P.G.M.; H. Cook, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 1002, as P.G. Chaplain; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390; P.G.S.D.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.G. Supt. of Works; G. J. M'Kay, P.M. 129, P.G.D.C.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.G.Swd. B.; R. G. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Pur.; J. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.G. Tyler; T. Mandie, P.M. 371, P.G. Steward; G. Potter, P.M. 1532, P.G. Steward; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; F. W. Hayward, P.M. 1220, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310 and 1532, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Talbot, Past Master, 129, P.P.G.J.W.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason); J. Slack, P.M. 310, W.M. 1220, P.P. G.S.D.; R. Foster, P.M. 412, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Tattersall, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Haswell, W.M. 1532; J. Barron, P.M. 339; W. Martin, W.M. 1660; J. B. Thwaites, P.M. 339; Capt. Sewell, W.M. 1002; J. Tweedie, W.M. 310; and others.

All the nineteen lodges in the province were represented but one—Greta, No. 1073, Keswick.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the annual festival, held at Millom last September, were read and confirmed. The dues from the respective lodges and fees of honour from officers were next received by the P.G. Secretary and Treasurer, and it was announced that the total number of members in good standing was 927, rather fewer in numbers than the former year, but, nevertheless, a decided gain, inasmuch as there had been a weeding out of those in arrears in the different lodges.

The Charity Committee's report was brought up by the P.G. Secretary, and amongst the recommendations therein were, the sum of £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1400; the united support of the province to secure the election of a son of the before named deceased brother into the Boys' School at the October election; and the support of an aged brother of Lodge 872, as an annuitant of the Benevolent Fund. The following notice of motion by Bro. G. J. M'Kay, P.M. 129, was also recommended for adoption: "That the sum of fifteen guineas be voted to the Widows' Fund, and the sum of thirty-five guineas to the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, in order to constitute this Provincial Grand Lodge a Vice-President in perpetuity."

The Prov. Grand Secretary, in answer to the R.W.P. G.M. in the chair, said there was a sum of £197 in hand, available for the purposes of charity.

Bro. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, asked the Prov. Grand Secretary the relative amount of votes held by the province, as a province, for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, when it appeared that the proportion in favour of the Boys' School was more than two to one, as also in lodges and private votes. He said he should give notice at the proper time for an augmentation of the voting strength of the province, as regards the Girls' School.

The Charity Committee's report was then adopted unanimously in its entirety.

The next business was the place for the annual festival, and it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master that the festival be held at Appleby, under the banner of Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where an elegant luncheon was served. Col. Whitwell, M.P., presided, and, after two or three toasts had been honoured, business was resumed in Prov. Grand Chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly convocation of this province was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., in the County Hall, Carlisle, under the banner of Union Chapter, No. 310, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z. 129, P.G.S.N. of England, Prov. Grand H., presided, supported by M.E. Comps. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as H.; and J. Holme, P.Z. 129, P.G.J. The other members of the province present were Comps. G. J. M'Kay, J. 129, P.G.S.E.; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, S.N.; J. A. Wheatley, H. 310, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Gardiner, Z. 327, P.G. St. Br.; W. Kirkbride, P.Z. 339, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Court, Z. 310, P.P.G. St. Br.; J. Talbot, H. 129, P.P.G.A.S.; R. G. Nelson, J. 129, P.G. Steward; G. W. Hayward, P.Z. 310; J. Haswell, S.E. 310; W. F. Lamonby, H. 119, P.P.G. Swd. Br. (Freemason); and others.

The business was purely formal, and was confined to confirming the minutes of the previous convocation, and the bye-laws for the government of the province, and receiving dues and fees from chapters and officers.

Before the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, it was announced that an eighth chapter would be consecrated at Maryport, the following Tuesday, in connection with Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, to be called the Nicholson Chapter, in honour of Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., M.E.Z. designate, one of the oldest members of the Craft in the north of England.

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BIRTHS.

ENGLEHEART.—April 19th, at 4, Hobert-street, Leicester, the wife of the Rev. George Herbert Engleheart, M.A., of a son.

WHITE.—April 20th, at 17, Clarendon-crescent, Edinburgh, the wife of John White, Esq., late of Mount Nicholas, Otago, N.Z., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

LONDON—DEZILLE.—April 19th, Henry R. Landon, to Estelle Isabel, daughter of C. F. A. Delzille, Esq., of Canonbury.

DEATHS.

FOURDRINIER.—April 21st, at Lower Tooting, Surrey, Henry William Fourdrinier, Esq., elder brother of W. Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, P.M. Antiquity, No. 2, P.P.G.W., North Wales and Salop, of Elgin-terrace, Catford, S.E.

CUSHWAY.—April 18, at No. 5 Clifton-terrace, Upper Clapton, William Cushway, in his 83rd year, formerly of Bethnal Green-road.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1879

THE ENDURANCE OF FREEMASONRY.

One of the most remarkable characteristics of Freemasonry is its endurance in the world, and, above all, its endurance of antagonism and attack. We might draw a potent argument, according to Lord Macaulay, for its own inherent excellency and vitality, from this very actuality, but we prefer on the whole to allow the reality of its history to speak for itself, alike to the "geist" of the ingenious, and the appreciation of the judgmatical. Numerous as have been the attacks on Freemasonry, in ancient and modern days, by able or by inept writers, it has survived every assault and flourished amidst every storm. It has been assailed by prescripts and proclamations, by ban and Bull, by allocation and aspersion, by "Mandement" and manifesto, by the shafts of ridicule, the insidious treachery of slander, and the denunciations of open and vulgar violence. And still there it is as before the world to-day in every quarter of the habitable globe, counting its faithful "alumni" by thousands and tens of thousands. Indeed, such is the alarm with which the "secrecy, fidelity, and obedience" which mark all true Freemasons everywhere, have filled the suspicious and timid minds of Ultramontane accusers and enemies, that they have, forsooth, invented a Masonic army "in buckram," and have grandiloquently turned our thousands into millions. Indeed, it would be laughable were it not such a parody on all kindly feeling and just treatment in the world to note the panic terror which seems to seize on Ultramontane opponents, on Bishops and Archbishops, on Cardinals, yea, and on Popes themselves, infallible though they are said to be, when they have to deal with the feared, yet hated subject of Freemasonry and Freemasons. And, no doubt, to them, one and all, its "staying power" is a fact, alike inexplicable and undeniable as it is an unpalatable "factor" they by no means like to be recognized in the progress of man, society, and the world. For despite unjust accusations, despite unjust sentences, notwithstanding allocutions and anathemata, Bulls by the dozen, and calm excommunications by the score, these "wicked Freemasons" seem to get on in the world pretty well, to take things easily enough in all conscience, to be none the worse for all this "noisy artillery of menace and malediction," and, in fact, on the whole to be as "well," if not "better," than could be expected under the peculiar circumstances of the case. Since 1738, let us bear in mind 140 years ago now, Freemasonry, through no fault of its own, has been the subject alike of public condemnation by the Church of Rome, and the object both of the petty malice and puny wit of countless scribblers of different nationalities. We do not say that, abroad especially, the conduct of Freemasons has been always discreet, or their "saying and doings" justifiable and wise Masonically; that, unfortunately, we cannot assert. But this we may fairly remark, that even supposing the complaints of the Church of Rome to be in any sense justified in respect of Freemasonry, the course pursued by its authorities has been simply, as we say, and from their own point of view, "to intensify the alleged evil," and men have revolted from their "debasement practice of prosecution," and the childish, the empty fulmination of ridiculous and mendacious "Bulls." As amusing instances of the "endurance of Freemasonry" of attacks in bygone years, and in the present generation, we give, in conclusion, one or two illustrations. In 1748, the Abbé Larudan, a man of little character and less ability, published at Amsterdam, "Les Francsmaçons Ecrases; the Freemasons crushed, wiped out," as a supplement to the work of the Abbé Peran, at Geneva, in 1742, called "L'Ordre des Francsmaçons trahi; the Order of the Freemasons betrayed." We who know to-day what Freemasonry is, and what it has done in the world since 1748, can well

understand how the childish prophecy of an intolerant and ignorant Roman Catholic antagonist has had no weight, and no fulfilment. Is Freemasonry "Ecrase?" Let its enemies supply the fitting answer to the question. De Quincey wrote some foolish attacks on Freemasonry some years back, both in London newspapers and a London magazine, and boasted still more childishly that the "whole bubble of Freemasonry had been shattered" by his words. We must always allow a good deal for the "aberrations" of that brilliant but beclouded writer, though no one reads to-day essays which are worthless, diatribes which are puerile, because penned in complete ignorance of the history, much less of the reality, of the Order he was so eager and so bitter to denounce and decry. And what has the denuciation even of a Pope done to Freemasonry? Of Freemasonry it may well be said to-day "Mens immot manet," amid all the changes of time and the revolutions of the world; and wherever it truly exists, and is properly vitalized, it endures, let us believe reverently, in the wisdom and protection of T.G.A.O.T.U., because it is manifestly of utility to society, of honour to the Most High, and of blessing to mankind.

A WORD OF WARNING.

We have seen lately some evidences of a rather hasty and reckless school of Masonic exposition and symbolism setting in amongst us, against which we think it well to raise a few friendly notes of warning and remonstrance. One of the greatest evils Freemasonry has had to contend with archæologically, is the uncritical school. And this fact arises from two other facts, curiously enough, which deserve noting and watching. We have had practically, since 1717, two systems at work in English Masonic teaching, and ritual, and symbolism—namely, the Johannite and the Universal. In the earlier part of the last century, practically, no doubt, despite the avowed teaching of Grand Lodge, the ritual of the lodges under the modern Grand Lodge was more or less Johannite, and the same tendency was observed and preserved in the lodges of the "Antient Masons." And hence have arisen two conflicting schools of teaching and symbolism in our Order. Oliver leant to the Johannite system, and as Oliver is a "household word" with many Masons, his views still linger in England, and find favour specially in Ireland and Scotland, where the prayers are not, as with us, Universal, but Christian. Now, we do not object to a great "liberty of prophesying" in this respect. We do not and cannot see why, within certain limits, at any rate, the two schools cannot legally co-exist. There always have been Masons amongst us who see in Masonic ritual Christian symbolism, whether of designed or undesigned coincidence, and we are not prepared to say that they are altogether wrong either in their assumptions or their conclusions. And, therefore, we always read with interest and respect the arguments of Johannite Masons, though we cannot agree to depart from the compact of 1813. There seems just now to be a danger, whether, in the search after what is new, striking, and sensational, some of our good brethren are not emitting theories which are erratic and propounding teaching which must do harm rather than good. We, therefore, think it well to impress upon our readers all proper reticence in dealing either with Masonic ritualism or Masonic symbolism. We learn, for instance, that a Bro. Maddiver, in Scotland, teste the *Scottish Freemason*, has been dilating on a subject—perhaps the most difficult and doubtful that he could have selected. If he liked in a lodge of those who held Johannite views to propound this peculiar opinion, be it so, only we object strongly to have a subject started in our midst which, exploding like a bombshell, may lead to a sort of general controversy and conflagration. We had not noticed the fact ourselves, we can only add "culpa nostra," but our able contemporary, the *Keystone*, alludes to it in these few, but expressive, words, and we think it well to transfer his remarks to our columns: "The learned Bro. Dr. Maddiver, of Rothesay, (as the *Scottish Freemason* fraternally styles him), electrified the brethren of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 533, Glasgow,

Scotland, on February 26th, by 'clearly showing that the emblems on a Freemason's apron represented the Trinity,' and that Freemasons wore the lambskin 'as an emblem of purity and innocence, representing the Lamb, or Son of God.' Truly, much learning hath made our brother mad, and he is appropriately named, 'Maddiver.' Now, though we do not agree with the interpretation which our able "confrere" in America has put on such explanations, and think that a brother might, in the dangerous ease of suppositious symbolism, use such words without being, as we say, "off the nut," yet we have thought it not unseasonable or improper to allude to the subject in our columns, and we confess that we deeply regret that such hurtful "allegorizing" and such needless sensationalism should be in vogue amongst us just now. We feel bound, once for all, to protest against it, in the interests of peace and harmony, for the avoidance of ridicule, and as repugnant to our uncontroversial Brotherhood, and above all tending to introduce amongst us an unsound and uncritical school of Masonic "exegesis," alike as to the symbolism and teaching of our excellent Fraternit y.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER.

This interesting ceremony, which took place on Shakespeare's Birthday, is fully reported elsewhere, minus the oration, which, owing to printing exigencies, will appear next week. This is, curiously enough, a parochial chapter, associated with St. Dunstan's Parish and Fleet-street, and summoning up memories of eloquent Donne, and honest Isaac Walton, as well as the stately form of Dr. Johnson. We wish the chapter all success.

GOOD NEWS FROM ZULU LAND.

Except for the poor mourning families at home, and

"The pangs which o'er the heart-strings creep,
At every post that comes,"
among the friends of our gallant soldiers and sailors abroad, the news from Zulu Land is cheering in the extreme. Ekowe has been relieved, the Zulus defeated in two encounters, and the avenging arms of England will soon restore peace and tranquility, and subdue, by God's help, a treacherous and savage foe.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am not at all surprised at "Memphis's" reply—it is pretty much what I expected. I thought he was a little too bold in his challenge as regards the legality of the Grand Council of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and I do not wonder at his shrinking from an honest, open, manly, unpersonal discussion. Only, henceforth, to use a vulgar phrase, let him "shut up." His plea that, because I am an "Outsider," I can know nothing of the Ancient and Accepted Rite is, I must beg to remark to him, not only a very absurd "petitio principi," but it is a declaration of intense weakness on his part, which cannot escape the notice of the critical and the competent. What in the name of everything mentionable and unmentionable does it signify to him, or any one else, who I am, or whence I hail from? The argument is a very simple one. Has the G. Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite a "locus standi" legitimately in this country, as the governing body of the Rite? This is the entire "Cruz" to be settled. I say it has, "Memphis" says it has not; but "Memphis" will not argue the question with me, because he says I am an "Outsider." Perhaps it might be found as the controversy progressed, that, as it happens, I know as much of the history, and Constitutions, &c., of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as "Memphis" does, some people might think a little more, though an "Outsider." And, at any rate, I have this advantage, that I am arguing the whole question from the ground of history, precedent, and common sense, whereas "Memphis" is clearly intent on writing for "pure personality," and for pure personality alone, I very much fear me.

And now let me ask "Memphis" a question, which he can answer or not, as he likes. Is "Memphis" legally a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or if he has once belonged to it and does not belong to it

now, why has he left it? Is he even still in it? I have reason for asking these questions, because it is possible that, as "Memphis" will not discuss the matter with me, because I am an "Outsider," he may find a great difficulty in inducing any member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to discuss it with him at all.

With regard to the "Rite of Memphis" itself, it is possibly perfectly true, that, as it is tersely put in "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia," to which I refer my readers, the grades of Memphis seem to be taken from the "old high grade system worked in France."

But then, as I have always considered all this "paraphernalia" of high grades as supremely useless, I do no injustice to "Memphis" in terming the grade he seems so anxious to puff a "ridiculous one." But then I do not profess to do more than to offer my own subjective opinion on the subject; I do not dogmatize for others or to others; and if the word "ridiculous" hurts the sensitive nerves of "Memphis" I gladly withdraw it. It is quite sufficient for me that many excellent Masons believe in such "grades." They have as much right to their "Pine apple" as I have to mine.

Yours fraternally,

AN OUTSIDER.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have the pleasure to inform you that a new lodge and temple in the primitive and original rite of Freemasonry, otherwise known as the Swedenborgian Rite, has just been warranted for the town of Sheffield, named the Britannia Lodge and Temple, No. 10—the warrant being dated the 17th April, 1879. Its first W.M. is our well-known and energetic Bro. Samuel B. Ellis, who is also the Chief Adept for Yorkshire of the Rosicrucian Society; the first S.W. is Bro. Thomas Blair, and Bro. John Eadon Reaney is the first J.W. This lodge proposes to hold its consecration meeting on the 3rd of May next, and Bro. John Yarker, the S. Grand Master, had been invited to be present on the auspicious occasion.

A meeting of the Yorkshire College of the Rosicrucian Society will subsequently be held, and it is anticipated that both gatherings will be well and influentially attended. May I ask you to oblige me by adding to this letter the subjoined list of Grand Officers for the year 1879-80, corresponding to the Order date, A.O.S., 7752-3? The names in italics mark the promotions in Grand Lodge as well as the new members who have been admitted to the purple. I may add that the meeting of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9, Liverpool, took place on the 10th inst. when Bros. Charles Jacobs and Thomas Henry Hall were duly elevated to the degree of Perfect Freemasonry by Bro. William Thomas May, the W.M.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IXth,

Supreme Grand Secretary.

Hounslow, 21st April, 1879.

Officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple 1879-80:
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R.W. " Capt. Francis George Irwin, P.M., Supreme Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. Major George Turner, P.M., Supreme Junior Grand Warden.

(Who form the Supreme Grand Council.)

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V.W. " Thomas L. Shaw, Supreme Grand Registrar.
V.W. " Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, Supreme Grand Secretary.

V.W. Bro. Rev. W. Stainton Moses, M.A., P.M., Supreme Grand Chaplain.

V.W. Bro. Benjamin Cox, P.M., Supreme Grand Marshal.

V.W. Bro. William Wynn Westcott, Supreme Senior Grand Deacon.

V.W. Bro. Thos. Wainman Holmes, Supreme Junior Grand Deacon.

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By command of the M.W.S.G.M.,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,

Supreme Grand Secretary.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last number, at page 165, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, speaking of Bro. Charles Marsh, who was initiated in that lodge on the 6th Aug., 1819, has the following:—"There can be no doubt that our brother is the oldest living Mason in England."

It would be interesting on all grounds to ascertain to whom belongs the distinction of being the "Father" of our English Craft, and as a contribution to the ventilation of this subject in your columns, I may state that an initiate of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, is entitled to seven years

priority over Bro. Charles Marsh. Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore was received into Masonry in the Moira Lodge (then No. 118) on the 13th April, 1812.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD, P.M. 92.

BALANCE SHEET OF A LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have taken the trouble to copy out the balance sheet of a lodge, which has been forwarded to me as a specimen of what you and all right-thinking Freemasons have so often decried, what a misnomer the word "charity," the watchword of our Order, is, with respect, I fear, to a large number of our lodges; in this instance £155 10s. spent on banquets, out of the total subscriptions of one year, £155 14s. and £4 4s. to charity, actually less than the amount, £4 14s. 3d., collected at the banquets for the express purposes of charity. What a farce! No words of mine could speak half so eloquently or forcibly as the printed figures now before me.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

YEAR ENDING 25TH APRIL, 1879.

Dr.		
March 25th, 1878:	Balance in Hand	£ 46 19 7
March 25th, 1879:	Subscriptions—Initiations, Visitors, &c.	*155 14 0
		£202 13 7
Cr.		
March 25th, 1879:	Banquet expenses for the year	*155 10 0
	Grand Lodge dues and certificates	9 14 6
	Provincial Grand Lodge dues	8 3 6
	Tyler	2 14 0
	Printing, Postage, &c.	7 15 0
	Insurance	0 5 0
	Balance in hand	18 11 7
		£202 13 7

CHARITY (?) FUND.

Dr.		
1878:	March 25, Balance in hand	£ 4 13 11
April 4, Collected at banquet:—		
	48 brethren	£2 0 0
Scp. 5,	" "	0 19 6
Nov. 7,	" "	0 17 3
1879.		
Jan. 2,	" "	0 17 6
	Fees—One passing 10/6, one raising 10/6	*4 14 3
		1 1 0
		£10 8 2

Cr.		
1879.	March 25, R.M.I.B.	£1 1 0
	" R.M.I.G.	1 1 0
	" R.M.B.I.	2 2 0
	Balance	*4 4 0
		6 4 2
		£10 8 2

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In November last you were informed that a change was contemplated in the rituals for the symbolic degrees in lodges working under the G.E. of the Netherlands. The brethren who were members of other lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England felt indignant at this contemplated change, and have now applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for a new lodge at Du Toits Pan, to be named the Charles Warren Lodge (after our much esteemed and popular Administrator). The

1st W.M. is ... Bro. R. M. Connolly.

" S.W. " ... " D. E. Doveton.

" J.W. " ... " R. J. Scholtz.

Bro. J. J. Wil-on, P.M., well-known in Masonic circles, has been a prominent supporter of Dutch lodges in this province, and occupied the principal offices in lodge and chapters, is also a charter member of this new lodge; and it is now believed that Dutch lodges in this province will soon be a thing of the past. It is rumoured that another warrant from the Grand Lodge of England will soon be applied for to open a second lodge here, at Du Toits Pan. The only difficulty appears to have been whether the several W.M.'s who have occupied the chair for the full period will be recognised as Past Masters by the Grand Lodge of England. Upon this your opinion is earnestly solicited. I give you list of lodges and chapters now working at this place (Du Toits Pan):

Symbolic Lodge, Peace and Harmony	... Dutch Con.
R. A. Chapter	" " Scotch "
R. Croix	" " Dutch "
KIMBERLEY.	
Craft Lodge, Cosmopolitan	... E.C.
" Ricd. Giddy	... E.C.
" Athole	... Scotch Con.
R. A. Chapter, Concord	... Scotch "
R. A.	... E.C.
R. Croix	" Adamanta ... E.C.
Kt. Templar Encampment	... E.C.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. and 18^o.

Du Toits Pan, 25th March, 1879.

"BY-LAW," or "BYE-LAW."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

This question has been raised several times in these columns, but I am not aware that it has been settled, and may be never will, yet the following opinion will be found interesting and valuable, when coming from so high an authority as Professor A. S. Wilkins, M.A., being an extract from a lecture on "The Origin of the English People," delivered by him in Manchester, in November, 1871:—

"Wherever you find places ending in *by*, as Whitby, Derby, Rugby, there you find Danes have been. *By* is the old Danish form for town or borough; and when you talk about '*by-laws*,' you simply mean the *borough laws* as distinguished from the laws of the country. Of course now we use the phrase for the laws of a railway or club; but originally *by-law* meant borough law, as distinguishing it from the national law of the great Parliament."

Fraternally yours,
AD REM.

Reviews.

COMPTE RENDU, DE LA FETE OFFERTE AUX
MACONS ETRANGERS LE 24th OCTOBRE, 1878,
PALAIS DE TROCADERO.

We are indebted to the Grand Conseil of the Rite Ecossais, Ancien et Accepté, at Paris, for two copies of this account of the gathering of October last. The work is admirably printed and illustrated, and is for the members of the rite a fitting souvenir of a memorable meeting. We are very sorry to find that some lamentable errors relative to the "Grand Conseil" have crept into the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," but which we doubt not its careful editor will correct in the next issue. They have been unintentional. But there is this justification, the publisher of the "Cosmo" has never received, up to the present, any official calendar or list from the "Secretariat General," in the "Rue de la Victoire." If it had been duly forwarded, the mistake, which is quite excusable under the circumstances, would not have occurred.

REPORT OF THE IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS'
SCHOOL FOR 1878.

We have read this report with much pleasure, as we think we note in it satisfactory marks of progress and efficiency. It is moving on. Its income for 1878 was, for instance, £2989 7s. 6d., as against £1822 7s. 3d. for 1877; but, as the report warns us, too sanguine hopes must not be founded for the future on this isolated fact, as the receipts include a legacy from the Rev. W. H. Higginbotham of £932 18s. 6d. There is, indeed, a falling off of about £60 in individual subscriptions, but this deficiency will, it is fairly assumed, be made good in 1879. But the great step in advance is the purchase of the lease of the Adelaide Hall, Merrion, with three acres of land, facing the sea, and which, being in substantial repair, can accommodate forty boys. There will be twenty-six boys in the school in August next, and as the Board have selected a Head Master and Assistant Master, and a Matron, and is seeking by economising the expenses to increase the number of boys, there seems a fair call on Irish—yes, and on English brethren—by a kindly and judicious support to "extend the operations of this greatly needed charity." During the last twelve months the financial accounts exhibit, including the balance (£552 7s. 3d.) of 1877, a credit side of £3541 18s. 9d., and a debit side, including a balance carried forward (£525 os. 11d.), and purchase of £1000 Midland G. W. Railway Stock, and £700 deposit, the same figures. Thus the actual expenditure, minus these items, is £1319, in round numbers. Of this £1073 15s. are for education and maintenance; outfits, £30; incidental and miscellaneous payments £17 17s.; stationery, printing, and postage, £92 16s. 9d., and salaries the modest sum of £70. We feel sure that this useful and meritorious institution has a future of importance and success before it, and we call the attention of many kindly brethren, readers of ours, to its unpretending reality, and its bona-fide claims on all who value and believe in the duty and blessedness of helpful education for the orphan sons of deceased or destitute brethren.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE.
(PLATE 4.)

A warrant bearing date January 28th, 1721-2, was issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge, enabling certain brethren named thereon to open and hold a lodge of Freemasons, its number being seven before 1740, in which year it became six, and five from 1756 to the "Union of 1813," after which it assumed the number ten.

In 1792 its name "Tyrian" was exchanged for that of the "Westminster and Keystone." Quite a revival occurred in 1855 by a number of Oxonian joining; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon (now M.W. Pro G.M.), initiated there in February 5th, 1856, was installed as W.M. 20th May, 1857, in the presence of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and ever since the lodge has preserved the prominence thereby conferred.

On May 2nd, 1860, "the lodge received the sanction of the M.W.G.M. to celebrate its centenary (which was completed in 1821), by a jewel to be worn by the members, which has accordingly been provided, the design having received universal approbation for its appropriateness and beauty."

The jewel may be briefly described as follows: Portcullis (in centre) of black with gold chains and studs. Lettering in gold on blue enamel—"Westminster and Keystone

Lodge, 1721," and from the top is suspended a small key-stone of cornelian, having the Number 10 thereon. Medal is worn attached to a light blue ribbon.—From Bro. Hughan's *Masonic Register*: George Kenning, London.

A FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

I have recently been shown a Master Mason's certificate, under French regime, and should be obliged if some learned brother will inform me whether it belongs to pure Craft Masonry, or otherwise. The query, on my part, arises from the reference to "Lodge of St. John of Scotland," as also "Herodom Orient of Paris," which appears on the parchment.

I should explain that the certificate in question belonged to a deceased Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland, whose name I am not at liberty to mention. The design is very elaborate, and headed, "A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers. La R. L. Ec. des amis constants de la Vraie Lumière, a Tous les Mac. Répandus sur les Deux Hemispheres, Salut." The body is divided into five corresponding columns, in French, Latin, German, English, and Italian. The English column reads as follows, the blanks, of course, containing the name, &c., of the R.W. brother to whom the certificate was granted:

"We, Ven. Masters and Brothers of the R. Lodge of St. John of Scotland, regularly established to the Grand Or. of Paris, in 1818, under the distinctive title of the Constant Friends of the True Light, certify that the M. W. B. _____, born at _____, is an active member of this lodge, in the degree of Master, which he has merited by zeal, virtue, and experience.

"We recommend him in this capacity to our M. W. B., who will receive him with cordiality, and all the benevolence due to a good M."

"Herodom O. of Paris, the 1st of March, year of the G. L. 5824, vulgair Aera 1st. March, 1824."

I should add that the grade "Master," on the parchment, is in manuscript, thereby implying that certificates were granted to other than Master Masons. The seal bears the title of the lodge, with the year 1818, and there are six signatures, the ranks of the attesting officials being thus described: "Le Vénérable," "1er Surveillant," "2e Surveillant," "Trésorier," "Le Secr. Genl.," and "Orateur." The W.M. and Orator have the figures 33 after their names.

W. F. LAMONBY.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

I have read Bros. Hughan and Gould's friendly replies. No doubt Bro. Hughan has alluded to the "Harodim" before, but I could not find the mention of it in any of his works, relative to the Lodge of Antiquity. Such a fact could not escape such a "master of the work." I had not seen Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" when I wrote, or else I should not have penned the note. I am glad it has struck "oil," and drawn out so much "light."

A history of "Old Antiquity" is still a "desideratum" for Masonic literature, but must, for the present, be left to the future.

ANTIQUITY.

"THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY."

I have a copy of the "Spirit of Masonry," by Bro. Wm. Hutchinson, Master of the Barnard Castle Lodge of Concord, published in London in 1775 by authority of Grand Lodge, and dedicated to Lord Petre, the Grand Master. The Appendix contains "Certain Questions, with Answers to the same, concerning the Mystery of Macorrey; written by the hand of Kyngc-Henrye, the sixth of the name, and faithfully copied by me Johan Leylande, Antiquarius." Doubtless this is an earlier, perhaps the earliest, edition of the work mentioned by your correspondent W. F. Lamonby. I should be glad to know if the book is rare.

NEWINGTON BRIDGES.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC REGISTER.

After a careful perusal, we can say with truth that, in our opinion, it is one of the most valuable works on Masonry ever published. The title might frighten some of those brethren who are not given to reading or study, but, if they can only muster up courage to read the book, we feel sure they will soon become deeply interested in its contents. We will now give a short summary of them. First, then, we find the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, beautifully illuminated and emblazoned, under the immediate supervision of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms, Past Grand Warden, and Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, to whom the volume is dedicated. Then follow five plates—No. 1 containing the obverse and reverse of the Royal Medal of the Lodge of Antiquity; No. 2—Medal of Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1), Medal of Royal York Lodge of Perseverance (No. 7), and obverse and reverse of that of Royal Somerset House Lodge (No. 4). Plate 3—Royal Medal of the Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 259). Plate 4—Medal of Centenary Lodge (ordinary); Westminster and Keystone (No. 10); Royal Alpha Lodge (No. 16); and Star of the East Lodge (No. 67). Plate 5—Commemorative Medal of the Inauguration Festival, 1869; that of Royal Installation, 1875; The Freemasons' Hall Medal, A.D. 1780; the Charity Jewel for the Past Stewards of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Boys, and Aged Masons and Widows. All these are splendidly got up and illuminated—a perfect work of art. After an introductory chapter come some excerpts from Dr. Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire," referring to Freemasonry in his day; and "Articles of Union between the Grand Lodges of England," Ancients and Moderns, of 1813. We now come to some curious and interesting old records of lodges, also an account of the coat of arms as used by the old Company of Freemasons, granted by the Clarendon King at Arms, A.D. 1472-73, which were again confirmed in A.D. 1520-21, and "Entered in Visitation of London,"

made 1634. To this are added the coats of arms of the Ancients, Moderns, and the York Grand Lodges. A description follows of the various medals already mentioned above, and the lodges, &c., to which they belong. After lists of lodges entitled to centenary jewels, and describing those authorised to be worn by officers of Grand, Prov. Grand, and Subordinate Lodges, we come to a "Roll of lodges at the Union of December, 1813." This roll also gives dates of warrants and changes in the numbering of lodges, as made in 1832 and 1863. In conclusion we find "A list of lodges in existence at the time of the Union in 1813, but subsequently erased from the roll." It will be seen from this summary that much valuable information as to the Craft in England, that must have taken years of hard labour to compile, is contained in this elegantly got up volume. We are glad to find that our worthy and learned brother promises us two more volumes to complete the series, viz., "Records of the Ancients," and "of the United Grand Lodge of England." We trust that Bro. Hughan will, at some future time, turn his attention northwards to Scotland, which he would find far more prolific in ancient Masonic records, charters, &c., even than England. Every Mason, wherever he may be, should get a copy of "Hughan's Masonic Register."—*The Scottish Freemason*.

THE ALBION LODGE, No. 9, LONDON.

The present warrant of the Albion Lodge is dated June 30th, 1774, but at first it was registered as "July 17th, A.D. 1751, A.L. 5751.—Vol. 1., letter A" in the first Book of Records of the "Ancients." It is almost certain that the Seceders commenced their organisation in 1751, though no minutes were kept until the following year (according to a note in the earliest volume of Transactions) hence some of the "Ancient" lodges really date before the formation of their Grand Lodge; Nos. 7, 9, and 11 being of this class. No charters apparently were granted before 1753, in which year the premier Grand Master, Bro. Robert Turner, W.M. No. 15, was elected, all such documents having been signed either during that year or subsequently, and bear thereon an acknowledgment, when necessary, of the date of origin. The Albion Lodge was 5/11th on the roll until the "Union," when it became No. 9, and has so remained, its centenary warrant being dated April 24th, 1857.

The special jewel was designed by Bro. W. Moring (P.M. No. 9), High Holborn, London, and is both neat and effective. A five-pointed star, which encloses an Egyptian lily, is suspended from a scroll, tastefully arranged in the form of a circle, on which its rests, the latter bearing the appropriate inscription: "Albion Lodge Centenary, A.D. 1851." It is made in gold, or silver gilt and enamel.—From Bro. Hughan's *Masonic Register*. G. Kenning, London (12s. 6d.)

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM ARCHER.

The grave closed over all that was mortal of the remains of the late Bro. William Archer, P.G.J.D. of West Lancashire, at the quiet country churchyard of St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and the fast falling tears of many amongst the numerous brethren who gathered to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit showed how greatly the deceased was esteemed while in the flesh, and how much he was mourned for after death. No one who knew Bro. Archer, and he had only reached his 45th year at the time of his sudden and somewhat unexpected death on the previous Sunday, failed to value him for his honesty of purpose, uprightness of intention, cordiality of temperament, and large-hearted open-handed generosity, not only in his public life but especially in that inner and more sacred circle of Masonry to which he had been so long and so intimately attached, and the blank thus caused in the Masonic world in Liverpool, particularly that which exists at what is known as the north end of the town, will be long painfully felt and not easily filled. His zeal and Masonic earnestness in connection with the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, have for several years been most conspicuous, and largely through his exertions does that lodge now occupy the honourable position which it now does among the others in Liverpool and throughout the province. Bro. Archer was appointed Prov. G.J.D. at the last meeting in October of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, that honour being conferred upon him by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., in recognition of the eminent services he had rendered to the Craft, more particularly at the north end, having been chiefly instrumental in securing the erection of the Skelmersdale Hall. He was also P.M. and Treasurer of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, P.Z. of the chapter attached to it, and S.W. of the Mark Lodge, No. 161. He was also Chairman of the Skelmersdale Hall Committee. About ten o'clock upwards of 200 brethren assembled at the Skelmersdale Hall, amongst those being Bros. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Goepel, Past Prov. Grand Dir. of Cir.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1086; T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire); Councillor S. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; R. Abram, P.M. 1086; J. P. M'Arthur, J.P., P.M. 1086; J. G. Townshend, W.M. 1086; G. E. Hamner, P.M. 1086; J. Ellis, P.M. 1086; with the following officers and members of this lodge:—Bros. J. Leece, S.W.; J. Casey, J.W.; Hugh Spencer, Sec.; R. Beckett, J.D.; J. Savage, I.G.; R. Reader, S.S.; Walker, Fimpleton, H. Gill, Marsden, Rolgers, W. P. Vines, Senior Deacon 1570; Roberts, Beer, Ottawell, Langton, Woodend, Worthington, Thomas, Moss, Williamson (Tyler), Dr. Macbeth, Lewis, Griffiths, Lansing, and Barrow. The representatives of

the Klirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, were Bros. E. Johnston, W.M.; Gick, S.W.; Ferguson, J.W.; Mitton, Treasurer; Bargery, S.D.; Hay, J.D.; Grierson, Sec.; West, S.S.; Marshall, J.S.; Thornton, and T. Singleton; and from other lodges there were present Bros. R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, W.M. 241; John Latta, S.D. 241; T. M'Wear, P.M. 1035; J. M'Wear, W.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. P. Bryan, 1035; Crosby, 823; J. Atkinson, Sec. 1609; Wade, 241; G. G. Walmsley, 292; Abram, 1393; Barlow, 1713; Whitehead, 673; Lyon, J.D. 1713; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; H. Davidson, 1393; Jones, 1264; Johnson, 249; Hunter, 249; Macindoe, 1796; E. T. Ingham, 1620; H. Gribbin, 1356; Jones, J.W. 292; J. C. Fish, 1264; Hindhaugh, 1490 (Bengal); L. Peake, 1035; Gordon, 1035; S. K. Gardham, 1035; Dr. M'Gregor, 680, and others. There were also present at the funeral Mr. James Sykes, Mr. P. Sykes, and Mr. J. D. M'Gregor, friends of the deceased. Each Past Master of the Walton Lodge carried a beautiful wreath of white camellias to throw into the grave, and all the brethren carried sprigs of acacia for the same purpose. The brethren, wearing white gloves and ties, after marshalling at the Skelmersdale Hall proceeded to the deceased brother's late residence, in Westminster-road, where they were joined by the relatives and near friends. All the shops and places of business in the vicinity were closed in respect for the occasion. The procession took its way to the parish church, Walton, where it was met by Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde, J.W. 1086, and Chaplain, who began the burial service. The churchyard was crowded with sympathising spectators, and the brethren and friends quite filled the sacred edifice. The service was most impressively carried out by the rev. Chaplain, and at its close sprigs of acacia were thrown into the grave by all the brethren. At the close of the burial service, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde gave a short address. He said that the beautiful service just read by him required no addition from him—that service, so full of comfort for survivors and hope for those who were gone. Still he could not refrain from saying a few words with reference to their late brother, Bro. Archer. Here, in his case, hope was exchanged for assurance. They parted with their brother, not with the hope only, but with the assurance that "we have committed his body to the ground in sure and certain hope of his resurrection to eternal life." As he lived, so he died, a peaceful, truthful Christian. May our end be like his, and may we be enabled, by Divine help, to leave as good a name behind us as our late brother has done. At the conclusion of the most impressive ceremony the brethren returned to Skelmersdale Hall, and separated after partaking of luncheon. The funeral arrangements were well carried out by Bro. Croxton.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. W. T. Howe, E.P., the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; W. Mann, P.M. 187; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1339, &c.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 204; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George D. Steggs, J. Adamson, H. Roberts, C. C. Bell, Chas. Davy, G. W. Dyer, John Holden, E. M. Hubbuck, W. West Smith, Charles H. Webb, Neville Green, Thos. Smith, G. P. Britten, F. G. Baker, John Constable, George Bibby, A. M. Thomas, J. H. Matthews, Alfred Withers, John Cooper, R. W. Chamberlain, Wm. Henry Farnfield, Edward K. Parr, George Free, G. Macdonald, H. A. Stacey, R. H. Blatchford, M. D. Loewenstark D. M. Belfrage, J. Newton, William Stephens, Edwin Bonner, B. W. Swallow, Hy. J. Avery, William Richards, E. J. Bumstead, W. R. Marsh, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; and A. A. Pendlbury.

The new list comprised no less than thirty-eight cases. The brethren, after sitting more than four hours, relieved thirty-four of these cases, with sums amounting in the whole to £639. One case was dismissed, one was withdrawn, and two cases were deferred.

WEST YORKSHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following was referred to in a leader last week, but was left out owing to pressure on our space:—

1. The Institution shall be called the "West Yorkshire Masonic Benevolent Institution."
2. The objects of the Institution shall be:—
 - (A) The boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially, the children of deceased brethren, and the children of brethren who, from misfortune, are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children.
 - (B) Assisting the advancement of any such child on leaving school.
 - (C) The granting of annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

3. The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall be, respectively, ex-officio, President and Vice-President of the Institution.

4. The Institution shall be managed by a Committee of twenty members, who, together with the Treasurer, shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the donors and subscribers.

5. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Committee, which shall meet monthly, at such time and place as they shall appoint. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary.

6. The funds of the Institution shall be provided by bequests, donations, and annual subscriptions.

7. A donation of £5 shall entitle the donor to two votes for life; and a like number for every additional £5.

8. A lodge or chapter making a donation of £10 shall be entitled to two votes; and one vote for every additional £5.

9. A lodge, chapter, or individual subscribing 5s. per annum shall have one vote at every election of children or annuitants; and one vote for every additional 5s.

10. The petitioning lodge of any candidate shall contribute not less than one-tenth of the annual cost thereof; and shall also be responsible to the Committee for the due appropriation of all grants made to such candidate.

11. All bequests and donations shall be invested, and also such portion of the surplus funds above annual expenditure as the Committee shall from time to time deem advisable.

12. The Trustees to be appointed as shall be hereafter determined.

13. No funds of the Institution shall be expended on buildings.

14. No child shall be eligible whose father has not been for five consecutive years a subscribing member of a regular lodge within the province of West Yorkshire, except in case of death, or of his becoming incapacitated by blindness, paralysis, or infirmity, from earning a livelihood.

15. No Mason who has not been a subscribing member of a regular lodge within the province for five consecutive years, and no widow whose late husband has not been a subscribing member for three consecutive years, shall be eligible for an annuity.

16. The annual general meeting shall be held in the month of June, at such time and place as the Committee may appoint.

17. That when, and as soon as any child shall be elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys or Girls, or when any annuitant shall be elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, they shall cease to be the recipients of the benefits of this Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. E. Letchworth in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, Herbert Dicketts, Francis H. Webb, Henry Venn, S. Rosenthal, E. Cox, Thos. Kingston, R. B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, James E. Peters, (Lieut.-Col.) Wm. Paas, Thos. Cubitt, H. Muggidge, Peter de Lande Long, Dr. Hope, Joshua Nunn, Thomas W. White, J. Faulkner, W. Baily, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Two candidates were placed on the list for the October election.

The following brethren were proposed for the House Committee for election at the next meeting:—Bros. Edward Cox, H. A. Dubois, W. Hops, M.D., E. Letchworth, Pete, De Lande Long, E. Mather, Joshua Nunn, Col. Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas White, R. Warner Wheeler, Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, and John Mason.

The propositions for the Audit Committee were Bros. W. Baily, J. G. Chancellor, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, R. B. Webster, H. Venn, James Cuthbush, H. M. Levy, and Robert Berridge.

The Committee then adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL MARK LODGE, No. 239.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place at No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 18th inst. After the ceremony of advancement the lodge was consecrated to Mark Masonry by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., in a most correct and impressive manner, assisted by V.W. Bro. Dewar, Grand Asst. Sec., and W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.

Bro. Matier afterwards installed Bro. Stephen Baston Wilson as W.M. of the lodge, who thereupon appointed and invested his officers.

Bros. C. F. Matier, Frederick Binckes, and Donald M. Dewar were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

Amongst the brethren present we observed, in addition to those mentioned above, Bros. Mothersill, Hart, Brett, Homann, Healey, Homann, jun., Chapman, Pulley, and Glasspool.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Albion Hotel, Southampton-street.

The Standard of Wednesday last announced that the Rev. R. J. Simpson had declined the Bishopric of Barbadoes, but on the following day it stated that this was an error. The rev. gentleman had declined the suggestion of a deputation from the Synod of Jamaica.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The usual half-yearly meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8.30 p.m., R.W. Bro. William Kingston, D.G.M., on the throne. Present: W. Bros. Chev. E. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M.; A. M. Broadley, D.G.S.W.; W. Watson, D.G.J.W.; G. Legond, D. G. Treas.; Capt. F. W. Beechey, P.D.G.J.W.; C. Riechelmann, P.D.G.J.W.; W. Rotherham, P.D.G. Registrar; and Starkie, as D.G. Sec.; and many other Grand Officers, together with the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of all the lodges in the district, and many visiting brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th September, 1878, were read and confirmed, and those of the Committee of the Board of General Purposes held on the 3rd inst. were read and adopted.

The R.W.D.G.M. then nominated and invested the officers of D.G.L. for the ensuing year. He had, after much consideration, decided upon appointing the present D.G.S.W., Bro. Broadley, W.M. of Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis, to the office of D.D.G.M., which he did, with the hearty concurrence of W. Bro. Rosenbusch, the present D.D.G.M., who had discharged the duties in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Broadley was obligated and invested, the D.G.M. remarking that as his visit to Malta would be short, and availing himself of the presence of all the Masters of the lodges in his district, he would take the opportunity to read the patent of W. Bro. Broadley's appointment. After which, the D.G.M. appointed the following brethren as officers of D.G.L. for the ensuing year, to each of whom, on investing them, he delivered a short address, impressing upon them the importance of the duties of their respective officers, viz.:

- Bro. Riechelmann, P.M. 407... D.G.S.W.
- " C. E. Coffey, W.M. 349... D.G.J.W.
- " W. Dahu, W.M. 407... D.G. Reg.
- " Rev. G. N. Godwin, J.D. 349... D.G. Chap.
- " J. W. Starkey, Sec. 349... D.G. Sec.
- " W. J. Jones, S.W. 349... D.G.S.D.
- " G. Crabtree, S.W. 515... D.G.J.D.
- " Professor S. Souiller, 1717... D.G. S. of W.
- " Professor H. Stilon, J.W. 515... D.G. D. of C.
- " E. Grebbell, Sec. 407... D.G. Swd. Br.
- " A. B. Tagliaferro, 349... D.G. Std. Br.
- " J. A. Matthews, 407... D.G. Org.
- " G. Westrup, 515... D.G. Puist.

W. Bro. Segond (W.M. 515) was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Beck, D.G. Tyler. These officers were duly invested.

The D.G.M. then stated that he had received several letters of apology from members who were unable to attend the meeting, and read those from Bro. J. H. Stevens, the acting British Consul-General at Tunis, S.W. 1717, and from Bro. the Chevalier Tului de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul at Tunis, also a member of No. 1717. He then requested the D.D.G.M. to translate to the meeting a letter in Italian from the W.M. of the Italian lodge, Risorgimento, at Tunis, containing fraternal greetings and good wishes. The D.G.M. then called upon the W.M.'s present to name D.G. Stewards for the ensuing year, when W. Bro. Coffey named Bro. R. F. King for No. 349; W. Bro. Dahu named Bros. Birch and Stanley for No. 407. W. Bros. Segond and Broadley both expressed their desire to reserve their appointments. The D.G.M. expressed the great satisfaction he felt in reviewing the very prosperous condition of Masonry in his district. Referring to the oldest of all the lodges, that of St. John and St. Paul, he warmly praised the great exertions of W. Bro. Watson during the past year, which were being ably followed up by the present W.M., Bro. Coffey. The Union Lodge was in a very flourishing state, and was on the point of investing a part of its available funds in Consols; the condition of the Zetland Lodge was also very satisfactory, whilst the progress made by the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, at Tunis, was extraordinary, and owing to the great zeal displayed by the D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, W.M., the roll of members exceeded one hundred. He had the pleasure of visiting this lodge in June, 1878, and was much gratified with the satisfactory manner in which all the books, &c., of the lodge were kept, and with the good feeling and harmony that prevailed all the members. Tunis having become such an important part of his district, he had appointed W. Bro. Broadley his D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, feeling confident that that brother would zealously follow the excellent example of his predecessor in office, Bro. Rosenbusch.

Bro. Broadley, in returning thanks, assured the D.G.M. that every member of No. 1717 considered it a high privilege to belong to the district over which he had so long and successfully presided. The D.G.M. then referred to the state of the funds of D.G.L., and remarked that £150 had been invested in Consols. No further business being before the meeting the D.G.L. was closed in ample form at 10 p.m.

The officers and members of D.G.L. and many of the visitors adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the D.G.M. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," had been proposed by the D.G.M., and responded to most enthusiastically, the D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, proposed in appropriate terms "The Health of the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston." He said the D.G.M. had in D.G.L. referred in flattering terms to the flourishing state of the lodges in the district, and the zeal and activity displayed by those who ruled over them, but he felt sure that the brethren would agree with him that the satisfactory condition of these Masonic bodies was chiefly due to the great exertions, Masonic knowledge, and wide popularity of their chief ruler. The present meeting was peculiarly interesting, as the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, had now completed the first decade of his rule. These remarks of the D.D.G.M. were

received most cordially, and the toast was responded to in the heartiest manner.

The D.G.M. warmly thanked the brethren for the kind manner with which the toast of his health had been received, and proposed "The Health of the P.D.D.G.M., Bro. Rosenbusch," whom he most cordially thanked for the valuable aid he had rendered him during his two years' tenure of office, and testified to his unflinching zeal for the prosperity of Masonry in the district.

W. Bro. Rosenbusch briefly replied in suitable terms.

The D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the newly-appointed D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Broadley," of whose indefatigable zeal during the past two years as the W.M. of Ancient Carthage, and the successful manner in which he had advanced English Masonry in Tunis, he could not speak too highly. The toast was cordially received with the accustomed honours.

The D.D.G.M. having returned thanks, gratefully alluded to the fraternal conduct of his friend Bro. Rosenbusch, who had done all that laid in his power to further his appointment. He then referred to the visit of the D.G.M. to Tunis in June last, who had braved the heat of a tropical summer, and by his exertions had done much good work in Tunis in the cause of Masonry. Speaking of Masonry in that part of Africa, he traced its history for a considerable time, and said that the Lodge of Ancient Carthage numbered amongst the hundred members composing it brethren of no less than seven different nationalities, and five different creeds, who all worked together with the greatest harmony, and were all united by their willing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Broadley, in conclusion, referred to the R.A. Chapter, No. 1717, and the valuable assistance rendered by M.E.Z. Comp. Rotherham in its foundation. He congratulated the D.G.L. upon the appointment of so excellent a Mason to the S.W. chair for the ensuing year, and proposed his health, as well as the health of all the D.G. Officers who had been appointed that evening.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and W. Bro. Rotherham returned thanks.

A telegram of congratulation from Dr. Funaro and the officers of the Italian lodge, Risorgimento, at Tunis, was received by the D.G.M. during the banquet and communicated to the brethren, who warmly appreciated this token of goodwill.

Several other toasts were given and responded to heartily during the course of the evening, which was most enjoyable to all present.

The brethren at Tunis have presented the D.G.M. with a very handsome album, containing views of the city and neighbourhood, in remembrance of his visit in June, 1878, and of the recollections connected with it. The dedication is signed by the principal officers of Ancient Carthage and Kingston Mark Lodges, and of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717. The Kingston Mark Lodge was founded to perpetuate the memory of the D.G.M.'s visit to Africa.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF LORD SKELMERSDALE.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., a memorial stone to the memory of the late Rector of North Meols was laid in the walls of All Saints' Church, Southport, by Admiral Barton. The church is just now undergoing alterations, it being enlarged so that it will be made to accommodate, when completed, about 1200 persons. The land for the erection of the sacred edifice, as well as an endowment, was given by Mrs. Charles Hesketh. The cost of the alterations will be about £4500. At the laying of the memorial stone there was a very large attendance of those interested in the Church movement. The memorial stone should have been laid by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, but a letter was received from Lady Skelmersdale to the effect that his lordship was suffering from bronchial catarrh and considerable fever, but that the worst symptoms were over.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of Freemasons for the N. and E. Riding of Yorkshire, will preside at the next anniversary festival of this Institution in 1880. We doubt not that he will be strongly supported by our Yorkshire brethren.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, held at the Green Dragon, 2, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday evening, 30th inst., when Bro. J. Hurdell, I.G. 1348, Hon. Sec. of the lodge of instruction, will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

The installation of E. Companions Mark Samuel Larham, as Z., Thomas Poore, as H., and Richard Noakes Field, as J., of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will take place at the Horn's Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 12th of May, at five p.m. The Installing Principal on this occasion will be ex-Companion James Stevens, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the chapter.

The installation meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, will take place on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, when Bro. John Page, S.W., will be installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Robert L. Armstrong, P.G.P., the presiding W.M. The Prov. Grand Officers will be present on the occasion.

Major A. W. O. Saunders has been installed as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the Madras Freemasons.

A Shakespearian menu! Good. The plats are well garnished, too, thanks to the wit of Comp. Walter Wellsman, M.E.Z., who has arranged them suitably to the Bard of Avon's Natal day, when St. Dunstan's Chapter enjoyed a consecration banquet. The menu itself is adorned by a photograph of W.W. himself, by Mayman of Fleet-street, and the M.E.Z.—Jon't ask who they are—are warned—from "Hamlet" that "brevity is the soul of wit," while the Second and Third Principals are informed,—from "The Merry Wives" that they are "Men of my Kidney," and the chapters generally—from "Othello"—that "we cannot all be masters." With such feast of reason, good digestion must have waited on appetite.—*Whitehall Review.*

The annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, will be held at the lodge house, the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 28th inst., at seven p.m. Bro. Burnstead, P.M., and Secretary of the mother lodge, will preside, and he will be supported by several well-known brethren of the South London District.

We understand that R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, P.G.M. Durham, has decided to hold the next annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge in Gateshead, under the banner of Lodges Nos. 48 and 424. The meeting will be held on or about October 21st.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Princes' Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday evening next, at eight o'clock. Bro. Joseph Wright, P.M., will install the S.W. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Finbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, by invitation, on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861, will preside.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 2, 1879.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

Audit Com. Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 28, Old Kings Arms, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bgds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

Grand Festival.
Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowdale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 237, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club Lecture H.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1724, Kaiser i-Hind, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsbury-st., Millbank.
Higigate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
Mark 213, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.
Encamp. 134, Blondel, Cannon-row, Westminster.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 3, 1879.

MONDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.K., Chester.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

THURSDAY, MAY 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkey, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Boodle, Town Hall, B.Jotie.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 2.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms of electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pains, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.—[Advr.]

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GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, the last Wednesday in April, according to ancient custom. Grand Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock in the evening, when about five hundred brethren were present. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, having General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, on his right as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, on his left as Past Grand Master. Lord Henniker was in the Senior Grand Warden's chair, and Captain Platt, Past Junior Grand Warden, in the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Sir M. Costa, P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, G.R.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec.; German Correspondence; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Francis Robinson, P.G.A.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, Past Grand Deacon; Henry Gustavus Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; J. Wright, P.G.P.; John Hervey, G.S.; Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. W. Yorkshire; James Lewis Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, G.D.; William H. Lucia, G.S.B.; William T. Howe, G.P.; William Wilson, G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Sir Edmund Lechmere, Prov. Grand Master of Worcester; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Org.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Hyde Pallen, P.G.S.B.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Rev. Robert P. Bent, P.G.C.; Lt. Col. J. Creaton, G.T.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Col. J. Whitwell, M.P., P.G.J.W.; J. M. Wike, P.G.P.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. Lee, Neville Green, James Willing, J. Clewom, John Allen, Herbert Dicketts, Colonel James E. Peters, William Stephens, Colonel Somerville Burney, George Kenning, H. Massey (Freemason), and John White.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. John Hervey, G.S., read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the election of Most Worshipful Grand Master. These having been duly confirmed, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness, by all his titles, Grand Master of the Order.

The Earl of Carnarvon then said it was his duty to announce the appointment again this year of himself as Pro Grand Master, and the announcement was received with several rounds of applause. When the applause had ceased, his Lordship said that though the office was not an elective one he felt deeply grateful for the proof the brethren had just given that he had the confidence of Grand Lodge.

Sir Albert Woods then proclaimed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, and the customary grand salute was given.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said that the Grand Master had again appointed Lord Skelmersdale as Deputy Grand Master, and he regretted that in consequence of indisposition his lordship was not present with the brethren that day.

The following brethren were then announced as Grand Officers for the year, and those who were present were duly invested with the collars, badges, and jewels of their respective offices:—

- Lord Kensington, M.P. S.G.W.
- Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe J.G.W.
- Rev. W. A. Hill G. Chap.
- Rev. Chas. Spencer Stanhope Asst. G. Chap.
- Lieut.-Col. John Creaton G. Treas.
- A. J. McIntyre, Q.C. G. Reg.
- J. B. Monckton Pres. B.G.P.

- John Hervey G. Sec.
- Ernst Emil Wendt G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
- Reginald Bird S.G.D.
- George Mellor S.G.D.
- Horatio Lloyd J.G.D.
- Matthew Clark J.G.D.
- John Gibson G.S. of W.
- Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) G.D. of Cer.
- Sheriff George Burt Asst. G.D. of Cer.
- Samuel Mullens G.S.B.
- Christopher Willing G. Org.
- H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec.
- W. Wilson G. Purs.
- James Kench Asst. G. Purs.
- C. B. Payne G. Tyler.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said he had to declare that the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Worshipful Bro. W. T. Howe, Past Grand Pursuivant, to take rank and wear the clothing of a Past Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, at the request of the Earl of Carnarvon, read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year:—

- Alderman John Whitaker Ellis Lodge 1
- John Batley 2
- Horace James Browne 4
- Henry James 5
- Captain Wm. Robert G. Farmer 6
- Edward John Beale 8
- John N. Smith 14
- Robert Paulson Spice 21
- Edward Charles Davies 23
- Wm. Coppard Beaumont 26
- Hilton C. Barker 29
- Thomas Birch Dyer (M.D.) 46
- Thomas Reynolds 58
- John Thornton Chancellor 60
- Robert Winter Sprague 91
- Arthur Steains 99
- Edward Cutler 197
- George Plucknett, jun. 259

The Earl of Carnarvon again rose, and said: There is only one piece of business that yet remains to be discharged, and it is that I should announce to you that Bro. William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, has compiled a numerical and numismatical register of lodges which form the Grand Lodge of England, and he states in the letter which accompanies this book that he desires to present it for the acceptance of Grand Lodge on this, the annual Grand Festival, and that it is the first work on English Masonic numismatics, and the first which has given the arms and bearings of Grand Lodge. I cannot say myself I have had the opportunity of examining it closely, but it seems to me to be very carefully drawn up and to be embellished by some very well executed drawings, particularly some of the medals and jewels of the Craft, and I have no doubt it will be the pleasure of Grand Lodge to give their thanks to Bro. Hughan for this presentation copy.

The brethren having signified their assent by applause, no other work remaining to be done, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor, to the order of the Grand Stewards. Between two or three hundred brethren sat down, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding. Most of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who attended Grand Lodge were present, together with the Grand Stewards, Past Grand Stewards, and the Grand Stewards for the coming year, whose names were announced in Grand Lodge by Grand Secretary.

When dinner was over grace was sung, and the usual toasts given at Grand Festival were proposed.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said: Brethren, on these occasions the old saying is perfectly true, that "brevity is the soul of wit;" but there is one toast which can never be omitted from the meeting of all loyal Englishmen, let alone Masons; it is the toast which comes first and foremost, which is most loyal, most ancient, most acceptable to us all, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been most cordially drunk, was followed by the National Anthem.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said: Brethren, in the old, and I suppose I may venture to say the unenlightened, days of Freemasonry, it was considered almost high treason in the Craft to admit the name of any woman. Since then we have mended our manners, and I rejoice to see so many bright eyes looking down upon us this evening. But there is the name of one lady, a very great lady in England, for whom we make still a great exception, and whom we always honour second on our list. May it always be so. It is many years in the life of this generation now since the Princess of Wales first landed on these shores. With every year that has rolled by we have learned to know her better, to admire her more, to accept her, if it is possible, more and more as the adopted daughter of this country (hear, hear); and though many years have rolled by she seems to us as fair, as beautiful now as the hour she landed; and, as our experience has taught us, infinitely more prized and deeply loved. Brethren, "The Health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family."

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next toast that I have to propose is, I am sure, a very welcome one to you. There are, doubtless, many here who were present this time last year, and if so, they will remember His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, presided on that occasion. The Craft gave him one of those hearty and cordial welcomes that the Craft alone can give. He is prevented this year from attending, but though absent from us, I doubt not that he carries us in his mind;

and of this at least we may be sure, that he is present in our minds this evening. Brethren, the period during which His Royal Highness has ruled over us has been one signalised in the history of English Freemasonry by a continual progress and prosperity. Lodges have been added, and perhaps in almost greater numbers than was desirable; members have flowed in upon us, which have been, as far as I know, no check, or stint, or limit to the prosperity of the Craft; and though prosperity teaches ever the lesson of caution, still we may truly and fairly connect that prosperity with the rule of our Grand Master. Brethren, let me give you "The Health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England."

Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, it is with extreme diffidence I rise to propose the next toast, which I was not aware was going to be entrusted to me till the moment I came into this room. I am sorry I did not know it sooner, as I might have prepared some remarks to put it before you in all its bearings, and dilated upon the merits of our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master. In Yorkshire and Lancashire there is no one living better known than he is, though he has not come among us very frequently; but the more we see of him, the more we like him; and I assure you that on the last grand occasion he visited us it was perfectly enchanting to see the whole of a vast room filled with people who came to meet him, and to hear it ringing with applause. I say this to his face—Lord Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, is the most popular Pro Grand Master we ever had. I think this is a case in which we may mention, without fear of contradiction, that in public, as well as in private life, Lord Carnarvon is well known. He has been well known from the time of his boyhood to the time when he was at a public school, to the time he left school, at the university where he distinguished himself, as we all know; and since then as a statesman and as a public man he has earned the respect of every man he came in contact with. I cannot help saying he has earned the respect of every man in the kingdom, as a politician and as a private gentleman. Now, my lord, it is a great gratification to me to have to stand up here to propose your health, and I hope that many years to come, in different parts of the country where we so often meet on these festive occasions, I may again have the great privilege—for privilege I count it in no small degree—of meeting you. We have amongst us, as the heads of our Order—I say nothing more now about our Grand Master, as we have already drunk his health, or Lord Skelmersdale, and others I could name—but I must say that it will be a pleasure, and a great pleasure, to all to respond to the toast, I am about to propose to you "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of English Freemasons," with all the honours.

The toast having been received most enthusiastically, The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said—Brethren, I hardly know how to find adequate words in which to convey my feelings to all of you for the kind reception you have given my name. I have been now so familiarised by your kindness on a hundred occasions that I have almost to repeat the same formula each time we meet over and over again, and yet pray believe me that the words are not the words of mere idle compliment and form, but they flow from the inmost depths of my heart; and I assure you that I never come among brother Masons, not only without a sense of their deep kindness and their sympathy, but also without feeling how very little I have really done, how little I ever can do, to make an adequate and fitting return for that kindness. Brethren, the last time that I had the pleasure of listening to the genial eloquence of my kind friend, Sir Henry Edwards, it was in his own province, where, I will venture to say, no man ever won greater or more deserved popularity. He made me feel that Yorkshiremen were not only among the most noble but that they were among the most kindly men in England, and I can assure you that not only has it been a great pleasure to me, holding the office which I do, but that I have also conceived it to be my duty, as far as I could, whenever business or any other cause leads me to other parts of the country, to become known to my provincial brethren, and to communicate with them fairly face to face upon all those subjects which interest the Craft. Brethren, I will take this occasion of saying that which I have said often before, that the more London and country brethren can be brought together, the more they can understand the requirements each of the other, the more, above all, they learn, as they are certain to learn by communication, that the interests of the two are one and indivisible in the Craft, the better it is for them and for the Craft. Brethren, it has been my lot to be a Mason and to pass through various stages and degrees of Masonry now for many years—more years, perhaps, than I like quite to reckon; but I may say that, looking back on that period, whatever it is, I think I can trace many changes that have occurred in the Craft; and, I will venture to say, those changes have been all good. We had this evening in Grand Lodge, as you are aware, an interesting book presented to us, containing the register of many curious events in English Masonry running over many generations and years. How many lodges have since come into existence; how many lodges have passed away; and, again, how many lodges that seemed to have nearly died out have sprung into renewed existence, and sometimes into reinvigorated existence; and yet I venture to say that, taking all in all, the changes which have occurred since the events which that book chronicles, those changes have been all, on the whole, good and wholesome, and in the true direction of Masonry. Let me only say this, that we, as a body, must experience changes, and if we accept it in the right sense, those changes can do nothing but good to us. But let us always when accepting every change keep steadily in view the great landmarks of the Order, which the wisdom of those who went before laid down for us; so shall we

prosper; so shall we hand down the great heritage committed to us, not only in unimpaired honour and credit, but even in additional strength, vigour, and reputation to succeeding Masons. (Great cheering.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I am sorry to trespass so frequently and so rapidly upon your patience, but there is another toast, and I cannot permit any one to take from me the privilege of proposing it to you; it is "The Health of my noble friend and brother, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master." Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, I doubt not, would have been with us today, as he has been on so many occasions, but for indisposition. I regretted to hear that he was detained by illness, but I rejoiced afterwards to hear that illness had much passed away. I regretted, however, that it had not so far abated to allow of his being here to-night. Though he is absent we shall delight to honour him with this toast, and we shall remember him with every good wish and hearty hope that before long he may be entirely restored to health, and able to take part in all our entertainments.

Col. Whitwell, P.G.J.W.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, with your permission, and at your request, I rise to ask you and the brethren to join with me in drinking the next toast. Hitherto the toast has been purely personal. I ask the Grand Lodge of England now to expand their feelings, and extend them to the brother lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Within the territory of Her Majesty the Queen three independent nationalities of Masons exist; but the Pro Grand Master told us though there is divisibility, there is union (cheers); and in this case while there is a trinity of lodges, there is unity of brotherhood. (Cheers.) Situated, as my province is, close to the brethren of Scotland, we know the friendly feeling that exists between the Scotch and English Masons, and the interchange of international relations. For Auld Lang Syne we will remember Scotland for once. (Cheers.) And if with me you had gone to Ireland you would have experienced the cordiality of the brother Masons of that interesting island. (Hear, hear.) We feel the nationality of Masons is maintained with dignity, and yet through all there is, while separated, that identity, so that we cease to forget there is any difference in our localities, and when I meet a brother Mason in any part of the world he is our brother Mason. (Cheers.) If I go to Canada I meet a number of my Scotch brethren. On the plains of India, and in the battle fields of that country, many a Scotch Mason has grasped the hand of an English brother in the hour of danger. This is the principle that unites us one and all, and I am sure you will drink enthusiastically "Prosperity and Success to the brother Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland." (Cheers.)

Bro. Eneas J. McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, at the request and command of the Pro Grand Master I rise for the purpose of proposing the next toast, and I will say that it is a toast which will always be received among Masons with the greatest satisfaction, and, with respect to the brother who is called upon, with great confidence; because we know the toast is well deserved, and, upon the principle of honour to whom honour is due, is always received with respect, especially by Freemasons in old England. The toast is that of the Provincial Grand Masters holding office under the Grand Master of England. As the Grand Master of England, as head of the Craft, receives the respect of all Masons throughout the whole country, so the Provincial Grand Masters in provinces and counties deserve and receive the respect of Masons who hold under their banner. In times gone by, and at the present time, the Worshipful Master has selected for office those brethren who have distinguished themselves in the Craft, and hold high positions in the provinces. We know a great number of the Provincial Grand Masters of England. I am glad to say on this occasion we have one among us who holds office in one of the most distinguished and important provinces in the country, namely, the West Riding of Yorkshire; and when I mention the name of Sir Henry Edwards (cheers), who proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master on this occasion, I have only to ask you to receive him as a sample of what the other Provincial Grand Masters are, and if they are all as good as he (and I trust they are) you will not find a better body of men throughout the whole of England. I beg to propose for your acceptance the toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Provinces of England," coupling with it the name of Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master of the West Riding of York. (Cheers.)

Sir Henry Edwards: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, by your favour I rise again for the second time (though I ought to make an apology for so doing), to respond to the toast proposed just now. I have been for the last four years a Provincial Grand Master of England, under the favour of our noble chief, and I may say this, whatever the country may think of our Provincial Grand Masters in their separate counties they ought all to be under great obligations to those men who take the trouble, and who spend so much of their time in attending to the interests and the duties of Freemasons in their respective counties, and I say that without hesitation, for I am quite sure it will be accepted by the Masonic body generally as a truism. (Cheers.) Without a good chief what are you worth; without good officers how can a regiment work? The fact is that it is through good generals and good officers that the Masonic body throughout this great country of England, and also of Scotland, is worked in the manner it is at the present moment, and I trust it is done to the satisfaction of those over whom they preside. In the West Riding of Yorkshire I have authority over 3500 Masons, and a more loyal body of men never lived on the face of the earth. (Cheers.) I speak of the Masonic body in the West Riding of Yorkshire in every respect; their number is increasing year by year, and everything is done that is necessary in the interests of Masonry. I am very much obliged for the

honour you have done me and the Provincial Grand Masters in drinking our healths. (Cheers.)

The Pro Grand Master: When on these annual occasions we meet for the purpose of Grand Festival, it is not only to take stock of all that has happened in the year, but it is also to announce the appointment of those Grand Officers who discharge the executive duties of the Craft during the ensuing twelve months. The duties that devolve on those brethren are very weighty and great duties; they are the duties of administration; they are bound to support the Pro Grand Master (cheers); to help him in his work in Grand Lodge; they are bound to familiarise themselves with all the principles of Masonry, not only to practise them here in London, but to communicate them to their own provinces elsewhere. (Cheers.) If I can judge rightly from the marked approval which Grand Lodge gave to the appointments which were announced this evening, I may augur very satisfactorily indeed for the tenure of office of those brethren appointed to-day. (Cheers.) We wish them all success, and I am quite certain of this, that in the duty on which they now enter they will always receive the hearty and cordial support of Grand Lodge and of every loyal Mason and member of the Craft. I have to give you with this toast "The Health of the Newly-Appointed Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, both Present and Past," remembering those who have done good service, as well as paying honour to those who are to do it in the future, and I beg to couple with it the name of the noble Lord Kensington, who has to-day accepted the great and important office of Senior Grand Warden in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Lord Kensington: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, in obedience to the commands of the Pro Grand Master I rise to return thanks for the toast which has just been proposed by him, and which you have just so kindly received, namely, the toast of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, of Grand Lodge. I venture to think that I labour under some disadvantage in rising on this occasion to return thanks for the toast. In the first place, this is the first time I have had the honour of being present in Grand Lodge; in the second place, I am afraid I must lay myself open to the charge of showing some disrespect to the Worshipful Pro Grand Master, by being compelled to turn my back on him while I address you (a laugh); but I assure you when I look round and see so many officers, Past and Present, in the lodge, who would have returned thanks in a much more able manner than I can, I almost begin to think I wish the Pro Grand Master might have made a better choice and selection in calling on some one else to return thanks for this toast; but I hope, when I return thanks for those whose spokesman I am on this occasion, as well as for myself, for the great honour conferred on me in placing me in the Senior Grand Warden's chair—I say I hope, in thanking you for that honour, I may also say the province to which I belong claim some honour to themselves as belonging to the Western Division of South Wales, on my being placed in the office of Senior Warden in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) The Pro Grand Master has referred to the duties that devolve on the officers of Grand Lodge. I for one shall lay those words to heart, and those who hold office in conjunction with me I am sure will do the same, and the best assurance I can give you (and these are no idle words) is this, that my brother officers and myself will take our examples from those who preceded us in the offices we have the honour to hold (cheers), and we hope that when our year of office has expired we shall not be found wanting, but that we shall have discharged our duties to the satisfaction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I beg to express my cordial thanks to the Pro Grand Master for the terms in which he has proposed this toast, and to you, brethren, for the kind manner in which you have received it. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. Martyn: In proposing the toast which it is a pleasure to me to propose I shall be very short; but I venture to think that the toast I have the honour to propose by command of the Pro Grand Master is emphatically the toast of the evening, because it is the toast of the Masonic Charities. (Cheers.) I will not detain you with statistics of the Girls, or Boys, or the Old Men and Women, but I hope in the coming year you will try and see if you can put your hands in your pockets and help to support the Masonic Charities. (Cheers.) With this toast I beg to couple the name of Bro. Hedges. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hedges: My Lord and Brethren, in rising to respond to this toast, I cannot but be most deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon the Charities of our Order by this very kindly recognition on the part of the Grand Lodge of England, and while thanking you for the very cordial manner in which you have received this toast, I feel it a great privilege to be allowed this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Craft at large for the very liberal support which they at all times have extended to our Charities. In view, my Lord, of the approaching festival of the Girls' School, which takes place on the 14th of the coming month, on which occasion I have the honour to announce that our much esteemed newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Col. Creaton, has kindly consented to preside, I can only express my confidence that it will, as in the past, but afford another proof of the interest at all times taken by the Craft in that institution, and that on the occasion of its 91st anniversary we shall have the honour and pleasure to record another great success for the Masonic charities. (Applause.)

The Rev. R. J. Simpson: My Lord and Brethren, I have been asked to propose a toast, which, however humble among the toasts of the evening, is a toast readily proposed, and inasmuch as the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master has proposed many toasts, and is almost physically incapable of proposing this, I beg to propose "The Health of the Grand Stewards, and Bro. Mackintosh, the

Treasurer of the Grand Stewards." I am sure that this is a toast that requires no speech, more particularly as you will prefer the duty we are going to perform, by joining the ladies at the concert in the Temple, to the speech from which you are likely to escape.

Bro. Dr. Mackintosh: My Lord and Brethren, at this late hour of the evening it would be unwise in me to detain you with any long speech in reply to the toast which has just been proposed. I trust that the number of the brethren who had appeared before us this evening is a sufficient guarantee that they are pleased with the trouble we have taken in order to provide them with a comfortable banquet; and, sir, we return you our most grateful thanks for the honour you have accorded us in having presided on this occasion. We are sure that on any future occasion should that be our privilege, we shall spend as pleasant and happy an evening as we have to-night. (Cheers.)

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert was given. The ladies and gentlemen who performed were Miss José Sherrington, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Coates, Bro. A. Lester, Bro. H. Taylor, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Mr. Fountain Meen, and Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist.

The whole of the arrangements for the evening reflected the greatest credit on the Board of Stewards, who were Bros. G. Findlay, 197, President; Charles T. Kingsford, 58, Sec.; Hugh R. Mackintosh, M.D., 4, Treas.; Edward Fenner, 1; Thomas Greatham, 2; Frederick Newton, 5; William T. Marriott, G.C., 6; John T. C. Winkfield, 8; Charles H. Turner, 14; John Knight Stead, 21; Robert Douglas, 23; William Fickus, 26; Spencer John Herrepath, 29; James H. Vaughan, 46; Thomas Stoward, 60; Thos. Robert Marshall, 91; Edward Caffin, 99; and John Aird, 259.

Bro. James Hayho was toast master.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. F. A. White being the Installing Officer for the second time in succession. The lodge was opened by Bro. White, who has this year occupied the chair under peculiar circumstances, and was supported by the following officers and visitors: Bros. R. Jennings, S.W., and W.M. elect; G. T. Barr, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Sec. and P.M.; J. A. Farnfield, Treas. and P.M.; T. Butt, S.D.; W. Wordley, J.D.; H. J. Lewis, D.C. and P.M.; S. P. Moore, J. Dennis, T. Griffiths, and T. Hastings Miller, Past Masters. Bro. F. Cozens presided at the organ, and among the visitors were Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of Boys' School; E. P. Albert, P.M. 192, and P.G.P. Eng.; G. Anderson, S.W. 60, and G.S. Eng.; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. G. Day, P.M. 1076, and P.G. Sup. of Works Essex; T. Saunders, P.M. 912; C. S. Salmon, P.M. 173; J. W. George, P.M. 1329; F. Bartram, P.M. 754; E. Kent, P.M. 177; J. Lancaster, S.D. 534; J. Chinnery, S.W. 145; T. Bates, I.G. 1716; E. J. Marner, 1673; H. S. Harris 569; W. E. Ruddle, 1589; J. F. Pudton, 1608; J. H. Mance, 180; J. Judge, 1178; H. Good, 1874; J. S. Johnson, 174; F. W. Farnfield, 256; L. Potts, J.W. 1716; J. W. King, I.G. 905; F. Buffen, 28; C. S. Boardman, 212; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Jennings was presented, in appropriate terms, by Bro. Dennis to the Installing Officer for the benefit of installation. The ancient charges having been assented to, Bro. Jennings was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and with the usual honours placed in the chair of K.S. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Barr, Senior Warden; Butt, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Sec.; J. Farnfield, Treas.; Snelgrove, S.D.; Wordley, J.D.; Lewis, D.C.; Cozens, Org.; Panter, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The charges were given by Bro. White magnificently, every word being clearly articulated and eloquently rendered; the applause greeting our brother at the conclusion was both warm and unanimous. A vote of thanks, to be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, was then voted him, and he returned thanks suitably. The lodge having been closed in due form, a move was then made to the banquet, which having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. To that of "Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Albert, in response, said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to respond to the toast, but with a great deal of diffidence, because in speaking of the Grand Officers of England, and for them, he spoke of himself as one of them, and it was no easy task so to speak as not to appear egotistical. But he could say that the work of the Grand Officers was willingly done. They took a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft. He was especially proud to have been present that day, because it was a great pleasure and pride for him to see the prosperity of the lodge, and to be present at an installation ceremony so well and ably conducted. (Cheers.) On behalf of the Grand Officers, more especially Bros. Anderson, Binckes, and himself, he begged to thank them heartily for the toast. Bro. White proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that having had

the pleasure of installing him, there was yet another pleasure for him, and that was to propose his health. It was to him a very pleasing task, because Bro. Jennings was not only in name the W.M. of that lodge, but one whom they could look up to and honour as a ruler in the Craft. (Applause). He had served every office in the lodge, and it was only through some private scruples and considerations of his own that he was not W.M. twelve months ago, and then he would have held the position that he (Bro. White) held that day as I.P.M. (Cheers.) In every position Bro. Jennings had held he had done them to the satisfaction of the lodge, and he felt sure that when their W.M. left that chair, he said he would leave it with the same honour and credit that he had gained in his progress through the other chairs. He asked them to drink the toast in a bumper. (Great cheering.) The W.M., in reply, said he was very much obliged to them for the honour they had paid him. He had not much to say for himself, but should do his very best to maintain the position they had placed him in with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. The toast of "The Visitors" brought Bro. Binckes to the front, and he said he should be very short in his remarks, not because he had not an abundance of words to say to them, but because there were many more present who would have something to say to the toast. He should simply content himself with saying how delighted he was at the invitation he had received to be present, and his reception was such that he trusted some day to repeat it. Bro. Anderson as well returned thanks. Bro. Coupland expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being present as the guest of their I.P.M., Bro. White, who was a neighbour of his. He had not been in a lodge for some time where the senses were more gratified than they had been that evening. In the first place the sense of pleasure derived from beholding good Masonic work had been highly gratified; and then there was the gratification of the intellectual senses of sight and sound—the sight of a goodly number of the brethren in peace and harmony—the delightful music that gratified the sense of hearing; and last, but not least, the splendid banquet gratified the sense of taste, and the combination was so pleasing that he should not forget it for some time to come. He wished the lodge and its Master every prosperity. (Cheers.) Bro. Dennis then in eloquent terms proposed "The Health of Bro. White, the Installing Officer." He said it was his proud privilege to have been for many years a Past Master of the lodge, and in that time he had seen a great many of the brethren initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; among them were the Present Master and the Installing Officer, whom he had had the pleasure of initiating and installing. How that brother had carried out the duties of the various offices in the lodge he would leave them to say. In the name of the brethren of the lodge he asked Bro. White to accept this handsome gold Albert chain, with Past Master's jewel attached, not only as a recognition of the esteem and respect in which he was held by them, but for services rendered in installing his successor for the second time, and concluded by wishing him long life to enjoy the good wishes and support of the lodge. Bro. White said that it was the second time his health had been drunk as the Installing Officer, and the second time he had received some mark of their regard, and he felt sure he had their regard and best wishes. He might not be worthy of all their approbation, but he had endeavoured to do his duty by the Royal Albert Lodge. (Cheers.) Their W.M. was one whom he had associated with from his first night in the lodge. Bro. Dennis had told them that he had the pleasure of initiating him into Freemasonry, and he felt sure that what he then learnt would never be eradicated from his heart. He could not sit down without returning them his heartfelt thanks for many favours he had received at their hands. He hoped that with health and strength he should long be able to do good service to the lodge, and continue to deserve their best wishes. (Applause.) Bro. W. Farnfield then proposed "The Charities of the Order," and Bro. Binckes and Nell replied in suitable terms, and the former saying that he was there at the special invitation of Bro. White, who was Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Boys, and he hoped the brethren would help him in getting a good list, as the Charity was in want of all the help it could get. The other toasts were "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast. The musical direction was under Bro. Cozer's, and Bros. Chaplin Henry, Montem Smith, Carter, and Lester sang selections during the evening splendidly.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, the 28th ult., in the temporary rooms in Denmark-street. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. Whitfield, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treas.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; F. W. Middlemast, S.D.; J. Moul, J.D.; J. Boyett, I.G.; G. C. S. Liddell, S. R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, Tyler; G. G. Davidson, J. W. A. Boyett, Wm. Baker, George Corbitt, A. Rhagg, Thos. Swan, R. T. Swallow, T. E. Brigham, T. Law, D. Sinclair, and others. Visitors: Bros. George Harby, W.M. 1643; J. Cook, P.M. 481; J. Marchant, P.M., and W.M. 424; J. Prbert, P.M. 424; J. Goss, H. J. Weldon, A. D. Campbell, George B. Barter, R. Waugh, George S. Sims, John Beby, M. C. Cowan, E. A. Gibson, A. Brodie, and F. A. Kelly, (Freemason). The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, and the Treasurer's report, Mr. Jacob Matthews was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Wm. Baker and George Corbitt, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Whitfield proposed, and Bro. R. H. Cook seconded, that Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John

Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; and the W.M., should form a reception committee to act in conjunction with the Borough Lodge, No. 424, to make the necessary arrangements for receiving in proper form the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham in October. The motion was carried unanimously, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesea Hill, Bro. Garbett's house, on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. H. G. Picken, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Weston, P.M.; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Welding, S.D.; T. Holleyman, J.D.; H. Hardy, Org.; W. A. Watkins, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warren, S.W. 700; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; R. Beaver, 700; A. Deans, I.G. 13; J. Hazard, 348; T. Hassell, 13; H. De Grey, 706; W. McCoy, J.D. 700; T. A. Dobson, St. David's, Edinburgh (S.C.); C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted of the initiation of one candidate, and the raising of two brethren, which was happily fulfilled. The W.M. recited the A.E. charge, and worked the degree in excellent style. The case of a deceased brother's widow was then brought before the lodge by Bro. Weston, and supported by Bro. Jolly, and it was determined that one of her children should become a candidate for the Girls' School of the charity, and the contents of the broken column should be hers for her immediate wants. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as were those of "The Master," "Past Masters," "Initiate," "Visitors," and "The Officers." Special toasts were drunk in honour of Bro. Fountain, who had just been gazetted to a commission, and who is universally respected in the lodge; to Bro. Stevens, on his return from India; and a most earnest and hearty one was drunk to the brethren in Zulu Land, Bros. Spinks, Brooks, Harris, Tims, Cook, and Field. The contents of the charity box yielded £2 2s. 6d., and it was placed in Bro. Jolly's hands for the widow's immediate wants, and, after a most enjoyable evening, the Tyler's toast finished the proceedings.

LEWISHAM.—Ravensbourne Lodge (No. 1601).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yesterday week at the Board of Works, Catford Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Roberts, W.M. The brethren present were Bros. Nelson Reed, S.W.; F. Burdett, J.W.; W. Taylor Jones, Chaplain and P.M.; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; Samuel Edwards, Sec.; Samuel J. Jerrard, J.D.; Edwin Howard, I.G.; C. W. Steel, D.C.; H. W. Jackson, Archibald Currie, E. Harlock, Thos. W. Willis, G. W. Murnane, H. D. Grazebrook, John Carline, R. L. Sindall, W. H. Young, A. G. Hennell, J. M. Collins, John Kimpton, L. Siebel, B. Horton, T. W. Williams, H. M. Heal, Alfred Thompson, James Whitehead, Alfred Layton, D. W. Joyce, J. Terry (Hon.), F. E. Wilkinson, C. W. Thompson, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. F. Belcher, M.M. Zetland, 655; T. J. Hanley, M.M. Universal, 181; H. Keeble, W.M. Mount Lebanon, 73; G. Hartman, Pilgrim, 238; John Layton, P.M. Universal, 181; Albert J. Pearce, W.S. Carnarvon, 1572; F. H. Willocks, M.M. Carnarvon, 1572; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. Temple Bar, 1728; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. Westminster and Keystone, 10; C. T. Oxenham, M.M. Waverley, 929; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Sec. Carnarvon, 1572; J. J. Avery, P.M. St. John, 70, Treas. 1671; Sampson White, M.M. Great City, 1426; Bertram Noakes, M.M. Moria, 92; L. Hopkins, M.M. and Org. Carnarvon, 1572; J. Curtis, D.C. Prudent Brethren, 145; R. H. Morgan, S.D. Mizpah, 1671; W. Joyce, M.M. 1158; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The work done was raising Bros. Thomas W. Willis, George Webster Murnane, Henry D. Grazebrook, and Archibald Currie, and passing Bro. Hannibal Murch Heal. Bro. Roberts then installed Bro. Nelson Reed as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. W. B. Roberts, P.M. 181, I.P.M.; F. Burdett, S.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.C. Surrey, J.W.; W. T. Jones, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, Chaplain; W. G. Lemon, P.M. 165, Treasurer; S. Edwards, Secretary; S. J. Jerrard, S.D.; E. Howard, J.D.; J. Claricoats, Treasurer 1572, I.G.; R. L. Sindall, S.W. 1293, D.C.; J. Carline, W.S.; H. Shaw, Tyler. The brethren after the lodge was closed went to the Albion, Aldersgate-street, where a choice banquet awaited them. The usual toasts followed. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers" after some introductory remarks, said, that Bro. Nelson Reed was one who adorned his Masonic position, and would be true to the spirit of him whose name he bore when he said "England expects every man to do his duty." He was one who would bring honour to the lodge. He thought it was a most happy circumstance in connection with Freemasonry that so many men who were pillars of the State, and who adorned every position in life, should be members of the Order, and he hoped that Masonry would always have such men as members. Referring to the position recently taken up by Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France, he wished to relate an anecdote he had heard that day concerning a great minister of France who lately passed to his rest. After the great war with the Germans which terminated in the humiliation of France, that great minister, who professed his disbelief in any Supreme Power, when he heard that the people of France had made up more money than was necessary to fill the German coffers, and that the harvest of France was more plentiful than it had been in former years, burst into tears, and said, "God be praised; God I knew would remember dear France." So that though he was a professed disbeliever of the Great Architect of the Universe, he could not help, out of the abundance of his heart, praising God with his

mouth for sending help to his devoted country. He thought the anecdote pointed a moral and adorned a tale. Each of the brethren should learn to do likewise in their respective spheres, and consider, whoever might be the head of their Craft and the ruling officers in the same, the Grand Officer above was the officer they ought to serve. Bro. W. B. Roberts, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was not an untried Mason, but one whose career was well and honourably known as that of a brother who had served the Order with zeal and fidelity. This was an assurance that his Mastership of the Ravensbourne Lodge would be all that could be desired and would bring lustre to it. As one of the founders of the lodge he (Bro. Roberts) felt as every one ought to feel who took the position of Master of a lodge, that a brother's interest in his lodge did not cease the moment he vacated the chair. The honour, reputation, and usefulness of a lodge depended, in a great measure, on the way a Master managed its concerns, and the future fortunes of the Ravensbourne Lodge were thoroughly safe in Bro. Nelson Reed's hands. He (Bro. Roberts) had done during his year of office what he could, but though he had been deprived of the pleasure and honour of occupying the chair during that year it had been a great comfort to him to know that his place was occupied by other Past Masters of the lodge who were quite competent, and he now left the chair in very good hands. He hoped he should appear for many years in the same position, and he was sure that as long as the Past Masters of the future followed the example of the brother just installed the lodge would be a great one, and do honour to the neighbourhood in which it was established and to the Craft in general. Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M., in responding, said Bro. Roberts had overrated his (the W.M.'s) abilities as a Mason, but he could tell the brethren that anything he undertook to do he strove to the utmost of his ability to carry out. Bro. Reed then proposed "The Installing Officer," and, after reminding the brethren of the efficiency with which he had performed his duties, invested Bro. Roberts with a Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted him as a mark of esteem and affection. Bro. W. B. Roberts, I.P.M., acknowledged the gift and toast. As to the jewel, he thought it had been scarcely earned by his exertions during the past year. At some meetings of the lodge he had been prevented filling his place, but he had been fortunate that evening, though under some difficulties, to show that when an opportunity presented itself he was prepared to perform the ceremonies. He could not help thanking Bro. James Terry for his assistance as D.C. in the installation ceremony. For the jewel presented to him he was deeply grateful, and though he had not sons to hand it down to, he hoped his daughters would value it and hand it down to others. Bros. Bush, W.M. Temple Bar Lodge; James Curtis, Prudent Brethren; and Hanley, University Lodge responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Bush noticing that that day was the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday, which was being celebrated in numerous places, said the Masonic Order was much indebted to the immortal bard, who, while writing "Julius Cæsar," found time to think of what would be the Ravensbourne Lodge and the visitors thereat, that "they are all welcome." The truth of the line had been amply verified that evening, for the visitors had received princely hospitality. He congratulated the lodge on the accession of Bro. Nelson Reed to the chair. He had watched that brother's career for some years, and it had never been his lot to meet with a brother who had the interests of the Craft more devoutly at heart, or more determined to promulgate the glorious tenets of the Order. He (Bro. Bush) was Master of a lodge of which Bro. Reed was Secretary, and he considered that a great deal of that lodge's prosperity was due to him. Bro. Reed had that night inaugurated his year of office in a way which bade fair for great success for the remainder of his term, and no doubt when he left the chair he would be crowned with honour, and the lodge would have made rapid strides towards great prosperity. Bro. James Curtis, in responding, observed that Macaulay, speaking of former times, said that "breakfast was the most social and enjoyable of meals," but our manners must have altered, or Macaulay was never at the Ravensbourne Lodge, because that evening they had had a most social and enjoyable evening, in which, as Shakespeare in Henry V. said "and friendship shall combine, and brotherhood." The brethren were happy in the name they had chosen for the lodge, because it carried our thoughts to a place where was a tree near which Wilberforce talked of Emancipation from Slavery. The Ravensbourne Lodge, he hoped, would ever serve in that interest, emancipate all wrong, and elucidate right. That was a free, just, perfect, and complete education, which taught man more justly, generously, and successfully to perform the great duties and offices of life, both in public and private, in peace and in war, looking up to the Great Architect of the Universe, the Grand Centre. So long as the lodge was under the presidency of Bro. Nelson Reed, these principles would be handed down to other Masters. Bros. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones and C. W. Thompson responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s." Bro. Jones said the lodge had before it a very honourable sphere of usefulness. They all felt that Masonry was not an "idea," but a reality. Taking the words of Shakespeare, so often referred to that evening, they knew their principle was, "God be with us, for our cause is just," for their motto was "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." It would be the anxiety of the brethren of the lodge, and the Past Masters, to carry out this in their several positions. Their duty was to be up and doing, to work while it was yet called to-day. They had already laid the foundation of a benevolent fund, which was an honour to the lodge, and when he said they had invested that day £100 in Consols, it showed the reality of the view they had. He trusted that example would be followed by other lodges. Bro. Thompson having also said a few words in reply, the W.M. proposed "The Charities." The

Sections said that charity was the best test and surest proof of the sincerity of their religion, and he was sure that was quite enough to recommend this toast to the brethren's notice. The Ravensbourne Lodge had already made itself a life subscriber of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and they had still in hand for the Benevolent Fund over £100. Bro. James Terry, in reply, said the Institutions had grown extensively during the last six or seven years. Six or seven years ago the total income of the three Institutions did not reach above £16,000 or £17,000. Last year it totalled over £42,000. During the same period there had been an enormous increase in the number of lodges, in kindly feeling, and in the wealth of the members who had joined the Order. The advent of the Prince of Wales to the chair gave a great stimulus to the Order which he hoped would always be felt. The festival this year of the Benevolent Institution had been the most successful of any festival yet: £14,000 was brought in by a body of men who had no other desire but to do good and communicate happiness to others. He hoped that the Girls' and Boys' Festivals would be as successful, but as yet neither had any Chairman. The right man would, however, no doubt turn up at the right time. The Benevolent Institution had 290 annuitants on its books, the Girls' School 200 girls, and the Boys' School 210 boys. The Masonic Charities were different from other charities, because they had but a limited circle to appeal to. He hoped they might long be considered worthy of the support of the Order. They did a vast amount of good to those who could not help themselves; for evidence of which he invited the brethren to go and see for themselves. If they did he was sure they would be sorry they had not visited them before. Bro. Terry concluded by thanking the Ravensbourne Lodge for what it had done in the cause of charity. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's proceedings, which were enlivened by numerous songs and recitations by Bros. Willcocks, Morgan, Hopkins, Pearce, Avery, and Whitaker.

NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.—Hotspur Lodge (No. 1626).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, the 24th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street. The brethren present were Bros. Luke Armstrong, W.M.; W. S. Hughes, I.P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, acting S.W.; R. C. Symonds, J.W.; Robert L. Armstrong, P.M., Treas.; Seymour T. Bell, acting Sec.; Hugh T. Bowman, S.D.; R. A. Dodds, J.D.; R. Ferry, as Org.; J. B. Reid, jun., I.G.; George Nesbitt and B. J. Proctor, Stewards; George S. Sims, Tyler, and the following brethren: Bros. George T. Trewman, R. Waugh, Thomas Morgan, Thomas G. Wynship, W. T. Wilson, C. W. Wilson, J. A. Dixon, and R. W. Walton. The visiting brethren included Bros. Benj. J. Thompson, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; John Page, S.W. 406; S. G. Homfray, R. Terry, R. Willis, F. A. Kelly (Freemason), W. B. Bolland, W. H. Thomson, United Service Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong; W. T. Lowrey, C. B. Ford, and John Usher. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7 o'clock by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. John Bell, S.W., and Wm. Smith, Secretary. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Couper Cripps, proposed at the last meeting, and he was declared duly elected. Bro. Cripps being in attendance and properly prepared, was admitted in due form, and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master: the working tools of this degree were explained by the J.W., Bro. Symonds. Bros. George White and C. W. Wilson, being examined as to their proficiency in this degree, received the test of merit and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. White and Wilson were admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. W. S. Hughes, P.M., who also explained the working tools. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. Trewman proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a candidate for initiation at the next regular meeting. An application from the Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was brought before the lodge, but on the motion of Bro. W. Hughes, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Armstrong, P.M., it was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report at the next meeting. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge, and the celebration of Shakespeare's anniversary, was held on the 23rd ult., at the Denmark Hotel, Moss Side. The brethren began to assemble towards six o'clock, soon after which they sat down to tea, provided in one of the rooms of the hotel. About 7.30 the lodge was opened by Bro. P.M. Bostock, who sat in the chair of K.S., in the absence of Bro. J. D. Brinkles, W.M. of the Avon Lodge for the present year. Bro. Painter occupied the chair of S.W., and Bro. Whittaker, J.W. There were present, in addition to the members of the Avon Lodge, several visitors from neighbouring lodges. There being no special business, the formal routine of opening and closing in the Three Degrees was gone through, after which the members and visiting brethren assembled round the festive board. The customary loyal and preliminary Masonic toasts having been drunk, Bro. P.M. Bostock rose and drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that this being the anniversary of the birthday of William Shakespeare, he should ask the members sitting round the Avon Lodge board to drink one toast to his memory. When some few years ago the officers of the new lodge agreed upon the name Avon, they little anticipated the peculiar circumstance that might arise that one of the meetings must necessarily be held on the poet's birthday. He, therefore, in proposing this toast,

hoped those brethren who were about to favour them in the course of the evening would bear in mind that "Shakespeare" was the password, and act accordingly. The toast was then drunk in solemn silence. Bro. C. H. Stephenson, stage manager of the Theatre Royal, Manchester, a member of the Avon Lodge, then read a paper, entitled, "Was Shakespeare ever a Soldier?" He commenced by assuming, from certain historical facts, that Shakespeare at some period of his existence must have followed the armies of the Earl of Leicester into the Low Countries. That he must have had the most intimate knowledge of military service in all its surroundings, Bro. Stephenson ably proved by the technical phrases and quotations used by Shakespeare throughout his various plays. The short extracts read by the essayist from the poet's works in support of his theory gave the paper an unusual interest, and being delivered with the force and emphasis of a veteran actor and scholar, were heartily enjoyed. At the conclusion Bro. Stephenson received a unanimous vote of thanks for the pleasure he had afforded the members. Bro. W. Brown subsequently gave the scene from King John, "Hubert and Arthur," the stirring story being most pathetically rendered, the contrast from the boyish pleadings of the one to the gruff responses of the other being cleverly marked. Other Shaksperian recitations were "Fall of Walsey," Bro. A. T. Forrest; "Queen Mab," Bro. T. Cavanah; "Othello's Apology," Bro. D. Donbovand; in addition to which were some capital duets for piano and violin by Bros. Stanislaus and Vetter, songs by Bro. Whittaker, and a recitation from Bret Harte's writings, by Bro. Bracewell, the whole forming a most delightful and instructive meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The last meeting of the season of the above lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern. Present: Bros. Henry Mugeridge, E. M. Hubbuck, H. Birdseye, E. F. Storr, Hewitt, Jonas, Birdseye, Crossfield, Gale, Myers, Ashwell, Cosens, F. D. R. Copestick, Charles Arkell, George Kenning, Townsend, and others. Bro. Henry Birdseye was presented with a jewel for his services as Secretary. Bro. Mugeridge informed the brethren that in consequence of the great exertion necessary for the carrying out of the usual festival at the Cannon-street Hotel, he had decided not to continue it.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—In continuation of the sections noticed in our last reference to this lodge of instruction, during the present month the remainder of the series of fifteen have been worked, Bro. Sidney Myer presiding this month. Bros. H. Lashmore, R. Sharpe, P.M., Carl, J. Adams, P.M., and T. Lashmore, P.M., gave the five of the second lecture at the first meeting, and at the closing meeting of the session on Monday last Bros. Tilling, P.M., J. Adams, P.M., and T. Lashmore, P.M., the three of the third. At the conclusion Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M., the Mayor of Southampton, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., its Honorary Secretary and Treasurer since its commencement eight years ago, with a gold centenary jewel of the mother lodge, as a slight recognition of his indefatigable services and his unflinching courtesy—a compliment whose value was enhanced from the secret of its intended presentation having been well kept. Nearly forty brethren, including several visitors, were present to take part in the presentation of this mark of respect and esteem.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Sacred Delta Chapter (No. 216).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hepe-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Comp. J. McKune, P.Z., was the installing chief, assisted by Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.Z. The following Principals were chaired:—Comps. D. S. Davies, M.E.Z.; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, M.E.H.; and R. P. Gill, M.E.Z. The officers invested were Comps. Dr. D. D. Costine, P.S.; Wm. Thomas, S.E.; A. McFabert, S.N.; J. Skeaf, Org.; and T. Armstrong, Treas. Bros. Dr. Chauncey Puzey and Banner were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and the companions afterwards adjourned to banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There were present Comps. J. W. Ballard, Z.; T. Shaw, P.Z.; Jesse Banning, P.Z., acting H.; H. Ashmore, J.; W. Brassey, S.E.; H. Trevitt, S.N.; J. M. King, P.S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor. There were also present Comps. W. Russell, W. Hindhaugh, J. G. Hussell, E. Morgan, J. Jacobs, J. D. Griffiths, T. Delamere, D. Callow, J. Sharples, J. Pendleton, E. Kelly, R. S. Milne, A. Pennell, A. Hart, J. Coming, and J. Harding. The visitors included Comps. Thos. Chesworth, P.P.G.R., P.Z. 1086; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z. 580, 1091; Wm. G. West, 1086; R. C. Yelland, Z. 1094; E. Cottrall, 203; T. Roberts, M.E.Z. 673; R. Washington, P.Z. 1094; R. H. Evans, P.Z. 292, and H. 393; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason).

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (F.I.).—The annual meeting of this ancient lodge was held at five p.m. on Thursday, April 24th, at the Masonic Hall. Very soon after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. John Dutton, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Cater, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Rubie, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Braham, Secretary; Murlis, M.O.;

Radway, S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Peach as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Penly, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler. Several visitors of distinction were present, among them R. W. Rev. Bro. Davey, P.G. Chaplain, and the recently appointed Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire; General Doherty, and others. There were also Past Masters Wilton and James Dutton, and a larger attendance of the members than usual, as it had become known that arrangements had been made to add éclat to the proceedings. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the annual report of the Treasurer was presented, duly audited, and was satisfactory, considering the recent expenses in completing the requisite furniture. A short time ago some of the brethren discovered that Masonic musical rituals for the Craft and Mark Degrees, under the sanction of Grand Lodge, had several years ago been drawn up by the Chaplain of the Cumberland Lodge, and published in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and afterwards issued as separate works by Bro. W. Smith, at that time the proprietor and editor, to whom the copyright had been presented. It was determined by a few of the members to introduce this, or at least the greater portion of it, and meetings for practice had been held under the guidance of Bro. Sparrow, who presided at the harmonium. A ballot was taken for Bro. Harry Smith as a candidate for advancement, which having proved favourable, he was admitted, and duly advanced to the rank of M.M.M. by Bro. James Dutton, P.M. The several officers performed their duties more efficiently than on any former occasion, and the music interspersed throughout the ceremony added to its solemnity and effectiveness. The Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire especially expressed his approval. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The W.M. elect was presented, the preliminary proceedings were gone through, the brethren below the chair were dismissed, and in their absence Bro. Rubie was duly installed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. On their return the ceremony was continued, and the following were invested as officers for the next year:—Bros. John Dutton, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham Sparrow, Org.; Mercer, S.D.; Penly, J.D.; Peach, I.G.; Holmes, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the business by addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, the Overseers, and the brethren. Votes of thanks for their attendance were passed to the visiting brethren, and to the retiring Master for his services during the past year. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read. The lodge was closed at 7.30, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the usual banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the manner in which the proceedings had been conducted appearing to have an exhilarating effect on all present.

PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE FOR N. AND E. YORKS.

On Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., the members of the Committee for the organisation of the Charity Voting for the Province of North and East Yorkshire met in the Masonic Hall, York.

Those present were Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell, W. Dep. Prov. G. Master; and M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; Bros. J. W. Woodall, Wm. Lawton, W. Petchall, J. Thompson, and T. Clough, the stewards appointed by the province, and the following representatives of lodges:—Bros. W. Tesseymann, P.M. Humber, 57; G. H. Walshaw, P.M. Old Globe, 200; Sir James Meek, P.M. York, 236; W. H. Cowper, W.M. North York, 602; James Hogg, W.M. Marwood, 1244; C. Waistell, P.M. Anchor, 1337; R. Boggett, P.M. De la Pole, 16.5; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. Eboracum, 1611; R. H. Peacock, P.M. Leopold, 1760.

Several suggestions were made by the brethren present as to the rules to be adopted, and eventually a Sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. Bell, Woodall, Meek, Lawton, Tesseymann, Thompison, Petchell, Cumberland, and Peck (Sec.), was appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws and present them at the next meeting of the Committee, to be held in July.

It was arranged that the regular meetings of the Committee should be held in York, at the best available centre, in the months of January and July in each year.

We are requested to state that the Prov. Grand Secretary will be glad to receive suggestions regarding the proposed rules from any brother of experience in such matters.

The W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, the Prov. G. Secretary, and several of the representatives were entertained at luncheon on their arrival in York, by the Eboracum Lodge, at the Queen's Hotel, and in the evening they were present at the regular meeting of the York Lodge, where there was an unusually large muster of members and visitors.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A large and special meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall. It having been announced that no Chairman had yet been obtained, the Board of Stewards passed an unanimous resolution, requesting Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, to preside at the Anniversary Festival. Some subsidiary arrangements having been attended to, the Board adjourned to Monday next, at 4.30.

THE CASE OF BRO. SIMONSEN.

We understand that a subscription has been set on foot to assist Bro. Simonsen, and that Bro. Bent, P.G.C., has consented to act as Treasurer. A full account will appear in our next.

ST. DUNSTAN'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

At the consecration of the above chapter the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered the following oration:—
 M.E. Consecrating Officer, Comp. Principal H., and Companions,—I have come here to-day in response to the courteous invitation of the companions of this new chapter, conveyed through acting Scribe Ezra, to deliver the customary oration, and the duty in such a case is rendered both a pleasure and a privilege, because associated, sir, with yourself, in the interesting and solemn ceremonial of to-day, and because also, like yourself, as I know full well, I have a very great regard and reverence for the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch Grade. In common with yourself and many more, and among whom I may fitly mention our esteemed and valued Grand Ezra, Comp. John Hervey, a name highly prized among Royal Arch Masons, as well as by brethren of the Craft at large, I have seen with deep satisfaction the increase of Royal Arch chapters amongst us of recent years. To my mind, as I believe to the minds of many more, there is no portion of our Masonic system more simple, and yet more beautiful in itself, more striking from its historical and archaeological connection with the one true system of Masonry, and, above all, more definite, more sublime, more practical, and more valuable in the teaching it sets forth, in the moral beauty, wisdom, and duty which it inculcates. Shall I be deemed an optimist or a visionary, sir, when I express before you and this distinguished gathering to-day the hope and the anticipation that the time will come when all English lodges will have a Royal Arch chapter attached to them, as the rightful complement of all Masonic instruction, as the just, and befitting reward of all loyal Master Masons? For let us ever bear in mind that, though severed in its arrangement, and distinct in its nomenclature, and changed in its ceremonial from Craft Masonry, the Royal Arch is not really or truly a fourth grade, *per se*, but actually the destined consummation of the labours, anxieties, and mysteries of the Third Degree. As the apex of our Masonic pyramid, it serves, as it were, to connect, compact, cement the whole deftly united building, as resting on the broad foundation of Craft Masonry; it soars toward Heaven on the sublime enunciation of the principles and tenets unfolded in the picturesque ritual of Royal Arch Masonry. Let us, therefore, hail, sir, the expansion and development of Royal Arch Masonry amongst us, and as the distinguishing characteristic of Anglican Masonry, in the exalted place it fills, and the prominent position it assumes; let us be proud of it, and seek to diffuse its chapters and its ceremonial, its goodly tenets and its gracious declarations, its kindly sanctions, and its ennobling precepts far and wide. But as, sir, under your able presidency we are about to consecrate a new chapter to-day, it seems alike reasonable and seasonable for the orator to seek to convey to the companions some of the teaching, at any rate, of this exalted grade, both, as we say, to improve the occasion and as a fitting commemoration of to-day's proceedings. It would be impossible, sir, as you well know, in one short oration, or many, to draw out the fulness of Royal Arch teaching, and I can but attempt in some poor feeble words of mine, shortly, with your kind concurrence, and subject to the friendly criticism of my hearers, to glance at a portion of the truths conveyed to us, and preserved for us in this unrivalled portion of our mystic rites. There are then, as it appears to me, and, as I think, sir, you will agree with me, three truths which are conspicuous in the special teaching of our Royal Arch ceremonial, and these are, reverence for God, obedience for authority, and love for the brotherhood. Is it wrong to say that the famous triad "Fear God, Honour the King, Love the Brotherhood," is reproduced by "designed" or "undesigned" "coincidence" in the teaching of the Royal Arch? Let us take these axioms *seriatim*, though necessarily as time only permits very briefly, and we shall see that they constitute alike the strength and the reality, the glory and the grace, the vitality and the use not only of Royal Arch Masonry, but of all true Masonry in the world. (Hear, hear.) 1. We are taught in the Royal Arch Grade not only, as in a former degree, to bend with resignation to the will of T.G. & O.T.U., to dedicate our hearts purified from every sinful and malignant passions, and fitted only for the reception of moral truth and virtue, as well to His glory as the welfare of our fellow creatures, but even a little more than this, good and true and valuable as it is. In the Royal Arch grade we are bid remember that we are *et* before the knowledge, the wisdom, the moral control, the just judgment of the Most High—that His eternity, His omniscience, His omnipotence, His supreme and creign law, are alike our hope and safety, our joy and our delight. We are reminded that as His creatures, servants, and subjects, we are ever in His providential care, that "our times are in His hand," that we are "not our own but His," that the acts of our lives, the hopes of our hearts, and plans and exertions of to-day, the pathway of our feet, and the very essence of us all, be we who we may, high or humble, are overlooked by Him, that it is our solemn duty, not to have our happy privilege, to believe in His providence, to accept His decrees, to accept His dispensations without murmur, and to look up to Him confidently in every emergency of life, for strength, for comfort, for health, for support and for safety. Now we know that it is just this good old teaching of English Masonry which so displeases some modern teachers, and so bew-fangled expositors of Masonic lore. They do not see the idea of that reverent acknowledgment of T.G. & O.T.U., of a personal and living God, the living Creator, Benefactor, Guide, Sovereign, Saviour, Judge of all things which English Craft Masonry avows, and the Royal

Arch so emphatically proclaims. They seek to evade the recognition of God, and to substitute for it either a specious "Nihilism," which sweeps away the God of our forefathers, and substitutes in His place an "Anima Mundi," the old resource of infidelity, or they pompously put forth a blinding trust in humanity, our poor humanity indeed; or they set up an "independent morality," which really means no morality practically at all, which leaves us without a present God or a future life, which ignores the moral responsibilities, and consequently all moral duty, and renders us blind votaries of chance or fate, like the moles in the subsoil—atoms which to-day are and to-morrow are gone, and forgotten for ever. Sir, you and I, with all now present, deploring the aberrations and erratic proceedings which mark some bodies of Masons to-day, will rejoice to think that we in England uphold with unflinching and unwavering faith the better teaching of our forefathers, and make the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the foundation and the apex, the strength and the glory of English Masonry, Craft and Royal Arch, in no spirit of intolerance, but humble genuine piety, a reverent acknowledgment of God, over all Most High and most blessed for evermore. (Applause.) And, in the next place, marked is the teaching in this degree in respect of obedience to supreme authority. As English Freemasons, happily, we are taught from the very first never, under any circumstances whatever, to forget, as loyal citizens, the allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land, to avoid all plots and conspiracies against Government, and to be zealous friends to order and social stability, and hostile always to anarchy, agitation, confusion, and revolution! We, in this Royal Arch Grade, are all enjoined to bear in mind, that while resistance to usurped authority sometimes becomes the duty of the patriot citizen and Freemason, reverence for lawful authority is ever a solemn duty incumbent upon us all, be we who we may, who profess to be members of our peaceful, philanthropic, legalized, and law-abiding Fraternity. One of the greatest charms of Freemasonry for us all, perhaps, to-day is its avoidance of, and distance from the petty tumults of sectional differences, the cries of controversy, and the existing and severing topics of political discussion. Unfortunately for Freemasonry in some portions of the Masonic world, these obvious truths and salient duties are forgotten, in the mistaken impetuosity of unwise teaching, and hence we can understand how too often Freemasonry, through no fault of its own, has fallen under prescription and suspicion, has even been for a time suppressed, has been treated as inimical to government and order, and antagonistic to authority and law. Happily for us all in England, the loyalty of Freemasons has ever been conspicuous and avowed, and as such duly recognized by that Royal and august Family which Providence has placed in supreme authority over these united realms, and in times past, as to day, the happy connexion between the English Royal Family and English Freemasonry has been maintained in loyal fervour and attachment, undimmed and unchanging, alike for the strength and pride and welfare of our English Craft. Long may it so continue, and long may we, as Royal Arch Masons, and intelligent and prudent citizens, while we advocate peaceful progress, liberty of conscience, and equal rights for all classes, never forget the reverence due to authority, and as patriots and Freemasons, for us the throne and institutions of our country will always be a subject of paramount reverence and devotion. Faithful to our God, our Sovereign, our country, and our laws, we shall rejoice in the success of our gallant soldiers and sailors abroad; we shall carefully seek to help to maintain peace and prosperity, order and tranquillity at home. (Applause.) And, lastly, we are reminded to love the brotherhood. Yes, sir, as companions of the Royal Arch Grade, we shall indeed feel proud of that golden chain of fraternal sympathy which binds us so closely to our excellent Order, and to one another here below. It is that inner mystic circle of genuine faithful brotherhood which constitutes the excellent grace, and ought to be the unchanging glory of Freemasonry. It has sometimes occurred to me, that partly arising from our more limited numbers, there is amongst Royal Arch Masons a more close connection, a more intimate cohesion, than is sometimes found in Craft Masonry. Sure I am, that numerous lodges do not constitute the strength or the happiness of Freemasonry, that they are too often the cause of weakness, disunion, and discord, and that the more we know each other, the more carefully we select our associates, the more calmly we strive to render Masonic fellowship and membership or special and personal privilege, not to be obtained too easily by every one, the greater chance there is, humanly speaking, both for the safe progress and happy permanency of Freemasonry. As Royal Arch Masons we are bidden to love the brotherhood, and to prove our love, by our words without guile, and our acts guided by honour, sincerity, and loyalty to one another. To suppose or to believe for one moment that the profane vices of slander, envy, backbiting, malice, the invidious scandal, or the lying accusation, the defamation of a brother's character, could find their way into a Royal Arch chapter, would constitute an abject parody on all our eloquent professions, would rob Freemasonry of its good, and serve as the best of weapons in the hands of our accusers and maligners. Therefore, let us assume, sir, if you please, to-day, that in these peaceful abodes of friendship and mutual esteem and goodwill, we have shut out the harsher voices of an angry and vindictive world, and that, bound to each other by the unbreakable chain of fraternal concord and affection, we are brethren and companions in deed as well as in word, in heart as well as in name. Sir, I fear I have almost exceeded the limits of your forbearance and my companions' patience, but there are yet two words I wish to say. Though our love for the brotherhood is to be shown forth in all moral sincerity and energy, there is another proof of its reality which we can also evidence to our

brethren and the world. Active, single-handed, and single-hearted charity is the distinguishing badge of Freemasons, and, on an occasion like this, I think it is always the orator's duty to remind the companions of a new chapter that the great Metropolitan Charities of our Order, which constitute the great pride of all Freemasons, claim from Royal Arch Masons as well as Craftsmen active sympathy and support. I need hardly remind my hearers of that most successful anniversary, at which you, sir, so properly reaped the return of arduous labours in an unexampled success for that excellent Institution—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and in which all must feel the deepest interest. But I may be permitted to mention that the Girls' School anniversary, close at hand, and that the Boys' School anniversary at a later period, demand the warm support of all who wish Masonic charity to be so gracefully exemplified and so practically carried out, as it is now is, in those really noble and invaluable Charities of Freemasonry in this great metropolis of ours. Sir, I have now done. Let us all unite in earnest aspirations for the future peace, prosperity, happiness, harmony, and progress of the St. Dunstan's Chapter. May it take a leading position amongst our many goodly chapters, and may it ever be distinguished by the zeal and devotedness of its members, their submission to Masonic law and rule, their faithful adhesion to Grand Chapter, and their realization of the great tenets of Royal Arch Masonry. Thus, sir, as trusty Royal Arch Masons, let us humbly endeavour to discharge our temporal and passing duties with the zeal and fidelity incumbent upon us all, so that as we pass on peacefully and happily through these fleeting years of time, we yet may be permitted, in the good Providence of the Most High, to find that this our sublimary state has been the portal to one which is alike enduring and eternal. (Applause.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter took place at the picturesque village of Uppermill, Saddleworth, under the auspices of the Confidence Chapter, 337, the Principals of which opened a preliminary chapter, when about ninety companions from various parts of the province assembled.

M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, and the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter having entered, the usual salutation was heartily accorded him, and, in reply, Sir Henry Edwards said that he had felt necessitated to call them together sooner than had been customary, in consequence of his having to leave Yorkshire for London, and as this was his first occupancy of the chair in opening Provincial Grand Chapter since his installation as Provincial Grand Superintendent at Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 30th, 1878, he had been desirous not to delegate the duties to another. Sir Henry added—"I may here observe that I have laid it down as an absolute rule never to recommend an application for a new charter until the draft bye-laws have been submitted for approval, the form of which, without undue interference, I should desire to follow. For instance, the first page to contain the founders' names, dates of charter and consecration, index, tables of fees, and certificates in due order. The chief object is to bring all chapter bye-laws into harmony and almost uniformity, and I am happy to learn from our Registrar that one half of the chapters have already revised their bye-laws in accordance with this excellent system. In the appointment of officers in Provincial Grand Chapter in this province it has been the custom, as you may be aware, to select but Past First Principals; and at my installation it was my endeavour, as it shall be, to distribute the officers as widely as possible. Our Registrar, who has so much to do in the revision of bye-laws, was induced to accept the office once more, and I hope it will be your pleasure to assist his endeavours in the matter of complete revision of bye-laws. On referring to the annual returns, I find we have on our rolls 884 Royal Arch Masons; and of that number there are upwards of 249 Principals and Past Principals. It is with every feeling of thankfulness I am thus able to speak of the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this great province of West Yorkshire; and whilst we should be grateful for the position we have already attained to, let us each and all endeavour faithfully to discharge our duty; and may peace and happiness, health and prosperity, love and unity, ever attend us. Excellent companions, I thank you for your kind attention, and, in conclusion, ask you to join with me in passing a cordial vote of thanks to our companions in this part of the province for entertaining us, and in wishing this chapter every possible measure of prosperity."

The officers were appointed as follows for the ensuing year:—

Comp. C. L. Mason, 204	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. D. Kay, 289	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Smith, 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Roddiwig, 139	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. F. Moss, 139	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. Woodhouse, 521	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
" J. Beauland, 600	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
" J. Fisher, 61 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. B. Alderson, 154	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Powolny, 304	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Kendall, 1283	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. R. Dore, 275	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Glover, 289	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Schofield, 290; Slack, 495; A. Roberts, 61; and France, 208	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Lee	...	...	Prov. G. Jan. or.

After other routine business, an invitation for the next meeting to be held in Leeds was accepted, after which the companions partook of an excellent repast.

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BIRTHS.

CRAWLEY-BOEVEY.—On the 28th ult., at 89, Phillippa-villas, Clapton, the wife of Mr. Octavius Charles Crawley-Boevey, of a son.

JOHNS.—On the 26th ult., at Vale Lodge, Hampstead-heath, the wife of Mr. Robert Magrath Johns of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WAGGETT—BATLEY.—On the 28th ult., at St. John's, Notting-hill, by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gell and Rev. Dr. Thorton, Mr. J. F. D. Waggett, to Edith, daughter of Bro. John Batley.

DEATHS.

BAINES.—On the 27th ult., at 4, Redcliffe-square, and late of Bahia, Mr. Hugh Robert Baines, in his 59th year. ROBINSON.—On the 28th ult., at Caldecott House, Clapham-park, Mr. William Robinson, in the 78th year of his age.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1879

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

It is known to most of our readers, probably, that the delay which has occurred in announcing a Chairman, has arisen from difficulties over which the authorities of the School had no possible control. It was ardently desired that H.R.H. Prince Leopold should preside, alike for the best interests of the School and the deep gratification of the Order. But from the date of the announcement of his inability to comply with the wishes of his brethren, zealous attempts have been made to induce in succession some of the most distinguished of our Prov. Grand Masters to preside. In all cases, amounting, we are informed, to no less than ten, they declined, on the ground, more or less, that it would be impossible in so short a space of time to organize a good provincial canvass for the School. The last refusal was on Monday last, by telegram. Under these circumstances the Stewards gathered in a special assembly, in goodly numbers, on Monday last, when the true position of affairs was laid before them by the Chairman of the meeting. The only question remained, "what was to be done in the interests of the School?" Luckily, a solution of the difficulty was found, which, we venture to think, will commend itself to a very large number of zealous and hardworking Masons, as a happy extrication of the Stewards and Charity from the unavoidable, though unwelcome, dilemma in which they were placed, and through no fault, be it observed, in any way, of their own. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, the Grand Treasurer elect, Trustee and Treasurer of the Institution, had, after the communication by the Chairman of the Board of Stewards and the Secretary of the actual facts of the case, placed himself at the disposal of the Board of Stewards. Most unwilling to put himself unnecessarily forward, and most grateful for the great honour recently conferred on him by his brethren, our gallant brother yet felt, as a soldier and a Freemason, that in an hour of intense difficulty he was bound to "come to the rescue" of an Institution in which he took so deep, and abiding, and personal an interest, and, therefore, following good precedent, and in default of any more efficient Chairman, was willing to take upon himself the trouble, responsibility, and privilege of the post. The Board of Stewards, in our opinion, most wisely and most gratefully, passed an unanimous resolution asking Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as Treasurer and Trustee, to preside at the Anniversary Festival, and we are privileged in being able to announce that he most kindly acceded to their request, and (D.V.) will preside on May 14th. There are 234 Stewards, and we anticipate a gay gathering and a goodly muster. The long and devoted services of Lieut.-Col. Creaton to Freemasonry will attract the sympathy and support of a large number of influential brethren, and we feel certain that, thoroughly recognizing not only our gallant brother's past services and present work, but his anxiety ever to aid his brethren, or promote the cause of our great Metropolitan Charities, he will receive that influential and energetic adhesion, and "backing up," which he so justly merits at the hands of our warm-hearted fraternity. We, ourselves, have no fear but that the Anniversary Festival of May 14th will be a great success, and the Stewards are sparing no pains to make the arrangements perfect, and the comfort of the brethren and ladies complete. One response will be made, we are convinced, to this announcement, namely, that our brethren alike from Metropolis and Province will rally round the gallant Chairman, and make the Girls' School Anniversary of May 14th a triumph in every respect.

CHARITY VERSUS SACK.

The publication of a very striking lodge balance sheet in our columns last week, and the letters we receive, and the opinions we have heard on the subject, have led us on the present occasion to devote a little space to the consideration of a subject which is, no doubt, considerably "exercizing" the minds of many of our good brethren just now. And yet we feel bound to remark, at the outset, the subject is not a very easy one to deal with, or, rather, a somewhat delicate one to handle, for various well known and cogent reasons. In the first place, we do not think that it is the function of the Freemason to seem to "preach" at anything or at anybody. In the next, some will at once object to a dictatorial interference, as they like to call it, with the "liberty" of the Masonic "subject," "quoad refreshment;" and, once again, as we by no means wish to be enrolled amongst those fanatics who deem all social enjoyment wrong, and even a careful and moderate use of created good things doubtful and dangerous, we trust that in what we are about to say, we shall be credited, both with the graces of discretion and good sense. So, then, we will start with this proposition, to which we ask our readers to note, that though lodge banquets are good things in their way, they become bad things when by their admitted and lawful use, we are tempted to forget or forego the higher claims of duty or charity. Can any one object to so modest and cautious a thesis? We hope not, we trow not. But what have we read lately? A lodge, happily so far nameless, with an income of £202 13s. 7d., spends £4 4s. on charity and £154 10s. on "sack," and £28 12s. on Grand Lodge payments and lodge expenses. It has £18 11s. 7d. in hand on the general account and £6 4s. 2d. on the charity account. Can this be right? Is it not positively wrong? Is not such indulgence in sociality out of proportion, injurious to Masonry and the members of the lodge? Surely we think that there can be but one answer on all these points, and that, in our opinion, sadly enough, must be an answer in the affirmative. For what a parody, "my masters," is such a balance sheet in itself on Masonic professions and Masonic declarations. We who are always speaking, when we meet, of "charity, brotherhood," and the like, what can we say when the stern accuser points to this "damning proof" of Masonic liberality, and asks indignantly "Is this the way you spend your money, 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on sack, as against the $\frac{1}{4}$ in charity?" We have seen many balance sheets in our time, and studied them, and audited them laboriously, but never do we remember any one which affords so startling and melancholy a proof of the want of reality, vitality, and we must add true Masonic feeling in any lodge of Freemasons. Now do we not wish, as we said before, to seem to "preach," or to speak too severely. And we will fain hope, moreover, that such a balance sheet is an exception and an inadvertence, and will be materially changed and amended in 1879. For, surely, the brethren of this good lodge "Irroy," 3999, will feel that Masonic Charity has larger claims upon them than they seem to know of, or even to dream of! A guinea to each of our great Charities is a sad totality of Masonic charity, as contrasted with £155 of material expenditure. Are there no aged Freemasons needing help? no widows requiring assistance? no orphan boys and girls, children of our deceased brethren, to be clothed, taught, and cared for? no poor, pining brother to be sent on his way with the substantial and kindly aid of the good Samaritans? no wounds of our common humanity to be staunch, no friendly sympathy to be manifested? Out upon it, brethren of the nameless lodge! Let us ask you in the name of the very Brotherhood of Masonry to change your ways, to increase your charities, and to limit yourself indulgence, and to prove to the world a to your brethren, that you say what you mean and mean what you say, when you talk so fluently of Masonic Charity and Brotherhood, and thence do not wish to be held up to others, and as to your own Fraternity, as being still utterly sensible to these sound claims of duty, which are alike our most gratifying duty and our greatest happiness.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

As will be seen by a report elsewhere, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to the purple for 1879-80:—Bro. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.; Major-General the Hon. S. G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; Rev. Chas. Spencer Stanhope, Asst. G. Chap.; Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, G. Treas.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. B. Monckton, Pres. B.G.P.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Ernst E. Wendt, G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; George Mellor, S.G.D.; Horatio Lloyd, J.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G.S. of W.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of Cer.; Sheriff George Burt, Asst. G.D. of Cer.; Samuel Mullens, G.S.B.; Christopher Willing, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Wilson, G. Purst.; James Kench, Asst. G. Purst.; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler. We hope in our next to give an account of their Masonic services.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE RESTORATION OF THE WEST FRONT OF ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been directed by my Committee to forward to you the enclosed circular, which will fully explain the proposed scheme for carrying out the above-mentioned object, and I shall be much obliged if you will bring this matter before the Worshipful Master and the members of your lodge, and trust that we may obtain their active support for this great Masonic undertaking.

I shall be glad to receive a list of the names of those who subscribe, or promise to do so, on the annexed form, at your early convenience.

I have the honour to remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER,

47, Wilton Crescent, London, S.W. Hon. Secretary.

N.B.—Subscriptions are invited from 1s. up to £5. [See appeal printed elsewhere.—ED.]

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Bro. R. F. Gould has dethroned Bro. Charles Marsh from being the "Father" of English Masons, or the oldest living Mason in England, in favour of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, so must I depose the latter in favour of Bro. "James Norris," the present Warden of the Royal Benevolent Institution of the Order, who was initiated on the 10th day of March, 1812, in the Lodge of "Sincerity" then No. 290, now 174 now. Bro. James Norris was born in January, 1798, and is now not only in very fair health, but held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure and honour of his acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, V.P. 174.

In answer to the letter of Bro. Gould in your last number, asking if there is an older Mason than Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, I am in a position to tell you there is in the person of Bro. James Morris, the esteemed Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.

Bro. Morris was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, then No. 290, now 174, on March 10th, 1812. I am happy to add that he is very well, and in full possession of all his faculties.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY J. STRONG,

M.D., Hon. Surgeon to the Benevolent Institution, Croydon.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Those who were privileged to witness the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Albert Hall, four years ago this day, as M.W. Grand Master, can never forget the impressiveness and surpassing grandeur of the scene. This scene, making allowance for the almost insuperable difficulties in the way, arising from its magnitude, and the necessity of turning the faces of the great majority, at least, of the brethren represented towards the spectators, our worthy Bro. Harty has succeeded in depicting successfully, and he has been ably seconded by the talented artists whom he engaged to execute the engraving.

Satisfactory, however, as the print is in other respects, there is one respect in which it is, to my mind, and I imagine to every subscriber, sadly deficient—the want of a key by which to identify the portraits of the many eminent members of the Craft included in it.

Even to the metropolitan brethren, who can constantly attend the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, very many of the portraits introduced must be unknown to them, whilst to the bulk of the brethren who, like myself, are only able occasionally, owing to distance, to be present, but few, very few, of them are recognisable.

I happen to possess engravings of the well-known pair of historical pictures, by West, "O iver Cromwell dissolving the Long Parliament," and "Charles II. landing on the beach at Dover," the former engraved by Hall, and the latter etched by Woollett, and engraved by Sharp, which are accompanied by a key in outline, the faces numbered and described below, and I believe it has been the invariable rule for such historical representations to be accompanied by such a key.

Soon after the issue of the engraving, I saw our excellent Bro. Harty in town, and named this great desideratum to him, when I understood it to be his full intention to furnish such a key to the subscribers, and that he was only waiting to get the proper Masonic titles, &c., of the numerous brethren represented.

As a very considerable time has since elapsed without anything further having been heard of this key, may I ask if this project has been unfortunately abandoned. Without such a key the picture might as well represent so many Browns, Joneses, and Robinsons, instead of men eminent in rank and in the Craft; with it, the historical value of the engraving will be very greatly enhanced.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A.,
P. Prov. G.M., and G. Supt.
Leicestershire and Rutland.

Leicester, April 28th, 1879.

P.S.—As a case in point, I may mention the key to the portraits of the Royal Dukes, the Chevalier Ruspini, and others, in the well-known engraving of the "Festival of the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 7th May:—

The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th January to the 15th April, 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	...	757	18	9
" Unappropriated Account	...	...	177	15	5
" Subsequent Receipts	...	...	399	9	3
			£1335	3	5
By Disbursements during the quarter	...	...	331	6	3
" Balance	...	...	929	1	8
" in Unappropriated Account	...	...	174	15	7
			£1335	3	5

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. James Meacham Batham, as Z.; Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram, as H.; Frederick Irving de Lisle, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1577, Napier, to be called the Victoria Chapter, and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

2nd. From Comps. Charles Thomas Pearce, as Z.; John Peter, as H.; John Kempthorne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, to be called the Valletort Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the county of Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Edward John Bradshaw Bumstead, as Z.; John Franks Chittenden, as H.; William Youldon, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, to be called the Wellington Chapter, and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the county of Kent.

4th. From Comps. Henry Thomas Wood, as Z.; Charles Chester Cheston, as H.; Peter Lund Simmonds, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, to be called the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

5th. From Comps. William Henry Lee, as Z.; George William Frederick Neville Green, as H.; Thomas Charles Chapman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, Dalston, to be called the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

They have also received a petition from Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Gooden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

This petition is regular in form, but as the lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee, tearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a charter to be attached to a lodge be granted, except in very exceptional cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be yet complied with.

A letter, dated 14th March last, from Comp. the Hon. Henry Tholy Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter.

The Committee, feeling fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit to issue dispensations for the meeting of chapters in cases of necessity, pending the applications for charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The Committee beg further to state that on the 1st November, 1876, a charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they have received they have reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that the charter be cancelled.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

CONSECRATION OF NICHOLSON CHAPTER, No. 371.

This new chapter of Royal Arch Masons, attached to Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, was consecrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport. It makes the eighth chapter in the Royal Arch province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and, judging from the fact that the promoters, though resident in Maryport, are members of the Whitehaven and Wigton Chapters, there is sufficient reason that a chapter at Maryport was necessary; whilst, from the substantial beginning, there can be little doubt that, ultimately, it will prove one of the most flourishing Royal Arch organisations in the two counties. The title is most *appropos*, and a direct compliment to Comp. Joseph Nicholson, the oldest P.M. of Lodge of Perseverance. Comp. Nicholson, though now in the sear and yellow leaf of seventy-three winters and summers, nevertheless, is yet fully as active and indefatigable in Masonic pursuits as half-a-century ago, when he "first saw light." He it was, along with a brother now deceased, who, many years since, by pecuniary sacrifices, and a thorough love of our grand old Institution, kept the tottering Lodge of Perseverance on its legs, and he can now look with pride on what is one of the most flourishing Masonic bodies under the *regime* of the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. and Sup. of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The important duty of consecration and dedication was delegated to M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. of half-a-dozen chapters, and P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, as also P.P.G. St. Br. of West Lancashire. The other companions present were: Comps. H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.G.S.N.; F. W. Hayward, P.Z. 310; Capt. Sewell, 119; P. Dodgson, 119; J. Abbotts, 327; J. R. Banks, 119; and W. F. Lamony, H. 119, P.P.G. Swd. B. The Principals designate and charter members of the new chapter were as follows: Comps. Jos. Nicholson, Z.; P. de E. Collin, H.; Thos. Mandle, J.; J. H. Banks, E. G. Mitchell, A. Walter, J. Gardiner, R. Brown, and J. Quay.

No fewer than five of the nine mentioned are Past Masters of Lodge of Perseverance. About three o'clock the chapter was opened by the Installing Principal, assisted by Comps. Bewes and Hayward, in the Second and Third Principals' chairs. On the other companions being admitted, the beautiful ceremony of consecration was proceeded with by M.E. Comp. Bowes, who, at the proper place, delivered the following oration:—

Companions,—From time out of mind—from time whereof the memory of man reacheth not to the contrary—it has been customary among Royal Arch Masons, on occasions like the present, to deliver an address, usually called an oration, on some subject connected with our Royal art. A former Grand Chaplain of this province, some fourteen years ago, at a great Masonic gathering at Cockermouth, eloquently remarked that every traveller in foreign lands had been struck with the memorials of ancient greatness in the ruined buildings, that, standing in majestic solitude, are now the only remains of those great empires of antiquity which played such a distinguished part in the world's history. Egypt, once the centre of learning and power of the world, has left behind her little to boast of but those magnificent temples, triumphs of Masonic art, that amaze the Nile traveller at Karnæ, at Luxor, or at Thebes. Thoughts of sadness must be excited in the breasts of those who, standing in the luxuriant plain of Coele-Syria, by those three enormous and highly-decorated columns of the Temple of the Sun at Baalbec, they will doubt which most to admire, the chasteness of the carving or the stupendous grandeur of the architecture; but, in either case, they will involuntarily raise their hands, and exclaim, "Oh, wonderful Masons!" What traveller, but has painfully pleasurable motions stirred up within him when, according to Mahomedan rule, he takes his shoes from off his feet, and treads noiselessly in thoughtful silence over the temple area of Mount Moriah, where our Grand Master Solomon, guided by the Great Architect of the Universe, built that temple to the Most High, in which were the emblematic pillars? Wander now over the marshy plain through which the Meander flows, and what is now left of the once proud capital of Pro-consular Asia—Ephesus? Where now is that temple with its one hundred and twenty-seven kingly pillars, the shrine of the great goddess Diana, of whom Demetrius, the Craftsman—not, indeed, of our Craft—boasted, perhaps, with a little pardonable vanity, "All Asia and the world worshippeth?" Why, its site cannot now be identified—its pillars, each of them the gift of a king, serve only to adorn the Mosque of St. Sophia, in Stamboul. Yes, companions, Greece has bequeathed to us her ever-living tongue, and Rome the germs of polity and law;

but the bright collection of endowments, which go to form civilisation, having no root in itself, could not weather the storms of time and change. But there is a community which has weathered all these storms. Taking its rise in the earliest ages, founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, it has pursued an onward course from age to age, a three thousand years' tale, not yet full told; but there is light all along its course, pointing the pathway to a happier land. Companions, Freemasonry can boast not only a most remote origin, but a most glorious career. Like a golden thread in some texture of beauty, it has run through the varying fabric of human thought, and like, the mighty Nile, it has wound its devious way through many a land, overflowing and fertilising the nations in its course. Meeting with various forms of religious belief and civil government, it has allied itself to all in proportion as each system was disciplined by order, practised in virtue, and founded on truth. Ours is indeed, a glorious fabric! Founded in strength, ordered by wisdom, and adorned with beauty! Purity of thought, integrity of life, benignity of manner, and, above all, charity, are the garments with which every true Royal Arch Mason is invested. It would be easy, companions, to dilate on the teachings of the Three Craft Degrees; but when we approach what seems to be the Fourth Degree in Freemasonry—the Holy Royal Arch—our ease disappears. Like the ladder in Jacob's dream, the base rests on a solid foundation, the intermediate steps are clear and well defined; but the summit is buried in the clouds! We naturally pause in the presence of that awful name, around which centres the solemn mysteries of this Supreme Degree, and a voice whispers to one and all of us:—"Draw not nigh hither; take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground." Let us, then follow the safe and reverential guidance of God's ancient people, the Jews, and the High Priest, when he entered the sanctum sanctorum, to make atonement for the sins of the people. The Essenes, a sect of the Jews, and from whom some think the Royal Arch Degree was derived, were especially careful on the point of secrecy. They formed themselves into a strict association, bound together by the most solemn obligations, spending their substance on their poorer brethren, and avoiding all topics of religious discussion. They advanced by successive degrees, at intervals of a year, and after repeated examinations. On admission, the initiate was adjured to lead a pure and holy life, to guard carefully, and transmit faithfully the secrets of the Order. Let us, then, imitate the reverence by which they were actuated. May it, companions, lead us to a proper reverence for the incomprehensible Jehovah, the Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues. Companions, if we have used the working tools of a Royal Arch Mason aright, if, with the pickaxe, we have cleared away the ruins of the temple of a fuller nature; if, with the trowel, we have built up a fairer temple for the reception of truth and virtue; if, with the sword by our side, we have fought for the weak against the strong, the true against the false, the good against the evil; if, with the spade, we have buried the rubbish of the body of the old Adam, then to us, as to our ancient brethren, the sun at its meridian shall dispel the mists of doubt, ignorance, and error, and make that light to us in death which was dark in life. Then, prostrating ourselves on the mercy of the true and living God, Most High, we shall be exalted to the Grand Chapter above. Then shall we see Jehovah, not as through a glass darkly, but face to face.

The three Principals who assisted the Consecrating Principal were Comps. Hayward, Bowes, and Gardiner, and Comp. Lamonby acted as Director of Ceremonies.

After the new chapter had been dedicated and constituted, the three Principals designate were installed by M.E. Comp. Bowes.

The officers appointed were as follows:—Comps. J. R. Banks, S.E.; J. H. Banks, S.N.; A. Walter, P.S.; R. Brown, 1st Ass. S.; E. G. Mitchell, 2nd Ass. S.; J. Gardiner, Treas.; J. Quay, D.C.; P. Dodgson, St. Br.

M.E. Comp. Bowes having been thanked for his services, and elected an honorary member of Nicholson Chapter, propositions of candidates for exaltation and joining members were given, after which the chapter was solemnly closed.

Subsequently the companions partook of a banquet, presided over by M.E. Comp. Nicholson, Z.; supported by Comps. Collin, H., and Mandie, J.

An emergency chapter was held the following evening, when Bro. J. H. Raven, Lodge 371, was exalted by M.E. Comp. Bowes, assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, as P.S.

GRAND PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, Grand Commander of the County Palatine of Lancaster, the Knights of that division were summoned to attend a Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, at the Guild Hall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., to assist in the transaction of divers urgent and important business in connection with the province of Lancashire.

The Prince of Peace Preceptory was opened shortly before one o'clock, and the Prov. Priory was subsequently opened by the V.E.G.C., Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The Registrar called over the muster roll of P.G. Officers and of the priories in the province; letters of apology from absent officers were acknowledged; and the minutes of the Prov. Grand Conclave, holden at Southport on the 18th day of May, 1878, were submitted and confirmed.

The appointment and investiture of the Provincial Officers were subsequently proceeded with, but, unfortunately, we are unable to give these, owing to the singular action

of the Grand Commander of the province. Our representative asked for the courtesy usually extended to him by the heads of the various Masonic bodies to be allowed to copy the list of appointments, but this privilege was refused without any valid reason being assigned. Under these circumstances it is impossible to give information which must have proved interesting to our numerous readers in Lancashire.

The assembled Knights banqueted after business.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

We have been requested to publish the following appeal, which we do with much pleasure, thoroughly approving of the object:—

"The proposed restoration of the West Front of the Cathedral Church of St. Alban's by the Freemasons of England, under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.; H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., P.G.M. Oxfordshire; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire; His Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Hunts and Northants; Earl Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire; Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent; Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wiltshire; Lord Sherborne, P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Lt.-Col. F. Burditt, P.G.M. Middlesex; Col. E. C. Malet De Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey; John Fawcett, P.G.M. Durham; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire; Major W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire.

"On Feb. 11th, 1879, a meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, to consider a proposal that the Freemasons of England do undertake the restoration of some special portion of St. Alban's Cathedral as a memorial to St. Alban. A proposal to this effect had originated with the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, and has since been brought forward at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, held at Watford, on July 26th, 1878, and the scheme approved, and a local Committee appointed to endeavour to carry out the undertaking.

"At the meeting of Feb. 11th, 1879, after a full explanation as to the nature of the proposal, it was unanimously resolved that the Freemasons of England be invited to subscribe towards the restoration of some special portion of the Cathedral, and a Central Committee was thereupon appointed, with power to add to their number, to carry out this object. It was further decided to undertake the restoration of the West Front of the Cathedral, or, in the event of the funds not being sufficient to carry out the whole scheme, one or more of the three beautiful but sadly dilapidated porches at the west end of the building.

"These porches may justly be considered not only to exhibit the most beautiful architectural details of this grand Cathedral, but from the extreme delicacy and beauty of their design, they cannot be excelled by any other examples of this or any other date throughout the kingdom. They were built by Abbot John de Cella, at the commencement of the 13th century, and formed part of a magnificent design for the reconstruction of the nave of the Abbey Church, which from want of the necessary funds was only partially carried out. The style of architecture is that commonly known as "Early English" or "First Pointed," and may well compare with similar examples to be found at Lincoln, Ely, Salisbury, and Wells Cathedrals, the Western or Galilee Porch of Ely Cathedral bearing a special resemblance to the central porch at St. Alban's.

"It is this central western porch which the Committee propose first to undertake, and their proposal has been most strongly approved by the executive Committee for the restoration of the Cathedral, who are specially anxious to see this portion of the work taken in hand, as this will form the completion of the main structural repairs, which have been going on for several years. A rough estimate was prepared by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, shortly before his death, which states that the probable cost for the restoration of the central porch would be £2500, and for each of the side porches £2000, or for the entire west front £9000. These sums appear at first sight very large, but very much will have to be done on account of the decayed and mutilated condition of the stone work. There can be no question as to the improvement which will be effected by the careful restoration of the west front. At some period, probably in the 16th or 17th century, some economical repairs were carried out. The outer portions of the north and south porches were cut away, and a plain and unsightly wall built up, which has entirely concealed the north and south porches, and the early English arcade on each side of them.

"It must, we think, be acknowledged that the Abbey Church of St. Alban's has a special interest for, as well as a special claim on the consideration of, all English Freemasons. The original church, built by King Offa in the 8th century, and of which portions remain, was erected by him, and, as we are told, the "Hond Masons," to the memory of St. Alban. Without asserting for Freemasonry a positive connection with St. Alban, it is nevertheless an undoubted fact that all the operative Guild legends from the 15th century claim Alban as a patron of Freemasons, and as the person who procured a charter for the assembly, and settled the amount of Masons' wages. This statement probably refers to the fact, that he was in some way officially connected with one of the operative Guilds or 'Collegia Fabrorum,' from which the Guilds clearly came. The earliest mention of St. Alban in connection with Ma-

sony is to be found in the Prose Constitutions, among the additional MSS. of the British Museum of date 1425. There we read at line 605:—"And Saint Alban loved well Masons, and he gave them first their charges and manners first in England, and he ordained convenient times to pay for the travail."

"This statement is repeated and amplified in numerous other Guild legends, such as the two Harleian MSS., the two Sloane, the three York, the Scottish MSS., the Lodge of Hope and the Alwrick MS. In the Lansdowne MS., A.D. 1560, we find these words:—"St. Alban was a worthy knight and steward of the king, his household, and bad government of his realm, and also of the making of the walls of the said town, and he loved well Masons, and cherished them much, and made their pay right good for he gave them 3 and vid. a week and iiii.; before that time all the land a Mason took but one penny a day and his meat, till St. Alban mended it, and he gave them a charter of the king and his "counsell," for to hold a general assembly, and gave it to name assembly."

"In the Antiquity MS. of date 1686, we find this further statement in addition to the above:—"And he got them a charter from the king and his "counsell," to hold a general "counsell," and gave it to name "assemblee," therat he was himself, and did help to make Masons, and gave them charges as you shall heare afterwards."

"In 'Krause's' so-called York MS., of date the beginning of this century (but of which it is fair to remark the original is so far unknown), we find this statement, amplified somewhat in these words:—"He, "that is St. Alban," made constitutions and charges for the Masons, and taught them the customs, everything as Amphibalus had taught him. He procured for them also good pay, for he gave to the workmen two shillings per week and three pence for their food, while formerly they had only one penny and their food. He also obtained a charter from the Emperor Carausius according to which the workmen in the whole of Britain were made into a society by themselves, and were placed under the architects, which had not been the case before, as each individual had taken work where he found it to do. St. Alban belonged to this society himself, helped to admit new workmen, and took care that they had always plenty of work, and he was the first to do this in Britain." With this unvarying tradition then before us, it seems most reasonable that the Freemasons of to-day, remembering their own Guild legends, will be glad to co-operate in the present reasonable and needful effort to restore that noble memorial of the pious labours of the past, which so appeals to our sympathies as patriots, lovers of architecture, and as Freemasons.

"Is it too much to hope that the present scheme will commend itself to the Freemasons of England, as it has to those of Hertfordshire, as well as to our Royal Grand Master and the Central Committee in London, and that our numerous and generous brotherhood will gladly embrace the opportunity of aiding to restore the godly fabric of St. Alban's Cathedral, and thus, as speculative Masons, identify themselves with those famous operative sodalities which have left such striking witnesses of their devotion to art and religion in these glorious 'Houses of God in our land,' which, like that at St. Alban's, remain to attest the good and kindly 'art of Masonry?'"

"To carry out this object, subscriptions are invited from the entire Craft, in such amounts as the brethren may be disposed to give, the maximum donation of each individual brother being limited to £5. Payments may be made either to the London and County Bank, Head Office, Lombard-street, E.C., or to the Branch at St. Alban's; or direct to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. E. Keyser, by whom formal receipts for all contributions will be given."

CONSECRATION OF THE HERVEY LODGE, No. 178E.

This new lodge was duly consecrated on the 8th of March at Mount Moriah, Port of Spain, Trinidad, by W. Bro. Cook, P.D.D.G.M., &c. The brethren having entered the lodge-room, Bro. Cook took the chair, and the Wardens were nominated. W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, W.M. 405, P.D.G.S.W., &c., officiated as Secretary.

The other worshipful brethren taking part in the ceremonial were Bros. M. R. Marquez, P.M. 368, and representative, by patent of appointment, of lodges in the Republic of Venezuela, assisted by J. H. Rat, W.M. 911; J. D. Giljezan, P.M.; L. E. DesRoses, P.M. 368; L. J. Alcazar, W.M. 368.

After the lodge had been duly opened in the Three Degrees, prayer was offered, and the Presiding Officer, in a brief address, stated the nature of the meeting.

The warrant constituting the new lodge was read by W. Bro. Phillips, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, Bro. Phillips then delivered an oration on the excellences of the Craft. The ceremony of the consecration was ably and impressively done.

The lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. W. R. Prizgar, S.W. 405, P.D.G. Treas., the W.M. designate, a brother well able to propagate the general principles of the institution with zeal and ability, was duly installed as the first Master of the Hervey Lodge, this sublime ceremony being rendered with astonishing solemnity and effect.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, S.W.; J. H. Rat, J.W.; J. D. Giljezan, Sec.—these three exalted brethren (who are already up the ladder of Freemasonry) most willingly consented for the success of the new lodge to fill the offices to which they were appointed; Bros. P. A. Francis, Treas.; H. W. Armstrong, S.D.; C. B. Clement, J.D.; A. B. Warner, I.G.; and J. Matthews, Tyler.

The names of brethren who were ready to become joining members were given to the Secretary, and their applications read.

The lodge having been closed, a very choice banquet followed, provided by Mr. S. C. Baynes, of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, in his well-known first rate style, the table being tastefully decorated, and the viands and all the wines were of the most excellent quality.

It is needless to add that a most pleasant evening was spent, and all concurred in wishing Bro. Prizgar and the Hervey Lodge every possible success.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in connection with the installation meeting of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 24th ult.

- Comp. G. Stretton (Mayor of Leicester) Prov. G.H.
Henry Deane ... Prov. G.J.
George Toller, jun. (re-appointed) Prov. G.E.
Duncombe ... Prov. G.N.
Mammatt ... Prov. G.P. Soj.
Partridge ... Prov. 1st A.G.P.Sj.
Dr. Crofts ... Prov. 2nd A.G.P.Sj.
Sculthorpe (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
Waite ... Prov. G. Reg.
Walter S. Allen ... Prov. G.S.B.
Henry James ... Prov. G. St. Br.
J. T. Thorp (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.D. of C.
R. Dalgleish ... Prov. G. Org.
J. Wright-Smith, Comp. Musson, and Comp. Kew ... Prov. G. Stewards.
T. Dunn ... P.G. Janitor.

The business of the Provincial Grand Chapter being concluded, the chairs of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, were taken by the newly-installed Principals, when the other officers were invested.

Bros. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., S.W. 1560; R. J. Harradine, 523; J. Harrison, I.G. 1391; and J. Dove Harris, 1560, having been unanimously elected on ballot, were duly exalted in a highly efficient manner by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by Comp. Worthington, P. Soj., after which the P.G. Superintendent, Comp. Kelly, delivered the Mystical Lecture.

On the conclusion of the business the companions sat down to an elegant banquet, to which full justice was done, and a few hours spent very pleasantly and harmoniously.

In reference to the Treasurer's account of this chapter it may be mentioned that whilst the balance from last year and the receipts amounted to £89 9s. 6d., the only outlay upon refreshments was £1 19s. 6d., deficiency in the Stewards' accounts for the year ending February, 1878. There was contributed in charity £16 16s.; Grand Chapter fees £14 7s. 6d.; rent of hall £10; subscriptions, &c., to Masonic library at the hall for books £5 12s., &c., &c., leaving a balance in hand of £33 15s.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the united province of Cheshire and North Wales was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the warrant of St. David's Lodge, Number 38 on the roll of Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P. (acting), V.W.D.P.G.M.M.; George Higgins, P.S.G.W.; Frederick K. Stevenson, P.S.J.W.; W. L. Banks, P.G.M.O.; R. M. Townsend, P.G.J.O.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Donald Fraser, P.G.R.; Hugh Williams, P.G.A.D.C.; William Warren, P.G.I.G.; J. Worthington, P.G. Tyler; Dr. T. C. Roden, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Matthews, P.P.J.W.; G. L. Woodley, P.P.G.J.O.; Major Henry Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.R.; R. Heathcote, P.P.G.J.W.; Edwd. Friend, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Coxhead, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Lilley Ellis, P.P.G.S.D.; Reginald S. Chamberlain, P.P.G.D.C.; and several other Past Provincial Grand Officers of this and the adjoining province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer at three o'clock by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, when in answer to the roll call every lodge in the province was represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read letters of apology from the following Provincial Grand Officers who were unable to attend:—The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Captain Hunter, Captain Hampton Lewis, W. Arthur Harrison, Charles H. Coates, H. H. Gilbody, Rev. J. W.

Newelle Tanner, T. H. Kirk, John Pemberton, C. H. Matier, R. C. Griffiths, and J. R. Ross.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Birkenhead, which were duly confirmed.

A grant was made of fourteen guineas each to the Cheshire and North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Educational Institution.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, M.A. ... Prov. D.G.M.M.
W. L. Banks ... Prov. G.S.W.
Edward Friend ... Prov. G.J.W.
Thos. C. Thorburn ... Prov. G.M.O.
Edward Smith ... Prov. G.S.O.
Thomas H. Kirk ... Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. J. W. Newelle Tanner ... Prov. G.C.
Rev. B. Mayon ... Prov. G.C.
Fredk. K. Stevenson ... Prov. G. Treas.
Richard Newhouse ... Prov. G. Sec.
Major Tudor ... Prov. G.R.
A. J. Brereton ... Prov. G.S.D.
Hugh Williams ... Prov. G.J.D.
Wm. Agar Renshaw ... Prov. G.J.W.
Dr. Roland Rogers ... Prov. G.D.C.
John Dutton ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
Henry Jones ... Prov. G.S.D.
Robert Owen ... Prov. G.S.B.
Herbert Ellis ... Prov. G. Org.
Chas. S. Dean ... Prov. G.I.G.
John Worthington ... Prov. G. Tyler.
A. McMillan, J. R. L. Hazeldine, and J. C. Purvis ... Prov. G. Stewards.

After the other business had been transacted, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the large attendance, and congratulated them on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry. He particularly thanked the Prov. Grand Officers for the assistance and attention they had rendered him during the last twelve months.

After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which gave satisfaction to all, at the Imperial Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF JAMAICA.

At a meeting of Mark Master Masons held on the 26th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, Jamaica, the Right Wor. Dr. R. Hamilton, P.C.M.M.M., constituted the Prov. Grand Mark Master Masons Lodge of Jamaica, appointing the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—

- R.W. Bro. J. W. Whitbourne, 41 ... Prov. D.G.M.M.M.
W. J. G. Lewis, 230 ... Prov. G.S.W.
R. Langley, 240 ... Prov. G.J.W.
G. J. De Conliva, 242 ... Prov. G.M.O.
A. De Cordova, 230 ... Prov. G.S.O.
G. J. Sergeant, 240 ... Prov. G.J.O.
H. Stuijs, jun., 240 ... Prov. G. Treas.
E. X. Leon, 240 ... Prov. G. Sec.
O. Delgado, sen., 242 ... Prov. G.R. of M.
S. E. Pietersz, 42 ... Prov. G.S.D.
J. S. Asheuhime, 230 ... Prov. G.J.D.
O. Delgado, jun., 242 ... Prov. G.I. of W.
G. J. Peynado, 42 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
G. A. Campbell, 240 ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
D. Bamed, 242 ... Prov. G. Std. B.
A. H. Jones, 42 ... Prov. G. Org.
G. R. Taylor, 42 ... Prov. G.I.G.
Dr. T. Allen, 42; Bro. Capt. W. P. Dadson, 230; Bro. L. C. Hollar, 242 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
G. Magnus ... Prov. G. Tyler.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. G. W. MACDONALD, B.A.

A highly successful entertainment was given in the Assembly Rooms, Holbeach, on Wednesday evening, the 16th ult., under the auspices of the Alexandra Lodge of Freemasons, when a purse of upwards of £40 was presented to the Rev. Grant W. Macdonald, B.A., who has been curate of this parish for the last eight years, and has just been preferred to the vicarage of Holbeach, St. Mark's. The audience was one of the largest we have seen collected in the rooms for some time past, and it was a cheering sight to see so many of the parishioners taking an evident interest in what was going on, and must have done the rev. gentleman's heart good to feel that his labours amongst the people had been appreciated.

The proceedings commenced with a speech from the Worshipful Master (Bro. Hodgkins), who said that Masons had assembled that evening to do honour to the son of a distinguished Mason, while parishioners were there to express their esteem for one who had been their pastor for some time.

An excellent programme was then performed, of which we have only room to state that the singing was very good, and the audience testified, by their repeated encores, how much they appreciated its superior character.

Bro. A. M. Welch, I.G. 985, then advanced up the room with a large purse, and, addressing the Worshipful Master, informed him that it contained over £40, collected from

subscribers, and the W.M. then called upon Canon Hemmings, the vicar, to present the testimonial.

The rev. gentleman then said that he could only compare the proceedings that evening to the opening of Parliament in the absence of the Queen; they had had the flourish of trumpets, &c., in the good concert they had enjoyed, and it was his part now to read the Queen's speech, like the Lord Chancellor (laughter). He was sure his dear brother would fully appreciate their kindness to him that evening, one, like many other kindnesses, dealt out to him, and they were very glad to offer him this token of their respect. Clergymen lived in glass houses; they all looked to see how they lived. For his part, he was glad to feel they were not to lose him from the neighbourhood, and he trusted their prayers would follow him to his new sphere of work. It had been his pleasing duty to promote both curates whom he had found in the parish when he came to it, and concluded by presenting the testimonial.

The Rev. Grant Macdonald, in his reply, thanked the parishioners for the honour they had done him, and said that he would long remember their kindness, though he felt he did not deserve it; it was not the first time they had been so good to him, so that he was under a double debt of gratitude, which he could never repay. To the Freemasons he must especially return his thanks that evening, because he was not a Freemason himself, but as the son of the late Grand Master of Southern India, and the grandson of a former Grand Master of Sumatra, he felt that it was only an accident he was not a Mason, for Masonic blood might be said to be in his veins. He felt, with regard to his work in the parish, many others would have done it better, and fully appreciated their goodness in looking at it so kindly by taking the will for the deed, and, quoting an anecdote about Sidney Smith's first elevation to a benefice, which excited the laughter of the audience, he hoped his feelings were not of a similar nature. He reminded them that he was called to increased responsibilities, and concluded by asking for their prayers.

After singing the "National Anthem" the audience separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening, and we are sure that all wish Mr. Macdonald success in the future of his ministry.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN TUNNAH.

The brethren of East Lancashire and many other brethren will learn with regret that their veteran Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. John Tunnah, departed this life on Sunday, 27th ult., in his 72nd year. The deceased brother was seized with an attack of paralysis about eight weeks ago, and for the past six weeks it had assumed such severity as to completely prostrate him. He was attended by Dr. F. B. Mallett, but all his skill proved unavailing, and death ensued at a quarter to four on Sunday afternoon, at his residence No. 111, Manchester-road, Bolton. Initiated on the 5th of July, 1849, in the Anchor and Hope Lodge, then No. 44 (now No. 37), Bolton, deceased was immediately appointed Secretary of his lodge, in which office he exerted himself assiduously for about seven years, and on his retirement from that office he was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel. In the year 1868 he served as Master of his mother lodge. Soon after his initiation he joined the St. John's Lodge, then No. 268 (now No. 221), Bolton, serving the office of J.W. in 1850, and W.M. in 1851. In 1854 he was appointed Prov. G. Secretary by Lord Francis Egerton (afterwards Earl of Ellesmere), R.W. Prov. G. Master, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death, a period of 25 years, during which period he had without exception attended the whole of the meetings of the Prov. G. Lodge. On his re-appointment in 1874 for the 21st time as Prov. G. Secretary he was presented by Col. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master, with a splendid jewel, as a mark of his appreciation of Bro. Tunnah's long and eminent services. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, on 28th April, 1875, Bro. Tunnah attended as one of the special Stewards from East Lancashire. Bro. Tunnah was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton, on the 2nd Oct., 1850, and after passing through the various offices, served as First Principal in 1855, and for many years he has held the office of Prov. G. Scribe E. Deceased was also a P.E.C. of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment of Knights Templar, a Past Prov. G. Mark Overseer of Lancashire, and a member of the Eighteenth Degree, and numerous other Masonic Orders, but his great affection in Masonry was for the Craft Degrees. By profession he was a public accountant and auditor, having been in practice in Bolton (his native town) upwards of 40 years, the last 10 years of which he was in partnership with Bro. James Newton, who had for many years previously been his confidential clerk. By the expressed wish of the deceased the funeral, which took place on the 1st May, was strictly private.

BRO. WILLIAM BROWN.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., there was a large gathering of Masonic brethren (in spite of the exceedingly unpleasant weather), at Anfield Cemetery, on the outskirts of Liverpool, to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Bro. William Brown, who for a good many years had been identified with the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, meeting at West Derby, and latterly with the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, meeting at Tuebrook, near Liverpool. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Hindle, W.M. 1620; C. Tyrer, S.W. 1620; W. Woods, P.M. 1620; Luke Bagnall, Treasurer 1620; Thomas McCracken, J.D. 1620; W. King, I.G. 1620; F. B. Bramham, W.M. 1299; W. S. Bennett, S.W. 1299, and S.D. 1620; P. McMildrow, P.M. 1299, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C. 1299; W. Hiles, Sec. 1299; H. P. Bloomer, S.D. 1299; C. Ainsworth, S.S. 1299; K. W. Taylor, J.S. 1299;

R. Langley, P.M. 1299; T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; A. Mackay, T. E. Ingham, E. G. Tisdale, W. Bulcock, J. A. Barrow, J. McFall, W. Cotter, J. P. Titterton, G. King, 823; R. Armitage, T. J. Newman, W. J. Seymour, and others. There were altogether about 60 brethren, but the attendance would have been much larger if the time of the funeral had been better known and the weather more favourable.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

HUTCHINSON'S "SPIRIT OF MASONRY."

Referring to Bro. Newington Bridges' note on "The Spirit of Masonry," in your last, and my own note thereon in the previous week's issue of the *Freemason*, I have, since the latter was written, fallen across a comparatively new edition of Bro. Hutchinson's admirable work, edited by Bro. Dr. Oliver, from which I find that "The Spirit of Masonry" was "originally sanctioned by Lord Petre, G.M., and the Grand Lodge, in 1766." The edition of 1796, mentioned by myself, as also that of 1775, referred to by Bro. Bridges, were, therefore, subsequent to the first edition. I formerly remarked that Bro. Hutchinson was also the author of the now scarce "History of Cumberland." A well-known antiquarian in this neighbourhood now informs me that Bro. Hutchinson, about the same time (1796), published a similar "History of Durham," and, further, that he was a native of the county of Durham. We have always claimed him as a Cumbrian. "The Spirit of Masonry," I may add, is sold by Bro. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

W. F. LAMONBY.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Granite Chapter, of which M.E. Comp. Jas. Lewis Thomas, G.S.B. of England, is the M.E.Z. designate, is to be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 9th inst., by M.E. Comp. John Hervey, Grand S.E. of England, assisted by M.E. Comp. Colonel Francis Burdett as H.; and M.E. Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as J.; E. Comp. Buss, G. Swd. Bearer, will act as Director of Ceremonies.

Our Bro. John Batley's third daughter, Edith, was married to Mr. J. F. D. Waggett, the grandson of an old Freemason, and formerly a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, on Monday last, by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., at St. John's, Notting-hill, before a most brilliant gathering, a sister by the Rev. Mr. Gel, and Rev. Dr. Thornton. It is a curious coincidence that both Bros. Woodford and Batley belong also to the Lodge of Antiquity.

A TETOTAL RIFLE SHOT.—Of Dr. W. F. Carver, whose skill as a marksman has excited some interest at the Crystal Palace, the *Times* (April 15) says.—"The Tetotalers will be pleased to know that Dr. Carver has never tasted any intoxicating drinks, nor does he use tobacco in any form."

The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, limited with a capital of £3000 in 600 shares of £5 each, has been formed for the purpose of acquiring a building and adapting it for the accommodation of Masonic lodges, chapters, &c.

A large and distinguished body of brethren were present on Wednesday last, at the installation meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The London Fever Hospital, whose funds have been so much in need of assistance that the committee has had constantly to encroach upon its small invested capital, has received an anonymous donation of £1000.

Alderman Sir J. C. Lawrence, M.P., took part in the opening of a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Surrey Association for the general welfare of the Blind, at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Coward, Past Grand Organist, is seriously ill of congestion of the lungs.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K. H. 300, will be held at the Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, at 4.45 p.m.

A National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London, on Friday next, at three o'clock, when the Great Prior will nominate and invest his officers, and other business will be transacted. The banquet will take place at half-past, under the presidency of the Great Prior, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.C.T.

Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of the evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—*Chalmers*.

The Marquis of Hartington, M. P., will preside at the twenty-first annual dinner of the Railway Benevolent Institution, at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, May 14th.

Mr. Alderman Hadley, after making a tour in North Germany, has gone on a visit to Vienna.

The following reports of Lodge Meetings, &c., are in type, but stand over for want of space:—Lodge of Fraternity, Hova Ecclesia Lodge, Wellington Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Connaught Lodge; Presentation to a Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Some quaint pictorial cards have been issued by Bro. F. Thomas, hatter, 167, Fleet-street. The pictures are the outcome of a lively fancy, and at the back of the cards the merits of Mr. Thomas's specialities are described in verse, which is suggestive of the time when a certain firm of outfitters kept their own poet.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 9, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 3.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, S.E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Bridge.
- Ecceleton, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
- Mercury, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, MAY 5.

- Lodge 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
- Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

- Colonial Board at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Ht.
- " 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1298, Royal Std., Wellington Cb., Wellington-st., N.
- " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
- " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
- Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Mark 1, St. Marks, F.M. Tavern, Gt. Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Waudsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

- Grand Chapter, 6 for 7.
- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
- Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

- Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Bridge House Hot.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.
- " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hot., Notting-hl.
- Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
- " 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- P.G.C. and R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.
- Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- B. Igrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westhouse, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 29, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 10, 1879.

MONDAY, MAY 5.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
- " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo.
- Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUE-DAY, MAY 6.

- Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Leonards.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle, L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

- Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1067, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
- Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
- Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

- Lodge 1282, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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sations for the meeting of chapters in cases of necessity, pending the application for charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter." When this letter was read the Committee felt the force of the argument of Comp. Prinsep, and at once, without going into any details, desired to recommend to this Grand Chapter that that which Comp. Prinsep sought should be brought before Grand Chapter and granted, or at all events proposed. The report was printed and circulated before the Committee discovered that in 1875 those powers were given to the Grand Z. Therefore those two paragraphs in the report would fall to the ground, and he might state that Comp. Sandeman, who took a great deal of interest in the revision of the laws, consulted with the other companions with whom he was in connection on the Committee, and supported that law which gave what Comp. Prinsep asked for. As the Superintendents had the wished-for power already, the two paragraphs would fall to the ground. He would, therefore, move that, with the exception of those two paragraphs, the report be taken as read.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and on the motion of Col. Creation, seconded by Comp. James Lewis Thomas, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Col. Creation moved, and Comp. James Lewis Thomas seconded, the granting charters for the following chapters, for which petitions had been received:—

- 1st. From Comps. James Meacham Batham, as Z.; Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram, as H.; Frederick Irving de Lisle, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1577, Napier, to be called the Victoria Chapter, and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.
- 2nd. From Comps. Charles Thomas Pearce, as Z.; John Peter, as H.; John Kempthorne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, to be called the Valletort Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the county of Cornwall.
- 3rd. From Comps. Edward John Bradshaw Bumstead, as Z.; John Franks Chitenden, as H.; William Youldon, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, to be called the Wellington Chapter, and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the county of Kent.
- 4th. From Comps. Henry Thomas Wood, as Z.; Charles Chester Cheston, as H.; Peter Lund Simmonds, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, to be called the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.
- 5th. From Comps. William Henry Lee, as Z.; George William Frederick Neville Green, as H.; Thomas Charles Chapman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1324, Dalston, to be called the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to meet at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

Colonel Creation said the Committee have also received a petition from Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Gooden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. This petition is regular in form, but as the lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee, bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a charter to be attached to a lodge be granted, except in very exceptional cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be yet complied with.

Comp. Barrett said he should like to explain what he and the other companions, as signatories of the petition, and members of the Orpheus Lodge, considered to be exceptional circumstances in making their petition for this new chapter. It was true their lodge was not quite two years old, but they had eighty-five subscribing members, and among that eighty-five they had twenty Past Masters, so that there was no possibility of a failure of succession to the Three Chairs; and they had a great number of brethren who were anxious to be exalted in that which they were taught to believe was the perfection of the Master Mason's Degree. For that reason it was that they had thought that theirs was an exceptional case, and he, therefore, before the recommendation of the Committee was granted, appealed to Grand Chapter to allow the matter to be reconsidered and the petition granted. He, therefore, moved the granting of the petition.

After a pause, Comp. Herbert Dicketts thought it was only fair to Comp. Barrett, who had stated his case fairly, that Grand Chapter should have the opportunity of recording their opinion upon it, and it was with that view he would second the motion.

Comp. E. J. Barron said there was nothing to distinguish this case from those cases which Grand Chapter had had before it on many previous occasions. In fact, at the last meeting but one, they had even a stronger case in its exceptional incidents than that which Comp. Barrett had just put before them, and the arguments there would equally apply to the present case. Many Past Masters and others would have to wait another year or two was all that could be said; but if Grand Chapter laid down a rule, such as they had, it ought not on every occasion of some small trifling inconsiderable advantage to an individual member be set aside. If Grand Chapter did that it might just as well have no rule at all. As a supporter of the rules of Grand Chapter he felt bound to speak against the proposition.

Comp. E. S. Snell said there was the case of a theatrical lodge which met in the daytime, because its members could not meet in the evening, where the charter for a chapter was refused. Those circumstances were very exceptional, and he could not think that, having refused that charter, they ought to grant it to others.

Bro. James Glasher said the rule had been laid down as an absolute rule, and followed implicitly. Occasionally reasons for breaking the rule had been brought before the companions, but it was a difficult thing to break through a rule on some occasions, and cling to it on others. On the occasion of a lodge applying for a chapter, when the members of the lodge were travellers, he was in a minority when he voted against it on the same principles as those enunciated by Comp. Birron. He should like it to be now settled for ever that no lodge could have a charter granted for a chapter unless the lodge had been three years in existence. The rule had been broken through, but he should like it not to be broken through in future.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas thought each case should be taken on its own merits, and no hard and fast line, such as that enunciated by Comp. Glasher, laid down by Grand Chapter. The Committee of Grand Chapter most earnestly desired to look on every case in a fair and equitable way, and they had looked on this case as they had on others, and, therefore, they did not recommend Grand Chapter to grant a charter. If the Grand Chapter Committee could have seen any exceptional circumstances in this case that they could have brought before Grand Chapter they would have done so, and as they had not discovered any such circumstances, he should certainly vote against the amendment.

Comp. A. J. Duff Filer hoped Comp. Barrett would not for one moment consider that the Committee would not recommend this petition to Grand Chapter for any ulterior object, or any reason than that of the rule laid down for Grand Chapter to follow. They had refrained from giving an opinion upon it, except that they could not recommend it, but they left it in the hands of Grand Chapter, feeling that they could not decide it themselves. If these rules laid down were not abided by, Grand Chapter might be considered as ignoring them altogether.

Comp. S. Rawson said the companions had the motion before them. He would like, however, to draw attention to one or two of the remarks that had been made as to the rule being a positive rule. It was not a rule of Grand Chapter at all; it was merely a rule made by the Committee for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. Where Grand Chapter saw it was needful, or saw the case was so exceptional that they could admit of a departure from that regulation (not a rule), Grand Chapter had power to do it, which they would not if there was a positive rule laid down. He had heard a little about this case, and he thought it an exceptional case, and one fit to be considered by Grand Chapter. The proposed chapter was to be attached to a lodge which from its very name showed that music was one great feature. He believed the chapter was to be carried out on the same rules and regulations, and with the same ideas; and therefore he thought when the brethren applied for a chapter, when they had twenty Past Masters in it, and several Past Principals, they would be able to carry it on without pushing forward brethren not duly competent. He thought this an exceptional case; but it was only his private opinion, and he rose only to inform Grand Chapter that the rule referred to was not a rule of the Order, but merely a resolution passed by the Committee of Grand Chapter some years ago, which it was always open to Grand Chapter not to abide by.

Comp. Joshua Nunn begged to be allowed to ask a question. It was stated that at least twenty members of the lodge were Past Masters. Were the whole of the twenty Royal Arch companions? He was only asking this because he thought in putting the question of this petition to Grand Chapter the companions ought to know the full extent of the question put before them, and whether there was really any matter given which would require additional consideration. If the twenty Past Masters were members of this Grand Chapter it would certainly make a very great difference.

Comp. J. March Case would also like to ask how long the lodge had been in existence.

Comp. Joshua Nunn said a year and a half.

Comp. H. G. Buss said since June, 1877.

Comp. Barrett, replying to Comp. Joshua Nunn, said that among the twenty Past Masters of the lodge five were honorary members, who were members of Grand Chapter and present Grand Officers; eight of the remaining fifteen were Royal Arch Masons. He thought that was quite sufficient to show there were enough to carry on the chapter, because there were sufficient companions ready to go on and take the chairs even though they were not Past Principals. In the lodge they had Past Principals, including honorary members, nine or ten; he was not quite certain which.

Comp. S. Rawson then put the motion in favour of granting the charter, when there appeared ten votes for it and twenty-four against it. The charter was, therefore, refused.

Comp. Col. Creation: The Committee beg further to state that on the 1st Nov., 1876, a charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they had received they had reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances the Committee recommend that the charter be cancelled.

Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded the recommendation, which was then put as a motion, and carried unanimously.

The Committee of General Purposes for the year ensuing was nominated as follows:

- Comp. H. C. Levander, Z. 742; nominated by Comp. Hogard.
- Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z. 862; nominated by Comp. Thos. Cubitt.
- Comp. James Lewis Thomas, P.Z. 13; nominated by Comp. Col. Creation.
- Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 141; nominated by Comp. Peter de Lande Long.
- Comp. Messent, P.Z. 8; nominated by Comp. Mullens.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comps. S. Rawson presided as M.E.Z.; Capt. Platt as H.; J. A. Rucker as J. John Hervey, S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, S.N.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, 1st A.S.; J. M. Case, as 2nd A.S.; E. S. Snell; J. Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; Francis Robinson, Rev. C. R. Davy, A. J. Duff Filer, H. J. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creation, Robert Grey, C. A. Murton, James Glasher, H. Muggeridge, E. J. Barron, H. G. Buss; James Klench, P.Z. 538; Reginald Bird, P.Z. 357; Matthew Clark, P.Z. 255; Joseph Richard Dupere, Z. 72; F. Pendered, H. 33; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; J. P. Richards, Z. 978; Rev. R. P. Bent, J. 466; John Cox, H. 148; Henry Horton, N. 189; C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 143; Wm. Platt, J. 8; J. Austin, Z. 753; John Chynoweth, Z. 33; Herbert Dicketts, P.Z. 145; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*); W. H. Perryman, H. 1348; Henry Venn, H. 23; J. J. Berry, Z. 554; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.Z. 79; S. W. Lambert, J. 142; H. Grutenden, J. 74; T. Cubitt, P.Z. 177; W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874; T. Massa, J. 1296; H. Roberts, P.Z. 79; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; S. Mullens, P.Z. 733; H. C. Levander, Z. 142; G. Miller, P.Z. 300; J. Messent, Z. 8; J. E. Carpenter, P.Z. 1196; W. A. Barrett, H. 1537; H. Thompson, J. 619; and H. Sadler, H. 169, were also present.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Hervey read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business.

Comp. Hervey read letters from Comps. Lord De Tabley and Lucia, regretting their inability to attend Grand Chapter, the former on account of business in Cheshire and the latter from indisposition.

The next business being the installation of the Principals, Comp. Hervey said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley having been already installed, they did not require re-installation.

The following companions were then installed as Grand Officers for the current year:—

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| Comp. John Hervey ... | ... | G. Scribe E. |
| " Ernst Emil Wendt ... | ... | G. Scribe N. |
| " Lord Kensington, M.P. ... | ... | O.P.S. |
| " Reginald Bird ... | ... | O. 1st A.S. |
| " George Mellor ... | ... | G. 2nd A.S. |
| " Lieut.-Col. John Creation ... | ... | G. Treas. |
| " Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. ... | ... | G. Reg. |
| " Horatio Lloyd ... | ... | G. Swd. B. |
| " Matthew Clark ... | ... | G. Std. B. |
| " Samuel Mullens ... | ... | G. Dir. of Cers. |

Comp. S. Rawson then rose and said there was one other officer usually installed next, and he was sure it was with very great feelings of regret that they had seen the last of Comp. C. B. Payne, who had for so many years filled that office, which was that of Janitor to Grand Chapter, and Grand Tyler to Grand Lodge. The news of his demise he was sure must be received with very great grief by every companion present. It was not now for him (Comp. Rawson) to appoint Comp. Payne's successor, but thinking that a record of the regret of Grand Chapter should be made at Comp. Payne's death, and the loss which they had all sustained by his demise, he would propose that the regret of Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Comp. Platt, and carried unanimously.

Col. Creation then said that before moving the reception of the report of the Committee of Grand Chapter he had to inform the companions that a mistake had been made in that report, in the insertion of paragraphs 8 and 9, which were to the following effect:—"A letter dated 14th March last, from Comp. the Hon. Henry Thoby Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the very great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter. The Committee being fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit to issue dispen-

Comp. E. H. Letchworth, P.Z. 2; nominated by Comp. Jas. Lewis Thomas.

These companions were elected unanimously, and Comp. S. Rawson announced that the First Grand Principal had nominated on the same Committee Comps. Col. Creaton, Robert Grey, and A. J. Duff Filer. Grand Chapter was then closed.

REPORTS, etc., intended for insertion in current number, should reach the Office, (198, Fleet-street), by six o'clock p.m., on Wednesdays.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford. Bro. R. Harman, W.M., initiated Mr. Taylor, and raised Bro. Clark, all the work being very well done. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., resigned the Secretaryship through ill-health. His resignation was accepted with great regret. A notice of motion was given to place him on the list of honorary members. Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M., was appointed and invested Secretary. A vote of thanks was given and placed on the minutes for services rendered by Bro. H. J. Fisher, late Organist. A committee was appointed to search in question the eligibility of members to be placed on seafaring and country members' list. Business being ended the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 24th. A banquet followed. Toasts, songs, recitations, and good music passed away some pleasant hours. There were present Bros. R. Harman, W.M.; J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; John J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; W. A. R. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Porter, I.G.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; J. Truelove, P.M.; H. J. Tuson, P.M.; Whibley, Buhler, Sanders, Stanley, Base, Stringer, Fellows, Hill, Luckcraft, Simmons, Clark, Horton, Atkins, Wildermuth, Fisher, Alsford, Woollett, Buchele. The visitors were Bros. G. Robinson, 1259; C. Bell, W.M. 140; W. C. Holland, P.M. 1321; Rev. H. Wells, 140.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was called on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. T. J. Coombs, W.M.; Edward G. Sim, P.M.; G. Somers, P.M.; A. F. Rowley, S.W.; John Weston, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; John Osborn, Sec.; J. Poulton, J.D.; P. G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; J. G. Rimmell, W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Members: Bros. J. Hollidge, W. Payne, J. Crocker, E. Payne, E. Harris, W. Weil, E. Abrams, J. Alexander, C. Gwyn, E. Prilkin, H. Godolphin, E. J. Percy, J. Kitchiner, C. Parslow, and A. H. Chisholm, (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. Fraser, of St. John, New Brunswick; T. Weil, 185; and E. Roberts, 1683. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Sim took the chair. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Alexander having given satisfactory proof of his claims to preferment, it was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Alexander was then raised, Bro. Sim performing the ceremony in his usual effective manner. The lodge having been resumed to the Second Degree, the W.M. took the chair, and passed Bro. T. C. Duncan, who previously satisfied the brethren with his progress in Masonic knowledge. The lodge was then closed in this degree, and the principal business which had called the brethren together, namely, the initiating of Mr. W. Weil and Mr. Elias Harris, both of whom are about to proceed to the Cape, was gone through. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, interspersed with some excellent singing by several of the company, and having spent a very enjoyable evening, the brethren separated shortly after eleven o'clock.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the lodge was opened punctually at 7.30 by Bro. Braham, W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. of 43 and 958, S.W.; Jas. Dutton, P.M. as J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treasurer; Radway, Secretary; Peach as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The only other P.M.'s present were Bros. Brown, P.P.G.S.W., and Moutrie, and the attendance of members was unusually scanty, for which in several cases explanation was given, as another meeting was held at the same hour, calling away some who would otherwise have attended. The Secretary announced the receipt of a very good letter from the son of the aged Bro. Marsh, an old P.M. of this lodge, as mentioned in the last report, and also stated that in consequence of his remark that this brother is probably the oldest Mason in England, a communication had been sent to him claiming that position for Sir Moses Montefiore, who was initiated in 1812. Bro. Ashley announced that the candidate for the Boys' School from this province at the recent election had succeeded in obtaining admission. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charbury, a brother desiring to be raised, was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and he was duly admitted to the rank of M.M. by the W.M., who, performing the ceremony for the first time, proved himself entitled to the compliments of the brethren on his efficiency, and openly received them, expressed in favourable terms by the Secretary. The S.W.

gave the traditional history, the charge, and an elaborate lecture on the Tracing Board. The J.D. very nicely explained the symbolism of the working tools. The lodge was lowered to the Second, and afterwards to the First Degree. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the photographs of the Masonic charts executed and just published for the benefit of the Masonic Charities by the S.W., and proposed that a set of the larger ones be purchased and framed, which, being seconded by Bro. Mullis, was carried. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th ult., in the new and commodious rooms in Armstrong's Terraces, Scud Hill, under the presidency of Bro. E. Bacon, W.M.; supported by Bros. J. Conroy, I.P.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; and J. Crawley, W.M. 325, I.C. The following officers were in their places: Bros. B. White, S.W.; J. King, J.W., and Org.; Charles T. Armstrong, Treas.; F. Myatt, Sec.; J. Button, S.D.; W. Allen, J.D.; H. Clipson, M.C.; P. Lyons, I.G.; and M. Ghio, Tyler, besides about forty members and visitors. The business of the evening was to initiate, if approved, Messrs. Ponsonby and Norton, of the Royal Artillery, and H. Clark, of the Royal Engineers, also to ballot for as-rejoining members Bros. Sinclair, 71st Regt., and J. Crompton, R.E. Department, and to raise Bro. Padmore. The ballot, in all cases, proving favourable, Messrs. Ponsonby, Norton, and Clark were admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries, in the Worshipful Master's usual style, and the charge was given them by Bro. White, S.W., in a form both able and impressive. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively, and Bro. Padmore was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Bacon, in a manner which drew forth afterwards from two or three of the visiting brethren some very high encomiums, not only with reference to the Sublime Degree itself, but also to the general working of the lodge. Indeed, Bro. Bacon must be congratulated not simply on his own success, but likewise upon the efficiency of his officers, all of whom display an energy, interest, and correctness of work which augurs well for the lodge's future. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree. A candidate for initiation and two joining members being proposed, and some routine business disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and after a short admonition from Bro. Crawley, W.M. 325, the brethren retired to the refreshment room. After supper the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in speaking to that of the "Newly Initiated," dwelt on the high character and well-known fitness for Masonic privileges of Bros. Ponsonby, Norton, and Clark, and trusted that as they had proved themselves good men without Masonry, so inside its pale they would become better men. Bro. Ponsonby replied for the initiates in a few well-chosen remarks, and thanked the officers and brethren very heartily for the honour conferred by admitting them to the lodge. The W.M. again rose, and said: I must beg the attention of the brethren for a few moments while I perform a duty which is at once pleasing and rare. It is to present to our I.P.M., Bro. Conroy, a small jewel as a slight recognition of his services during the past year, a duty and pleasure which abler hands than mine would do more justice to. Brethren, towards the end of last year there was a generally expressed wish that Bro. Conroy should receive some memento of his year of office, but the lodge funds being of necessity low, owing to removal, &c., an individual subscription was resorted to, and when I tell Bro. Conroy that this jewel was purchased with the contributions of more than thirty members, and that too when the numbers were very fluctuating, I feel assured that its value, in his eyes, will be considerably enhanced. Bro. Conroy (turning to the I.P.M.), nothing I can say will add to the estimation in which you were held by the brethren whilst in the chair of K.S., and which is tersely expressed on the reverse of the jewel. On behalf of the subscribers, I have much pleasure in pinning this on your breast, and may you long live to wear it. After his health had been duly toasted, Bro. Conroy replied that he was more than pleased with the feeling which had animated the brethren in doing him so much honour—an honour which he certainly never expected. He was of opinion he was undeserving of such kindness, for after all he had only done what was the duty of every W.M. in whom, as in his case, so much confidence had been placed, and from whom so much was very properly expected. He must beg leave, however, to tell them, that it was not to his own efforts only that success had been obtained last year, but to the unflinching interest and efficiency displayed in the lodge work by his officers. His Wardens were ever ready with their charges and lectures, and his Secretary always foremost with his advice and assistance. Under these circumstances he could not help taking the opportunity of stating to the brethren again the obligation he was under to those who had rendered him such signal service. He should always wear the jewel with pride, not only as a memento of his past honoured position, but as a testimony of the esteem of the brethren who had placed him in that position. He concluded by wishing the lodge continued prosperity. The toasts of "The Joining Members," "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast wound up a most agreeable evening. Between the toasts and replies some excellent songs were given, those of Bros. Ponsonby, Lyons, and Armstrong being especially applauded for their humorous execution. The W.M. has exercised a wise discretion in restoring the musical accompaniments in the different Degrees given in this lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday,

the 1st inst., at six o'clock. There were present Bros. John Roger Lever, W.M.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; William Nicholl, S.W.; John Bladon, D.C., acting J.W.; Tomlin, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; John Smethurst, Treasurer; John Church, Secretary, J. Wilson, acting I.G.; Steward; J. Kirk, Tyler; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. Sillitor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; S. Titmas, P.M.; E. B. Harding, Clark, De Yongh, Higginbottom, Percival, John Lawton, G. Heywood, J. W. Edwards, Rix, Sumner, E. H. Bates, Walmsley, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: J. Cummins, 1633; J. Davis, 1147; Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; Forrest, 1633; S. Kewson, P.M. 317; T. R. Peel, 1147 and 1488; J. Elliott, 1147 and 1488; and Birchall, 1547. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. John George Elderton, having been balloted for and elected a member of the lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. S. Titmas, P.M., performed this ceremony, and also explained the working tools. At the conclusion of the ceremony of initiation, and the retirement of the candidate, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Lawton having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions for passing, retired. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bro. Lawton to the degree of F.C., and also explained the working tools in a very able manner. This being all the business, the lodge was closed to the First Degree, and the W.M. informed the brethren that the widow of a deceased brother (the particulars of whose case was brought before the lodge at last meeting) had applied to him for relief, and as the brethren knew the particulars of her case, which was a very hard one, and deserving of support, he would propose that a petition on her behalf be sent to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, signed by himself and his officers, and majority of the brethren then present. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., and being put to the lodge, unanimously carried. A candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. Halliday, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where a substantial supper was served, to which about thirty sat down. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. John George Elderton," which was drunk with enthusiasm by all present, and briefly acknowledged. Other toasts followed, and some excellent glees by Bros. Lever, Robberds, and Gouldthorpe, comic songs humorously sang by Bros. Stephenson, Gouldthorpe, and Robberds, and a recitation by Bro. Forrest, given with great pathos, added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren, who separated before eleven o'clock.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, April the 30th, at six o'clock. Officers present: Bros. Henry Walley, W.M.; John Edward Williams, S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; B. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; Wm. Siddeley, Secretary; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; George F. Smith, I.G.; H. H. Warburton, P.M., Organist; Joseph Mackie, P.M.; W. D. Waddell, Wm. Livesey, John Studd, and Henry Heap, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. There was a very numerous attendance of the members. Visitors from lodges Nos. 44, 1459, 1147, 1053, 815, 1219, 1319, 1633, 1496, 537, 1357, 657, 1117, and 1473 were also present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. A. F. Youle was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a creditable manner, assisted by his officers, of whom Bro. J. M. Sinclair, S.D., deserves honourable mention. On the retirement of Bro. Youle the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. W. Rome, P.M., resumed the chair, and raised Bro. Leo Bernstein to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in such a praiseworthy manner that fully bore out the credit this lodge has won for its "working." At the conclusion of this ceremony the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and two new candidates were proposed for election. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren assembled round the social board. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the W.M. then proposed "The Healths of Bros. Youle and Bernstein," which were enthusiastically received and responded to in suitable terms. Bro. the Rev. — Cottam, W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, replied on behalf of the visitors in a most eloquent speech. Other toasts followed, and during the intervals several brethren musically entertained the lodge. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character, and the brethren separated at eleven o'clock.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Northern Counties Lodge (No. 406).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, and was graced by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, Bro. L. M. Cockroft, and the following provincial officers:—Bros. Adam Robertson, P.M., W.M. 1167, P.G.S.W.; John Ridsdale, P.M. 406, P.G.J.W.; George Robinson, P.G.C.; George Cockburn, P.G. Reg.; John Bolam, P.G.S.D.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C.; Geo. I. Dean, I.P.M. 541, P.G.A.D. of C.; Bertram P. Ord, P.G. Org.; Joseph Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; and W. Waller, P.P.J.G.W. Yorks, N. and E. Ridings. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Prov. Grand Purst. assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. G. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. B. Brown, P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, P. R. Knox, P.M.; Monday, P.M.; John Page, S.W.; R. Salmon, J.W.; John Ridsdale, Treas.; George W. L. Secretary; S. M. Harris, S.D.; E. Dunford, J.D.; J. S.

Bell, J. A. Macdonald, A. Hume, W. G. Sisson, R. Charlton, J. F. Turnbull, H. Coxon, Alex. Laing, R. J. Milbourne, P. Bourgoigne, H. Hunter, A. Hunter, Henry E. Joel, John Nicholson, Thos. Forster, George Bradford, Charles Harrington, and R. Bellby. Among the visitors present were Bros. Raph Carr, W.M. 24; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; James McCulloch, I.P.M. 1643; John Wood, S.W. 48; John Usher, J.W. 181; R. C. Symonds, S. G. Humfray, jun.; R. A. Dodds, Wm. Pearson, R. Ferry, A. J. Joel, G. E. Macarthy, C. B. Ford, J. W. Gibson, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the initiation of Mr. Duncan Macdonald, who was declared duly elected. At this point the W.M. was informed that the Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were without, awaiting admittance. They were at once admitted, the brethren receiving them by standing, in which position they remained until the Provincial Grand Officers were seated upon the dais. Mr. Macdonald, having been properly prepared, was admitted, and received from the hands of Bro. Armstrong, W.M., the First Degree in the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, the explanation of the working tools being well given by Bro. R. G. Salmon. The report of the Finance Committee was then read, from which we learn that a very satisfactory amount was in the hands of the Treasurer. The report, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Junior Warden, was unanimously adopted. The leading event of the meeting was then proceeded with, viz., the installation of Bro. John Page as W.M. for the ensuing year. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. Bro. R. L. Armstrong then, in a most able and impressive manner, installed Bro. John Page into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the working tools in the several Degrees were presented, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in ancient form. Bro. John Page then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Robert Lamb Armstrong, P.G.P., I.P.M.; R. G. Salmon, S.W.; George W. Laz, J.W.; Rev. E. Humble, Chap.; John Ridsdale, P.G.J.W., Treas.; Solomon M. Harris, Sec.; E. Dunford, S.D.; J. S. B. Bell, J.D.; Robert Knox, P.M., D. of C.; R. Ferry, Organist; J. A. Macdonald, I.G.; A. Hume, S.S.; W. G. Sisson, J.S.; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Turk's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and which was presided over by Bro. J. Page, W.M., supported on the right by Bro. Adam Robertson, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and on the left by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Prov. Grand Pursuivant. On the removal of the cloth the following toasts were given:—"Her Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and Officers of the Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Percy, the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. L. M. Cockroft, and the Officers of P.G.L. of Northumberland," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. A. Robertson, Prov. Grand Senior Warden; "The Provincial Grand Master of Durham, R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, and Officers of the P.G.L. of Durham," which was acknowledged by Bro. Hopper; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Armstrong, and acknowledged by Bro. John Page; "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer," proposed by Bro. R. B. Brown, P.M., in very complimentary terms, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Armstrong; "The Past Masters of the Northern Counties Lodge," to which Bro. John Ridsdale, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, ably responded. Bros. R. G. Salmon, S.W., and Past Master Monday respectively replied for "The Present and Past Officers." "The Visiting Brethren," given by Bro. Armstrong, and replied to by Bro. Joseph Cook. Bro. John Bolan, Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. George Thompson. The Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. George Sims, brought to a conclusion one of the most brilliant and successful Masonic meetings that have been held in Newcastle.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields, there were present Bros. Thos. Robson, W.M.; John Harcus, P.M., P.G.S.D.; A. Mustart, S.W.; J. Burdass, J.W.; W. J. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; James Roddam, P.M., Sec.; W. Perkins, J.D.; John G. Tulloch, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D. of C.; C. Haswell, Org.; W. B. McLearn, I.G.; G. H. Stansfield, Steward; Joseph Robertson, Tyler; P. Matthews, Thos. Anderson, J. G. Gibson, N. C. K. Fenwick, H. Sale, E. Prince, A. Anderson, James Murray, W. W. Bell, R. B. Stannard, E. Towns, Thos. Mothersdale, C. Hellberg, L. R. Inch, R. Reid, C. L. Taws, R. B. Henderson, Wm. Carnaby, and Thomas S. Massey. Visitors: Bros. A. Read, 32 (I.C.); W. H. Dodds, J.D. 1119; C. W. Henzle, 541; George Davidson, 240; C. Rooke, 24; Thomas G. Douglas, 94; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Thompson and Stannard, candidates for the Second Degree, were examined, and having proved their efficiency retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when the candidates were again admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. A. Mustart, S.W. Bro. J. R. Inch was examined, and, having answered in a satisfactory manner, withdrew. The lodge being opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Inch was raised to the rank of Master Mason by the Worshipful Master, who also explained the working tools. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The usual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on the 26th ult. The chair was, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. Shaboe, W.M., taken by Bro. Southwell, I.P.M. He was supported by Bros. Sindall, S.W.; Gordon, J.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Kentish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Maple, W.S.; and Bindoff, I.G. The visitors were Bros. J. L. Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Howe, G.P., and several others. Bro. Southwell raised Bro. Spralling to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and afterwards initiated Messrs. Farr and Ward into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., and P.D.G.M. Middlesex, passed his son, Bro. Francis Stewart, to the Second Degree. All the work was done in the most efficient manner. A sum was unanimously voted to present a small testimonial to Bro. Buss, as a token of the esteem and respect in which the lodge holds him, and also as a recognition of the labour he has undergone as Secretary, and (owing to the lamented illness of Bro. Little, the late Treasurer), for many years past as Treasurer and Secretary. After labour the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided with the usual care and liberality by Bro. Sadler, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

STOCKTON.—Lodge of Fraternity (No. 1418).—The annual festival and installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The lodge having been duly opened, two gentlemen were balloted for, Mr. Wilson Furness initiated a brother, and Bro. Peter Hallstrom raised. The next business was the installation of Bro. John Purkis Banning as Worshipful Master of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D., concluding with the usual saluting of the Worshipful Master after he had been duly placed in the chair. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following brethren as his officers, viz.—James Hall, S.W.; G. E. Pybus, J.W.; W. J. Watson, Treasurer; J. Broome, Secretary; G. Pickering, S.D.; G. E. Smirk, J.D.; J. Reed, I.G.; A. Crosby and Thomas Bowman, Stewards; Thomas Preston, Organist; and J. Trenholm, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremony, Bro. J. Broome, Secretary, in accordance with a resolution passed at the previous lodge, presented in graceful terms a vote of thanks, beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, to the Immediate Master, Bro. John T. T. Thorner, in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master during the past year. Bro. Thorner feelingly acknowledged the gift, which he assured the brethren would ever be prized by him as a memento of their kindness towards him. The brethren present were J. P. Banning, J. T. T. Thorner, P.M.; G. D. Leng, P.M., J. Hall, W. J. Watson, J. Broome, G. E. Pybus, J. M. Pickering, G. E. Smirk, J. Reed, A. Crosby, M. W. Pybus, J. Cook, T. Gibson, T. Bowman, J. McBride, W. Breckon, T. Preston, W. Henderson, J. Bot, C. Burnett, J. Tirman, and W. Furness, Fraternity, 1418; J. Hutton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Thos. Wilkes, P.M.; J. F. Mann, P.M.; J. Usher, P.M.; J. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. H. Hart, R. W. Foss, R. Dickinson, and J. Hatcher, Philanthropy, 940; A. Iley, P.M.; D. H. Watson, J.D.; E. J. Fullerton, F. J. H. Bellinger, and W. Brayshaw, Tees, 509; J. Burn, Waverley, 1322; Chas. E. Kerr, Dalziel, St. John, 406. The lodge being closed, the brethren and friends adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was served up in an admirable manner. After dining, the Worshipful Master, presiding, proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the company assisting in the National Anthem. He next submitted that of "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," who, he said, would hand a name down to posterity as one of the brightest ornaments of Freemasonry. Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. J. Hall. The toast which followed was that of "The Health of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M. of England." Song, Bro. C. Burnett. Bro. J. Hutton, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. of England, with the Present and Past Grand Officers." In offering the toast he said Lord Skelmersdale had proved the right man in the right place, or the brethren would never have placed him in the proud position which he now occupied and ably discharged the duties, which remark he added might apply equally well to the Present and Past Grand Officers. Song, Bro. G. E. Smirk. Bro. James Hall gave the next toast, "The R.W.P.G.M. of Durham (Bro. John Fawcett)." Song Bro. L. H. Hart. Bro. Pybus proposed "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M. of Durham, and the Present and Past G. Officers," coupling with the names Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D., who returned thanks. Song, Bro. Hall. Bro. W. J. Watson then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fraternity (Bro. J. P. Banning)." In doing so he said he had very great pleasure in proposing the toast. Bro. Banning was one of their oldest members. Five years since he (Bro. Watson) had the honour of raising him to the Third Degree, and that day of placing him in the chair of their lodge, in which, from the very great attention that he had given to the work of the lodge, he felt sure they would have under him a very pleasant and he trusted a successful year. He had carefully watched him through the various responsibilities that had devolved upon him, and when he remembered how well he had fulfilled the duties of the chairs as he passed on to taking that day the highest in their province as a lodge could confer upon a brother, he doubted not he would carry out the principles of Masonry and fulfil their last honour in the manner they had looked forward to see him do. He sincerely trusted he would have a very happy year. He should not like him to be discouraged in the performance of his duty by any scarcity or even a great amount of work, but hoped he would steadily push on, having with him the assurance that the brethren would assist him to the best of their ability. Song, Bro. R. Ventress. The Worshipful Master, in reply-

ing to the toast, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, adding that he thought Bro. Watson, in proposing the toast, had gone too far respecting the manner in which he had performed his duties. He (the W.M.) had certainly done the very best that he could for the lodge. He had studied Masonry ever since he was admitted into its mysteries, and in order to fully comprehend many matters he had had to trouble Bro. A. S. Fowler on numerous occasions, or he would never have been able to discharge the duties of the office. For his many acts of kindness as well as those of Bro. Watson he took that opportunity of thanking them. To those of his brethren who entered office he would say if they should require any assistance he would be most happy to accord it to them. He might say he saw nothing to prevent the lodge prospering, which of course depended greatly upon the officers, who he thought they had good reason to believe would prove good and efficient ones, so that the ensuing year he trusted would be a successful one. For his own part he would endeavour to make them happy during his year of office, and try to make himself worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him. Bro. Wilkes, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Thorman)," who responded. Song, Bro. W. J. Watson. Bro. G. D. Leng gave the toast of "The Installing Master (Bro. W. J. Watson)," who in a few practical and well directed remarks returned thanks. Song, Bro. T. Preston. Bro. W. G. E. Smirk proposed "The Health of the Initiates," coupled with the name of Bro. W. Furness, who replied. Bro. Pickering next submitted "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Tees Lodge, No. 509," which was responded to by Bro. A. Iley. Song, Bro. Fullerton. Bro. Leng then proposed "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940," coupling with the name Bro. J. F. Craggs, the W.M., who acknowledged the compliment. Song, Bro. J. W. Richardson. The W.M. proposed "The Lodges of Instruction," adding to the toast the name of Bro. A. S. Fowler, P.M., who replied. Song, Bro. R. Dickinson. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" being responded to by Bro. Reed, the proceedings, which had been agreeably enlivened by the accompanying of the vocalists on the pianoforte by Bro. R. Dickinson, were closed with the usual toast.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The installation meeting was held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to do honour to an occasion of more than ordinary interest. The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, with the officers of his Provincial Grand Lodge, was, after the lodge had been opened, received with the customary ceremony. After Bro. Capt. Napier had been elected a joining member, the W.M., Bro. Capt. Frederick Huth, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Bros. A. Marshall and L. S. Lloyd. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and adopted; from this it appeared that the lodge had enjoyed a most successful year, during which time the number of members had increased from 22 to 34—viz., five joining members and eight initiations, against one resignation. The W.M. having given place to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., was presented for installation into the chair of K.S. for the second time. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Scott, who was assisted by Bros. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Corder, acting as Prov. Grand D. of C. The officers for the year were then appointed as follows: Bros. Capt. Frederick Huth, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Richard Adams, S.W.; H. O. Dowell, J.W.; W. H. Cockburn, S.D.; Capt. Luttman Johnson, J.D.; Capt. Handley, I.G.; Capt. S. B. McWhinnie, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. German, P.M., Treasurer; Percy White, Secretary; R. Neil, Chaplain; Reginald Huth, Steward; C. W. Kelly, Org.; and T. Haper, Tyler. The next point of interest was the presentation, by the W.M., of jewels to Past Masters Bros. German and F. Huth. These brethren expressed the gratification they felt on receiving such kindly mementoes of their respective years of office. The lodge then became the recipients of further presents, the W.M. offering on behalf of a lady, a pair of handsome crimson silk nets for the two large pillars, and on behalf of Mrs. Gower (who on previous occasions had made handsome presents to the lodge), a silver Square and Compasses for the V. of S., &c. Thanks to these ladies were carried by acclamation. Mr. Audley Lovell, of the Coldstream Guards, was then proposed as a candidate for initiation by the W.M. And then, after "Hearty good wishes" had been offered by the many visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which fully sustained the reputation of the Old Ship. A very pleasant evening was spent, the patience of the brethren on this occasion being put to very slight test, the toasts losing none of their interest by the brevity which characterised excellent speeches. There were present, members of Provincial Grand Lodge, R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell; the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. J. H. Scott; Bros. J. St. Clair, P.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; W. Hale, P.G.S.D.; M. B. Tanner, P.G.J.D.; C. J. Corder, as P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Farncombe, P.G. St. Br.; A. King, P.G. Org.; W. Nell, P.G. Par.; E. Bright, F. Holford, G. Evershed, A. J. Hawkes, J. Rubie, P.G. Stewards. Visitors: Bros. T. Price, W.M. 56; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. 38; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; C. Hudson, W.M. 315; C. Sandeman, W.M. 1636; C. P. Henty, P.P.G.S.W.; Gerald Ford, P.M. 271; W. A. Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.H.G.S.B. Middx.; G. Smith, P.P.G. Pur.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Adams, J. C. Adams, C. F. Lewis, A. F. Gell, C. Folkard, G. Vickers, Alfred Green, Past Master 211; J. Robertson, and the following members of the lodge: Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M.; Capt. F. Huth, I.P.M.; W. H. German, P.M.; McWhinnie, P.M.; Rev. E. R. Adams, H. A.

Dowell, W.H. Cockburn, Capt. Grayham Edwardes, Capt. Johnson, A. J. Percival, Alexander Price, Capt. Napier, Capt. Handley, Lt.-Col. Morley, L. S. Lloyd, R. Hull, R. Neil, P. White, A. Marshall, T. Skipton, C. W. Kelly, H. Price, T. Hughes, Tyler; H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, there was a good attendance of members and visitors, presided over by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst the Masonic chiefs present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treas.; John Atkinson, Secretary; Richard Burgess, Organist; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; John M. Boyd, acting J.D.; and Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Addis, J. W. R. Brown, P. F. Back, L. B. Brough, C. Courtenay, J. F. Cowdell, W. Hildyard, J. Kret, J. Levy, H. Leslie, P. Lowndes, J. A. Mercer, G. Martin, W. Mears, J. Penny, J. Reay, J. Shrapnell, R. Williams, and others. The visitors included Bros. Hall, 241; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; Jesse Banning, P.P.G.O., Cumberland and Westmoreland, and others. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed in the usual way and unanimously, the W.M. most impressively initiated Mr. J. Bayliss and Mr. James Hont into the privileges of the Order; the work of passing Bro. W. Addis being done by Bro. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M. The lodge voted a sum of money for the help of a widow and several orphans (on the application of Bro. J. Hayes, P.G.S.), and the brethren subsequently adjourned for refreshment, a pleasant evening being subsequently enjoyed.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of the fraternity. The chair was taken and the lodge opened at five o'clock in the "Old Lodge Room" by Bro. R. Wylie, W.M., P.P.G.S.D., and the officers present included Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M.; J. R. Bottomley, S.W.; Thos. Evans, J.W.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Treas., P.G. Chap.; J. W. Johnson, Sec.; R. Fairclough, S.D.; Hugh Jones, I.G.; H. Pritchard and Alex. Thomp, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. E. Coxon, W. C. Cowell, G. Charney, J. Hughes, E. Jones, J. F. Lloyd, W. H. Rowland, T. H. W. Walker, H. Pritchard, H. Wynne Parry, Robert Parry, W. Williams, Joseph Woods, John Lewis, Hugh Hughes, J. J. Knight, John Melloden, Jacob Davies, George Neville, George Porter, J. R. Jones, W. Murphy, G. W. Davies, D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; Robt. W. Wynne, Maurice Jones, John Pritchard, Robert, Hitchmough, H. R. Parry, John Parry, James Ireland, and Joseph Wood (Freemason). The list of visitors included Bros. Y. Holden, 1182; John Devaynes, P.M. 667; James P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; Jesse Banning, P.M. 310, 1209, P.P.G.O., C. and W.; John Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; W. Corbett, S.W. 249; R. C. Mellor, 605, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; C. Arden, J.W. 1356; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 823, 155, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Busfield, 1299, 216; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, P.G.S.B.; John Hill, 1609; Alfred Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treas. 1609; and Lindo Courtenay, W.M. 1609. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and other matters of routine business transacted, Bro. J. R. Bottomley, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith and Bro. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., and installed by Bro. R. Wylie in a highly impressive and almost perfect manner. The usual honours having been paid, the W.M. invested the following officers for the next twelve months:—Bros. R. Wylie, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; D.C.; Thomas Evans, S.W.; J. W. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. Evan T. Davies, Chaplain; W. E. Coxon, Treas.; R. Fairclough, Sec.; J. W. Cowell, Asst. Sec.; Dr. J. Howard Pugh, S.D.; Hugh Jones, J.D.; Hugh Pritchard, I.G.; John Hughes, G. W. Davies, T. H. W. Walker, Stewards; and M. Williamson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The accounts were presented, and a short statement made by the Treasurer, and after they had been duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the brethren, Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., arose, and said: W.M. and brethren, it has been considered by the brethren of this lodge that this would be the most fitting time when we should present to our Bro. the Rev. John Rees Jenkins, P.M., Prov. G. Chap. of W. Lancashire, a testimonial in recognition of his services as Treasurer of this lodge from its formation, and as a token of the sincere regard in which he is held by the brethren. A sum of money was voted at our last meeting to supplement, if necessary, the contributions of the brethren for this purpose, but the whole matter has been accomplished without having taken one penny of that sum. I mention this to point out that the appreciation of Bro. Jenkins' worth is not confined to a few, but all experience the effect of his courteous and affable manner. Bro. Smith then placed on his breast a beautiful Prov. G. Chaplain's jewel, which was adorned with diamonds, at the same time wishing him, on behalf of the brethren, every happiness in his new home. Bro. Jenkins then said: I thank you, Bro. Dr. Smith, for the very kind expressions you have been pleased to make use of in conveying to me this very beautiful token of the esteem and regard of my brethren of this lodge. From the formation of it I have had charge of its financial affairs, and I have cared for them with a tender care, and have always been proud of the position in which we have stood from the first. Although I am leaving this lodge and province, I am going into one which is my mother province, and a very vigorous and active one too,

that is, Monmouthshire, where I hope to be able to serve our Craft as I have served it here. I can never forget, however, my connection with this lodge, nor cease to regard with some pride the fact that I have been the Prov. G. Chaplain of a province like West Lancashire. I cannot but be touched with the expressions of personal regard and friendship which have met me on all hands among brethren, not only of this lodge, but also outside of it. Ever since I came to Liverpool, which was six and a half years ago, I have given much time and attention to the discharge of duties connected with committees of a general nature, such as the Relief Committee, but the work itself has always been to me its own reward. In going away I realise to its fullest extent that I am leaving many personal friends, indeed more than I had ever thought I possessed; and that I take with me the best and kindest wishes of all. To thank you for this I will not try, for its continuance does not depend on mere words, which words would after all but dwarf it in its living reality. After business, the brethren banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., who subsequently gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The I.P.M., Bro. Wylie, gave "The B.W.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers of West Lancashire," and coupled with it the name of the P.G.C.; Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins. Bro. Wylie said it was well-known to London Masons, and to brethren throughout the provinces who visited London lodges, that the Pro G.M., Lord Carnarvon, was one of the best working Masons in England. He also spoke in high terms of praise of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.W.L. In reply to the toast Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins returned thanks on behalf of the Officers of Grand and P.G. Lodges, in a feeling manner. He maintained that the Supreme Officers of the Order had at heart the welfare of the brethren generally. He was exceedingly proud to hold the position of an officer in the Prov. G. L. of West Lancashire, particularly when visiting our Provincial Lodges, of say, 400 members, for in this province there were as many thousand members. During the last six years he had taken a great interest in Mesonry connected with this province, and if he had attained a high position, he had also looked after and done as much as he humbly could for the interests of the brethren generally—such had been his object. He was leaving Liverpool, going far away, and he was almost sorry he had to go. He sometimes felt he would perhaps have been happier had he stayed, or, on the other hand, could take with him many kind friends whom he had made here. Those friends had been dear, and were dear to him, and he assured them and all the brethren that he regretted to leave them. Bro. Wylie, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of Bro. Bottomley, W.M.," who, he said, had given much labour in the advancement, and was in a great measure instrumental in forming the Antient Briton Lodge. He (Bro. Wylie) had an earnest wish and desire to see this a pure Antient Briton lodge, in which the working would be given in the Welsh language, which would, no doubt, come in time. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Bottomley thanked Bro. Wylie and the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that he would do his best to please them during his year of office. His officers had been selected with great care, and if any one considered himself slighted who had been passed over he tendered to him his apology. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. S.G.W., the I.P.M.," and called upon Bro. Jenkins, Prov. G. Chap., to present to him a testimonial from the brethren. Bro. Jenkins said: W.M. and brethren, I thank you very much for the privilege granted to me of presenting to Bro. Wylie on your behalf these cases of fish carvers and fish eaters. We have all realised the courtesy and the assiduous care and attention with which he has watched over the development of this lodge, which moral qualities have been only rivalled, perhaps, by his dignified and commanding appearance. Bro. Wylie, on behalf of the brethren, I have to thank you most cordially for the time and care you have given, and the skill and ability with which you have guided the affairs of this lodge, and I now ask you to accept this present as a small indication of the esteem in which you are held, and of the good wishes that accompany them. Bro. Wylie then thanked Bro. Jenkins and the brethren generally for their kindness and the cordial words that had been used towards him. I was, he said, at the first pleased with my Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith at the head of affairs in this lodge without our seeking it, but having been so placed I then felt it my duty to do all that was in my power, and to employ such talents as I have towards perfecting the organisation and the ritual of this lodge, and as this lodge, as its name will signify, and as was intended from the first, is essentially a lodge for Welshmen, I am exceedingly anxious that a Welshman should as soon as possible occupy its chair, and such a Welshman too as will be able to give the various degrees in the Welsh language when considered necessary or desirable. I thank you, brethren, for having set such a value to my services, which will continue, I hope, for many years to be at the service of this lodge. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant entertainment came to a close at an early hour.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge held its last regular meeting for the season at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present among others Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c., acting I.P.M.; Fitt, Sec.; Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Abbott, D.C.; Reinhardt, acting Tyler; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.M. 201, 889, &c.; May, P.M. 700, 1638; Muller, Crescent; Tily, 1446; Handel and Bonell, 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the able assistance of Bro. Elsam, raised Bro. Goodchild and passed Bro. Collier,

Owens, Humphries, and Beauchamp, the ceremonies being well performed. It was then unanimously resolved that in consideration of the W.M.'s long and zealous services to the cause of Freemasonry in the province he should be recommended to the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex as a P.G.S. Several propositions having been handed in the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent and well served collation. The customary Royal and Craft toasts having been loyally disposed of, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Walls. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he could only reiterate what he had said on former occasions, that he felt highly gratified in being the first Master of their local lodge, more especially as that honour had emanated from the general wish expressed by the promoters. He, however, was sorry that, in consequence of extreme pressure of business, he had not been able to give that amount of attention to the duties of the chair as he hoped to be able to bestow upon it after the summer recess. In conclusion, he said he would take that opportunity of returning his very sincere thanks to Bro. Elsam, who, in the character of acting I.P.M. that day, had rendered him such valuable aid. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," in which he said that, although he had just mentioned the name of one of the visiting brethren that evening, namely, Bro. Elsam, he felt bound to briefly speak of him again. He, Bro. Elsam, held, and deservedly so, a very high Masonic position both in London and in the province of Surrey, and which honourable position he had worked very hard to attain. With regard to his working capabilities, he (the W.M.) could only state that he had attended a club of instruction under his Preceptorship, and he had reaped very considerable benefit from his teaching. Of the remaining visitors, Bro. May, P.M., and others, he, on behalf of the members of No. 1793, gave them a very hearty welcome, and trusted that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Elsam, in reply, said that, speaking for himself, he would say that it had afforded him the greatest possible amount of satisfaction at being present that day. With regard to the very high encomiums bestowed upon him by the W.M. he could only say that to assist in the working of any Masonic ceremony gave him the most unqualified pleasure. In conclusion, he expressed an opinion that the Sir Charles Bright Lodge had a very high career marked out for it in the Masonic province of Middlesex, and it had his best wishes for its success. Bro. May, P.M., and the remaining visitors having replied in a similarly eulogistic vein, the W.M. immediately arose, and gave, in a neat speech, "The Health of the Officers." This pledge having been warmly received, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The annual banquet of this lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m., Bro. Burnstead, P.M. and Sec. 548, P.Z. 79, &c., occupying the chair of W.M., and the other offices being filled as follows:—Bros. Batchelor, J.D. 548, P.S. 79, as S.W.; Hutchings, J.W. 147, S.D. 1531, as J.W.; Catterson, S.D. 548, as E.D.; Hunt, I.G. 1662, as J.D.; and Price, 471, as I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was eloquently rehearsed by the W.M. The working of the First and Third Sections of the Lecture, by the Junior Warden, followed, and the time had then arrived for an adjournment from labour to refreshment. The lodge was accordingly closed, and the brethren, to the number of forty, sat down to banquet, which was served by Bro. Morgan, the host, in a style that produced commendations from all present. The same officers presided as at the working of the lodge. The Stewards were Bros. Batchelor, J.D. 548, P.S. 79; Carman, 248; Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G. 1326; Griffin, P.M. 933, J.W. 1531, P.Z. 79, &c. (Preceptor and Treasurer); Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec.; Hutchings, J.W. 147, S.D. 1531; Hunt, I.G. 1662, and Vuhmann, S.W. 871. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. invited the brethren to drink the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," which he coupled with the name of Bro. Griffin, its Preceptor and Treasurer. In proposing this toast he desired to impress upon the minds of every brother present the necessity of frequently attending a lodge of instruction. To those young in Masonry it was necessary as a preparation for the time when they might be summoned to take office; while for those more experienced, occasional, if not regular, visits to a lodge of instruction would serve to "rub off the rust," and conduce to the securing of correctness in the delivery of the ritual; and while upon the subject of ritual he desired to express his deep regret at a practice, which of late years had become common amongst Preceptors of lodges of instruction, of introducing phraseology of their own in the working of the ceremonies instead of employing the ancient and recognised ritual. He felt very strongly on this point. The innovations thus made upon the ancient landmarks of the Order were rapidly increasing; one heard from time to time of a certain form being "Bro. So and So's working," and, indeed, it had become difficult to find two lodges of instruction where the ritual was identical. In fact, the working in many lodges resembled an ancient picture which had passed through the hands of a modern "restorer," or, if he might descend to a more humorous parallel, he would allude to the celebrated dog whose owner declared had been originally a greyhound, but his ears and tail being cropped became converted into a mastiff. He concluded by inviting the brethren to drink the toast, which was done with enthusiasm. Bro. Griffin replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. For his own part, the remarks of the W.M. concerning the innovations

in the working of the ceremonies did not apply, as he could confidently declare that he had neither introduced nor suppressed, but taught the ritual in the precise form he had received it. In conclusion, he expressed a hope of meeting the brethren round the festive board upon many future occasions. The next toast proposed was that of "The Visitors," of whom there were some twenty present. Bro. Abbott, W.M. 765, briefly responded. Bro. Griffin then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Bumstead," who, he said, had, to some extent, retired from Craft Masonry and identified himself with the Royal Arch Degree, but nevertheless by his working on that evening had shown that he was no stranger to Craft ritual. He hoped at some future time, on a similar occasion, again to attend the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, where he had received his first lessons in Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Hon. Secretary." Bro. Gibson, in returning thanks, quoted some statistics to show that the attendance at the lodge of instruction during the financial year just expired had attained a satisfactory increase upon previous years. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and was acknowledged briefly by Bros. Batchelor, Hutchings, Catterson, Hunt, and Price. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and terminated one of the most successful festivals given by this lodge of instruction for many years past. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren, both members and visitors.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1888).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, by invitation, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway—Bros. R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861, W.M.; G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201, S.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693.
 - 2nd " ... J. Gibbs, A.D.C. 1178.
 - 3rd " ... G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201.
 - 4th " ... A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693.
 - 5th " ... G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201.
 - 6th " ... Gardiner.
 - 7th " ... L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902.
- SECOND LECTURE.**
- 8th " ... Pelikan, 1602.
 - 9th " ... C. Lorkin, J.D. 1524.
 - 10th " ... R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861.
 - 11th " ... H. P. Isaac, S.W. 1693.
 - 12th " ... F. G. Chant.
- THIRD LECTURE.**
- 13th " ... J. A. Powell, S.W. 186.
 - 14th " ... H. P. Isaac, S.W. 1693.
 - 15th " ... J. A. Powell, S.W. 186.

Present: Bros. R. J. Tolmie, W.M. 861, W.M.; G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201, S.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693, S.D.; J. M. Yeomans, J.D.; J. Oldis, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, J.W. 1695, Hon. Sec.; Past Masters, Bros. P. Dickinson, J. Eldridge, J. Yeomans, L. R. Rogers, Tolmie, H. Hollis. Brethren: Bros. J. Gibbs, T. Press, W. Payne, F. Brown, J. Greenfield, T. Tremere, F. G. Chant, A. Goode, U. J. Upton, S. Beattie, G. D. Edmunds, J. Alderson, J. H. Peach, Frodsham, W. Earl, Blackie, J. Swinyard, H. P. Isaac, Pelikan, J. A. Powell, C. Lorkin, A. W. Fenner, H. B. D. Dunn, Campbell, Gardner. Bros. S. Beattie, of Lodge 1507; Earl, 1695; and Swinyard, were elected joining members. Bro. R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861, was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him and entered on the lodge minutes. Great praise is due to the presiding officers and brethren who assisted them for the able and efficient manner in which the work was performed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This lodge held its meeting at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. J. Lorkin, W.M.; F. Carr, S.W.; A. McMillan, J.W.; C. Lorkin, J.D.; C. Olley, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. R. Olley, being the candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by Bro. F. Carr, worked the Second Section of the Lecture. The lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and then closed down. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McMillan seconded, that Bro. Carr be W.M. for the following Wednesday, 14th inst.; carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form. Time of meeting from 8 till 10.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., in the class room of the Sutherland Chapel, 346, Walworth-road, S.E. There were present Bro. T. E. Walker, W.M.; Power, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Stokes, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Lawrence, I.G.; Corpe, Treas.; Walker, Sec.; Dann, Preceptor; and other brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corpe as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the questions for raising were answered. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was duly rehearsed, Bro. Brooke acting as candidate. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the W.M. for his efficient working in the chair. The meetings in its new quarters are

most satisfactory, there being a much larger attendance than formerly, while the members continue to express satisfaction at the labour being disassociated with refreshment.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—This meeting being election night, a large mustering of the brethren took place. Comp. Willing, M.E.Z., presided, assisted by Comps. J. R. Stacey, H.; W. J. Ferguson, J.; T. A. Adams, P.Z.; W. M. Stiles, Scribe, E.; C. W. Hudson, Scribe N.; H. Stiles, as P.Z. (Comp. J. Douglass being absent owing to the production of a new piece, "Two Reigns," at the Park Theatre, by the M.E.Z. and Comp. Leonard Rae). Companions present included Comps. Gilbert, Daniels, Humphreys, Deller, Holt, Cook, Edmonds, Brattin, and others. Visitors: Comps. E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), Eldridge, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. F. Johnson, Van der Pump, and Dimsdale were balloted for and exalted to the R.A. Degree. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following companions were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: E. Comps. Stacey, H., M.E.Z.; Ferguson, J., H.; Stiles, S.E., J.; Willing, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. Hudson, S.N., S.E.; Douglass, P.S., S.N.; H. Stiles, A.S., P.S.; Barnes, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. Willing for his services as First Principal and founder of the chapter, accompanied with a jewel of the value of £10 10s., the latter, by the earnest wish of the M.E.Z., being reduced to the value of £5 5s. The progress of this chapter has been very rapid, and must give great satisfaction to the companions. They muster over forty in number, and bid fair to become one of the strongest and most important chapters in London. The companions adjourned to banquet about half-past seven, and spent a pleasant evening, breaking up at ten o'clock.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, at half-past six. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Bows, assisted by E. Comps. R. Brierley, P.Z., as H.; James Jackson, J.; D. W. Finney, P.Z.; and P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., P.S., opened the chapter, after which the rest of the companions were admitted. Amongst those present we noticed Comps. Potter, W. H. Robinson, Jos. Pickthall, Dr. Evans, W. Richardson, Jno. Armstrong, and Dr. Joseph. Comps Percival Pearce, No. 62, and W. Taylor, No. 220, were visitors. The M.E.Z. then announced that the business of the meeting was to ballot for, and, if elected, to exalt Bros. Charles Skinner, Arthur Peake, James Charlton, and Richard Starkey. The ballot box having been sent round respectively for the four brethren, and each case being unanimously in favour and, being present, they were exalted in ample form by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the mystic lecture. The symbolic and historic lectures were given by Ex. Comps. Finney, P.Z., and James Jackson, J. There being no further business the chapter closed with the usual solemnities.

Obituary.

CHARLES BRYANT PAYNE.

It is only a week since the Grand Festival and the investiture of officers for the year, and we have to chronicle the decease of the well-known and dearly loved Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who has filled the offices of G. Tyler of the G. Lodge, and G. Janitor of G. Chapter of England, for upwards of twenty years. He had been ill some time, and it was the remark of many brethren in Grand Lodge that he then appeared very poorly. It was only, however, on Monday that he gave up and took to his bed; he died on the following evening. His genial disposition and real Masonic character endeared him to all who knew him. He was initiated in the Industry Lodge, No. 186, London, on 26th Nov., 1833, and was a member some years. He joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London, 3rd April, 1857, and was W.M. in 1862; exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Moriah Chapter, No. 9, 3rd Jan., 1839; joined the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, 25th June, 1857; served the Three Chairs and M.E.Z. in 1868. He was appointed G. Tyler and G. Janitor in 1857. We think it may safely be said of him that he never did an unkind action to any one, and, we believe, has not left an enemy, or one who would speak unkindly of him.

W. BRO. HARRY JOHN FREW, P.M. No. 825.

By the mail leaving England to-day our brethren in India will receive the sorrowful intelligence of the loss they have sustained by the death of W. Bro. Harry John Frew, P.M. of Lodge Excelsior, No. 825 of England. Bro. Frew was for the last fourteen years an officer of the Treasury in Calcutta, and in 1874 he was selected by the Government for the arduous and responsible charge of the public accounts connected with famine expenditure in Bengal, for which duty he was deputed to the distressed districts of Behar and Tirhoot. There his health began to give way, but he laboured on up to the termination of the relief measures conducted by Sir R. Temple, K.C.S.I., the present Governor of Bombay. Bro. Frew remained at his post in Calcutta for months afterwards, until his health entirely broke down and he was compelled to return home. About two months ago pleuro-pneumonia set in, and after a period of acute suffering, borne with patient resignation—whilst he was throughout supported by the gentle ministrations of a devoted wife—he, on the 1st instant, entered into his rest, at the age of thirty-four years. His remains were interred in the Honor Oak Cemetery on Monday last, and at the funeral both his lodge and chapter were

represented by R.W. Bro. Thomas Jones, P.G.S.W. of Bengal, P.M. of Lodge Excelsior, and P.Z. of Chapter Hope, No. 109. The generous and amiable disposition of our deceased brother gained for him many friends in India, while his talents and zeal in Masonry brought him forward at an unusually early period of life to high office and distinction in the Craft. In 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years, he was installed as W.M. of Lodge "Excelsior," and was afterwards elevated to the chair of Third Principal in Chapter "Hope."

"Pulvis et umbra sumus;
Quis scit an adjiciant hodiernæ crastina summæ
Tempora Di Superi?"

BRO. H. WINTON.

The *East Sussex News* reports that on Monday, the 28th ult., was interred at St. Michael's Cemetery, Lewes, the remains of the late Bro. Harry Winton, who died at his residence, Chace Green, Enfield, on the 21st ult. He was an old Lewes townsman, and was born at Horsham in May, 1799. The deceased was a zealous Freemason of the South Saxon Lodge, and did much to advance the interests of the Craft. He was instrumental in securing the Castle Keep in perpetuity for the Freemasons from the late T. R. Kemp, Esq., M.P., and was Master of Ceremonies of the Masonic deputation on the reception of the late King William IV. and Queen Adelaide, on the occasion of their visit to Lewes. About the year 1835 he received an appointment under Government and left Lewes for Brighton, on which occasion he was presented by the Masonic body of Sussex with a service of plate and his portrait as a mark of esteem. After some years of active service the Government accorded him a retiring allowance, and he passed many years in retirement, devoted to the pursuit of organic chemistry, the outcome of his labours being some useful chemical processes and patented inventions. He was an indefatigable worker in behalf of Masonic Provident Institutions. The deceased was always greatly attached to Lewes, and was buried there at his own desire. The body was conveyed by train, and the hearse, which left the railway station at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, was followed by Mr. H. J. L. Winton, Mr. E. W. Winton, and Mr. D. Winton (sons), also by Mr. W. K. J. Langridge. At the White Hart Hotel the following Freemasons joined the cortege:—Bros. S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon Lodge; G. Stone (Newhaven), J. C. Lucas, J. Inskip, H. Wingham, Jos. Farncombe, R. H. Ellman, A. Holman, Lenny, Honey, and several old townsmen.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held on Tuesday week, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle, under the banner of the Tyne Chapter. The chapter was opened by the Three Grand Principals, assisted by the companions present, among whom we noticed Comps. Lonadale M. Cockroft, Prov. Grand Supt.; W. Twizell, P.G.H.; J. S. Challoner, P.G.J.; J. S. Wilson, P.G.E.; A. Potter, P.G.N.; John Ridsdale, P.G.P.S.; T. Blenkinsop, P.G.A.S.; George Thompson, Prov. G. Treas.; Paul O. Smith, P.G.S.B.; G. A. Allan, P.G. Std. Br.; F. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C.; W. J. Ward, G. I. Dean, Mean, Guthrie, A. Mustart, and others.

The minutes of the last convocation were read, and the roll of Chapters was then called, as follows:

1. Chap. De Swinburne ...	No. 24
2. " De Sussex ...	406
3. " De Ogle ...	431
4. " St. Peter's ...	481
5. " Tyne ...	991

Very gratifying reports of all the chapters were given by the representatives of their prosperous and harmonious state. The report of the Provincial Fund was read, to the effect that they had examined and audited the Treasurer's accounts, and found the balance in hand to be £12 4s. 6d. The report was confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was then read, received and adopted. Comp. George Thompson was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following proposition was received from Comp. Wm. Twizell, seconded by Comp. Challoner, that the balance of £12 4s. 6d. in the Treasurer's hands be invested in the Monarch Building Society. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. L. M. Cockroft, then appointed and invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:

M.E. Comp. John Straker Wilson ...	Prov. G.H.
" A. Potter ...	Prov. G. J.
" John Ridsdale ...	Prov. G.E.
" W. J. Ward ...	Prov. G.N.
" T. Blenkinsop ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Mein ...	Prov. G.A.S.
" Guthrie ...	Prov. G.J.A.S.
" Geo. Thompson (elected) ...	Prov. G.Treas.
" G. I. Dean ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Underwood ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Montgomery ...	Prov. G. St. Br.
" E. D. Davis ...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" Thos. Smith ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Curry ...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Bell ...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Reid ...	

The Provincial Grand Superintendent announced that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held under the banner of Chapter De Swinburne.

There being no further business the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in solemn form.

The Royal Savoy Lodge has decided to hold the annual summer festival under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Willing, on the fourth Thursday in July.

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Henry St. Clair's queries are not suitable for a Masonic paper. Mr. Lowe is not, as far as we are aware, a Freemason.

"The Oldest Mason in England" in our next. The following stand over—Lodges 1002, 1561, 1476, 1650, 1752. Masonic Festival at Pontypridd.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Der Bahutte," "Dickens's Dictionary of London," "Proceedings Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Massachusetts," "Hull Packet," "The Advocate," "Our Home," "Alliance News," "The Keystone," "Masonic Newspaper," "Young Folks' Weekly Budget," "The Star," "North China Herald," "Masonic Herald," "Masonic Record," "Prize Paper," "Hebrew Leader," "Kelet Orient," "Liberal Freemason," "Freemason's Repository."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

HEARSON.—On the 3rd inst., at 4, Glen-Mahr-terrace, Hyde-vale, Blackheath, the wife of Mr. T. A. Hearson, of a daughter.

WILTSHIRE.—On the 2nd inst., at 57, Wimpole-street, W., the wife of Mr. Alfred Wiltshire, M.D., F.R.C.P., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SMITH—FAIRBANKS.—On the 1st inst., at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. Arthur Fairbanks, the Rev. Lewis Arthur Smith, of Radnor, to Edith, daughter of the Rev. J. H. Fairbanks, of Luton, Chatham.

DEATHS.

COLTHURST.—On the 27th ult., at Manor House, Thurlington, near Taunton, Mr. Thomas Colmer Colthurst, aged 60.

RAMMELL.—On the 2nd inst., at 119, High-street, Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Rammell, of Remsgate, aged 70 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1879

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We think it right to remind our many readers that the Anniversary Festival of this excellent Institution takes place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. As was explained last week, owing to various disappointments and delays, which were utterly unavoidable, our gallant brother, the Grand Treasurer, came forward at the eleventh hour to rescue the Stewards and the Charity from a serious dilemma. As Trustee and Treasurer of the Girls' School, as Chairman of the Building Committee, his services have been many and great, and no one is more qualified to advocate the cause of the School, just as no one is better acquainted with its needs and its claims. We do not doubt ourselves, that a large number of brethren, friends to the School, will rally round our Grand Treasurer, so deservedly popular in the Craft, and we are inclined to think, from what we hear, that the Festival of 1879 will be a success for the Girls' School, its managers, and the Secretary. No brother can do better, even at this late period, than join that gallant crew who are striving so hard to come in No. 1, and as there is no Masonic Institution more admirably and efficiently conducted, so there is not one which more deeply appeals to our sympathy and attachment, and we will add pride, as men and Masons. May the Anniversary of 1879, despite many hindrances and difficulties, arising from the fluctuations of commerce, and the badness of trade, be, nevertheless, another striking proof that the "hearts" of English Freemasons are "in the trim," and that to them the goodly word of Charity, as emblazoned on their historic banners, is not merely the "outcome" of lip service, or much talking, but is indelibly graven on their hearts.

ANTI-MASONIC PAPERS.

By the kind courtesy of an American brother, we are indebted for a "sight" of one of these remarkable productions. It is yept "The Christian Cynosure," and is published at Chicago, edited by J. Blanchard, with an assistant editor termed H. L. Kellogg. It is indeed a very striking periodical in itself, and that on every possible ground of reason, moderation, justice, toleration, and truth, above all. Blanchard, the editor, is, we fancy, that same "excellent being" mentioned by "Weller, senior," and to whom we poor Masons ought to apply his striking words, "If we get no more light, my worthy creature, than that ere moonshine of yours, we are like to continue night coaches for the rest of our journey." Is not Blanchard the great and august Blanchard, who in the name of religion has been vituperating and vilifying Masons and Masonry, even in so-called "prayers," utterly forgetting the Christian graces he affects to believe in, of charity, equity, and goodwill? Is he not the "real and original Blanchard," who has amused himself with "running a rig" at Masons, forgetting in his blinded and pharisaical prejudices that there are thousands and tens of thousands of Masons in America who are an ornament to their country, the joy of their family, the pillars of their churches, and as religious and God-fearing, as sincere and spiritual, as enlightened and earnest, nay, may we not suspect a good deal more so, than Mr. Blanchard or Mr. Kellogg, or all the Blanchards and all the Kelloggs in the world? We have read "The Christian Cynosure" with amusement, mingled, we regret to add it, with contempt, if such be Masonic in any sense. From first to last we are struck with its irreverent tone and its profane dealing with holy things. Amid the great struggle going on in this world just now with sin and sorrow on all sides, amid that stern combat that is ever progressing between religion on one side, and the spirit of all ill on the other, we confess that we are deeply affected with the ineptitude, the reck-

lessness, the childishness, the perversity, and the wickedness of those brainless, but mischievous, fanatics, who are waging war with a useful, benevolent, God-fearing, man-loving sodality like Freemasonry. Freemasonry does not suit Blanchard and Co. in its secrecy, its universality, its toleration, and its charity, and, therefore, forsooth, from their subjective view of its unholiness and ungodliness, they pronounce "ex cathedra," with all the dignified authority of an infallible Pope, that Freemasonry is irreligious, and is to be "put down." Blanchard put down Freemasonry! Bravo, Blanchard! As the little boy in the pantomime says to the clown, "Hencore." Some of our brethren, remembering Gulliverian incidents and episodes of travel, and the like, will laugh heartily at Blanchard's attempt to extinguish Freemasonry, and at Blanchard's flow of spasmodic anathemata. Let us realize the actual position of affairs. Here is a professedly Christian minister invoking the most sacred name and the most holy sanctions with an unctious, and a freedom, and a fluency which strongly remind us of "Pecksniff" and "Stiggins" combined, to say nothing of "Tartuff's" abject hypocrisy, or "Mawworm's" offensive nonsense, denouncing an Order which, with many shortcomings, is one of the most religious and benevolent in the world. And all because, mark it, my masters, it does not agree with Blanchard, it does not please Blanchard, it does not teach Blanchard, it does not affect Blanchard. Think of a man loudly avowing religious principles, on no evidence whatever, accusing our reverent and kind-hearted Fraternity of speculation, profanity, atheism, and immorality, disowning of God, and imposition on mankind—all in the same breath. "The Christian Cynosure" may call itself Christian, and may represent the "Cynosure" to Blanchard, but, in our opinion, it is neither Christian nor a "Cynosure" at all. Theirs must be little minds, and theirs benighted intellects, and they very irreligious religionists, to whom Blanchard's paper is the "star of light to direct them on their course." That it can do any harm to Masonry we do not believe, as the world is getting ahead of intolerant impertinences and vulgar denunciations. We are amused to note that, like all impostors and mendicant lackeys in all ages of the world, Blanchard's paper, like every similar hurtful publication, hurtful to the best interests of religious sincerity, kindness, and fair play, has to "send round the hat," and, therefore, we say to our brethren in America, let Blanchard curse, they can call to mind how the "curses" of the hired "Vates" turned out "blessings" to the true servants of God. Freemasonry, strong in the goodness of its intentions, the justice of its cause, and the reality of its efforts for the "honour of God" and the welfare of man, leaves its justification to the world at large, caring little what its accusers may allege, and, above all, what maligners may proclaim.

THE LATE GRAND TYLER.

We deeply regret to have to announce the fact of the somewhat sudden death of our late excellent Grand Tyler, Bro. Chas. Payne, though it will be seen, from a report elsewhere, that Bro. Payne has been ailing for some little time. His death will come as a sad shock to many to whom his cheery face, and genial qualities, and Masonic services have been well and pleasantly known for years. Bro. Payne was one of the most hard-working, kindly, and yet obliging and unassuming of mortals, fulfilling his duties to the satisfaction and respect of all, and he has left a void very hard to fill in the regard and memory of his brethren.

SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., now re-appointed Grand Chaplain, is vicar of Throwley, Kent, and a veteran in Masonry, having been initiated in the year 1844 in the Lodge of Good Report, No. 135. Our reverend brother was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, in 1846, and filled the office of

W.M. of the Mount Moriah Lodge in 1847. He was Provincial Grand Chaplain of Worcestershire in 1854 and subsequent years, and on removing into Kent as vicar of St. Peter's, Maidstone, on the installation of Lord Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., at Gravesend, in Oct., 1860, as Provincial Grand Master, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, and has so continued to this date, having been presented, at the Grand Festival held at Canterbury last year, with a magnificent evidence of esteem in the shape of money and plate. He is sincerely attached to our ancient landmarks, and his pulpit addresses, and the orations delivered at the consecration of the lodges in the province during the firm but genial reign of the noble P.G.M., have been greatly appreciated. This year he presides as First Principal of the High Cross Chapter, No. 829.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Bro. John B. Monckton was initiated into Masonry in the Belvidere Lodge (503), Maidstone, Kent, about the year 1855. In January, 1864, he joined the Jerusalem Lodge (197), famous in the Craft as the lodge at whose centenary meeting, in February, 1871, when Bro. Monckton was I.P.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales first saw English Masonry. In 1867 Bro. Monckton was active in founding the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge (1150), of which he is now the Senior Past Master. In 1868 he represented Jerusalem Lodge as Grand Steward, and served as Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards, and in the same year he was elected on the Board of General Purposes, of which in the following year he became Vice-President, a post he held by successive elections for three years. In 1871 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England, and two years later succeeded the lamented Bro. Horatio Lloyd, Q.C., as, and has ever since remained, President of the Board of General Purposes, having for some time previously acted as President of the Colonial Board. By virtue of his office, Bro. Monckton was Chairman of the Committee who successfully carried out the memorable installation at the Albert Hall of H.R.H. the present Grand Master, without doubt the greatest Masonic event in modern times. He is Past Grand Principal Sojourner in Grand Chapter, member of many lodges, Mark Mason, Knight Templar, and 32°, and has been frequently Steward of the Charities.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1852, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach was Master. After an absence of several years from England, he was on his return appointed to a Wardenship in his mother lodge, and served the office of Master in the year 1872. In the following year (1873) H.R.H. the Grand Master filled that chair, and appointed Bro. Bird as his Deputy Master. Also in the year 1872 Bro. Bird was appointed Senior Warden of the province of Oxfordshire (by the present Grand Registrar), who was then administering the province. Upon the resignation of Bro. K. J. Spiers in 1874, Bro. Bird was appointed (also by the Grand Registrar) Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which office he continues to hold under H.R.H. Prince Leopold. In the same year he was elected Treasurer of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, which office he now holds. During the ensuing year he was installed first Master of the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, of which he was one of the founders. He has also served Stewardships for all the Masonic Charities, and is a member of various other lodges in London and Oxfordshire.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Matthew E. Clark was initiated, passed, and raised in Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, by Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., and occupied the Master's chair in 1871. He was appointed D.P.G.M. for Essex in 1875, by the late Bro. Robert Bagshaw, P.G.M. Essex; ruled the province during 1875, 1876, and 1877, during which time he had entire care, owing to the P.G.M.'s ill health. He resigned

the office in 1878 on account of an illness. In April, 1879, he received notification from Grand Lodge, and was appointed Grand Deacon on the 30th ult. He is Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 255, and Bagshaw Lodge, Buckhurst Hill; Past Principal Chapter of Iris; member of Studholme Lodge of Mark Masons.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. George Burt was initiated in the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, on the 2nd December, 1851, served the office of J.D. in 1855, S.D. in 1856, J. Warden in 1857, S.W. in 1858, W.M. in 1859. On the consecration of the De Moilham Lodge, No. 1146, at Swanage, Dorset, in March 1867 Bro. J. Mowlem was appointed W.M., Bro. J. Freeman, S.W., and Bro. G. Burt, S.W., being the three members of the firm of John Mowlem and Co., who founded the lodge. In 1868 Bro. Bird served the office of Senior Warden in the same lodge, and in 1869, as also in 1870, was the W.M. thereof. Further in 1859 he served as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In 1864 Steward of the Boys' School, Festival. In 1867 Steward of the Girls' School Festival; in which year (1867) he was made Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Dorset, and in 1879 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of Grand Lodge.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Samuel Mullens was initiated in September, 1860, in Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, and served the office of W.M. in that lodge for two successive years—1869 and 1870. In 1867 he was one of the founders (in conjunction with Bros. J. B. Monckton, P.B.G.P., and P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., and others) of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, 1150, which was first established in connection with the First Middlesex Artillery Volunteers, of which corps the founders were all members. He served the office of W.M. in that lodge for the year 1870-71, holding the office of Master of two lodges at the same time, by dispensation. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes during three years, and was one of the special Stewards at the installation of the present M.W.G.M., in 1875. He is a Life Governor of each of the four Masonic Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. James Kench, the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, was initiated on the 3rd January, 1867, in the Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, a lodge originally founded by some French refugees, residing in London, but which would have been erased from the books of the Grand Registrar in 1866 had not some English brethren met together and succeeded in resuscitating it. Bro. Kench was the first initiate that entered the lodge after its resuscitation, and was installed W.M. of the same in 1870. In the following year he was elected Treasurer of the lodge, a position he has held ever since—having been re-elected every year to that office. In the same year that he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Kench became a member of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, that meets at Highbridge, in Somersetshire, and in the year 1869 he was one of the founders of the Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, whose meetings are held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley. In the same year that he was W.M. of his mother lodge, Bro. Kench was elected W.M. of the Stanhope Lodge. He had, therefore, to apply to the M.W.G.M. (the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon) for a dispensation to enable him to be W.M. of both lodges at the same time, and as at that time there was no other brother in the Stanhope Lodge eligible for the position, Bro. Kench was successful in his application. This was, we believe, a very exceptional circumstance, as it is only in very rare instances such dispensations are granted. Bro. Kench was exalted in the Royal Arch on the 20th October, 1868, in the Industry Chapter, No. 185, and in the year 1874 he was one of the founders of the Vane Chapter that is attached to the Lodge La Tolerance. He is a P.Z. and the Treasurer of that chapter, and also the I.P.Z. of the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, the chapter that is attached to the lodge of the same name. Bro. Kench is, we believe, a very zealous Mason, being indefatigable in his exer-

tions to maintain the efficiency of the working members of his lodges and chapters, and to extend the influence of the mystic art, and it was in a great measure due to his exertions that the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction was formed, a lodge that is noted for its excellent working under the stern discipline of its able Preceptor, Bro. Charles Davis, P.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge. Bro. Kench is a Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions, having frequently represented La Tolerance and the Vane as a Steward at the different festivals.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The minute books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the period between 1797 and 1805, or thereby, are unfortunately lost, but an abstract of the more important minutes is given in Laurie's "History of Freemasonry." In the edition of 1804 we have, under date 1802, a statement as to the institution of the Supreme Council of Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, now designated by its Sovereign Grand Commander "The Mother Council of the world."

If it be correct that the "Mother" Supreme Council was formed about 1802, it is clear that Frederick the Great, who died in 1786, had no part in the formation of these councils; and I concur in thinking with some of your correspondents that it would have been for the peace and advantage of Freemasonry had they never existed.

The edition of Laurie's "History," in which this important statement is made, is now scarce. It was written by the well known philosopher, Sir David Brewster, sometime principal of the University of St. Andrew's, and afterwards principal of the University of Edinburgh. The statement was published shortly after the occurrence of the facts to which it relates, and as it possesses an historical value, and is omitted in the subsequent edition of Laurie's "History," and is, therefore, apt to be lost sight of by "Masonic Students," I take the liberty to request you to give it a place in the *Freemason*. It is as follows: "1802. A circular letter was this year received from the Grand Lodge of America. The spirit of illumination which it breathes, and the supernumerary degrees, amounting to about fifty, which it authorised, were sufficient reasons for drawing down the contempt of Scotch Masons, whose honour it is to have preserved Freemasonry for many centuries in its original and simple form, and whose pride it shall ever be to transmit to the latest posterity the principles and ceremonies of their Order unpolluted and unimpaired."

The views of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are so correct that I cannot help expressing my surprise that Supreme Councils have succeeded in obtaining any footing in the estimation of ordinarily well informed Craftsmen. But yet we see brethren of high, social, and Masonic position induced, probably by the high-sounding but ludicrous titles attached to the offices, however humble, which they hold in these bodies, associating themselves with them, to the prejudice of the general interests of Freemasonry, and in face of the resolutions of their respective Grand Lodges refusing them recognition. These Councils too are, in almost all cases—the Councils of Charlestown and Scotland not excepted—of spurious origin. It is to be hoped that such brethren act unthinkingly in connecting themselves with such bodies, which are not only not Masonic, but are in principle antagonistic to Freemasonry.

The valuable Masonic library of your distinguished correspondent Bro. Hughan will likely possess the circular referred to in the statement quoted from Laurie's History, and if it does, I respectfully suggest that he should kindly oblige your readers by publishing it in the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

AN EDUCATION SCHEME.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

You may probably recollect that I wrote some letters to you last year and the year previous, some of which you published in the *Freemason*, on the subject of provincial education, and if by your great influence any other province could be induced to adopt the same simple method of providing for the education of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, especially those who are candidates for the central Charities, "pending their election," many of which are unsuccessful, and through no fault of their own, but their age, have to retire, "because they are ineligible," much to the regret of those concerned, after great trouble, anxiety, and pecuniary loss, and perhaps receiving no benefit from Freemasonry—I think your influence might obtain a benefit for these poor unfortunates, whose characteristic is to be forsaken or forlorn, and though non-election always will be a source of regret, it will not be attended by those heart-burnings that now take place after their last chance is gone. The rapid increase in the numbers of the Craft must necessarily make a corresponding increased demand upon our central Charities, by increasing the number of candidates.

I beg to remain, dear Bro. Kenning, yours faithfully,

ROBT. THORPE, P.M. 588.

Sleaford, Lincolnshire,

16th April, 1879.

The following circular has been sent to the W.M.'s of lodges in the province of Lincolnshire:—
St. Botolph's Lodge, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

W. Sir and Brother,—

The enclosed motions have been forwarded to the P.G. Sec. by Bro. Thorpe, P.M. 588, in order to their being brought before the next meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, and I am requested by the members of the above lodge to ask you to give the subject your consideration and support, also to use your influence with the members of your lodge in obtaining their assistance. You may probably recollect some allusions made to these motions by the R.W.P.G.M., in his address at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Grimsby.

Bro. Thorpe has the unanimous support of this lodge.
I am, W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. J. TOMLINSON,
P.M. and Sec. 588.

BENEVOLENT FUND RULES.

Rule I. This fund shall be called "The Masonic Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, established for granting temporary relief to aged, distressed, or necessitous brethren of this province, or their indigent widows and children (as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children if considered requisite), and shall be restricted to purposes of Masonic benevolence either of a 'local' character or in connection with the general Charities of the Order."

PROV. G. BYE-LAWS.

Rule XV. Every lodge in the province shall pay to the Prov. G. Lodge the sum of one shilling per annum for each contributing member, and a further sum of three-pence (contingent upon the above alterations that in Rule XV. of the Prov. G. bye-laws the word "three-pence be altered to "sixpence") per quarter to the Benevolent Fund.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter of the P. Prov. Grand Master of Leicester and Rutland, W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, permit me to inform him and your readers generally who were good enough to become subscribers to the engraving, that the key (which is in the form of a neatly-bound little book) is now being printed and bound by your own printer, and will be ready for issue, I hope, in about three weeks.

It has been a source of great trouble, vexation and delay to compile and procure the correct Christian and surnames of the various brethren whose portraits are inserted; as also their Masonic rank, and the number or name of the lodge, &c., &c. This, I hope, will be a sufficient excuse for the unavoidable delay in issuing it.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
EDWD. J. HARTY.

213, Regent-street, W.,
May 8th, 1879.

TO ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

Brethren,—

From the statements given in my recently published pamphlet, "Freemasonry and Intolerance," and from further particulars made known in a "review," a "letter," and an "editorial" of the London *Freemason* of April 5th and 12th this year, it will be seen that I (being a Freemason) have been deprived of my office as a pastor both in America and Norway, for having defended Freemasonry against the attacks of my colleagues. I have considered it my duty to the Craft and brethren in general, as well as to myself and family (wife and five children) in particular, to make this case of persecution known to you, and I now confidently ask the English brethren kindly and fraternally to assist me in procuring means to have this case of intolerance and injustice thoroughly tried before the Courts and Storting of my native country, to have my rights vindicated, or eventually to find a new existence.

Yours most humbly and fraternally,

J. H. SIMONSEN.

London April 28th, 1879.

P.S.—Letters will find me at 198, Fleet-street, E.C., or to Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer. Address, Tickencote Rectory, Stamford.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Board of Stewards for next Wednesday's Festival of this Institution held another meeting last Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., President of the Board, in the chair, and Bros. Edward Cox, Treasurer, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, were also present.

Bro. H. A. Dubois was chosen Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards, and the Musical Committee brought in their report, by which it appeared that they had accepted Bro. Lehmeier's tender for the music. In the programme of artistes is the name of Miss Hopekirk (niece of Bro. W. Hopekirk), who has offered her services gratuitously for the festival.

The offer was accepted with best thanks.

The list of Stewards numbers now 240 brethren, the largest list for this Institution that has ever been got together.

The Stewards' visit to the Institution will be paid next Monday, when Bro. Col. Creton, the Chairman of the festival, will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in the chair. There were also present Bros. George J. Row, S. Rosenthal, Leopold Ruf, Donald M. Dewar, Edward B. Graham, Rev. Richard Morris, A. H. Lilley, Joyce J. Murray, R. B. Webster, F. Adlard, Peter de Lande Long, J. Wm. Dosell, Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, W. F. Collard Moutrie, Thos. Meggy, Richard Tyrrell, George P. Gillard, John Young, Lewis Berry Garnett, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the brethren took into consideration the recommendation of the House Committee, that the boy Wilkinson, who was the highest unsuccessful candidate at the late election, for whom a scrutiny of votes polled for him had been demanded, he being only six votes below the lowest successful candidate, be admitted to the school. The brethren, however, believing that such a course would be a bad precedent, resolved that the recommendation be not adopted. The scrutiny of votes will therefore take place.

It was resolved to admit William Russell Cooper by purchase, on payment of £178 10s., the Secretary reporting that there was sufficient accommodation in the Institution.

Four candidates were placed on the list for next election, one from Preston, one from Goole, one from Chatham, and one from Alnwick.

An outfit was granted to one boy who after leaving the Institution obtained a situation, and gave satisfaction to his employers; and £10 was also granted under exceptional circumstances to another boy who desired to be apprenticed.

The House and Audit Committee for the ensuing year were nominated, and as no new members were given in the old Committee were re-elected.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. H. Browne, acknowledging the receipt of the letter of condolence of the Committee on the death of his late father, and returning the thanks of himself, mother, sisters, and brother. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes; and with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the proceedings of the day were brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

The first meeting of a Provincial Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Dorset was held at the All Souls' Lodge, Weymouth, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Montague John Guest, of Bere Regis, in the county of Dorset, to be Provincial Grand Master of this Order, who, it is well known, is already the Provincial Grand Master of the other Orders in this province.

Lord Skelmersdale had promised to attend and instal the Master elect, but through illness was prevented from doing so.

The Most Worshipful Bro. Past Grand Master Portal, who is also Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, therefore attended, and in a suitable and impressive manner, performed the ceremony. He was supported by the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Colonel Davy, the Grand Treasurer of the Order, and Bro. Dewar, the Assistant-Grand Secretary of the Order, and many other illustrious brethren from this province, as well as other provinces.

The Installing Master spoke at great length as to the merits of the Provincial Grand Master elect, and also as to the rapid progress this Order had made, adverting to the great number of lodges it could boast of and the thousands of brethren connected with it. The Rev. Bro. W. M. Heath was appointed Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint the following officers:

Bro. G. R. Crickmay ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. C. Burt ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. Chick ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. T. George ...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. Turner ...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. J. Browne ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. N. Howard ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Tanner (elected by ballot) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Lundie ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. R. Charles ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. B. Cole ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. S. Webb ...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. W. Wyndham ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. A. Sherrin ...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Long ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. Smith ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" A. Graham ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Dring, Bro. Curtis (Poole), & Bro. H. Russell (Portland) ...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" D. Hazlett (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Bro. E. Dunn supplied the luncheon, which gave the greatest satisfaction, about sixty members sitting down. The usual toasts were drunk, and the Installing Master, in speaking of the Charities of the Order, stated that recently a fund had been started for aiding and assisting Mark Masons in distress, so as to educate their children in their own towns instead of sending them from home, by granting them advances. The Assistant-Grand Secretary, Bro. Dewar, spoke at some length, and explained the object of the intended charity, and also returned thanks for Bro. Binckes, whose health had been proposed, and whose absence from unavoidable circumstances was much regretted.

The whole arrangements for the comfort of the brethren,

under the personal superintendence of Bro. Chick, W.M. of the All Souls' Lodge, and Bro. Howard, the P.G.S., deserve the highest commendation.

CONSECRATION OF THE FIDELIS LODGE, NO. 1089.

An important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Guernsey was attained on Monday last, when a new lodge was consecrated in due and solemn form. The ceremony was conducted at the Masonic Hall, Court Place, by Bro. James Gallienne (P.D.P.G.M., P.M. No. 82), W.M. No. 168, who has been duly vested with power from the Grand Lodge of England for this special purpose. As W.M. of Mariners' Lodge, Bro. Gallienne summoned the members of that lodge for this particular occasion, and it assembled at 6 o'clock in the evening. About 70 members were present, including visitors from other lodges in the island, as well as brethren from a distance, amongst whom we noticed Bro. W. H. Guilford, I.P.M. 1017, I.G. 1614, &c.

The lodge, as it had been previously arranged, was designated Fidelis Lodge, No. 1809, and the brethren to whom the charter was granted, under the seal of His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, were Bros. T. M. Bichard, J. Toms, T. Le Ray, J. T. Snell, J. S. Sneath, J. H. Parsons, B. Place, and S. J. Hutchinson. Bro. F. Clarke, P.M. No. 168, acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Wilkins, P.M. No. 84, undertook the duties of Chaplain. The other officiating brethren were the regular officers of Mariners' Lodge.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., No. 84.

The brethren assembled in the banqueting-room, and from thence entered the lodge in procession.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, after which the Acting Chaplain delivered an appropriate prayer.

The Presiding Officer then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Secretary to state the wishes of the brethren of the new lodge. He did so, and afterwards read the petition and warrant as requested by the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer then enquired of the brethren of Fidelis Lodge if they approved of the officers nominated in the warrant, and afterwards of the nominated officers if they promised to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge of England.

This assent was given in Masonic form to each enquiry.

The Chaplain then delivered an oration on the nature and design of the Institution of Freemasonry.

The Chaplain then offered up prayer.

The Presiding Officer gave the invocation. The lodge-board was next unveiled by the brethren who bore it into the room.

The name of the M.H. was placed upon the pedestal by the Director of Ceremonies, before and after which the Presiding Officer made the usual address and supplication.

The consecration then took place in ancient and solemn form, the Consecrating Officer strewing corn upon the ground, the emblem of plenty; the Senior Warden pouring out wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; and the Junior Warden pouring out oil, the emblem of unity.

A prayer was offered by the Presiding Officer, and the W.M. and Wardens of the new lodge deposited the emblems they bore upon the lodge-board.

The Chaplain, bearing the appropriate emblem, went round the lodge and performed the usual ceremony.

The third portion of prayer was then given by the Presiding Officer, and the G.H. was then given, led by the Director of Ceremonies.

A prayer by the Chaplain followed, and the Presiding Officer then declared in solemn form Fidelis Lodge duly consecrated, and pronounced the Constitution, and the Presiding Officer delivered the finale recitative—"He shall build me an house, and I will establish him therein for ever. I will be his father and he shall be my son, and I will not take my mercy away, but I will settle him in mine house and my kingdom for ever."

The lodge was then resumed for the purpose of the installation of the W.M. designate.

The ceremony of installing Bro. T. M. Bichard, the first W.M. of Fidelis Lodge, was then proceeded with in due form, and the W.M. invested as his officers Bros. Thos. Le Ray, Senior Warden; J. T. Snell, Junior Warden; and T. S. Sneath, Treasurer and Secretary, pro tem. This being completed, Mariners' Lodge was resumed, and before closing the proceedings the new W.M., in the name of the charter brethren, most cordially thanked the Consecrating Officer for the very able and most perfect manner in which the impressive ceremony of the day had been conducted, and on behalf of those brethren presented Bro. Gallienne with a very handsome Royal Arch apron and sash.

This gift was most feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Gallienne, and the lodge was closed according to ancient usages.

A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of Bro. Gallienne, to which about sixty brethren sat down and did good justice to the sumptuous fare provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with full honours, and a most harmonious evening was spent, the brethren separating ultimately with the most hearty wishes for the prosperity of Fidelis Lodge.

Public Amusements.

PARK THEATRE.—A new piece, *Two Reigns*, was brought out at this theatre on Saturday, May 3rd, freely adapted from the French, by Bros. Leonard Rae (John Douglass) and James Willing. The piece seemed to give great satisfaction to a crowded audience, and was announced amid cheering for repetition every evening. We congratulate these young authors on their first venture, and hope the piece will have a long run.

BRO. WILLIAM STEPHENS' AND MRS. STEPHENS' SILVER WEDDING.

The celebration of the completion of twenty-five years of married life by Bro. William Stephens, Past Master of the Clapton and Marquis of Ripon Lodges, with Mrs. Stephens, took place on Tuesday at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road, when, in addition to four daughters and one of the sons of Bro. and Mrs. Stephens, some eighty ladies and brethren were present. At the dinner, which was graced by a magnificent wedding cake, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, took the chair, and Bro. W. J. Murlis and W. Grist the vice-chairs.

After the dinner the Chairman, in a felicitous speech, presented the gift of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, weighing 100 ounces. He also presented the gift of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, consisting of an elegant bronze dining-room clock and pair of vases. Bros. James Terry and Thos. Cubitt presented a dozen silver dessert knives and forks. On the presentation of each of these gifts congratulatory speeches were made. There was also presented an address on vellum in illuminated writing, framed and glazed, setting forth Bro. W. Stephens' well-known Masonic career as follows:

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, to Bro. William Stephens, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c.

Dear Sir and Brother,
We the undersigned, on behalf of the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having been associated with you in the mysteries of the Craft for a number of years, avail ourselves with pleasure of this opportunity of paying to you personally a slight tribute of our sincere regard and esteem. There are among us many who have been associated with you during the whole period of your Masonic career, and others who have known you only since the period of their introduction to the Craft, but we are unanimous in feelings of appreciation and admiration of the generous bestowal of your Masonic gifts in the interests of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and of your substantial support of the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions, which are the means of affording such great assistance and relief to the poor and necessitous of the Order; we therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying silver tea and coffee service, on the occasion of your Silver Wedding, as a slight token of our regard, and fervently hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant you many years of health, prosperity, and domestic felicity.

Samuel Henry Parkhouse, W.M.; Edward M. Lander, S.W.; Samuel Smout, J.W.; George Penn, Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, Hon. Sec.
London, 6th May, 1879.

Bro. W. Stephens, in acknowledging the various presents, said: Brethren and ladies, I hardly know how to find words to adequately thank you for the kind expressions you have thought fit to use in proposing the health of myself and wife, and the kind reception you have given our names. I will take this occasion of saying that if I fail to sufficiently thank you for your kindness it is not in lacking gratitude, but for want of words to convey to you my feelings on the present occasion, I am so familiar with the kindness I receive from all I see around, and knowing how little I have ever done to merit these compliments, to express my deep obligations to you for these superb presents. It is an event in my life that will never be forgotten, and believe me when I assure you these are not merely idle words, but expressions from the depths of my heart, that I could not have supposed I lived so much in the esteem of my brethren as to merit this generosity. I am sure I cannot tell in what way I can make a fitting return for this kindness, I can only promise to faithfully carry out the duties of Masonry according to its teachings, and devote my energies for the good of those who are less fortunate than myself. You have been good enough to mention in this address my connection with the Charities of our Order; I have devoted some time and a little money—at any rate, as far my circumstances have permitted, I have done my best to carry out those duties; and, if pleasurable to me to receive this mark of your esteem, it has also been a source of pleasure to me, in my humble way, to assist in alleviating the distress of those less fortunate than myself. Again thanking you for myself and wife, I trust these handsome presents will be handed down as heirlooms in my family, and be considered and appreciated by my children as we appreciate them on the present occasion.

Bros. Pushman, Grist, and High, and the Misses Bartle, the Misses Stephens, and Miss Smout sang several songs and duets.

A most delightful evening was passed by the company assembled, who did not separate till a late hour.

The strides taken by art in what used to be considered minor matters is very noticeable, and extremely praiseworthy. We are now specially alluding to the very tasteful garden border tiles and stable pavings produced by Messrs. Muir and Co., of the Strand, whose terra-cotta, encaustic tiles, &c., are produced in infinite variety and great beauty, and will well repay a visit to their establishments at 36, Strand, London, W.C., where there are to be seen some really very beautiful patterns of tiles. These are designed by artists, gentlemen of cultivated tastes and high education, who by no means consider their talents thrown away upon these matters, which many persons are prone to despise as being unworthy of consideration. We are glad to learn that Messrs. Muir's contributions to art education in small matters are as successful from a business point of view as they certainly are from the aesthetic standpoint.

The Marquis of Hartington has written to say that he will be happy to join and co-operate with the "George Smith of Coalville Fund" Committee.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA IN 1878.

I have been favoured with a copy of the "Proceedings" of the "Templars" for Canada by the distinguished Freemason-archæologist, the R.W. Bro. Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, who is the Great Prior for that Dominion. The pamphlet is most interesting, and to do it justice should almost be given entire. The National Great Priory assembled in the city of Montreal 11th day of October, 1878, and from the account sent in it is evident that the meeting was a success. Indeed, with such a President we could not anticipate any other result, for Col. Moore gives his whole heart to the Order, and endeavours to incite in others somewhat of the enthusiasm enkindled in his own, as well as to lead the members to a more careful study of the past history of the society.

The proceedings were conducted with great dignity, and certainly if the Templars of the present day are the actual descendants or lineal representatives of the fratres of old, which, as the Rev. Bro. Woodford says, remains to be proved, then the dignity was well ordered.

The address by the Great Prior, to my mind, is one of his happiest efforts, and in the attempt to show "what the Order really is," he has conferred a boon on many students of its history. The "encampment" and "commandery" style of nomenclature receives hard blows. The independence of Canada as much as England and Ireland, Masonically, and in Knights Templar, is not only plainly stated, but is proved, for it is as peer of the other contracting parties, that Canada appears on the roll of the Convent General. In that spirit Canada protests against certain alterations in the statutes, "at the same time the Great Priory can still adhere to her own views of the question without departing from the federation of the whole body." The chief point of the objection is to the term "Eminent Commander," which the Canadian Knights Templar deem an unhistorical designation for the chief of a preceptory. The question of "past rank" also is an objection in some respects, as the fratres of Canada only care for it in a limited or restricted sense, not wishing for a multiplication of honours to such an extent as to lessen their value.

The revision of the ritual having become necessary, so to "assimilate with historic truths and the changes that have taken place in the Constitution," the ritual of the Templar Order as revised by Convent General, with certain alterations made by the Committee of Great Priory of Canada, was confirmed, adopted, and exemplified at the assembly. The officiating preceptory was the "Richard Cœur de Lion," the Preceptor being Bro. McMinn. The Great Prior expressed his approval of the excellent work and correct rendering of "the beautiful and impressive ceremony which Great Priory had that day proclaimed."

Colonel Moore remains a firm adherent of the present qualifications for admittance to the Order, and speaks most forcibly against fanciful pre-requisites. The action taken at the last triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A. is not at all relished by the Great Prior, as it seems our American fratres declined to accept Canada as its peer on the representative question. The scope of the changes made of late in the Templar body is clearly exhibited in the address, and proves that the originators of the scheme had a large field in view for their operations. That the Great Prior of Canada appreciated the great aims of the Convent General will be seen from the following: "The object was to form the nucleus of a cosmopolitan chivalric fraternity, which it was hoped all English speaking Templars would gladly join, acknowledging H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the only Grand Master." The United States Templars, however, do not fancy such an absorption, and practically the plan is not feasible, however beautiful it looks on paper. It is interesting to note that our able brother remarks on the K.T. in U.S.A., "The earliest Grand Encampment, that of New York, was chartered by a Consistory 32," thus "receiving its first impetus from the S.C. of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. The Order with them is therefore peculiarly American, derived from the Kadous * * *, on which the death of the last Grand Master, De Molai the Martyr, is commemorated." * * * It is an ably formed organisation. * * * Whatever the practices of the United States may be, they form no rule for the British branches of the Order. Appearing in public with Templar or Masonic emblems of any kind is opposed to our customs and long established usages, and contrary to the wish of our Royal Grand Master." As Templars it would be well if this advice were always followed, but as a matter of fact, in England we have known a procession take place when the muster roll did not number 50, and a sorry exhibition it was a few years since in a country town, affording amusement to the crowd, but a source of grief to earnest brethren. Under the heading *Historical References*, Bro. Moore alludes to the charter granted by the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Scotland, to certain brethren in Dublin, A.D. 1779, styling themselves the *High Knights Templars' Lodge*. Our learned brother handsomely acknowledges his indebtedness for correct information as to this matter to R.W. Bro. James Horner Neilson, a well known Masonic antiquarian of Dublin, who has fully elucidated the whole subject. Bro. Moore thinks the petitioners must have been Templars before they applied for the warrant, and he is doubtless correct, and though the authority was simply for the Craft Degrees, we know often the presence of such a charter was all that was needed in the eyes of our brethren of the last century to assemble in any Masonic degrees. The *Canadian Craftsman* contains several articles of late by Colonel Moore, Great Prior, on the "Modern Order of Knights Templar" and other chivalric subjects, which though too long and important for brief notice here should be carefully studied by all interested in the subject.

The author does not think it likely that the high degrees were all invented and sprung suddenly into existence at the

commencement of the last century, without some feasible foundation of long standing to warrant their introduction, though he is "free to confess it is not easy to account satisfactorily for the absence of all records to show any connection with Freemasonry from the time of the Reformation, when the combined Orders of the Temple and Hospital disappeared, and were not again heard of until the Masonic revival in the last century."

I quite agree with him in the assertion as to titles, that "the addition Sir, as a title to the name, we, as Masons, have no claim or right to whatever, and although the pretentious compound word of two syllables—*Sir Knight*—is now commonly adopted, it seems to have been only applied occasionally in former times when speaking of, not to, a person." Why wish, I ask, for more than the title *brother*? What can be more expressive or Masonic? Surely the time has gone when Freemasons desire to pass for actual knights, and, therefore, the prefix *Sir* is out of place, and altogether as unnecessary as objectionable. A few years will witness the dropping of many absurd titles in connection with our society, and then I shall hope to see more attention paid to the duties of the brotherhood. The admirable address concludes with the appropriate words, "May the Lord bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful to us."

A circular was issued by the Great Prior of Canada on 9th January, 1878, expressive of the great sorrow felt in that Dominion on the decease of Bro. Richard Wolfe (Woolf), F.S.A., the representative near the Great Priory of England. The page devoted to his memory in the "Proceedings" is thus arranged:—

In Memoriam.
The Frère Chevalier
RICHARD WOLFE, F.S.A., &c.,
Registrar of the Order of St. John of
Jerusalem in England,
Representative of the Great Priory of the United Orders
of the Temple and Malta for Canada, near
the Great Priory of England.

A faithful brother, who, taking the warmest interest in the prosperity of the Order in Canada, helped still more to strengthen the ties that bind them to the parent body.

Born 15th December, 1821. Died at Worcester, England, 16th December, 1877.

This appropriate and kindly reference to our dear and lamented friend, Bro. Wolfe, will be esteemed by his many fratres in England. Bro. Emma Holmes, K.C.T., an enthusiastic Templar, was elected in his place to the honourable position of representative, which was so ably filled by the English historian of the Templars. The representative for Ireland is our esteemed brother, the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., K.C.T., &c.

These two distinguished brethren are honorary members of the Great Priory, as are also Dr. Rob. Morris, Dr. Alfred Creigh, General Albert Pike, Bros. T. B. Whytehead (of York), and G. C. Tyler, of Vermont, U.S.A.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

I find that the April number of the *Masonic Magazine* contained the commencement, or first part, of the list of Masonic Works in the "British Museum," and not, as I surmised, the whole of the list obtained by the brother who had so kindly furnished it for the information of the Craft universal. The list bids fair to be a most useful compilation, and already I have had enquiries about several works which were hitherto unknown to general readers of the *Freemason*, though they occurred at a sale of the large collection of Masonic works of the late and lamented Bro. Richard Spencer. Bro. Lamouby's reference, if not a typographical error, is not correct as to Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry." The first edition of 1775 was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge (or the M.W.G.M.) in that year, not in 1766. Lord Petre was not the M.W.G.M. until 1772, and continued in office until 1776. His lordship was a most energetic and able President of the society, and a much respected Roman Catholic nobleman. Under his rule, Preston's "Illustrations," and Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

P.S. In a catalogue by Bro. Spencer we see that 1766 is stated as the year when the "Spirit" was sanctioned. It may be that 1776 was intended.

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BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, on Monday, the 13th of January. Present:—M. E. Comps. Counsell, P.Z.; Watson, P.H.; Cooper, P.J.; Barrow, P.P.Z.; Rowe, P.P.Z.; McKenzie, P.P.Z.; Comps. Tomlinson, S.E.; Kapadia, S.N.; Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st Asst. S.; Jones, 2nd Asst. S.; Robinson, Treasurer; Seager, Janitor. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. M.E. Comp. P.Z. then informed the companions present that the business of the evening was of a pleasing nature—it was to present M.E. Comp. Barrow, P.P.Z., with a jewel of the chapter pattern, for the long and valuable services he had rendered to the chapter. The jewel was then attached with a few neat and appropriate remarks. M.E. Comp. Barrow replied in suitable terms. Read a letter from V.E. Comp. Mitchell, who was compelled to leave Bombay through sickness, and consequently tendered his resignation, which was received with regret. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Hussey, D.G.S.E., asking the

chapter to consider the proposal therein made of re-establishing a District Grand Chapter of R.A. Freemasons of Bombay and its territories, also asking the chapter to bear a share of the expenses of the attempt to establish the same in the year 1874. After some discussion on the subject it was agreed to pay the amount, viz., Rs. 38-3-11, forthwith, in consequence of the retirement of M.E. Comp. Honourable J. Gibbs, D.G. Superintendent and first P.Z. One companion was proposed and seconded as a joining member. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form at 8-30 p.m.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The funeral of Bro. Chas. Bryant Payne, the Grand Tyler, will take place at Abney Park Cemetery on Saturday next, at 3 p.m.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan counties of the Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening. There was a large and influential attendance, and as the agenda paper contained a more than usually long list of initiations, &c., a heavy evening's work was the result. We shall give a report in our next.

Bro. Lazarus, who is a candidate (No. 17 on the list) for the Annuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is eighty years of age, and has been fifty-six years a Mason, having been initiated in the year 1823. He is a P. Prov. G.S.W. of Wilts, P. Prov. D.C. of Somerset, a P.M. of three lodges, and P.Z. of two chapters.

The Treasurer of the City and Metropolitan Police Orphanage has been paid £50 9s. 7½d., the proceeds of a recent concert given by the Police Minstrels at Twickenham.

At a convocation of the Supreme Council 33°, to be held at 33, Golden-square, London, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. Magnus Obren, member of the 31°, will be received into the 32°.

PRESENTATION TO A PROV. G. CHAPLAIN.—On Friday evening, the 25th ult., Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.M., P.G. Chaplain West Lancashire, late incumbent of Holy Trinity Church, St. Anne street, Liverpool, who has recently removed to Abergavenny, received a handsome testimonial from the members of his former congregation, among whom he ministered for the last six years and a half. Prior to the presentation, which took place in the schools of the church, in Wilton-street, there was a social tea meeting. Afterwards the present incumbent, the Rev. J. H. Skewes, took the chair, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Joseph Woodcock and A. F. Mackay) presented to the Rev. Bro. Jenkins a set of handsome silver salvers and an address, beautifully illuminated by Mr. J. O. Marples, and which expressed to the rev. gentleman the feelings of the congregation for the earnest Christian labours which he had performed amongst them, and their regret at his departure from their midst. The silver plate, which was supplied by Bro. Washington, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, M.A., and Mrs. Jenkins, as a token of the high esteem and affectionate regard in which they were held by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church and other friends in Liverpool. April, 1879." Bro. Jenkins, in suitable and feeling terms, acknowledged the presentation.

The installation meeting of the Pannure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 12th of May, at five p.m. The Installing Principal on this occasion will be Ex-Companion James Stevens, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the chapter.

THE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor to dine at the Mansion House on Tuesday, July 1st, when a grand banquet will be given in connection with the holding of the Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibition in London.

The Indestructible Paint Company, 27, Cannon-street, are now applying their invisible preservative solution to Cleopatra's Needle.

THE NEW MARKET HOTEL.—Bro. Burt the energetic proprietor of this hotel held his anniversary dinner on Tuesday last, on which occasion the new banquet hall recently erected was inaugurated. This hall is intended to be used for Masonic and other purposes, and is admirably adapted for such gatherings, being a well proportioned and capacious room, capable of affording accommodation to upwards of two hundred guests. The host was well supported on the occasion by a numerous gathering, presided over by Bro. James Stevens. During the evening the various loyal and other toasts were proposed, including "The Host and Prosperity to his undertaking." This was received and drunk with hearty applause. A special feature in the evening's proceedings was an excellent musical programme, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the guests.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 16, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. (Installation.)
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 234, Brixton, S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 John H. rey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

Grand Chapter.
 Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 K.H. 30°, 33, Golden-square.
 S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.

Gen. Com. and Election R.M.B.I.
 Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Girls.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 777, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1305, Marylebone, Eyre Arms Hot., St. John's Wd.
 S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor Hot., W. Kew Gds.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs., 1st Sy. Rifles, Cambwell.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Cutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Clapton.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
 Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.
 K.T. E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 R.S.Y.C.S., 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Hull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horse, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Blgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 17, 1879.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley, L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe, Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The ninety-first anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, Grand Treasurer of England. About 500 brethren were present, and from 200 to 300 ladies. The Chairman was supported on his right and left respectively by Bros. Col. Burdett, John Hervey, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, A. J. Duff Filer, Col. Peters, W. Winn, Rev. Dr. Morris, Rev. R. P. Bent, H. A. Dubois, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. J. P. Dumas, James Lewis Thomas, H. G. Buss, Thos. Cubitt, Edw. Cox, Dr. Barringer, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Constantine Burke, Prov. G.M. Jamaica (S.C.); James Terry, F. Binckes, and Herbert Dicketts.

The list of Stewards comprised the following names:—

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When dinner had been disposed of grace was sung by the professional brethren and ladies, and the toasts were proposed.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said: The first toast I have to submit to your notice is one which is always given in every assembly of Englishmen and Masons—the health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. (Cheers.) It requires no words of mine to commend this toast to your notice. I will simply tell you, which probably you all know, that the Queen is the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of three distinguished members of our Craft. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: The second toast I have to offer to you is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Patron, the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) The Prince of Wales has endeared himself, alike to his own countrymen and to all with whom he has come in contact abroad, by his geniality, courtesy, friendliness, consideration, and attention to all the minute of business. (Cheers.) I call upon you, as loyal Freemasons, to drink the toast, with one cheer more for the great grandchild born yesterday. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: I now call upon you to drink "The Healths of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest

of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Cheers.) All those who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge are well aware how nobly and well the Earl of Carnarvon presides over it. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale likewise is a favourite, and does his work well when it becomes necessary for him to preside. The rest of the Grand Officers are ever anxious to uphold the honour and dignity of Grand Lodge. I will couple with the toast the name of Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. (Cheers.)

Col. Burdett, in reply, said: M.W. Bro. Chairman, in responding for the Grand Officers whom we have around us, and whom we see in such large numbers, you may be sure I feel rather diffident and bashful in addressing such a large assembly of brethren. Still, at the same time, you will, perhaps, excuse me for saying a few words about the Grand Officers Past, as well as those who are Present Grand Officers. It is a great satisfaction to the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge generally that we have such a Grand Master as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Still, though he is not the first Prince of the Royal blood that we have had to preside over Grand Lodge of England, I do not believe there has been any Grand Master who has presided over it with greater satisfaction or pleasure to himself and that of Grand Lodge than the present Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) The Pro G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master you know so well that I need say nothing in the world about them; but as long as we are able to keep them in the position they now hold we shall be glad to see them, no matter how many years it may be. (Cheers.) With respect to the Grand Wardens, you may be sure that in the hands of the Prince of Wales proper appointments are quite safe. During all the time he has had the appointment of Grand Officers no one has come forward and cast a single word against the appointments. I am quite satisfied that the Grand Officers he has appointed as yet are quite willing, and endeavour to do their duty as earnestly, zealously, and well as those that have preceded them; and I believe that those who have preceded the present Grand Officers have given the greatest satisfaction, both to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge, as well as to the whole of the Craft. (Hear hear.)

Bro. Col. Creaton then rose, and said: Brethren, I feel sure that I can rely on the courtesy and consideration of my brethren, which I have so often experienced, and of which I am always sensible, to bear with me while I endeavour, "though imperfectly," to commend to their notice the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) It is in the knowledge of all why, in default of a more distinguished brother, I occupy the post of your Chairman, and I need hardly add that that fact constitutes another claim, a claim which I know will not be made in vain, on your kindly forbearance and lenient criticism. We are here to-night to celebrate the ninety-first Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, instituted Lady-day, 1788. I, for one, rejoice to remember a fact, which all present will rejoice in too, that whereas in 1788 the School was under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duchess of Cumberland, wife of the then Grand Master, it is now under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, wife of the present Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) Happy coincidence, and full of gratification to the always loyal members of our Order. It seems needless on such a festive occasion as this to occupy your time with elaborate statistics or a long speech; it may suffice us all gladly to remember that, making a small beginning, our School has grown, as the years have run away, until it has become a great and important Institution, perhaps unique amid existing educational establishments in England for the thoroughly good, useful, practical, and sound instruction which it imparts, and the homely care it takes of the poor orphan or destitute children of our brotherhood. (Cheers.)

There is no institution, I make bold to say—and I know it well, having worked for it long—which more commends itself to our sympathy and support than the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Owing to constant claims for admission, and long lists of unsuccessful candidates, we have successively added to the school buildings, and increased the number of its inmates, until 200 girls are receiving a thoroughly satisfactory training and fostering care within the sheltering walls of a happy home. Those of us who have lately visited the School will be struck, as all must be, with the cleanliness, order, and system every where apparent, with the brightness, vivacity, and happiness of the children, all betokening the assiduity of the governing body, the skill of the teachers, and the practical value of the general system of management, supervision, and instruction. (Cheers.) With regard to the lists about to be read, I cannot help saying a few concluding words. In 1859, Lord Panmure at the festival of the School considered £1500 a most remarkable return; what would he have said, had he lived till now, when the hundreds of 1859 are changed into the thousands of 1879? As a very old Mason now, I feel proud, I do not hesitate to say, at the liberality of our Order, which nothing interferes with, and nothing wearies, and feel sure we shall shortly listen to a return which will redound alike to the liberality of the Craft, zeal of the Stewards, the good of the Institution, and the labours of Bro. Hedge. I call on you to drink with hearty good wishes, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Loud cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., in reply, said: Ladies and Brethren, it has pleased the Chairman of this evening to nominate me to respond to the toast which you have just drunk. I am inclined to think that the duty is imposed on me to return thanks on behalf of the Institution for the honour that you have done it in drinking success to it, because I am the oldest member of the House Committee of the Institution. As such oldest member you may suppose that I have seen very great alterations and changes. When I was first a member of the House Committee there were something like 100 or 120 children at the School; there are now 200 within its walls, as our Chairman has

told us, and the education and care of those 200 children are carried on with the same regularity, the same care, and the same punctuality as when the 120, or the 80 of a few years before, were in the Institution. How this Institution should have continued to increase from year to year it would be difficult now to go back and say; but I have no doubt when the announcement of the lists by Bro. Hedges is made to-night, it will be a proof of the earnestness and sincerity of the brethren on behalf of the Institution for which I am now responding. I have not the slightest doubt that as years go on and the brotherhood increases, there will still be, year after year, at the several festivals a sufficient sum supplied to meet the needs of the more needy brethren, and that they have no occasion to fear that their children will not be looked after in the future. (Hear, hear.) I thank you on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and particularly the Stewards of this present evening, for the manner in which they have brought this festival to a successful issue, and at the close I am sure we shall have to thank them still more.

Bro. Hedges then read the following lists of subscriptions:—

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Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.: The toast which I am now privileged to propose is one which, I am happy to say, needs no commendation from me. It is "The Health of our worthy and distinguished Chairman." (Loud cheers.) In speaking of him to you—you who know him so well—it needs no remarks to remind you of his many, his long and unwearying services to Freemasonry, especially in connection with our excellent and admirable charities. (Cheers.) And I venture to think that we owe him a great debt of gratitude on the present occasion; because when, owing to peculiar circumstances, we, within three weeks of the festival, found ourselves			

without a chairman, our Grand Treasurer, with that kindness and zeal which always distinguished him, stepped forward to fill up the breach, and placed his services at the disposal of the Board of Stewards, following the precedent of another Grand Treasurer. If any one should contend that the selection which has been made was not a good one, the answer to it is to be found in the fact that, under his presidency the lists of Grand Stewards amount to £11,700—£3000 in excess of last year, and £2000 in excess of any previous anniversary of the Institution. (Cheers.) We all know the services—and we all appreciate them highly—which our brother, Col. Creton, has rendered us in presiding at the meetings of our charitable institutions, and, above all, to that Institution which it was our privilege and happiness to visit on Monday. (Cheers.) Under the labours of the Building Committee we have seen great additions made to that Institution, rendering it second to none of all the educational institutions in England. (Cheers.) Those who, on Monday, saw the happy faces of the children, and observed the order and exactitude with which every duty was performed—those who admired the recitations, and, above all, the calisthenics, and noticed the cleanliness and system which prevailed in every part of the Institution, must have felt that a deep debt of gratitude was due to the Building Committee, which has so successfully enlarged the School. (Cheers.) I am unwilling to add another word to the toast, which, I am sure, commends itself to the sympathy, the remembrance, and the heart of every brother present. I will, therefore, content myself with asking you to drink a bumper toast to our Chairman, to whom we must all feel thankful for having come forward, at a moment of great emergency, to preside at this, I am happy to say, most successful anniversary. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Col. Creton, in response, said: I feel it difficult to express myself sufficiently consonant with my feelings for the kind way in which Bro. Woodford has spoken of my humble services, and to you, brethren, for the very handsome way in which you have received my name. I assure you it has been a source of great gratification to me to-night to be here and to receive that kindness from my brethren, which, I must tell you frankly, I had anticipated, but not to the extent which I have met with to-night. I can assure you that it is always a great pleasure to me, especially in regard to our Charities, if my humble services can be made available in any way. I do not think I need say more, brethren, than heartily to thank you, as I do at the present moment from the bottom of my heart, for the kind and handsome reception which you have given me to-night. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers of the Institution." In doing so he said: "The toast which I have the honour to propose to-night is in favour of our Charities, and you know when the Chairman commands, I am too good a Mason not to obey. The toast embraces a large number of persons, and I wish you to drink their health. Every one of the persons embraced in the toast has done the best in his power to advance the success of the Institution. I am not going to dilate on their respective merits in a long speech, but I will select one among the whole body, the Medical Officers, and I am sure what I say will meet with your sympathy when I tell you that they have conscientiously and devotedly discharged the duties of their office. All the other brethren comprised in the toast also perform their duties in the same manner. I shall ask you to join me in drinking this toast, and I shall couple with it the name of a brother who is almost new to Masonry, but who has shown his hearty zeal and wish to support our noble Charities, by making himself in a few years a Vice-Patron of our three Institutions. He is almost new to London Masons, and when I mention the name of the Baron Ferrieres, I have no doubt it is one you are not accustomed to hear. It is a name of a thoroughly good man, as I myself know. I don't care what he has done in other things, but he has done much for his fellow-creatures and brother Masons, and has thrown himself most heartily into the work of our Charities, and you know, very well they are the gem of our Order.

Baron de Ferrieres, in reply, said: Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Brethren, I feel somewhat diffident in having to respond to this toast after the very complimentary and undeserved terms in which Bro. Martyn has been pleased to propose it. However, I cannot refuse to respond, as my name has been mentioned, and I must say this, that having only lately had the honour of qualifying as Vice-Patron of the Institution, I felt I could no longer trust merely to report, but must go and see for myself what the Girls' Institution was like. I went there last Monday, and I must at once be allowed to say that I was very much struck with the appearance of the girls in that Institution. Their pleasing and lively and healthy look, so different from what the children often are in large institutions, struck me very much, and when I remained there for some time, and heard their recitations and their music, and saw how well they were instructed, I felt satisfied that that was an Institution which deserved the support not only of Masons, but of all those who wish to benefit the children and the rising generation. I am sure that the instruction given there is a credit to Miss Davis and all those who are responsible for the instruction, and I am also sure that the girls trained in this school will be a credit not only to their sex, but to Masonry, because I hold this, that as the fact of being a Mason is an honour to any man, which is proved by his upright walk and conversation, and his desire in all things to be a credit to manhood, so I believe the fact of being the daughter of a Freemason will be a credit to womanhood in general. I trust that all the girls brought up there will be a credit to Masonry, and that in fact any young man wanting a wife will be sure to find a good one there. I will not take up your time any further, but I am sure that all those associated with this toast,

and in fact all those connected with this Institution, must feel highly gratified that their labours and efforts have not been thrown away, but that they are helping to carry on an Institution which in every way is a great success. (Cheers.)

The Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., proposed "The other Masonic Charities, and Success to them, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." If the Craft could boast of its loyalty, it could also boast of its charity. The Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, laid down that dictum at his installation, and that had been the principle on which the Craft had acted ever since. We had it on the highest authority, that charity was a virtue greater even than faith and hope, for in that wonderful trinity of virtues "the greatest of these is charity." He would not at that late hour make a long speech, for the toast he was proposing did not require it. He would alter the old proverb and say "what is least said is soonest commended" to the notice of the brethren. They had every reason to be proud of what they had done for charity, although he did not say it boastfully. The Masonic Charities had no rich endowments and no landed estates to fall back upon. What was done for them was done spontaneously by the willing hearts of the brethren. The Benevolent Institution Festival last February had the largest sum ever brought in at a Masonic festival, and the Girls' School was creeping up in that direction, and he hoped the Boys' School would do the same. He wished that each and all of the brethren did still more for the Charities, and this was what he wished impressed on the minds of every Entered Apprentice, and if this was done, as Bro. Terry said, there would be no need of festivals or elections, because all applicants could be met.

Bro. Binckes replied, and congratulated Bro. Hedges on the success which had just been announced. The other Institution could by no possibility grudge success to it. The little girls were very dear to the brethren, and they were most generously and heartily supported. He, knowing the generosity of the brethren, had no fears for the success of the festival of the Boys' School. It had also, like the Girls' School, not been able to get a chairman till lately, but he had the pleasure of announcing that the Earl of Rosslyn would take the chair at the forthcoming festival. The Boys' School deserved every sympathy that could be shown to it, and, with intense feelings of gratitude for what the brethren had done for it in the past, he doubted not that they would support it in the future, and give it all that assistance which it so urgently needed.

Bro. James Terry also replied, and ventured to hope that in June next Bro. Binckes would have a great increase on the sums he had yet announced as the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School had had this year. In that case, the year 1879 would have to be recorded as one of the greatest successes that had ever attended the efforts of any of the Institutions in the Craft. He begged the brethren would do all they could for the Girls', as the oldest Institution, to remember the Boys', which had also a claim on their charity; but, above all, remember that they never would have had the girls or the boys if they had not had the old men and women.

Dr. Jabez Hogg proposed "The Stewards," to which toast Bro. Edward Cox replied, and after Bro. H. J. P. Dumas had proposed "The Ladies" the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given, in which, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmyer, Madame Liebhart, Madame Madigan Bilharz, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Helene Arnim, Miss Ellen Marchant, Bro. Wilford Morgan, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Walter Clifford, and Mr. Herbert Mayhew took part. Madlle Victorina De Bono and Miss Helen Hopekirk also performed, the former on the violin, and the latter on the piano, with exquisite taste and skill, to the delight of the whole of the visitors. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz conducted.

Bro. James Hayho was toastmaster at the dinner.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The May meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. J. Turnbull, P.M., Prov. Grand Purs., Durham; Thomas Elwin, P.M., Past Grand Purs. Durham; J. S. Pearson, P.M., Past Grand Purs. Durham; J. Mitchinson, P.M.; M. Frampton, W.M. 94; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; W. Hawdon, S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; Thomas Godfordson, Treas.; T. G. Curry, Sec.; Charles McNamara, S.D.; R. Seymour, J.D.; Edward Garvey, Steward; J. Thompson, Prov. Grand Tyler, Tyler; Thomas Lemon, John Muther, John Cook, Thomas Bamlett, Wm. Kilvington, J. Waller, Wm. Brown, J. R. Smart, J.W. 94; G. C. Watson, 97; Joseph Sprout, 178 (S.C.); and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Newton, the lodge was opened by Bro. Past Master Mitchinson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Lemon and Cook were separately and respectively passed to the degree of F.C. by Bros. J. S. Pearson, P.M., and Thomas Elwin, P.M., the charge to the two candidates being most impressively delivered by Bro.

M. Frampton, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when the names of a candidate for initiation and one for joining were received. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, the usual toasts being given and responded to.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Station-street. The following members were present: Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason); J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; S. Thwaite, J. Towers, I. Evening, J. Borrowdale, T. Mason, and H. Ritson. The W.M. not having arrived, the lodge was opened by the I.P.M., and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Carruthers, which being unanimous, he was regularly initiated into Masonry by Bro. Lamonby, P.M., by previous arrangement with the W.M., the candidate, like the officiating W.M., being old members of the Order of Odd Fellows, M.U. The E.A. charge was subsequently delivered by the W.M., Captain Sewell. Bro. T. Mason was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, and it was stated by the Secretary that another certificate had been procured for his son, Bro. T. C. Fearon, to replace that lost with his effects, when shipwrecked some months back, in the Bay of Biscay, on the voyage to Valparaiso. Bro. Fearon again embarked a week before the lodge meeting. On the proclamation being put, Bro. Lamonby, P.M., presented the lodge with a large Biblical chart, for which he received a vote of thanks. The labour of the evening was concluded with the hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing."

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, on the evening of the 1st inst., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Longmire, occupying the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, when the unanimous vote of the members was given in favour of Bro. William Longmire, S.W., whose installation will take place early in the ensuing month, the Installing Officer being Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., &c. Some other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

STAINDROP.—Rose of Raby Lodge (No. 1650).—The members of the above lodge held their annual installation in the Scarth Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. the Rev. J. M. Shepherd, M.A., and Provincial Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Ingleton, was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Bro. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.G.D., with accuracy, vigour, and eloquence. After the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers, as well as those appointed by the lodge: Bros. Rev. W. Stuart Harris, B.A., S.W.; John Hawdon, J.W.; Joseph Lax (re-invested), Secretary; R. H. Dixon, Treasurer; John Fawcett, S.D.; C. T. Stephenson, J.D.; C. J. Spence, D.C.; P. W. Dixon, I.G.; Wm. Davidson and Wm. Close, Stewards; Thos. Pyburn, Tyler. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and several Past Masters, as well as distinguished visitors from other lodges. After the ceremony of installation and the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Queen's Head Hotel, which was of an excellent character, and served up in Mr. Hart's usually good style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given and duly honoured. A most happy and harmonious evening was spent, which was much enlivened by the effective singing of some of the brethren of the lodge and visitors.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Wyndham Arms Hotel on Monday evening, April 28th, and the proceedings were invested with additional interest, as a testimonial was made to Bro. Podmore, Treasurer, who is leaving the district for Barnsley. The testimonial, a handsome clock, bore a suitable inscription; and this very useful article was selected from the choice stock of Bro. L. Beha. Prior to the closing of business, Brother J. S. Woolley, W.M., made the presentation on behalf of the lodge in a felicitous speech, expressing the satisfaction felt by the members at being able to acknowledge the services of Bro. Podmore as Treasurer, and in testimony of his Masonic qualities generally. They all, however, felt much regret that his business engagements would cause a speedy separation. Bro. Podmore, in a few suitable remarks, acknowledged the testimonial and the kind expressions which had accompanied it. At this meeting the brethren of the Ogmore voted five guineas to the Masonic Girls' School. The following visitors were present on the occasion:—Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., and D.P. G.M. Monmouth; W. T. Canton, I.P.M. 237; R. Southern, W.M. 36; J. C. Sladen, W.M. 1573; G. Bradford, P.M. 237; Wm. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.W. Monmouth, 818; John Jones, S.W. 1578; W. F. Betty, 1388. The presence of the above was acknowledged in hearty Masonic fashion, and the visitors generally expressed much satisfaction at the marked progress of the Ogmore Lodge, and the very able and efficient way in which the W.M. performed his onerous duties. A most agreeable hour was afterwards spent at the supper table.

INSTRUCTION.

BROADSTAIRS.—Broadstairs Lodge.—This lodge, which is held under the sanction of the Lewises Lodge, No. 1209, met to celebrate its annual festival in the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren from the different lodges in the Isle of Thanet. Bro. Edmund F. Davis, of St. Peter's, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. L. G. Finch, P.M. 429; W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Fenwick, P.M. 429; T. Hillier, W.M. 492; C. Andrews, P.M. 429; G. Page, P.M. 1209; T. B. Eve, P.M. 1209, and others. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Davis, after thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by asking him to preside on that occasion, said the first toast which he had to propose was one which took precedence of all others. It was the health of that lady whose name was always received by every one in this country with the greatest enthusiasm, the greatest love, and the greatest respect, "The Queen;" and he felt sure that there was no body of men who received the toast with greater or more genuine love than the Freemasons of this country. When they thought of the way in which she had reigned for upwards of forty years, a period of British history unparalleled for its prosperity and progress, and when they thought how she had always endeavoured to win respect for this country abroad, and which she had especially done of late by her visit to Baveno, where he was sure they all trusted she had been much benefited in health, they could not but entertain feelings of the deepest love and admiration for the Sovereign lady of these realms. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He begged to couple with the toast "The Craft." The National Anthem having been sung, the President, again rising, said it was with feelings of much humility that he rose to propose the next toast, not because he believed it was one which would not be received with the greatest acclamation, but because it was one which he could not speak upon in such terms as ought to fall from the mouth of a Freemason. He felt he could not do this because he was not so well versed in Masonic matters as those who sat around him, and, therefore, could not perhaps so well appreciate the services rendered to their Order by the subject of the toast. He had the honour to propose "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." If he had been asked to propose this toast at any other meeting, he should have felt that he could not do it justice; but when he came to combine with it the honour and benefit which had been conferred upon the Craft by the M.W.G.M. since he had joined it, he felt the difficulty of his position intensified. The Prince of Wales was well-known to them all, not only for the acts he had done to express his love of, and admiration for, the ancient Order to which they belonged, but for the able manner in which he had filled the chair of the M.W.G.M. of England. (Hear, hear.) During that period he had been actuated by ever a thought which, he ventured to think, should predominate in the breasts of every Freemason. He had shown them not only by his acts daily throughout England, but also abroad, that he was ever anxious and willing to further the interests of any institution that was for the benefit of mankind, and he (the speaker) would go the length of saying that every Freemason would acknowledge that this was one of the true principles of their Order. (Hear, hear.) Not longer ago than last week, for instance, they saw his Royal Highness presiding over the Cab Drivers' Association (hear, hear), because he deemed that that was an institution not unworthy of his support and recognition, and, in fact, there was scarcely a week passed in which he did not preside over some kindred institution. He (the speaker) felt that in Freemasonry they should all have this one thought constantly in their minds, that one of the principles of the Craft was charity, not only in act, but charity in thought. (Hear, hear.) This was the feeling with which he entered the ranks of the Order, and he trusted he would ever be actuated by it. (Cheers.) When they came to think that there were upwards of 1700 Masonic lodges under the English Constitution alone, not to mention the fact that every civilised country in the world had lodges of its own, they could conceive in some measure the powerful influence which must be spread abroad by Freemasonry; and when they came to add to this the list of distinguished and honoured names, such as the Prince of Wales and his two brothers, the Emperor and Crown Prince of Germany, and Prince Frederick of Denmark, and many more who stood at the head of the Order in their respective countries, they must admit that theirs was a no mean brotherhood. There could be little doubt that since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the office of M.W.G.M. Freemasonry had been very much raised in the estimation of the outside world (hear, hear), as might be inferred from the increased number of members who had joined the Order during the last few years, and the number of lodges that had been recently consecrated. Notwithstanding all that its enemies had said against it, Freemasonry was now stronger than ever it was before, and while it continued to boast of such distinguished brethren as His Royal Highness it must ever go on prospering. (Cheers.) The toast having been duly honoured, "God save the Prince of Wales" was sung, after which Bro. Eve, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," remarked that the noble lord was not merely a Mason in name but in thought and act. (Hear, hear.) He (Bro. Eve) had had the pleasure of being present at Grand Lodge when the M.W. Pro G.M. took his position in the chair in the absence of the Prince of Wales, and the very excellent manner in which he performed the duties devolving upon him was a proof that he evidently took the greatest interest in their Order, and while they had such men guiding them they need have no fear of the Craft in any way decaying. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Page briefly proposed "The L.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," after which Bro. Finch said it was with a great deal of pleasure that he

rose to ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale." There were a great many present who had the pleasure of knowing his lordship, but, perhaps, no one knew him more intimately than he (the speaker) did, and he, therefore, felt it an exceedingly grateful duty to bring his name under their notice that evening. Viscount Holmesdale had been Prov. Grand Master of Kent for nearly twenty years, and during that time he had performed the duties falling to his position with entire satisfaction all through the province. (Hear, hear.) And it was no slight work that he had to perform, considering that at the present time there were forty-three lodges to preside over, and when he (Viscount Holmesdale) took upon himself the responsibility of office he (Bro. Finch) thought there were only seventeen lodges in the province (hear, hear), thus increasing the number of Freemasons in Kent about threefold. Whether it was in East or West Kent, or wherever they went throughout the province, the name of Viscount Holmesdale was always received with very great pleasure, but not more than what it really deserved. He hoped that many of the brethren would have the opportunity of meeting the M.W. Prov. G.M. in about a month's time. He would be at Margate on the 11th of June, and whoever had the pleasure of meeting him there would be perfectly satisfied that his lordship was the right man in the right place. Bro. Hillier having proposed, in a happy speech, "The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Finch acknowledged the toast in equally felicitous terms, remarking that it was not a very easy nor a very pleasant task which fell to the lot of the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes. It devolved upon him more than upon any one else to select those brethren on whom the M.W. Prov. G.M. conferred the honour of being his officers during the twelve months that they held the purple, and out of forty-three lodges there were, as a matter of course, some worthy in each of those lodges deserving of his lordship's favour. But when they considered that there were only eleven purples to be distributed amongst forty-three lodges it became a very difficult task for Bro. Eastes to judge who those eleven favourites should be. (Hear, hear.) But he sincerely believed that Bro. Eastes as far as possible did his duty conscientiously, and chose the brethren according to the ability and fitness which they had shown during their Masonic career. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Finch concluded by earnestly urging the younger members of the fraternity to look upon their connection with Masonry as an honourable one. It was a society that they might all justly be proud of, and even the outside world, so far as it knew the objects of the Order, were bound to admit its right to popular gratitude and esteem. Bros. Fenwick and Page having also briefly responded, "Prosperity to the Broadstairs Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by Bro. Page. Bro. Hillier appropriately acknowledged the toast on behalf of the lodge. At this stage of the proceedings, the sum of £10 10s. being available for two life subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, was drawn for, the ballot resulting in favour of Bros. Walter Searles and C. J. Ayton. Bro. Call then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Lewises Lodge," to which Bro. Ayton gracefully responded. Bro. Hillier, in a few complimentary remarks, next proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Bro. Davis, in reply, said he felt deeply indebted for the way in which Bro. Hillier had proposed his health and the cordial response which it had called forth. He had felt very much flattered in being selected to be their President, that evening especially, as he was painfully convinced of his own shortcomings in Masonic knowledge. But he knew that with all his faults they loved him still. (Cheers.) He ventured to hope that in time to come they would see him elected to the chair, when it might reasonably be expected that some of his defects would vanish. He now had another and more pleasant duty to perform before resuming his seat. He did so with particular satisfaction, because he felt it was a duty of which any man might be proud; it was to propose "Success to the Masonic Charities." Bro. Finch had asked him to take that toast, although it was one which did not usually fall strictly within his province as Chairman. It appeared to him that the main principle and fundamental teaching of Freemasonry was charity. If he was right in that observation, then the most important duty which they as Freemasons had to perform was to support the noble and benevolent Institutions of the Craft. (Cheers.) When he thought of the circumstance that there were more institutions belonging to the Masonic body than, perhaps, to any other corporation in existence, he ventured to say that they had much reason to be proud of their connection with the Craft. When they could feel that their lives had not been wasted, when they knew that they were following the Divine teaching which said, "teach me to feel another's woe;" when they felt that by supporting these Charities they were doing incalculable good, that they were doing that which Providence had decreed that they should do, it was a matter which they as men should be very proud of. (Hear, hear.) When they bore in mind that they had Institutions for the decayed and aged poor, and Schools for the young of both sexes left unprotected for they could not but be convinced of the utility of their common brotherhood. To his mind there could be no nobler mission in life than to support philanthropic institutions such as they boasted of (hear, hear). Bro. Davis concluded with an eloquent appeal in behalf of the Charities, reminding the brethren that this was an exceptional time of distress from bad trade and war, and calling for exceptional liberality on the part of Freemasons. He trusted that every one would, as far as his means would allow, contribute his quota, and thus fulfil one of the purest and finest principles taught by the Craft. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Finch. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Finch replied for the Charities, which he

characterised as the foundation of the Order. The more the brethren did towards supporting the Institutions, the more they carried out, as their President had said, the principles which they undertook to maintain at their initiation. (Hear, hear.) The remaining toasts, "The Visitors," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," were then drunk, and the brethren separated about eleven o'clock. During the evening several capital songs were sung by members of the company. The arrangements for the festival were admirably carried out by Bro. Clarke, of the Lord Nelson.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—A convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals, and investing the officers for the ensuing year. Companions present: G. Waterall, M.E.Z.; M. H. Larham, H.; T. Poore, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E.; Samuel Poynter, 1st A.S.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Thomas Meggy, D.C.; John Gilbert, Janitor; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; H. C. Levander, P.Z.; John Watts, Thos. Preston, John Walmsley, George T. Thornes. Visiting companions: Comps. G. W. Dixon, Z. 771; S. Lazarus, P.Z. 53 and 188; E. P. Albert, P.Z. 188; W. W. Morgan, 141; John S. Terry, J. 140; N. B. Headon, 145; and W. Lake, H. 131 (Freemason). The chapter having been duly opened, and the minutes of last convocation confirmed, the election and installation of officers was proceeded with. On this occasion Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., undertook the duties of installing Principal, and those who know his admirable working in Craft Masonry will understand how impressively the beautiful ceremony of installation could be rendered by him. We can only say that we have rarely seen it so well done, and have no doubt Comp. Stevens's services will be often sought for on similar occasions. The first business was the installation of E. Comp. Mark S. Larham, H., as M.E.Z.; Thos. Poore, J., as H.; and Richard N. Field as J. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers as follows: Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., as E. (twelfth re-appointment); Samuel Poynter, N.; Thomas Meggy, P.S.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treasurer; J. Watts, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Janitor. The appointment of 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners was postponed. After a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to the installing Principal, the chapter was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been disposed of, the M.E.Z. presented, in the name of the chapter, a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel to Comp. Levander, who had acted as Treasurer for several years, and expressed his regret that his valued services could not be continued. The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that the members of the Panmure Chapter were always well pleased at the presence of visitors. Comp. Lazarus responded on behalf of the visitors, and took occasion to expatiate on the grandeur and sublimity of the Arch Degree, showing how closely its rites resembled those of the Jewish Synagogue. The toast of "The Past Principals," responded to by Comps. Stevens and Levander, "The Press," "The Officers of the Chapter," responded to by Comps. Poynter and Watts; and songs from Comps. Poynter, Meggy, and others, brought this interesting meeting to a close.

SUNDERLAND.—De Lambton Chapter (No. 94).—The annual convocation of this old chapter was held last Tuesday, in the Masonic Hall, Queen-street. There were present Comps. R. B. Lutert, M.E.Z.; John J. Clay, H.; James D. Todd, J.; James S. Pearson, P.Z.; George Wandlass, P.Z.; W. W. Collie, S.E.; and a number of other companions belonging to the chapter. Visitors: Wm. H. Crookes, P.Z., and Provincial G.S.E.; and E. Comps. Robt. Hudon, Fred. Maddison, Wm. Little, M. Douglas, H. Turnbull, and Wm. Craven, all of No. 80; Comps. Thos. Watson and Chas. Macnamara, No. 97. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Wm. Watts, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Watts was then exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. At this meeting the Principals elected at the last quarterly convocation were duly installed and placed in their respective chairs by M.E. Comp. Robt. Hudon, in a very able manner. John J. Clay, Z.; J. D. Todd, H.; M. Frampton, J.; and the following officers were invested: Wm. W. Collie, S.E.; R. Wilson, S.N.; M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lutert, Treasurer; Comps. S. Sutherland, P.S., by proxy; John W. Brown, Janitor. The companions then retired to refreshment, which was served up in the usual excellent style.

BRO. C. B. PAYNE, GRAND TYLER.—The funeral of Bro. Payne took place on Monday, at Abney Park Cemetery. Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; Pendlebury, and Dodd. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Richards W.M. 27; J. B. Poole, P.M.; W. H. Libbiss, Bingham, W. Stephens, Jas. Brett, Thos. Cubit, Figg, (brother-in-law), Charles Atkins, and Henry Young.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold will take the chair at the annual meeting of the Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, to be held at Grosvenor House on Friday.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., will preside at the annual breakfast of the Lord's Day Observance Society, to be held to-morrow at St. James's Hall.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The visit of the Stewards for the ninety-first anniversary festival of this Institution to the Schools at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, was paid on Monday last, when between four and five hundred brethren and ladies attended to see the pupils give proofs of their proficiency, and the successful competitors of the year receive their prizes. The weather was well suited for the occasion, a sudden change in the bleak winds of the last six months having taken place in the course of the previous night, and a beautiful spring temperature prevailing in their stead.

The company began to assemble soon after three o'clock, and shortly after four the pupils were arranged in the handsome new hall, which accommodated without any inconvenience the whole of the large company, which but for the new building would have been unable to witness the performances. The small gallery was appropriated to the use of those of the pupils who did not take part in the exercises, while those who did were seated in the centre of the hall, on the south side of which was erected a dais for the Chairman, the House Committee, and Miss Davis, the Head Governess. The arrangement was admirable, and by means of it every one in the room was enabled to see and hear all that passed.

Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England, and Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, and Chairman of the present year's festival, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Rucker, E. H. Leachworth, Edward Cox, Dr. Jabez Hogg, the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, Baron de Ferrieres, H. A. Dubois, Col. James E. Peters, Louis Hirsch, J. H. Southwood, James Terry, Griffiths Smith, and Constantine Burke, District Grand Master of Jamaica, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The list of the brethren, ladies, and gentlemen (non-Masons) who were present, comprised the following names:—Mrs. and Mrs. Griffiths Smith, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Culmer, Miss Pendlebury, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Crick, Miss Crick, Miss Pepper, Bro. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Williams, the Baron de Ferrieres, F. R. W. Hedges, A. J. Ireton, Julius Brustodt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brookman, Edith Brookman, Charles Whichels, J. W. Baldwin, T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G.D. Herts; Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Caswell, A. C. Halestrap, D.C. 1471; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; J. Tanner, P.M. 1707; Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Tyerman, Mrs. Clements, W. J. Murliis, P.M. 1642; R. B. Webster, G. W. Watson, John Green, 889; W. B. Weeks, 1076; F. E. Thompson, 1076; Charles Hammerton, Edward Terry, Mrs. Terry, R. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Colson, Mrs. Ireton, W. Moring, 9; J. F. Weber, P. S. Weber, E. Farwig, L. E. Wilkinson, A. Jolley, Jas. Terry, W. J. Crutch, Mrs. Salton and daughters, Miss Harland, Miss Taylor, J. A. Perkins, 765; W. H. Morson, 1320; John H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; A. E. Gladwell, J.W. 172; Mrs. P. L. Bradley, Mrs. A. E. Gladwell, H. J. Amphlett, 1511; L. Lygo, L. C. Page, L. Page, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Chamberlain, H. A. Dubois, Henry Birdseye, Miss Birdseye, James Blyth, Miss Stephenson, Mr. H. Lucking, Lizzie Ward, M. Clayton, H. M. Levy, J. J. Berry, John Hill, John W. Saunders, G. Beveridge, J. T. Pilditch, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Mrs. Wordsworth, John Henry Leggett and Mrs. Leggett, W. H. Saunders, Mrs. L. Hedges, C. Buckingham, W. Wright, M. Steyermaun, Henry W. Dalwood, Mrs. Poole and family, John Wells, Mrs. John Wells, N. Gluckstein, M. H. Hammond, F. E. Finley, John Cunnery, Henry Brooks, Charles Castell, A. C. Castell, Samuel G. Baker, W. H. G. Rudderforth, W.M. 1668; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Charles J. P. reveal, W. Hammond, F. W. Lawrence, L. Hammond, J. Hammond, W. J. Hammond, F. Sanderson, M. A. Crouch, H. A. Bennett, E. C. Woodward, Robt. Roberts, F. A. Roberts, G. Browning, Constance Giraud, Gretchen Browning, W. H. Gritten, Constantine Burke, Prov. G. Master for Jamaica; Mrs. Burke, the Misses Burke, Eliza Hookham, Esther Dodd, Thomas Gunning, W. Gawse, J. V. Mitchell, H. Glückstein, James Smith, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. F. C. Moutrie, James Davey, R. Berridge, F. B. Williams, W. E. Williams, E. W. Braine, J. R. Armitage, W. G. Weber, W. Farmer, Miss Moutrie, Miss Hoxell, Miss Ashforth, Miss Dormer, G. Gillangell, 1329; George Kenning, Mrs. G. Kenning, Miss Kenning, Miss Elsie Kenning, Miss Florence Kenning, W. Pierpoint, Wm. Paas, S. J. S. Mathews, J. A. Watson, H. Walker, M. Chapman, Mr. Massey, Miss Massey, Mrs. Lydia Harris, Alice Roberts, J. F. Roberts, Mr. John Elliott, Miss Elliott, B. Britten, Wm. Honeyball, 1681; Thos. Ball, Thomas W. White, D. Haslett, H. J. Gabb, Mrs. Gabb, B. H. Swallow, G. P. Fested, W. Malthouse, Mrs. Levander and party, Henry Muggidge, Miss Kezia Muggidge, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Kennard, Mrs. Rudderforth, Mrs. James Smith, W. Smith, W. W. Morgan, jun., Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Mather, J. Kennard, F. Townsend, 1703; Edw. Johnson, W.M. 190; F. W. M. Elves, John Faulkner, 1423; Fredk. Keiley, 1293; J. S. T. Wright, 1421; F. Knight, 1685; J. Wright, 1440; H. J. Farley, H. Tuff, 1273; Miss Mather, Miss V. Mather, H. L. Mather, Frederick Venables, 1385; J. W. France, W. Lake, A. J. Murray, J. S. Chancellor, P.G.S.; G. Saker, P.M. 22; R. G. Shute, G. Bolton, G. J. Bolton, Mrs. Farmaner, Miss Mitchell, J. E. Collins, 1614; Mrs. and Miss D'Oyley, Mrs. Chas. Perceval, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham Bell, Louis Hirsch, T. W. C. Bush, 1728; Mrs. Bush, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys); H. Cox, Colonel Creaton, W. Clifton Crick, W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Herbert Dicketts, J. L. Slothinte, P.P.G.W. Somerset; Bro. Thos. Massa, Mrs. Massa, Miss Massa, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The following is the programme gone through:—Selection of music and recitations by the following pupils

(the music on six pianos) Melora F. Goodridge, Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, Grace Colvill, Frances Gardner, Beatrice Bindon, Agnes A. Nash, Lizzie Lapington, Maud Cowley, Laura Spurr, Ada B. Tanare, Agnes Barron, Christine Oates, Violet H. Lang, Mary A. Hartness, Florence Redford, Edwina R. Jones, Margaret Allison, Ada Clase, Helena Pidduck, Minnie Morgan, Alice W. Cecil, Eleanor Peete, Dora C. Bowles, Laura Stransom, Annie Pattison, Edith M. Patten, Alice Newbould, Lucinda Broadbent, Agnes Jennings, Josephine Herlan, Clara Wright, Alice Pike, Cecily Jardine, Amelia Saunders, Eliza Beveridge, Edith Nash, Beatrice Wray, Kate Mackay, Maud H. Bursey, Mabel Bingham, Florence Hart, Mary Johnson, Gertude May, Clara Kingcombe, Eveline Pelham.

4 p.m.—Chant, "Psalm 150;" duet, "Hallelujah Chorus," 24 hands; anthem, "God is a Spirit;" trio (little girls), "Airs Suisses," 36 hands; recitation, "The Spider and the Fly," Alice W. Cecil and Mary A. Johnson; solo (little girls), "Batti Batti!" 12 hands; recitation, "John Gilpin," Colina Sharp; duet (little girls), "Don Giovanni," 24 hands; recitation, "Athalie," Acte II, Scène VII, Annie Pattison, Eliza Beveridge, and Frances E. Gardner; solo, "Andante and Minuet," 12 hands; recitation, "The May Queen," Edwina R. Jones; solo, "Polacca Brillante," 12 hands; recitation, "Liebesprobe," Frances E. Gardner; duet, "Symphonie XV.," 24 hands; recitation, "Antony's Oration over Cæsar's body," Edith M. Nash; solo, "Fantasia in F Sharp Minor," Melora F. Goodridge. 5.30—Distribution of prizes by Lieut.-Col. Creaton. 6—Tea and coffee. 7.30—Calisthenic exercises and marching.

List of Pupils who received prizes:—

Francis Elizabeth Gardner, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Dora Cressy Bowles, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, and Helena Meacock, each a fourth of £5, for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

For passing Cambridge Examination:—

Class II.—Honours.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

Class III.—Honours.—Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, Dora C. Bowles, Helena Meacock.

For Passing Satisfactorily.—Elizabeth Roberts, Annie Pattison, Catherine Emery, Eliza Beveridge, Edith M. Nash, Beatrice M. Wray, Dora M. Jennings.

For Music.—Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, and Violet H. Lang (among the little girls).

For French (Recitation).—Annie M. Pattison.

For Calisthenics and Deportment.—Dora C. Bowles.

For Drawing.—Beatrice M. W. Wray, Dora C. Bowles, Charlotte White, Bessie L. Morris.

For General Usefulness.—Eliza Johnson and Louisa M. Taylor.

For Needlework.—Florence Faithful and Ellen Harryman.

For Machine Work.—Mary Annie Hartness and Kate Briggs.

For Order and Attention.—Florence Hill and Edith Potts (among the little girls).

Class II.—Margaret W. Allison, general proficiency; Ethel Ida Seaton, perseverance; Laura Stransom, good conduct.

Class III.—Edith E. Daly, general proficiency; Fanny G. Osborne, general improvement; Mabel Saulford, perseverance.

Class IV.—Mary A. Johnson, general proficiency; Mary S. Norrish, perseverance; Alice Boyd, writing; Annie Scott, writing.

Class V.—Lucretia Wilton, general improvement; Matilda Hothersall, perseverance.

Class VI.—Eveline E. Pelham, perseverance.

By Bro. Joshua Noon, for Fancy Work.—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. the Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French.—Eliza Beveridge.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Edith Mary Nash, Edwina Russell Jones, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination.—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct.—Elizabeth Roberts and Florence M. Hart.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music.—Grace Colvill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music.—Louisa Christine Oates.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery).—Mary A. Chapman.

From the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct.—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Zoology, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. Charles White, for Proficiency (Lower First Class).—Fanny Asby and Alice M. Newbould.

The Memorial Prizes of Three Guineas, given by the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, was awarded to Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

At the conclusion of the children's performances Col. Creaton, said, that after the entertainment the company had just had he could not allow this opportunity to pass without thanking Miss Davis, the Head Governess of the Institution, to whom they owed so much. It was entirely due to her exertions that the efficiency of the school and its high state of perfection had been reached. The opportunity was a fitting one for thanking Miss Davis, and on behalf of the Committee, the subscribers, and all those who

were then assembled he thanked her for her exertions, and hoped they might have her services for many years to come.

Col. Creaton then distributed the prizes, and when this had been done, he said he had had great pleasure in doing what he had done, and in congratulating the children sincerely on having earned them so well. He trusted that those children who were not prize-takers, and who were seated in the gallery looking down on their successful schoolfellows, would exert themselves, and come to the front next year and try to obtain the reward of merit. Before the company adjourned to refreshment he wished to inform them that Miss Jarwood, the Matron to the Institution for many years, had lately not been very well, but he was happy to say that she was now much better. He was glad to tell the subscribers in that great assembly that the benefits which had arisen to the Institution from the management of Miss Jarwood were very numerous, and that in the course of the number of years during which she had been matron her management had done wonders. He trusted that she would live many years to see the fruits of her labours.

The Honorary Chaplain of the Institution proposed the thanks of the meeting to the Chairman for his kindness in coming to distribute the prizes, which he had performed to the satisfaction of every one concerned. He (the Hon. Chaplain) was very glad indeed to have the opportunity, as they all had, of welcoming Bro. Colonel Creaton there, inasmuch as he (the Hon. Chaplain) had had the opportunity of officiating in that capacity when Bro. Col. Creaton laid the foundation stone of the new wing in which they were assembled. It had not been formally opened yet, but they all hoped and trusted that on another occasion it would receive the presence of the high lady whose name it was about to bear, that of the Princess of Wales. Bro. Col. Creaton from the time he laid the foundation stone had given the greatest attention to the erection of the buildings, and it must be a great gratification to him to be present now in a room such as that in which he was now speaking. The thanks of all the officers of the Institution, the audience, the House Committee, the teachers, and every one else were due to Bro. Col. Creaton for giving them so much space, and they would all feel gratified that they had had more space. They knew how essential it was to have plenty of air for the lungs, and the children could not have acquitted themselves so well if they had not had such a quantity of fresh air. He begged to express his own gratification at being there that day, and he hoped all the company would join in expressing their thanks to Bro. Col. Creaton.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg seconded the motion, and testified to the great zeal of Bro. Col. Creaton with regard to the welfare of this and the sister Institutions, over all of which he spent a great deal of time and attention.

Bro. Col. Creaton thanked the company sincerely for the vote, and said it was quite by accident he was there that day as President of the meeting. He was Treasurer of the Institution, and in that capacity had been called on to take the chair.

The company then adjourned to tea, after which they accompanied the little girls in walking about the grounds, and in the course of the evening witnessed the calisthenic exercises, and wound up the day by joining the children in dances, which continued till about ten o'clock. On no previous occasion has such an unqualified success been attained for the Stewards' visit to this Institution. The additional building prevented any crowding, and the dances, which were carried on in the old school-room as well as in the new, were not sufficient to fill both. Consequently there was no undue heat, and the comfort of the visitors and children was maintained throughout the day and evening.

Bro. Hedges, we were informed, had up to that day 247 Stewards for his festival, and expected that his subscriptions would exceed £10,000.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton presiding. There were also present Bros. James Brett, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stuart, J. A. Farnfield, Wm. Hilton, S. Rawson, Wm. Stephens, Edgar Bower, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Erasmus Wilson, C. G. Dille, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry reported that the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire, had consented to preside at the festival of this Institution for 1880. Bro. Terry also read letters from Col. Starkie and J. L. Hine acknowledging receipt of votes of thanks passed at last meeting in February. He also reported the death of three male annuitants, and read the Warden's report for the past month. Cheques in payment of annuities and salaries for the ensuing quarter were directed to be signed, and the draft annual report was submitted and approved. The list of attendances of the Committee for the year was read, and the three brethren who had attended least retired. Two were nominated for re-election, and a third for election. The application of the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and leave of absence from the asylum for three months was granted. The Committee then adjourned.

A Grand Council of Illustrious Knights, K.H., 300, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was held at the hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday last, when several new members were admitted.

Bro. Locock Webb, of the Chancery Bar, has been elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Reports of Lodges, &c.—
Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction.

De Tabley Lodge, 941.
Great Stanmore, 1549.
Lodge of Faith, 141.
St. John's Chapter, 328.
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Obituary Notices—

Bro. Joseph Poore.
Bro. George Thompson.

Original Research—

Masonic Works in British Museum.
Earliest use of word Freemason.
Sixty-seven years a Mason.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "North China Herald," "Liverpool Mail," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Proceedings of M.P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Pennsylvania," "Keystone," "Australian Freemason."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

FREDERICKSON.—On the 12th inst., at St. Hubert's, Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Mr. A. D. Frederickson, of a son.

PENFOLD.—On the 9th inst., at the Royal Dockyard, Portsmouth, the wife of Mr. F. Penfold, Secretary R.N., of a son.

STRETTON.—On the 12th inst., at Saxe Coburg-street, Leicester, the wife of Clement Edwin Stretton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

HAMILTON—SCHOFIELD.—On the 12th inst., at Kensington, James F. Hamilton, son of the late Lieut.-Col. Thomas Talbot Hamilton, to Ellen Bertha, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Schofield, of Rochdale, Lancashire.

DEATHS.

MANTEL.—On the 3rd inst., at Jersey, Bro. Edward Mantel, P.M. 491 and 958, P.Z., P.G.J.W.

THOMPSON.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 94 Rye Hill, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bro. George Thompson, P.M., &c., aged 66 years.

SPECIAL EDITION.

A Special Edition of the *Freemason* will be ready early on Saturday Morning, containing a full report of the Committee Meeting and Election of Candidates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1879

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The anniversary on Wednesday last was, indeed, a triumphant success. £11,700, with nineteen lists to come in, was truly a grand total, £3000 ahead of 1878, £2000 more than any previous festival. With nineteen lists yet to come in, it is more than probable that before the close of 1879 the returns for the Girls' School will not fall far short of £12,000. Again, we repeat, a magnificent totality. Despite the badness of trade, despite the complaints of the agricultural interest, despite hasty prophecies and doubting valuations, the zeal of English Freemasons betrays no lessening, points to no falling back; and we agree with Bro. Binckes, when, as he truly and tersely puts it, "bad times and hard times do not seem to affect the hearts and hands of Freemasons." It is, indeed, a subject of great rejoicing to all members of our Order to note how nobly our great Charities are supported, year by year, by the spontaneous and hearty offerings of our large-hearted fraternity. We venture to repeat what we have remarked before, that there is no earthly society, that we are aware of, essaying, or succeeding to accomplish, what English Freemasonry yearly brings about, for the great cause, the goodly claims, the needs, the work, the "outcome" of charity. Some of the circumstances attending the Festival of 1879 deserve to be noted and remembered. Three weeks before the Festival there was no Chairman found, or even apparently findable, and then it was that our gallant and energetic Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creton placed himself, in a most fraternal and commendable spirit, and following a good precedent, in the hands of the Boards of Stewards. It was felt for many reasons, that under the then circumstances of the case, the actual position of affairs, this was an offer not lightly to be rejected, or hastily ignored. Lieut.-Colonel Creton possessed advantages for the post which none others, we make bold to say, are endowed with. He was Trustee and Treasurer of the Institution, he was Chairman of the Building Committee, his services to all the Charities have been conspicuous and unceasing. He had recently, also, been elected Grand Treasurer of England, and it was not unreasonable, to expect that the brethren, mindful of his Masonic career, and glad to recognize his undeniable claims on their sympathy, good will, and respect, would rally round our distinguished brother. And the result has proved how sound these views were, and how seasonable was the action of the Board of Stewards. If it be true that a "more distinguished brother" in mere social position might have been found, yet we venture to think that a "more distinguished brother" in Masonic services, and zeal, and sacrifices for the Charities cannot be found than our kindly friend, the Grand Treasurer. And hence, no doubt, the warmth of his reception, and the success and prestige of the gathering. We congratulate all concerned—the Stewards, the Managing Committee, and, above all, Bro. Hedges. As the old adage runs, the "proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we are glad to find that the anniversary of 1879 affords the most complete vindication of those many brethren, who in the election of Bro. Hedges, sought to carry out true Masonic teaching, in "commending industry and rewarding merit." We reserve for next week an analysis of the return,—the more so as we shall probably have to say a good deal on the subject, and we refer our readers to the full and faithful report of the Festival.

THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND CHAPTER.

The last meeting of Grand Chapter was an important one in all respects, in that it dealt with a case, not uncommon just now, of the application for a charter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706. The lodge it seems had not been in existence three years, and as three years should elapse, we are told, before a charter to a lodge be granted, the Committee recommended that the "prayer of the petition be not complied with." This recommendation of the Committee was carried on a division by 24 to 10; the application for a charter was therefore lost. The term of "three years" is not forced by the Royal Arch Constitutions, but by a resolution of the Committee of Grand Chapter in 1875, approved of by Grand Chapter. We think, with all deference to Grand Chapter, that such a resolution is a mistake, and requires amendment, and for these reasons. In the first place, we object to the government of the members of the Royal Arch Grade by a "resolution" of the Committee; any such provision ought to be inserted in the "Constitutions." In the next place, the resolution is, in our opinion, a mistake, and one not suited to 1879, whatever it may have been so late even as 1875. Twelve months is quite a sufficient term of delay to prove the stability of a lodge, and the present system is a great practical hardship on lodges and brethren, and is the cause of the paucity of Royal Arch Masons as compared with Craft Masons. A charter is granted in a provincial town, for instance, where there is only one lodge. A large influx of members takes place. They are all eligible for exaltation at the expiration of twelve months, but as the lodge cannot get a charter for three years, they either go to another town, or they stop where they are, and never are exalted at all. Hence, at this moment, not one quarter of our Master Masons are members of the Royal Arch. We venture to think that an injustice is thus done to Master Masons, and Royal Arch Masonry is kept back, evidently by a "resolution" which certainly seems to ignore, whenever put in force, the wants and position of our lodges today. In the case of the "Orpheus," it has eighty-five members, and twenty of the members are P.M.'s. So that there is, indeed, plenty of support to be in it found for the more limited area of Royal Arch Masonry. If in former times, when Royal Arch Masons were fewer, and lodges were less numerous, such a restriction was not improper, it has ceased to have any reason and meaning when Royal Arch Masonry is increasing rapidly in favour and numbers amongst us. We hope soon, therefore, to hear that this resolution is amended in the sense we have ventured to indicate, and that the provision, be it what it may, be incorporated in the Constitutions. The Committee was, no doubt, perfectly justified in upholding a previous resolution, approved of in Grand Chapter, and still unrepealed, but we are, nevertheless, distinctly of opinion that, with the best motives in the world, such a resolution is an interference with the just rights and lawful claims of Master Masons, and is, above all, most antagonistic to the proper development and increase of Royal Arch Masonry. We beg respectfully to call the attention of our rulers to the subject, anxious as we know they always are to do what is right and fair to all."

SERVICES OF THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND TREASURER.

Lieut.-Col. Creton was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge in 1852, and joined the Lodge of Antiquity in 1857. He was exalted in St. James's Chapter in 1857, and is a P.Z.; and was W.M. Lodge of Antiquity 1860 and 1861. He was Grand Steward in 1860 (President of the Board); Grand Deacon in 1862; Grand Sword Bearer Grand Chapter in 1862, and is Steward for all the Charities. He is Vice-Patron and Trustee to all the Charities, Treasurer Girls' School; and President Grand Chapter Committee; Chairman Building Committee Girls' School, and Grand Treasurer. Has been Member of

Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board four years.

GRAND SECRETARY FOR GERMAN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Ernest Emil Wendt, now re-appointed Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, was initiated into Masonry on the 1st of November, 1843, at Stettin, Germany, in the lodge of The Three Compasses, working under the system of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes. Having been passed on the 18th December, 1844, and raised on the 25th November, 1846, he was admitted on the 25th January, 1850, to the Old Scotch Master's Degree, which, under the above system, is considered equivalent to the Royal Arch. Having, in the interim, removed to England, Bro. Wendt, in the years 1860 or 1861, was delegated by the two senior Grand Lodges of Berlin to arrange with the Grand Lodge of England a mutual interchange of representatives, such intercourse having up to that time taken place only with the Grand Lodge, Royal York of Friendship, the youngest of the three Berlin Grand Lodges. The lengthened negotiations which this important change entailed were not brought to a conclusion until the year 1869, after Bro. Hervey had become Grand Secretary, in which year the late Bro. Dundas was admitted as representative of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin, and in the following year Bro. Wendt was appointed Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, in which office he has now for the tenth time been re-invested. Through his intermediation an equally cordial Masonic intercourse has been established between the Grand Lodges of Berlin and those of Scotland and Ireland. Bro. Wendt was promoted on the 2nd of July, 1860, to the first steps of the so-called Inner Orient of the Three Globes; on the 23rd of May, 1864, to those next following, and on the 30th of the same month to the highest Degree in that system, which is understood to combine everything that Freemasonry undertakes to teach. In April, 1870, he joined English Craft Masonry, in the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, and while in the chair of that lodge in 1873 delivered a series of lectures upon Freemasonry in Germany. In 1877 he was exalted in the Belgrave Chapter, and in the same year became one of the founders of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63, at the consecration of which, in May, 1878, he was installed Second Principal, and he is at the present moment M.E.Z. elect. He was appointed Grand Scribe N. at the meeting of Grand Chapter on the 8th inst. Bro. Wendt is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and served as Steward to two of them in 1872 and 1878. He also enjoys the rare distinction of being an honorary member of the Three Globes Grand Lodge, and of the Countries of Germany Grand Lodge, both these honours being conferred for eminent services to the Craft.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MASONIC GRAMMAR, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to call your attention to the use of a word in last report of the Committee of Grand Chapter, which I hardly think is correct. It is said—"except in very exceptional cases."

Is this a proper use of the word "exceptionable?"

Exceptionable, or exceptional, according to Dr. Johnson, means "liable to objection," though, I admit, it is often incorrectly used in common conversation, to denote "special," and the like. It seems, however, a pity in Masonic public documents to use words which are not strictly correct, and as a stickler for the purity of our English tongue, I venture to call attention to this misuse of words. The word "special" or "peculiar" would be the proper term to apply. As it is, the sentence is bad English.

I am, yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to correct two errors in your last number; one in the letter of Bro. Perceval, the other in that of mine. Bro. Jas. Norris was born January 21st, 1790, not 1798. The name should be Norris, not Morris.

I enclose a letter, received this morning, from Bro. Coombe, of Hayle, Cornwall, on the subject.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
HENRY J. STRONG, M.D.,
Hon. Surgeon R.M.B.I., Croydon.

May 5th, 1879.

Dear Bro. Strong,—

Referring to your letter, replying to my quotation and remark therein, you stated Bro. Norris was born 21st January, 1790. Bro. Perceval's letter in the *Freemason*, 3rd inst., stated that he was born January, 1798. Which is correct? You both agree with the date of his initiation, viz., 10th March, 1812.

I have no hesitation in saying that Bro. Norris is the oldest known Mason in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the United States of America. I would again refer you to reply to my enquiry in America: "The oldest Mason, so far as is known, is Francis Brinley Fogg, now residing in Memphis, Tennessee. He was made in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, in 1817, and is one of the charter members of the present St. Paul's Lodge. Next come S. Aynault Robinson, now of Wakefield, who was made in St. John's Lodge in 1819; William S. Clarke, Providence, St. John's, 1822; Freeman Mayberry, Newport, St. John's, 1824. Capt. John Howland, of this city, was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1821."—*Newport Mercury*, Rhode Island, U.S., January, 1877.

The second oldest in England is that of Bro. Nicholas Donnithorne, late Tyler of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, Cornwall, who was born 12th July, 1789, and was initiated in the Royal Cornwall Militia Lodge, No. 618, now 230 (One and All), Bodmin, 6th April, 1812. He came from and old Masonic stock, his father having been a member of the Craft for many years, and who died 1803. Bro. D. also enjoys excellent health.—See *Freemason*, vol. 8, p. 229 (Bro. Rich's letter, "Father of Freemasons").

The third is that of Sir Moses Montefiore, who is the oldest man, and seven days junior Mason to the last mentioned.

Bro. Marsh, initiated 1819 (I believe there are many of that age in England).

Bro. Norris, born 21st January, 1790, initiated 10th March, 1812.

Bro. Donnithorne was born 12th July, 1789, initiated 6th April, 1812.

Bro. Sir M. Montefiore, born 24th October, 1784, initiated 13th April, 1812.

If you think these hasty remarks are of any service to the *Freemason* you are at liberty to use them by making the necessary corrections, &c.

Apologising for the liberty I have taken in trespassing on your time, if you will kindly inform me if Bro. Norris was born in 1790 or 1798 I should feel obliged.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN COOMBE, P.M., P.Z., 450,
P. Prov. G.D. Cornwall.

Reviews.

FREEMASONRY AND INTOLERANCE. By Bro. Rev. J. H. SIMONSEN. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

This little "brochure," well-printed, and put forward for "private circulation" by Bro. Rev. J. Simonsen, deserves to be read and thought over. We have already alluded to the subject, and will only add that it is an address by the Rev. Bro. Simonsen to the Scandinavian Lutheran Synod at Lisbon, Wisconsin, U.S., condemnatory of certain intolerant proceedings against Freemasonry and against himself as a Freemason. It is both sad and strange to note that the persecuting spirit of Ultramontanism should be rampant in a Scandinavian Lutheran Synod, and that objections to Freemasonry should be made on a mournful misuse of a text of scripture, and complete and fanatical ignorance of the principles of scriptural exegesis. We commend Bro. Simonsen's pamphlet to the notice of our readers.

A DISSERTATION ON THE CELESTIAL SIGN OF THE RAINBOW. By PROTEUS. Hodges, Foster, and Figgis, Grafton-street, Dublin.

This is one of a class of works abounding just now on which we look with astonishment, we confess mingled with awe. It is, with all its excellences, too "transcendental" for us, and though it may be "caviare" to the initiated, is, we are free to admit, beyond our powers of comprehension, digestion, and assimilation. But then we speak with deference and with bated breath. This school of interpretation, philology, ethnology, is very popular just now, and it is just possible that we are wrong and the "novi homines right." As Freemasons we are always bound to be tolerant and trusting, no less than open to conviction, and friendly to free discussion, and we, therefore, note the appearance of a class of literature, remarkable in itself, and which seems to have many purveyors and readers in the present day.

DICKENS' DICTIONARY OF LONDON, 1879. By Bro. CHARLES DICKENS, 26, Wellington-street, Strand, W.C.

This most useful little hand-book has come before us, and we commend it unhesitatingly to the notice and approval of our readers. It is a hand-book and vade mecum, which worthy "provincials," and even acute "Londoners" may well possess, and the information if useful, valuable, and concise in itself, is conveyed in kind and forcible language, which none can misunderstand. Foreigners will also find it a very useful book to possess, and we feel forced to add that Bro. Charles Dickens deserves great "Kudos" for thus seeking to place be-

fore visitors and inhabitants alike a mass of information relating to our "great metropolis," difficult to put together, and yet most interesting and useful when thus summed up in so compact and handy a guide. We trust that the Dictionary of London will meet with the success that it so well deserves.

LIFE OF THE PRINCE CONSORT, Vol. IV. By THEODORE MARTIN. Smith, Elder & Co., 15, Waterloo-place.

This is a delightful volume of a very remarkable man, which we have taken up with pleasure and put down with a sigh, for it recalls to us most vividly, and makes us realize more than ever, the irreparable loss which the Queen and the country sustained in the premature death of that truly great man, the late Prince Consort. Mr. Martin, who is fulfilling his responsible task with great clearness, fidelity, and honesty, deserves the thanks of all who like to contemplate the biography of the good and the great, and survey the "causes" of "events," and realize the "arcana" of States, and the true explanation of the progress of those curious episodes which the scriptural term "fate," and the faithful consider "Providence." The lights and shadows, the "chiaro oscuro" which make up the picture so well limned, come before us, the more we are convinced how real, and true, and noble, as touched up by a master hand, as we ponder over them, was the man whom these faithful volumes attempt to portray. And not only this, but the singular virtues and gifts, and early training and matured intelligence of a constitutional monarch were never more fitly represented than in these minute yet effective touches, which display the warm heart, the good sense, the rare discrimination, and the truthful judgment of the Queen. We await Vol. V. with the deepest interest.

CONSECRATION OF THE GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 1328.

The chapter attached to the celebrated Granite Lodge, No. 1328, was consecrated on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E.; who was assisted by Comp. Col. F. Burdett, Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, acting as H.; Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of England, as J.; and Comp. H. G. Buss, Past Standard Bearer, acting as Director of Ceremonies. Comps. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter, and Theodore Distin performed the musical portion of the ceremony, which being held in the Zetland Room, had the advantage of the use of the nice little organ that is placed there. The robes of the Principals were some of the most handsome and costly that could be employed, and the banners, staves, and other appointments of the chapter were such as to do the greatest credit to the manufacturers.

The ceremony commenced a little before five o'clock, and the list of companions attending comprised the names of Comps. Col. Francis Burdett, G. Supt. Middlesex; R. Giddy, G. Supt. Griqualand; S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; Col. J. Creighton, G. Treas.; J. Hervey, G. Scribe E.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D. of C.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, Rev. P. M. Holden, Rev. J. Selbé, Chaplain to the Forces; E. H. Letchworth, F. Richardson, Lieut.-Col. Peters, Fredk. Binckes, Jas. Terry, George Kenning, Dr. Kimber, Donald M. Dewar, H. C. Levander, G. R. Shervill, W. Batty, J. Lambert, G. A. Ibbetson, F. G. Bailey, G. E. Wainwright, Prov. G. J. Surrey, P.Z. 370; T. Ford, W. Woodward, J. Lewis, C. F. Hogard, Herbert Dicketts, J. Chyneweth, John Gibson, John Oliver, J. O. Gardner, J. Western, John W. Cox, W. Lake, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Officers: Comps. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B. of England, Z.; F. West, H.; D. W. Pearce, J.; W. H. Mugeridge, E. designate; Dr. J. H. Oswald, N.; Capt. J. Ritchie, R.A., P.S. designate; Woodstock, P.Z., Janitor.

After the formal opening of the convocation Comp. John Hervey, delivering the inaugural address, said: "Companions, we are met here to-day for the purpose of consecrating this Royal Arch chapter, and I trust that, considering the strength of the lodge to which it is to be attached, we shall find that as a chapter it will progress not only in numbers but in good work. The Granite Lodge I believe is celebrated for its good work; I have not recently been there, and, therefore, I cannot of my own knowledge state what the work is; but I am quite sure that in confiding the sceptre, as I shall do this evening, to Comp. Thomas, I shall place it in the hands of one who will take care that the rules of Royal Arch Masonry are properly carried out, and that the regulations of the Royal Arch are strictly adhered to. We all know that the origin of the Royal Arch is a matter of some obscurity, and although I am not about to read you a long dissertation upon the Royal Arch, yet a day or two ago I came upon one or two memorandas about the Royal Arch which, perhaps, it may not be out of place to mention here. Mackey, the American, writes of Royal Arch Masonry being established before 1740, and states then that the Royal Arch formed a portion of the Third Degree, and was separated when the schism took place between what were then termed the ancient and the modern lodges, and then they made it a distinct degree for their own purposes. Dr. Oliver, who was also a man of considerable research, as we all know, thinks that it was fabricated by the Chevalier Ramsay between 1736 and 1740, and Dr. Dusing speaks of it as a degree of 1744. Those dates are not widely divergent, but, at any rate, there is a sufficient divergence among them to show that we have not at all

arrived at a period of certainty when the Royal Arch was first established—the first official allusion to the time of it is in the minutes of the Ancient Masons on the 4th March, 1752; and Dunkerley, a reputed son of George the Second, is supposed to have established the first Royal Arch chapter under the Moderns in 1779. This, however, must be a mistake, because the fact is that, from the books in the possession of Grand Lodge, there was more than one chapter warrant granted in the year 1769, ten years earlier. The first chapter in the register of the Moderns is 1768. The Grand Chapter of England is reported to have been formed in 1797, but no records can be found in proof of that statement. That a Grand Chapter did exist is incontestable, as at the Union in 1813 the degree was not only adopted in the Articles of Union, but on the 30th of Nov., 1813, a Grand Chapter was held, and the Duke of Sussex was nominated to conclude the union with the Duke of Kent and the Court of Ancients. On the 18th of March, 1817, the duke's report was read, received, and adopted, and a Committee was appointed to prepare laws which were to form the rules for the future. The next day the Grand Lodge met and formed the United Grand Chapter, under which name meetings were held until Feb., 1822, when the old appellation of Supreme Grand Chapter was renewed by which it is still called. In 1825 the total receipts of the Grand Chapter were £204. In 1837 they amounted to £166; in 1857 to £652; and in 1874 to £1441. That, we admit, is a large increase in a given number of years. Whether this increase will be maintained is another question. No chapter appears on the Grand Lodge Calendar until 1837, when the London chapters are mentioned, and, four years later, in 1841, a general list appears. The Ancients, in a register book in the possession of Grand Lodge, claim to have established their Grand Chapter in 1771, and Lawrence Dermott claims to have been exalted in 1746 in No. 26, Dublin. These are a few stray memoranda which have come under my notice which I have jotted down for use on a proper occasion, and I do not know that I could have made a better use of them than on an occasion when we meet together for the purpose of still again increasing the roll of chapters, and increasing, I trust, not only the roll of chapters, but also the respectability of the Order, and its numerical advance. At all times, as I believe you are aware, it affords me great pleasure when I have the opportunity of devoting my services to the benefit of the Craft or the Arch, and on the present occasion I have still that feeling of devoting my services to the Craft, although unfortunately not in very good trim for carrying out the duties of the office. I will, however, do my best, and I am sure I shall receive the support of all the companions who are here present in carrying out those duties in a manner which I trust will reflect credit on the Craft in general.

Following the usual formalities of the address of the acting Scribe E., the Consecrating Z.'s reply and directions, the reading of the petitions for the charter, the demand for the approval of the companions of the Principals named, and the assent of the companions, the oration was delivered, in doing which Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said:

M.E. Consecrating Officer, M.E. Comp. H., and Companions: I have been requested by the companions of this new chapter, through the kindly intermediation of our worthy and esteemed M.E. Comp. Thomas, to deliver the customary oration, and I shall, therefore, venture to trespass upon your attention for a short time. Greatly as I esteem the privilege of being permitted to address you on the present occasion, the pleasure is mingled with pain. I look round the chapter to-day and miss one familiar face, and one very worthy companion always associated with ceremonies of this kind. It is hardly three weeks ago that at the consecration of St. Dunstan's Chapter, we were assisted by the genial presence and truly cheerful aid of Comp. Charles Payne, and I feel sure, sir, we shall all sincerely feel that in his death we have lost an old friend, a most excellent companion, and a most faithful member of our Order. It is not without evidence of sadness that we recall the loss of old friends and companions, whose place know them no more, but the Masonic worth and meritorious services of Comp. Payne will long be remembered by all who valued his sterling qualities, and were witnesses of his kindly, calm, and untiring zeal for Freemasonry. Sir, it is not very easy, as you know well from your long and varied experience, to find the subject matter of frequent orations. Just now consecrations of chapters are not so uncommon as they used to be a few years back, then the exception to the rule, and it is difficult to avoid the always unwelcome process of repetition and of sameness; perhaps the wearisome reiteration of well-known truths, or the unedifying use of familiar verbiage. We are always in danger, we who have often to address meetings like these, of becoming heavy or commonplace, wearisome and turgid. Hence it became a serious matter for me to consider what I should say, when I sat down to put together a few thoughts suitable to this interesting occasion, and if, sir, and companions all, in what I am about to say I shall try your forbearance, or weary your patience, kindly bear in mind that I have done my best to speak as the heart dictates, what seems to me alike suitable and reasonable on an occasion like this. We are met, sir, to consecrate a new chapter. We are assembled, let us gladly note, in the fear of God and love of our brotherhood, reverencing and acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U., the Eternal and Triune Jehovah, and with hearts beating, let us trust also, with true fraternal sympathy and goodwill for our companions and fellow workers, to constitute another Royal Arch Chapter to the honour of the Most High, and the happiness, unity, and concord of its members, one and all. On such an occasion the mind naturally turns to our foundation truths, as the best test of the value, as the truest criterion of the interest of Freemasonry, that so we may realize why we are here, and wherefore it is we seek to celebrate our mystic rites, and to increase and enlarge the borders of our excellent brother-

hood. In the Royal Arch Grade we have, as we often say esoterically, the "summum bonum" of Masonic teaching and excellence. It seems to connect and compact the whole building "fitly-framed together," into one consistent whole, and to lend its colouring of religious reverence, and its tone of faithful service, to every legend, every axiom, every dogma, every declaration of Freemasonry! It is, however, unnecessary for me in this distinguished assembly, to dilate upon the goodly principles, and living truths of Freemasonry, on its pure morality, its genial philanthropy, its sacred precepts, or its benevolent aspirations, because they are not only well known to all present, but because, above all, in the Royal Arch Grade, we seem almost, as it were, if I may so say, to stand on higher ground, to have reached to the pinnacle of our goodly Masonic Temple. All that Craft Masonry proclaims in edifying clearness and graceful diction is enforced in the Royal Arch Grade, and with this addition, that the veil is, as it were, lifted for a moment, which the eyes of human reason cannot penetrate, unless assisted by Divine light, and we look with reverence and gratification combined on that sacred and illuminating scroll, which points out to us the pathway of our feet here below, in reverence of and obedience to God, in love for man, in loyalty and devotion to our civil duties, and in careful compliance with the decrees and resolutions of our own supreme authority. But this is not all. Though we are thus bid look up with trusting submission to the providential rule of God, through all the intricate windings of this mortal life, our hopes are raised, our hearts are elevated, our minds are cheered, with the promise of the futurity of the being of this crumbling mortality of ours, when dreams and shadows all are ended, and we stand in the full light, perfect illumination, and unfading happiness of a better life, in a better world. It is I think always affecting for us to bear in mind, that unless we are the most dull or the most apathetic of beings, we cannot enter our lodges or our chapters, without having our moral sense impressed and warned, our minds enlightened and expanded, our hopes raised and bettered, and we ourselves taught the once needful lesson of kindness, goodwill, tenderness and interest, sympathy and forbearance for others, mortal, suffering, and dying, too, like ourselves. And do not think, companions, that I take too sombre or severe a view of our teaching. I feel sure that he is the best orator on such occasions who tries to bring out fully the reality of the admirable teaching of our ceremonial, and who is not so much intent on the mere use of eloquent words, as to say that which may commend itself to the feelings and good sense of all present. I do not for one, sir, consider those idle ceremonies, for which you have come to preside over us to-day. I do not consider it my duty merely to let the occasion pass with a few trivial remarks, a few stereotyped passages, a few oft repeated sentences. Let me illustrate what I mean by two remarks. It seems to me, sir, I may be wrong, that we are in danger just now of two great evils, which we may term the "Scylla and Charibdis" of present Masonry. The first is "indiscreet haste of admitting members into our body," the other is a "more material view of what Freemasonry is and is meant to be." In Royal Arch Masonry, which is more limited, and in one sense more select, we do not run in danger of the evil of indiscriminate admission, but my remarks on this head have rather a general application, as reasonable and as reasonable, I make bold to say, on any such occasion as this, because they have a practical bearing on our whole Masonic system, of which, as I have before pointed out, the Royal Arch is the completion and the apex. Is it not, sir, quite clear to us all now that we are suffering in many ways from a too hasty and indiscriminate admission? from a want of selection? from a desire to increase our numbers, in season and out of season? Would it not be better for us in every respect if fewer in numbers, we knew more of each other? saw more of each other? were really brethren and companions of our good Order? rejoicing in each other's happiness, sorrowing in each other's sorrows? bearing each other's burdens, and thus developing the true teaching and the inestimable value of the internal as well as the external brotherhood of Masonry? Is it not too true, that when we talk of brotherhood and sing praises of fraternity, and boast of our intimate union, harmony, and concord, we all of us feel that we might yet be drawn closer together than we are in the bonds of genuine and mutual interest and goodwill? Let us then keep before us this one maxim to stop a growing evil, and to stop then our whole system, "that no one, be he who he may, has a right to claim admittance to a lodge or a chapter simply because he wishes to join one, or has means to pay the fees, but that it is a privilege to be sought and obtained with much care, consideration, and knowledge of the applicant." Freemasonry from various causes is popular in the world at this moment, has great attractions for some, and greater benefits for others, and too many I fear are knocking at our doors who do not seek admission from love of Masonry or a wish to render themselves more extensively useful to their fellow creatures, but because it possesses attributes, and good things, which either flatter their pride or suit their convenience, or can be made to minister to their temporal benefit. And then, sir, let us glance for a moment at that too material view which lowers Freemasonry to a benefit club or a convivial assembly. I am the last person in the world to object to moderate and befitting use of the good things which a benign Creator has provided for us, His creatures here. I believe, reverently, that all things here are "good" if used and not abused, if profited by in a proper spirit and within due bounds. I object to that fanaticism which calls the needful and lawful things of this world "evil," and would lay down arbitrary laws, as incumbent upon all, of renunciation and rejection, of innocent pleasures, legitimate amusements, and social enjoyments. But, I fear, sir, a good many of our companions, not penetrated by the mysteries of even the Royal Arch Grade, prefer to be adepts in a still

more exalted and energetic grade, a fifth degree, lost in the antiquity of years and the sublimity of association, namely, the "Knife and Fork Degree." Over its "chaste mysteries" let you and I, sir, draw a discreet veil to-day. Suffice it to say that it has many votaries, and is very often, strange to remark, more admired and more appreciated than any other portion of our mystic ceremonial. Nay, it has a literature of its own, highly æsthetic, I may almost say ritualistic, and I should not be surprised if even some members of this new chapter preferred to share its secrets, and rather penetrate its mysteries than listen serenely to the orator. Sir, while we maintain and uphold the hospitality of our lodges and chapters, let us not lose sight of this great truth, that Freemasonry is and means something more, something higher, and that if that is all the good we find in it we are abusing it, and not using it. Some of us have read a famous balance-sheet of a Masonic body in which £155 were spent on "creature comforts," and the enormous sum of £4 4s. on our Charities and all other Masonic charity. Is this not a parody on all Masonic professions? But, sir, as the old adage has it, "verbum sat sapientem." Let it be our endeavour to enable Masonry to minister to its true purpose, by carefully remembering its higher duties and its exalting characteristics. Charity emblazoned on its banners is its great and distinguishing feature, its ornament and its reality; the test of its usefulness and necessity; and whether we assist our great Charities, such as our noble educational establishments, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or pour the balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, or help a poor, destitute, or struggling brother, we are doing the best in our time or generation to make our good old Order useful to mankind, a pride to its members, and the admiration of contemporary non-Masons. Sir, I have done. May all of good attend the Granite Chapter. May its excellent First Principal long continue to receive the support of his companions, and the esteem and regard of his many friends and brethren, and may you, sir, in your official capacity, and amid your multifarious and onerous duties, remember the ceremonies of this eventful day with gratification and happiness, because they may, perhaps, enable you to realize once more that goodwill, regard, attachment and respect with which your companions in Royal Arch Masonry, as well as your brethren in the Craft, regard your faithful services and your untiring efforts to extend and uphold the prestige and reality of English Freemasonry.

The remainder of the consecration ceremony was then performed, and Comp. Hervey installed Comp. James Lewis Thomas, Past Sword Bearer of England, P.Z. No. 13, as M.E.Z. Comp. James Terry installed Comp. Frederick West, P.M. No. 1328, as H., and Comp. David W. Pearse, P.M. 1293, as J.; Comp. Dr. J. W. Oswald was appointed Scribe N.; and Comp. Thomas Woodstock, Janitor.

Letters of regret at unavoidable absence were read from Comps. General Studholme Brownrigg, Grand Supt. Surrey; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; Dr. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.O.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.A.S.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.N.; H. J. D. Dumas, P.G. Standard Bearer; Col. Somerville Burney; Col. Wilson Randolph; J. Aird, P.G. Steward; F. J. Macaulay, Dr. Kempster, W. Beattie, G. Hackford, R. C. Mount, F. T. Dubois; a telegram from Comp. R. Grey, P.G.D., regretting his being suddenly called away; and a telegram from Comp. Oliver, one of the petitioners, regretting unavoidable absence.

The Consecrating Officers, Comps. Hervey, Burdett, Woodford, Buss, and Terry, were elected honorary members of the chapter, and the names of twenty brethren seeking exaltation at next meeting of the chapter, with a list of six members for joining, were read by Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a very superior banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the M.E.Z. of the Order," Comp. James Lewis Thomas said that all the companions knew how admirably his Royal Highness fulfilled his duties, both Masonically and socially. At one time he was in a foreign country endeavouring to advance art and science; the next day he might be presiding over some of the humblest individuals in our own country, as he was some few evenings since. Whatever he did was with his heart and soul, and the companions, as Masons, recognised the excellent way in which he presided over Craft and Royal Arch Masons.

The toast of "The Rest of the Grand Principals, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley," which was proposed in eulogistic terms by Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, was responded to by Col. Burdett, who said there were a great many officers of Grand Chapter present, and he felt confident it gave them the greatest pleasure to attend when a chapter was to be consecrated that was attached to the celebrated Granite Lodge. They were all aware of what the Granite Lodge was; they had all seen its working, and he believed all the members of the Order had the highest respect for it, not only because its members were brethren they could respect, but because the performance of the lodge ceremonies was always satisfactory. The lodge had now been in existence a long time, and its members now came forward to hold a chapter. Their petition had been readily granted by Grand Chapter, and the consecration had just taken place to the satisfaction of every one. Although almost an inactive Principal at the consecration he might say that he was as much pleased as any one could be with it. Comp. Wood-

ford had delivered a most valuable oration, and in other portions of his duties as J. had impressed the companions with the value of good working at a consecration; and Comp. Hervey and the other companions who had assisted had also discharged their duties most ably. He referred particularly to Comp. Terry, who had installed Comps. West and Pearce in the H. and J. chairs. In conclusion, he repeated that no working could have been better than they had witnessed that evening.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," who, he said, had performed their duties in a way that would long remain in the memory of the companions, and establish the day as a very remarkable one in Masonry. He did not think he had ever seen a consecration performed more admirably. Comp. John Hervey, who had been obliged to leave already, had consecrated the lodge under very trying circumstances; his health being very delicate, his presiding had been a great effort. The companions ought, therefore, to take it as a very great compliment. However much debility had interfered with his performance, the consecration had been marked by that earnestness and feeling which always characterised everything that was done by the Grand Secretary of England. Although their modest companion, Col. Burdett, endeavoured to ignore the part he took in the ceremony, the companions must always appreciate very highly the excellent way in which he discharged the duties of H. But what should he say of Comp. Woodford, who was a tower of strength in Masonry, in the Craft, in the Royal Arch, and in fact in everything connected with Freemasonry. Although it required no words from him (Comp. Thomas) to extol a companion whose name was a household word among Masons, he could not help referring to the magnificent manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair of J., and the splendid oration he gave, which ought to be engraved in letters of gold. He could only say he was exceedingly obliged to Comp. Woodford, and to the other Consecrating Officers, with whom all the companions were highly delighted.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in replying, said he deeply regretted on the present occasion Comp. Hervey was not there to return thanks for the very kind way in which Comp. Thomas had proposed the health of the Consecrating Officers. They would all have been pleased to listen to the kind words which he would have delivered, and which always came from his heart, and were always acceptable to the companions or brethren. He (Comp. Woodford) for one most deeply deplored Comp. Hervey's absence, because it compelled him (Comp. Woodford) to return thanks for the toast which Comp. Hervey, in his usual effective manner, would have rendered more justice to than he (Comp. Woodford) was capable of doing. But as Comp. Thomas had coupled his name with the toast, he from his heart was very grateful, as he was sure Comps. Hervey and Burdett were, for the honour which had been done them. It gave them, as it gave himself, great happiness at all times to assist in the extension of the Royal Arch among Masons, because, like himself, the more they knew of it, the more they liked its principles, and the more they wished to see it extended through the length and breadth of the land. Unfortunately, for some years past Royal Arch Masonry had been in abeyance, but he hoped the time was coming when in Grand Chapter the restriction of former years would be removed and every lodge allowed after twelve months to have a chapter if so it wished. (Cheers.) He had always considered it a great injustice that brethren who in new lodges were advanced to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason were obliged to go to chapters attached to other lodges for the Royal Arch Degree because their own lodge was unable to have a chapter attached to it for three years. He trusted that the time was not far distant when Grand Chapter would be induced to rescind the present rule. He was not a young man; he had served Masonry a great number of years; and the longer he had lived the more he felt its great charm was to make Masons a band of brothers, caring for one another, sympathising with one another, supporting one another in their absence as well as in their presence, and always ready to assist in the great cause of charity, which was the true characteristic, as they said themselves, and as he hoped it ever would be of every Freemason's heart among them. It was a very great pleasure to him to think men of different views, men of different professions, men of very different feelings on many subjects, yet animated by this one great feeling, reverence for God, and love for their brother man, joining together in this great bond of union in Masonry. (Cheers.) Long might it flourish, and long might it expand and extend in the world. He had had a hint given him that night that long speeches would not be acceptable, and he was quite certain that a pleasant evening might often be spoiled by making speeches a little too long. Therefore, he would conclude his observations with a toast which had been placed in his hands, and which he was certain the companions would do full justice to—"The Health of the First Principal." The First Principal of the new chapter which the companions had had the pleasure of assisting in consecrating, Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, was well known. His career in Masonry and his zeal in the Craft had been rewarded by the greatest honour the Grand Master could bestow. In this new chapter he would still maintain the same brilliant services to that Order of which he was a distinguished ornament. The warmth of his heart, and his zeal to serve a brother, would maintain the success of the chapter. The Granite Chapter would revive the harmony and good feeling which, he knew, prevailed in the Granite Lodge. He (Comp. Woodford), therefore, asked the companions to drink, with their heartiest good wishes for the success of the Granite Chapter, "The Health of the First Principal, Comp. James Lewis Thomas."

Comp. James Lewis Thomas, M.E.Z., in reply, said

that the compliments of Comp. Woodford were very undeserved, because the chapter was a new chapter, just consecrated, and there had been no opportunity of telling what the merits of the chapter were. He had, however, the interests of the chapter very much at heart, and he hoped it would come to a successful issue; as Col. Peters, whom he was glad to see present, often said, "Nothing succeeds like success." There was one thing he had to deplore, that in the short career of the chapter it had had several vicissitudes to go through. It was started with the co-operation of their esteemed Comp. Bosworth, who was to be its Second Principal. He shook hands with that companion one day at five o'clock in the evening, and at ten o'clock he was dead. That sad event threw them back a good deal. There was another dear old companion who was also a petitioner for the chapter. Comp. Boyd, they knew, devoted himself almost entirely to Royal Arch Masonry, on which he was a great authority, and he promised he would be the first Scribe E. of the Granite Chapter. With Comp. Boyd's kindness and his knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry, the chapter would have floated very well indeed. But Comp. Boyd, poor fellow, had gone to his rest. These were peculiar vicissitudes. The charter was granted by Grand Chapter in May, 1878, and twelve months had elapsed before it could be consecrated. It was utterly impossible for him to attempt to put together any words which would touch the companions' feelings so completely as the very eloquent expressions of Comp. Woodford, who was constantly before them in Masonry, and told them truly what they ought to do, and what was expected of them in Craft and in the Arch; and the very kind way in which Comp. Woodford had expressed himself in regard to him (Comp. Thomas) he was quite sure was far more than he deserved, but at all events he should aspire, if he possibly could, to act up to Comp. Woodford's standard—not that it was really in his power to attain to it, but he should do his best to do so. If he did that, the companions would have launched the little barque successfully, of which they had seen the birth that evening, and at the end of two years would be able to say that it was really well founded. He hoped that he would for many years be able to stand up and speak of the success of the chapter. It consisted now of but five members, but at next meeting he expected to have the gratification of exalting twenty brethren, and welcoming six joining members. The Principals were exceedingly obliged to so many kind friends for coming forward to assist at the consecration, and under such good auspices he did not think it at all impossible the chapter might arrive at a successful issue.

Comp. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., in replying for the toast of "The Visitors," said he felt it a distinguished honour to be asked to do so. He was deeply grateful to his friend the M.E.Z. for having invited him to be present at the consecration of this chapter. It was a most interesting ceremony, and to him most instructive. Not the least instructive part of it was the lecture delivered, and he thought the companions who were present ought to bear the lessons that were conveyed to them in that lecture in their memories. One of the parts that struck him most was the impressive way in which they were told that they ought to remember the sacred link that bound Masonry, and particularly Royal Arch Masonry, to truths revealed in the Word of God; also the impressive way in which the duties were instilled into them, of love to brethren, whether they were in or out of the Order. On an occasion like that he believed that brevity was the soul of wit, and he had the advantage of wishing to be brief because the M.E.Z. conveyed to him the notice that he was going to ask him to return thanks for the visitors, and since that time he had been in a state of utter confusion. (Laughter.) He never was able to prepare a speech, and he was always taken by surprise if he got a notice of ten minutes, but he thought it did not require to compose a speech to answer on the present occasion. The wonderfully good way in which the ceremony was performed, and the well-known character of the Granite Lodge, promised a glorious future for the chapter, which he thought none of them should be doubtful of. He did not wish to trench upon the office of H., who was the prophet, but he thought he might venture to say the future of this chapter, if it was to be at all in consonance with its first step, must be a grand one. Their Excellent Z. had said that only for the absence of some one member whom he expected that evening, the chapter would be floated much higher. He (Comp. Macartney) doubted that. He did not think that granite was a substance that could float. (Laughter.) If it could be kept above the surface of the water, as by the assistance of some other substance the needle of Cleopatra was conveyed to England to prevent it from sinking, it was all right. He did not think the Granite Chapter would sink, and if it was composed of the same materials as the Granite Lodge, it must be prosperous. One could not wish the chapter a more prosperous career than the lodge. If the two combined together, as he supposed they would, they would offer a bright example to all Masonic chapters and lodges. He returned on the part of himself and the other visitors his most heartfelt thanks, and he was sure the visitors would be most happy on future occasions to attend and see the progress of the Granite Chapter.

Comp. F. West replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. F. Binckes and James Terry to that of "The Charities."

The Janitor's toast was then given, and the companions separated.

Bro. Edward Terry has announced his annual benefit at the Gaiety Theatre for Monday evening, May 19th, on which occasion he will appear in H. J. Byron's comedy, "Cyril's Success and 'Little Doctor Faust,'" and deliver an original address, written by F. C. Burnand, Esq.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZION (HEBREW) LODGE, No. 1798.

This, the first Jews' lodge in East Lancashire, was consecrated in the lodge-rooms, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 12th inst., by Bro. George Mellor, Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. the Rev. E. H. Aldridge, Prov. G. Chap.; E. Haddon, P.G.S.D.; T. Lancashire, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Kenyon, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. R. Fletcher, P.G. Org.; and J. Newton, acting P.G. Sec.

A Craft lodge was opened by Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M.; at 2 o'clock, and there were present a large number of brethren.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Professor Prag, 1502; W. Aronsberg, J.P., 1055; Shuheshaft, W.M. 1502; M. Hart, P.M. 1502; Tobias, J.W. 1502; J. Vertigans, P.M. 865; H. Rocca, S.W. 865; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633; Jacob Meyer, 1633; D. Donbavand, P.M. 317; N. Dumville, P.M. 252; J. Haarbleicher, 204; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Hudson Sister, W.M. 1011; T. R. Williams, P.M. 1147; F. Peel, P.M. 1147, and others.

The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his officers entered the lodge. After having assumed the chair, and receiving the customary greetings, he commenced the ceremony of consecration by requesting the P.G. Chap. to offer up a prayer.

The acting Prov. Grand Sec. produced and read the warrant for the new lodge, and the promoters having testified their approval of the officers named therein, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C., to deliver an oration, which was as follows:—

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother: Without entertaining any extravagant opinions respecting the antiquity of our Order, it will, I think, be appropriate on this auspicious occasion if we take a short retrospective glance at our early history, and refer to some of the secret Jewish societies existing in the olden time and not mentioned in our traditional ritual; and, as they bear so remarkable a resemblance to Freemasonry of the present day, both in usages and customs, as well as their fundamental principles, I think we are justified in assuming that we are descended from, if we are not now an exact counterpart of those societies, and that the Jews have been instrumental in preserving and handing down through succeeding generations the tenets and principles of our venerable order. It must, however, be admitted that considerable changes in our Constitution, as well as modifications and additions in our customs and ceremonies, have been made during the intermediate periods of time. The Jewish historian tells us that the Levites practised in their grand Sanhedrim in three degrees of initiation, consecration, and ministration, and were presided over by one chief and two assistant chiefs or wardens. The Essenes were a mysterious Jewish order, whose doctrines were contained in certain mystical interpretations of the Hebrew Scriptures, received from ancient tradition, handed down from time immemorial by oral transmission, and preserved with the most profound care and secrecy, and their members wore white aprons or girdles, and they had also a cable of tow around their necks. They observed three degrees of probation, and they were required to bind themselves by most solemn obligations to do justice, to do no wrong, to keep their hands clean from fraudulent dealings, and not to communicate any of their secrets to the profane, even though it should be to save their lives. After the destruction of the Jewish nationalities by the legions of Rome, the Jews were widely scattered throughout Persia, Mesopotamia, and many parts of the Roman Empire, where they founded academies and institutions of learning. In whatever province they settled they became famous as profoundly learned astronomers, mathematicians, and geometers. Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, acquired a material portion of his knowledge of geometry while sojourning amongst the Babylonish Jews. On his return to Greece he founded a secret society or lodge of geometers; he communicated his instructions by symbols and parables. The fundamental principles of his society were—Reverence to God, filial piety, conjugal love, chastity, probity, the forgiveness of injuries, and constant employment. The philosophy of the Egyptians, the manners, principles, and customs of the Hebrews, so far as they form part of our system, having reference to the reverence of the Almighty Creator, were introduced into this land by the Phœnicians, and we still retain in our lodges many Mosaic emblems—such, for instance, as the Mosaic pavement; and let our minds now return to that original which it copies. Let it remind us that to-day our feet tread in prosperity, to-morrow we may totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation, and adversity. Let us all, therefore, endeavour to live in brotherly love, faith, hope, and charity. Faith is the foundation of justice, the bond of amity, and the chief support of society. Hope is the anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. Charity is the keystone of our mystical fabric—it is the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession. It embraces more than mere almsgiving. It is not enough to regard it in the practical and substantial light of giving liberally to our institutions, although this forms an important part of our system. Money is not the only thing the poor and unfortunate stand in need of; compassion points out to those who are not blessed with riches many ways by which they can befriend and assist a distressed brother, such as to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, to give advice, consolation, and protection, and to make known their wants and distresses to those who are in a position to relieve them. So shall the blessings of Him who was about to perish rest upon us, even though we give but the good-will of our recommendation. By

the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, created by one Almighty being, and sent into the world to aid, support, and protect each other. Relief is another tenet of our Order; to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon every man, but more especially upon Masons, who are bound together by an indivisible chain of sincere affection. Truth is the foundation of every Masonic virtue; to be good men and true is a lesson we are taught at our initiation. Temperance is that due restraint upon our passions and affections which makes the body tame and governable, and frees the soul from the allurements of vice. Fortitude is that steady and noble purpose, equally distant between rashness and cowardice, which enables us to undergo any labour, and overcome any difficulty. Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions according to the dictates of reason; it is that habit of mind by which men wisely and prudently judge and determine on all things relating to their future, as well as their present happiness. Justice is the boundary of right, and constitutes the cement of civil society; it teaches us to do right unto all, and to give to every man that which belongs to him. It is to these fundamental principles and cardinal virtues that I would direct the attention, and recommend to the serious study of those who are about to form this new lodge. May its government be founded in concord and unanimity. Every member has unerring rules laid before him whereby to form his conduct. The volume of the Sacred Law, our acknowledged Masonic law book, is placed before him, so that he cannot say that he has erred in ignorance. Upon its open pages are laid the compasses to limit and direct the progress and circumference of his work; also the square, to prove whether his manners and conduct are uniform and regular, intimating that from high to low a Mason's mind should be inclined to good works, above which no man is exalted by his fortune. All your jewels and ornaments imply that in sensations, passions, and pleasures, in infirmities, maladies, and wants, all men are equal and on a level; nature has given no superiorities. To be an upright man is to add lustre to a Mason's character. To do justice and to have charity are excellent steps in Masonic life. By such means may you be proved, and testify that your emblematical jewels are but ensigns of the inward man, so shall you stand approved before heaven and before men, purchasing honour to your profession, and felicity to yourselves as members of the Masonic body.

The Consecration Ceremony was then proceeded with by the Consecrating Officer and Provincial Grand Chaplain in a most impressive manner, at the end of which Bro. Maurice Hart assumed the Chair of Installing Master. Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M. 204, was presented as the W.M. designate by Bro. Sillitoe. The ceremony of installation was most beautifully rendered by Bro. Hart, and the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. Julius Aronsberg (P.M. 1161) as I.P.M.; Rev. H. Davis Marks, S.W.; L. A. Cohen (by deputy), S.W.; Rev. M. Klinkowstien, Chaplain; M. Newman, Treasurer; S. Mameloh, Secretary; A. M. Hart, S.D.; D. A. Davis, J.D.; F. Retter, Organist; S. J. Jordan, I.G.; E. Wise, Steward; J. Siv, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Hart in a very impressive manner, and after six propositions for initiations, and twelve for joining members, were made, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Bianca, of the Café Royal, and not only a sumptuous feast, but one of the most intellectual evenings was enjoyed. The speeches of Bro. Prag, Klinkowstien, and Mark, as to the Hebrew origin of our society, were well appreciated and listened to as Masonic lessons. The musical arrangements, which were in the hands of Bro. Retter, assisted by Bros. W. Dumville, H. Miller, W. Dumville, and H. Lister, were all that could be desired, the members of the new lodge contributing materially to the enjoyment by their musical talents.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.G., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland, has, in the kindest manner, consented to preside at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival, to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 25th June next.

Bro. Councillor Thomas Sutton, J.W., was last Tuesday evening, unanimously elected W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington, for the ensuing year. Bro. D. W. Finney, Prov. G.T., the retiring Master will perform the ceremony of installation at the next regular meeting in June (2nd Tuesday).

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan counties of the Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. was held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday last. Several brethren were admitted members of the Order.

NORTH YORK FOLKLORE AND DIALECT.—Mrs. G. M. Tweddell, of Stokesley (whose "rhymes and sketches to illustrate the Cleveland dialect" has gained her "golden opinions from all persons") has been encouraged by the well-merited success of her former volume to prepare another for the press, which is shortly to be published by subscription, under the title of "Mrs. Fernbrake's Lucky Bir 1," and other pieces, or tales and poems to illustrate the folklore and dialect of North Yorkshire. The leading tale has already appeared in one of the Christmas numbers of the *Masonic Magazine*, where it was much admired.

The regular meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will be held at the Grey Hound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, when the election of W.M. and Treasurer will take place.

Bro. J. D. Alcroft has forwarded a donation of £50 to the Masonic House Fund in aid of the forthcoming Agricultural Exhibition in London.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 23, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
" 1320, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 857, St. Marks, S.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea-Old-Brdg.
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 610, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E.
Cnap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Regent-st.
" 181, F. Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.
K. T. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, D.B. of Wks., Office, Catford Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 24, 1879.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverstone.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmoston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmoston.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H. Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, St. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. There were present among others Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hepghy, S.D.; Clark, I.G.; Tildy, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; M. Davis, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., J.D. (*Freemason*); Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; Saunders, J.D. 1293; Whiting, 87; Andrews, 382; Lowins, 433; Arlett, 869; Abrahams, 1608; Cole, Crystal Palace; Scott, Sincerity; Williams, Justice. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Joy and Wadcoat, and passed Bro. Hart, the ceremonies being well performed. A vote of condolence to the family of one of the oldest members of the lodge, Bro. Wilson, who had died that day, was unanimously ordered to be sent. Several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. After the Royal and Craft toasts had been proposed and received with the usual honours, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Stuart, P.M. He said that the members of the lodge had had ample opportunities during the W.M.'s year of office of judging of the able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge, and in concluding his remarks he said he believed that at the end of his tenure they would return him—the W.M.—their unanimous vote of thanks for the way in which he had discharged the duties of his position. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that if he had given the lodge satisfaction he was amply repaid for the trouble he had taken in order to prepare himself for the responsibilities of the chair. He hoped on the re-assembly of the lodge in September that every member then present would be in the enjoyment of good health. In conclusion, he said that for the support and kindness he had received from the members of the lodge during his occupancy of the chair he desired to return them his heartfelt thanks. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. tersely said it was a toast that was always a pleasing one to propose. The members of the Lodge of Faith were always gratified in receiving visiting brethren. They were favoured that evening by the presence of several very distinguished Masons, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Saunders, Whiting, and Scott responded. The former said that the working of the lodge had afforded him not only great pleasure, but had given him much valuable instruction. He owed the pleasure of his visit that evening to the good offices of one of their oldest members, Bro. Hopwood, P.M., and although he (the speaker) had some distance to go that inclement evening, that discomfort would be more than compensated by the recollections he should carry with him of the social amenities and able working of No. 141. During his connection with the Craft he had witnessed the work of many outlying lodges, but none of them were to be compared with what he had seen that evening. He, in conclusion, said he attributed this happy state of things, in a great measure, to the exertions of the Past Masters. The remaining toasts, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The elevenh anniversary of this well known Metropolitan lodge was celebrated at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The steady progress of this lodge towards a recognised position in the Craft, as well for its "working" as its liberality towards the Institutions, and its hearty welcome of visitors, has always caused each successive installation to meet with great success, and this occasion proved to be no exception to the rule. Being composed entirely of effective

or honorary members of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers, the uniforms of the several ranks in the corps and the Masonic regalia and appointments of the lodge room together form a "coup d'oeil" at once pleasing and attractive. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell, W.M., and there were present during the evening the following amongst other brethren, viz., Bros. C. Fountain, S.W.; D. A. Ross, J.W.; Capt. Styan, Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., and Sec.; W. C. Hale, S.D.; T. Harper, J.D.; C. H. Nevill, D.C.; A. Bradley, W.S.; Past Masters James Stevens, Newington Bridges, G. Waterall, M. S. Larham, and H. Hammond; Bros. F. H. Cozens, A. R. Cranch, F. Fitzer, P. Clay, A. G. White, E. W. Dubois, C. F. Hildreth, C. H. Rugg, J. J. Curtis, A. Woodcock, A. J. Style, W. S. Harvey, A. Youngman, F. De Rossignol, C. E. Goldring, T. D. Turner, H. Bridges, H. Cuss, A. H. Mann, F. Staley, J. Carpenter, G. H. Besley, F. P. Yonge, C. W. Davis, W. Foster, A. Goggs, C. J. Henton, F. Hutchins, T. Dane, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Probert, P.M., P. G. Steward; John Close, P.M. 463, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Cawan, P.M. 1572; W. F. Bertram, and H. J. Bertram, The Great City, 1426; G. Carrington, 1593; J. Boulson, 1026; W. Liddell, 157; G. J. Earney, 511; J. Shipley, 30; E. H. Stammwitz, P.M. 435; A. F. Lowrie, 1556; H. Ashton, 1181; F. Fladgate, Gibraltar; Joseph Dezer, Mizpah; Lawler, Moira; and others. Previous minutes having been confirmed, and a few business matters disposed of, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was undertaken by Bro. N. Bridges, P.M., who, in a very able and efficient manner, placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Charles Fountain, whom he had introduced for initiation in this lodge in 1869, and who is the first honorary member of the corps who has attained to that eminence in the Macdonald Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. at once "fleshed his maiden sword," and, in thoroughly perfect and admirable style, initiated Mr. Victor Henry D'Avaux into the Order. The correct and impressive rendering of the ceremony by a presumed novice appeared to surprise some of the visitors present, but those who have attended each recurring installation in this lodge expected no less than such perfection, for no appointment has yet been made to the Macdonald chair without full preparation by the candidate for that honourable position. The congratulations of members and visitors having been offered to and accepted by the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess-room of the corps, where a very sumptuous banquet was prepared for the numerous company. The several magnificent silver trophies, shields, and cups, which testify to the shooting qualities of so many members of the lodge as volunteer riflemen, and the choice flowers and "button holes," so profusely decorating the tables, were fit accompaniments for one of the most elegant "menus" we have yet seen; at once chaste and comprehensive, comprising bill of fare, toast list, musical arrangements, and list of officers, it was much admired for the perfect taste of its adornments. After the cloth had been cleared, and "Non Nobis" sung, the W.M., who was most enthusiastically received, proceeded to submit the several loyal and Masonic toasts with easy confidence and in impressive, though brief terms. Bro. T. W. Carnell, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. Fountain," truly remarking that no words of his own could more effectually eulogise the qualifications of the new Master for his office than the display he had already given of his ability both in the lodge and at the banquet table. The toast was drunk amid acclamation, and the W.M., referring to the pleasure it gave him to reflect upon the progress he had made from his initiation in the lodge to the present moment, assured his hearers that no pains should be spared on his part to discharge the duties of his high office to their entire satisfaction. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bridges," was heartily received and responded to. The initiate, Bro. D'Avaux, made a very telling response to the toast proposed in his honour. To that of "The Visitors," each of whom the W.M. welcomed by name and reference, responses were made by Bros. J. P. Probert, Stammwitz, and H. A. Dubois, and their respective remarks on the working of the lodge and the hospitality of their hosts must have been especially gratifying to those to whom they were addressed. "The Past Masters" were received with hearty greetings, the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Carnell, being presented with the handsome "Macdonald" jewel, and complimented on his able management during the past year, for which expressions of esteem he made his acknowledgments. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. (and originator of the lodge), also responded on behalf of the other Past Masters and himself. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast then brought to a conclusion one of the most agreeable evenings of the very many enjoyed in connection with this thoroughly well organised and disciplined lodge. The musical part of the business of the evening was conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, Org., assisted by Bros. Lawler, H. Ashton, H. Bertram, A. R. Cranch, and the "topical" poet of the corps and lodge, Bro. C. T. Hildreth, whose very witty parodies of popular songs invariably afford much entertainment.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—This lodge met on the 8th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, under the Mastership of Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse. There was a very large attendance of brethren, among whom were the Grand Master of Jamaica (Scotch Constitution), Bro. Constantine Burke; Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; J. Wright, W. Besley, and Prickett. Bros. Cowland, Robson, and Russell were passed, and Messrs. Taylor, Huish, Burgess, and Foskett initiated. Bros. Walter Graves (753), James Flood (201), and Stephen Etherington (1305), were elected joining members. All the work of the lodge was admirably performed, and after the lodge was closed the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and honoured the

usual toasts. In giving "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," the W.M. said that this toast had always special interest for the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, as it was named after his lordship. Every one present on the last occasion remembered the great interest he took in this lodge, and those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge would know how efficiently and well his lordship did his duty as Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge. He (the W.M.) attended on last occasion, and noticed with what enthusiasm the name of the Pro Grand Master was received, when it was announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed him as Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. That showed that his lordship was appreciated not only in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, but in every lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of England. In proposing "The D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., and Bro. Albert, P.G.P., the W.M. said he had frequently attended the Lodge of Benevolence and saw the great interest taken by Dr. Hogg in the work of benevolence. It gave him great pleasure to see the great care and discrimination which were exercised in the investigations of cases which came before the lodge for assistance, and also the endeavours that were used to distribute the funds, not only with discretion, but with liberality. Dr. Jabez Hogg, in reply, said he had frequently been invited to attend this lodge, but this was the first time he had been able to come. After expressing his gratification at the working which he had witnessed in lodge, he drew attention to the great hospitality shown by the lodge at the banquet table. The brethren had all enjoyed themselves most heartily. On the subject of the Grand Officers, which had been alluded to, those brethren endeavoured in every possible way to make themselves useful to the Craft, and he felt it was their duty and their privilege to do so, because their experience in the working of the Craft and the different departments of the ritual was greater than that of many other brethren, and they ought to show how they appreciated the good and kind feelings always meted out to them when they visited various lodges in the Craft. He thought they should endeavour to assist in all possible ways in the consecration and establishing of new lodges. He performed his own duties very imperfectly, because the exigencies of his profession made it impossible to be present at the time he ought to be, and consequently he did not perform his duties in the way that many of the brethren did. He hoped he should be able to assist the lodge again. He looked on Freemasonry as cultivating the highest virtues, and bringing out the Christian and highest feelings that human beings were capable of. They abandoned in lodges all secular matters, and did not allow those things to come in to disturb the mind. Consequently in a Masonic lodge they truly enjoyed the society of each other. A brother had mentioned to him that evening that he got the greatest amount of good in this way out of Freemasonry. That was what he (Dr. Hogg) had found in his experience of the Order. Bro. E. P. Albert also replied. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Initiates" said that on almost every occasion when this lodge met it had had an initiate, and as far as the officers of the lodge personally were concerned they had endeavoured to have the right men. There had not been much trouble in getting them, for gentlemen had only been too anxious to join them. But the brethren of the lodge followed that very proper course not to introduce to the lodge any but those whom they would be pleased to receive in their own homes and families. No other men should be proposed for Freemasonry. It was the desire of the brethren of this lodge that there should be a bond of brotherhood, and in proposing gentlemen for initiation they had ascertained that there was no angry feeling outside the lodge between them. The consequence of this had been that there was not a disagreeable word with any brother of the lodge. The lodge had been a very great success, simply because they had tried to get the right men into it. That evening four such gentlemen had been introduced, thus keeping up the old character of the lodge. The W.M. then recounted the various merits of the respective candidates, all of whom were known to the brethren, and concluded by proposing "The Initiates." Bro. Taylor, in responding, after saying that he considered it a great honour to be introduced into Freemasonry, trusted he should be a worthy member of the lodge, and a diligent and zealous pupil. He would endeavour to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to acquaint himself as fully as he possibly could with the duties that appertained to a Mason. Bros. Huish, Foskett, and Burgess, in replying, requested the brethren to adopt the words of Bro. Taylor as their own. Bro. Penn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," with whose working that evening all the brethren were highly delighted. Every one who knew the W.M. knew he was a thorough Mason, and that he had the interest of the lodge at heart. It must be very gratifying to the W.M. to see such a large assembly of brethren present, and to have so many initiates and joining members on the books. It showed the popularity of the W.M., and that the brethren made no mistake when they elected him as their head. The W.M., replying, said it was a proud moment for him when his humble abilities to represent such a lodge as the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were so acknowledged. The brethren could understand that when he accepted the office of W.M. of the lodge he did it with a great deal of hesitation, but he admitted that at the same time he felt very proud. He had received so much kindness not only from his I.P.M., but from all the members of the lodge, that it had more than repaid him for any trouble he had taken to make the lodge a success. It had been his aim from first to last to make it so, as it had been the aim of the P.M.'s. They had worked very hard for the success of the lodge. They had said they should like to see it represented first on the list of the supporters of the Charities, and second to none of the lodges in London. He thought that the visitors would give the brethren credit

for this, and say that the lodge was really a success. It was really a local lodge, but they gathered around them the principal representative men of the Notting Hill Board. As long as the brethren of the lodge continued to conduct themselves as they had done, and to assist the cause of the Charities, the lodge would be esteemed by the Order. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said the lodge endeavoured to bring as many visitors as they could about them, and such a goodly array did credit to the lodge. They were always delighted to see so many visitors around them, but more especially when they had among them, as they had that night, a foreign visitor, Bro. Constantine Burke, District Grand Master of Jamaica, for Scotland, a brother whom several of those present had the pleasure of meeting the previous day week at Grand Festival. Whenever a foreign brother came among Masons in England they always held out to him most heartily the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Constantine Burke, in reply, said it was a matter of considerable pleasure to him to be called upon to respond at a lodge of this character to such a toast as the toast of the visitors. As a good Mason, and paying most perfect obedience to the W.M., he responded to the toast, but he must at the same time take one very small exception to a remark of the W.M.'s, who had said, in proposing the toast, and speaking of him, that he was a distinguished foreign brother. The W.M. probably did not think that standing there he (Bro. Burke) could not claim the character of a distinguished brother. He stood there as an English colonist, coming from one of the most ancient colonies, where Masonry had been observed during the last 200 years, and he was very proud to tell the brethren that the manner in which Masonry was worked in Jamaica would give pleasure and pride to every good Mason, and one who felt that the essential principles of Masonry should extend over the whole universe. It was but within the last twelve days that he had come across the Atlantic, travelled over 5000 miles, and landed on the English coast, which they in Jamaica claimed as their mother country, and he might truly say that the very first hand of fellowship that was held out to him was that of a brother Mason, who told him the morning after his arrival that the Grand Lodge of England was to meet that afternoon, and that if he could by any means make his way there the brethren would be very glad to see him. This was about the most practical exemplification of the universality of Freemasonry and of the important advantages of a man being a Freemason. He had to thank the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast, proposed so kindly by the W.M., who coupled his (Bro. Burke's) name with it. He could only say he had travelled a great deal, and had been a long time a Freemason although only a young man, and he had felt its important advantages wherever he had been. It was no ordinary institution, but one whose principles were such as to recommend it to every man who desired to do good in his country or any country he might be placed in; it was a bond of brotherhood that united the whole world, and made us all feel that its essential principles bound man to man wherever he might be. He had never failed to observe this, or to inculcate it in his country, where he represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Provincial G.M. If the brethren went to the tropics he could tell them they would have a better chance of a cordial reception if they were Masons than if they were not. If they felt the warmth of the country there they would find warm hearts that beat towards the old country, and to every man who belonged to the old country, whether a Mason or not, but more especially if he was a brother. With reference to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, the W.M. had proved himself a thorough good Mason by the way in which he had given the degrees that evening, and he could not have failed to make an impression on the initiates. He could not have failed to make them understand it was not a mere idle display, a joining the Order for fellowship alone, but he had shown them there was something more glorious, that it was a high privilege to belong to the Order. He was glad the lodge bore the name of such a distinguished statesman and Freemason as the Earl of Carnarvon. There was not a colony where the noble earl was not looked upon as a man who had identified himself with progress, and shown himself interested in the union of the colonies and the mother country. Bros. W. Beasley, Prickett, and other brethren also replied, and the remainder of the toasts having been given, the brethren separated.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—An emergency meeting of this very rising young lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The brethren present were W. T. Purkess, W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; H. B. D. Dunn, J.W.; R. V. Davies, Treas.; A. J. Berry, Secretary; J. N. Thompson, J.D.; J. Eldridge, D.C.; E. Grout, Org.; H. Hollis, F. Bouts, J. H. Bastable, W. Earl, J. Reid, C. Hutchinson, F. Austiss, W. F. Richmond, G. Chutter, S. Hawkins, A. Ayden, T. Jackson, and J. Cox. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Rowe, 167; R. Perkins, 34; H. Follett, 45; J. W. Wright, 1298; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; H. W. Levy, 188; W. B. Stannard, 1275; W. C. Maddever, 504; and W. Wilkinson, 167. The lodge having been opened the following brethren were balloted for, and unanimously elected joining members of the lodge: J. Swinyard, of Lodge 1178, F. H. Tibbetts, of Lodge 59, and A. Speller, of No. 217. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Fred. Madgen, when, having been unanimously elected, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Richmond, Earl, and Austiss were then passed to the Second Degree, and a motion by Bro. Berry for an alteration in the months of meeting having been carried, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent and elegantly served banquet, reflecting the greatest credit upon Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The usual toasts were proposed and enthusiastically responded

to, and the proceedings of the evening having been enlivened by the capital singing of some of the brethren and visitors, a very happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Bull Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. William G. Wingrove, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Wills, I.P.M., and there were also present Bros. George Churchley, S.W.; E. J. Sears, J.W. and W.M. elect; N. Martin, P.M., Treas.; P. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Heeley, S.D.; J. W. Wells, J.D.; W. Light, I.G.; Thos. W. Neech, D.C.; C. White; J. Howden; John Miles, P.M.; John C. Davison; Edmund Mackney, P.M.; C. S. Boardman, Thos. W. Kittle, James Gray, Robert Stone, John Brock, John Keeges, Charles Storr, J. M. Longley, George Fletcher, H. G. Picken, W.M. 1536; J. R. Ford, W.M. 583; F. J. Wingrove, 1343; Horace White, 1604; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); James Cox, P.M. 765; J. Perkins, S.W. 765; Thomas Deane, W.M. 77; H. S. Neate, P.M. 77; H. W. Rankine, W.M. 184; F. Carpenter, 77; Henry Winter, 913; G. O. Abbott, P.M. and Sec. 192; R. B. Webster, P.M. 140 and 1320; T. Y. Zeal, J.W. 1362; J. Bradly, 507; Orlando Latreille, J.W. 1260; J. J. Cornell, 1227; G. Brown, S.D. 140; W. Page, P.M. 1725; Robert Alfred Spencer, Prov. Grand Sec.; W. A. Mills, G. Coast, H. H. M. Paul, W. R. Bradbrooke, Robert Jamblin, Chaplain; Albert Thorn, F. C. Patton, Charles Scott, J. M. Longley, and George Fletcher. Bro. Alfred Keaton Gower, No. 951, Steward of Darent Asylum, was unanimously elected a joining member; after which Bro. Edmund Mackney, P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. Edward Joseph Sears, J.W., as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Wills was invested as I.P.M., as deputy for Bro. Wingrove, and the following brethren were invested as the other officers for the year:—Bros. A. Heeley, S.W.; J. W. Wells, J.W.; Noah Martin, P.M., Treasurer (for the sixteenth year); P. Harvey, P.M., Secretary; the Rev. Robert Jamblin, Chaplain; W. Light, S.D.; T. W. Neech, J.D.; C. S. Boardman, I.G. and Org.; C. White, D.C.; Corden and Brock, Stewards; and Cooper, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Wills, P.M., seconded by Bro. Noah Martin, P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. Miles, P.M., was elected delegate of the lodge for the Charity Committee of the province, and Bro. Miles, in returning thanks, said he most cheerfully accepted the office. Bro. Miles, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, which was seconded, and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. Bro. Mackney, in acknowledging the compliment, said it had given him great pleasure to install so worthy a brother as Bro. Sears, who, he was certain, would do honour to so old and distinguished a lodge as the Lodge of Emulation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, which not only did credit to the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Bray, but fully supported the hospitable character of the lodge. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were duly honoured. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Most Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and excused himself for hurrying the early toasts by saying that Bro. Spencer, the Prov. G. Secretary, and Bro. Page, Past Prov. G. Warden, were obliged to leave by a train which was just on the point of starting for their destination. It was greatly to the credit of the province of Kent, he said, that its Masonic affairs were administered in so excellent a way. There was never any difficulty; they had only to answer the summonses and carry out the work. The Prov. G. Secretary did his work admirably. The Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale, was one of the most excellent working Masons they could have; indeed the province had never had a better Provincial Grand Master, the interest he took in Masonry was very great, not only in general but in detail. If they were to look for another Grand Master to-morrow they could not find a better, and the brethren hoped it would be a long time before he would sever his connection with them. He (the W.M.) had a letter from his lordship apologising for not attending this meeting, which was due to a prior engagement. His duties they all knew were numerous, both as a county member and as a county magnate. Bro. Spencer, P.G. Sec., in reply, said, that having frequently had the pleasure of meeting Lord Holmesdale, and seeing the way in which he performed the duties of his office, he maintained that there was no brother who performed his duties more efficiently. He was sorry his lordship was not able to be present on that occasion, but lately he had been suffering from bad health, and in a letter received from him a day or two ago he conveyed the intelligence that he had been unable to rise from his bed. After apologising for not being in lodge at the commencement of the working, Bro. Spencer went on to say that he was very much pleased that Bro. Sears had been installed in the chair of a lodge not the least among the lodges of Kent, in which all the officers performed their duty well. Kent always came out well, and among the Charities stood well to the fore. Bro. Finch, whose hard work in this cause was well known, had written him a letter, in which he said he had been worked tremendously lately, but that the brethren of the Province of Kent did not support sufficiently the Masonic Charitable Institutions; that there were between 2300 and 2400 Masons in the Province of Kent, and not one third of the numbers made themselves annual subscribers or Life Governors of the Institutions. He (Bro. Spencer) wished to enforce this upon the brethren—if they could not do one thing they could do

another; if they could not afford to be Life Governors they could manage to be annual subscribers. If lodges would impress this on their members it would materially support the Institutions. Bro. Page also responded, recalling his early recollections of Dartford, where he first became a fully fledged Mason. With such a connection with the town he was additionally pleased to be present that day, and it was very satisfactory to him to see the lodge progress as it did. The W.M. here announced that the collection for the lodge charity box amounted to 37s. 9d. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a hearty welcome. Bros. Brown, 140, and Latreille, 1260, replied, both of whom complimented the Installing Master for the way in which he performed the installation ceremony, and congratulated the lodge on having such able officers it. Bro. Wells, P.Z., proposed "The W.M.," stating that the brethren all knew they had put the right man in the right place. He was sure they had selected a brother who would do credit to the lodge and to its members, and at the end of his year of office they would honour him as I.P.M. The W.M. replied. In a position so new to him he somewhat trembled, but after such kind words and their reception he felt a kind of help forward a long, long way. The records of the Lodge of Emulation were good, and he should not like those records to fall into discredit by any blot on the high standard the lodge had attained by any act of his. He should endeavour, by the help of the G.A.O.T.U., and by the assistance of those glorious rules that had been read out, so to conduct the affairs of the lodge that there should be nothing on his part wanting to make it second to no lodge in the province. He was a young member of the lodge, and comparatively a young Mason, and the honour just conferred upon him had come upon him somewhat unexpectedly. It was from no fault of his that he was now in the position, but, from unfortunate circumstances, the esteemed brother who had been occupying the chair of S.W. for the last year there was a difficulty in the way of his election, but he hoped at a future time, by the generosity of the brethren and his own qualifications, that brother would be placed in the W.M.'s chair. He hoped the brethren would look as kindly as possible over any shortcomings on his (the W.M.'s) part, and that he would receive from the highest to the lowest that cordial co-operation which was necessary on the part of every member of a lodge to the well conducting of its affairs. The present was a proud moment to him, and he thanked the brethren now, as he did in open lodge when he was elected, for the high honour conferred upon him. It was a memorable occasion for him, and he hoped it would be imprinted on his heart as long as he lived that he had that day been installed as Master of his mother lodge, the Emulation, at Dartford. He had been solicited to join other lodges; and in the Royal Arch he had made one point; but if he wished to seek other fields and pastures new there was time for that after he had served his year of office, when he would have sufficient time to work himself up in the ceremonies. It was enough, however, for him at present to devote his care and attention to the well being and prosperity of his own lodge, and to place it first among the Kentish lodges. At the end of twelve months it would be time to say yes or no to the earnest solicitations of some of his numerous friends and brethren. The W.M. concluded by thanking the brethren for their kindness, and the numerous visitors for honouring him with their presence. He then proposed "The P.M.'s," and presented, through Bro. Churchley, P.M., a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wingrove, I.P.M. He then reminded the brethren of the great services the Past Masters had rendered to the lodge, and selected Bros. Noah Martin, Treas., and P. Harvey, Sec., as specimens of brethren who devoted the greatest zeal and ability to the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Martin, in reply, said it was twenty-five years that day he had attended this Dartford Lodge, but he had never been so happy in it as he had been that day. Everything seemed to have gone on most pleasantly and prosperously. He had been Treasurer of the lodge fifteen or sixteen years, and he hoped if he should be spared he would be in that office many years to come. While he was supported and upheld as he now was, and as he always had been, it was one of the greatest pleasures of his life. Bro. P. Harvey, Secretary, and Bro. Miles, also replied. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He was a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and during his year of office he should act as Steward for the Boys' School at its festival of 1880. He would have plenty of opportunities of appealing to the brethren for support, and he hoped to be assisted by them in making up a good list. He called on Bro. R. B. Webster, 140, as a very strenuous supporter of the Charities, to respond. Bro. Webster replied, and the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Press," and said he pinned his faith to the *Freemason*, than which there was no better conducted Masonic publication. He liked to see what was going on in Freemasonry, and the *Freemason* never omitted any information that was necessary on this subject. Bro. H. Massey replied. "The Officers'" toast having been given, and replied to by the S.W., the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The evening was enlivened by some excellent music.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. Eynan, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. S. Sewell, I.P.M.; J. Watson, S.W.; J. Usher, J.W.; E. Gibbon, Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.D.; J. Goss, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; J. Cook, P.P. G.S.W.; J. Spearman, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. Irvine, F. C. Nicholson, J. C. Robinson, W. C. Scott, W. Dawson, J. McKay, R. Younger, R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P.; O. Rowell, and M. Corbitt, I.P.M. 48. Visitors: Bros. H. Usher, J.D. 481; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; G. E.

Dean, P.M. 541; R. Wightman, Sec. 541; W. Smith, J.D. 1342; J. Ridsdale, P.M. 406, P.G.J.W. Northumberland; J. Wood, S.W. 48; J. G. Smith, J.W. 48; B. P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.G.O.; and J. Page, W.M. 405. Bros. Grant and Walklet were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Lowes, Robinson, and Nicholson raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. In a suitable and feeling manner the W.M. referred to the lamented death of the Treasurer, Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., and proposed that the following resolution should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge: "That the deep regret of the brethren be recorded in the minutes at the death of our esteemed Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., who was for many years Treasurer of this lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Sewell, P.M., and unanimously agreed to. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., nominated Bro. J. Spearman, P.M., as Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the W.M. nominated Bro. G. S. Sims as Tyler for the ensuing year. In accordance with notice of motion, the W.M. moved, that the sum of ten pounds be given to the widow of a lately deceased brother. Bro. Sewell, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried. Several Past Masters of various lodges tendered expressions of sympathy and regret at the loss sustained by the lodge and the Craft generally by the death of Bro. G. Thompson, P.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren quietly dispersed, without refreshment and the usual social gathering after the lodge is closed.

SALISBURY.—Ellas de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New Canal, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when the following were present:—Bros. A. Tucker, W.M., in the chair; F. J. Russell, P.M., as I.P.M.; C. H. Card, S.W.; T. S. Fletcher, P.M. and Treas., as J.W.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Hannan, S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; A. Aylward, Org.; H. Silverthorn, Tyler; G. W. Wiltshire, R. Dear, J. Folliott, T. Harwood, E. Hale, G. Wilkes, H. Crawford, G. J. Mannings, J. T. Calkin, and W. B. Haskell. Visitor: Bro. Jefferies, 1478. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. G. Wilkes was examined as to the progress he had made in Masonry, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and on Bro. Wilkes being re-admitted he was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the Second and also to the First Degree, Mr. H. W. Larkam and Mr. G. J. M. Main (who had been previously balloted for and elected) were separately admitted, and impressively initiated into the mysteries and secrets of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The name of a brother having been proposed and seconded for joining, the lodge was closed at 9.10 in ancient and solemn form. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at 11 o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

GUILDFORD.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 777).—The anniversary of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The lodge having been opened in First Degree, and the minutes of last regular lodge read and confirmed, letters of apology were read from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Major-General Brownrigg, C.B.; the Past D.P.G. Master, Bro. Harrison; Bros. Earl of Onslow; Earl Percy, M.P.; Col. Thomas Martin, the W.M. of Surrey Lodge, Reigate, and other brethren, regretting their inability to attend the meeting. Mr. Robert Pink was initiated into the First Degree of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Edgar Drewett, P.P.G.W. of Surrey. The Deputy Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap., then took the chair, and duly installed Bro. Denzil Roberts Onslow, M.P., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The claims of the various Masonic Charities having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the rest of the evening was spent in peace and social harmony. The W.M. was ably supported by his two Wardens, Bros. De La Fargus and H. F. Day. Amongst the company present were Bros. Dr. Spence, P.G.W. of Surrey; Loveless, W.M. 1046; Dawes, S.W. 1046, P.P.G. Org. of Surrey; Andrews, J.W. 1046; W. Vine, P.M. 1046; Charles Anderson, P.M. 1046; Asher, 1395; Dr. Piper; E. Grissbrook, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; and Andrews, 1329.

HULME.—Blair Lodge (No. 815).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. John Vertegans, P.M., acting W.M.; Henry Louis Rocca, S.W.; W. R. Sowtar, J.W.; A. E. Gaskell, Hon. Sec.; S. Hildesheimer, S.D.; E. Harris, I.G.; H. R. G. Bayley, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Anderson, Organist; John Sheldrick, J. St. Patrick Riley, J. R. Straus, C. Oldham, A. Bickley, W. Renshaw, W. Fell, J. J. Newton, P.M. Visitors: Bro. T. R. Williams, P.M., Ellis Jones, P.M., Thomas Elliott, P.M., and W. Haddon, J.W., 1147; J. W. Almond, 1773; Henry Briggs, P.M. 330; A. Chendon, 1730; John Cooper Virtue, 152; John Church, Sec., W. Nicholl, J.W., and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), 317. This lodge, which is a very prosperous one, has this year had to mourn the loss of their W.M., the late Bro. J. O. Moore, who was installed in October, 1878, and who was only permitted by T.G.A.O.T.U. to preside as the head of the lodge some three or four times. The late Bro. J. O. Moore died February 8th, of the present year, and was interred at the Salford Cemetery, on February 13th, and followed to his resting place by Bros. Rocca, Sowter, Vertegans, Gaskell, Hildesheimer, Harris, Bayley, and others. His presence is greatly missed and deeply mourned by all who knew him.

As a man he was the very personification of truth and honour, of kindness and goodwill towards men. As a Mason he was one of the truest and the best, and in his death Masonry in general, and the Blair Lodge in particular, lost a sincere and an earnest member. He served in all the offices except Secretary. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no business the lodge was "worked" up to the Third Degree, and after an interval, down again to the First. A proposition was put forward by Bro. H. R. G. Bayley, P.M., D.C., and seconded by Bro. Henry Louis Rocca, S.W., that the lodge meetings be adjourned from June 13th until Friday, September the 12th, for the summer vacation, which was carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The visitors having been kindly invited to stay to supper, afterwards assembled, with the officers and members of the lodge, around the festive board. A substantial supper was prepared, of which some thirty brethren partook. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, with good Masonic "fire," the brethren being led by Bro. Bayley, who makes an indefatigable D.C. The toast of "The Visitors" was received with warm applause, and responded to by each in turn, the W.M. exercising his prerogative by insisting on each one saying something for himself, which caused some little diversion and amusement. Other toasts followed, and the intervals were enlivened with some songs, one of the most enjoyable meetings it has been our privilege to be present at being brought to a close shortly after eleven o'clock.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Hastings, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Kent; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; H. Butter, I.P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; James Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; R. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; C. Cooke, Organist; H. Pryce, D.C., and Thos. Read, W.S. Among the visitors and brethren were Bros. J. Warren, S.W. 700; R. Hanson, S.D. 927; W. J. Harris, 700; W. Weiss, 706; D. Baker, 30 (S.C.); C. Jolly (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, Mr. John Gould and Mr. Richard Taylor were, after ballot and approval, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; Bros. A. Flagg and H. Towns were passed; and Bro. Messer (as Tyler) was raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably rendered by the W.M., who worthily sustains the prestige of this important lodge for its good working. £10 was voted to Bro. Weston's list for the Boys' School, he having agreed to take office as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren assembled round the table. The preliminary toasts were drunk with that aplomb and heartiness that characterize Masons; and then in reply to the toast of "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Grand Officers of Kent," Bro. Coupland said he always felt proud of responding to such a noble toast, although it was a difficulty to say anything fresh about it. The care and interest of the Grand Officers in the Craft in the province spoke for itself, and the time was shortly coming when every member of that lodge would have an opportunity of seeing the whole of the Provincial Officers together, and those who took it would, he felt sure, agree with him that both Bro. Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes were worthy of all the great esteem they were held in throughout the whole of the province, particularly by the Pattison Lodge. (Loud cheers.) The I.P.M., Bro. Butter, then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said it was always a difficult toast to propose satisfactorily by an I.P.M., because, after the first time or so, all the eloquence necessary to give it due effect had been used up. Upon this occasion he should try and say something new about him, and if he did not rise to the dignity of the occasion, it would be because he had to say it to his face instead of behind his back. If one had to speak of one who was not present one could *Butter* one up as much as one liked, but it was a difficult thing to do where one so modest as their W.M. was looking at him, and perhaps laughing at him in his sleeve all the time. However, he would say one thing about him—and he had said a good many in his time—but he would say that he was an honest man and an honest Mason, and Robert Burns had said, and rightly, that "an honest man was the noblest work of God." He did not know whether he had ever called him that before. They had confided to him the Mastership of the lodge, and he had faithfully and honestly done his duty to that trust, and so an honest Mason was an honest man, and an honest man was the "noblest work of God." Unfortunately for himself, he could not attend that evening in time to see the ceremonies, but he stood outside the door and listened, and to his ears came murmurs and music, like to those who, it was said, just before entering it, hear the divine melodies of Heaven, and so it was with him, and he longed to be within those sacred walls, and see and hear their Master carry out, as he could, the beautiful ceremonies entrusted to his hand. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. The W.M. said in the I.P. Master they had always a good stock of *Butter*, always pure, fresh, and good, and much more acceptable than a little dry *Hay*, which, however, he hoped would never get musty. So far as the beautiful rituals were concerned, he thought that a Master should give them as solemnly and as impressively as he possibly could, and he had done his best, and done it honestly, and he trusted to their satisfaction. He threw his whole heart and soul into the work, and it was most satisfactory to him to hear their expressions of praise and confidence. As an Englishman and a Mason, he felt that anything that

was undertaken with spirit and determination was sure to succeed; for when he first took office he felt as if he should have liked to give it up at once, but he had persevered, and worked with a will, and he was not ashamed of the result. The toasts of the "The Initiates," "Past Masters," and "The Officers" followed, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

KNUTSFORD.—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The brethren of this lodge held their monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. the R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord De Tabley, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The business of the lodge being ended, the W.M., Bro. Leigh, said: R.W. Provincial Grand Master, officers, and brethren, I rise to perform a most pleasant and agreeable duty, and one which I am quite sure every member of this lodge will feel most deeply interested in. I have the honour and very great pleasure, on behalf of myself and the officers of this lodge, to present our very worthy and much esteemed Bro. Nicholls, P.M., with this very handsome Past Master's jewel, for the valuable services rendered to this lodge, and I only hope (and I am sure I am expressing the sentiments of every member of this lodge) that the Great Architect of the Universe will long spare you to continue your valuable services to this lodge, and wear this jewel upon your breast for many years to come, as a memento of the high esteem in which you are held by every member of this lodge, and hand it down to your posterity as a heirloom in the family. The R.W. Prov. G.M., in rising, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be present on this occasion and witness the presentation to our worthy and much esteemed Bro. Nicholls, P.M. The very efficient manner in which he performed the duty of installing at your installation reflected the highest credit upon himself and the lodge, and I can only reciprocate the wish you have expressed, "that the Great Architect of the Universe will long spare him to wear the jewel you have presented him with, in token of his valuable services and the high estimation he is held in by every member of this lodge." Bro. Nicholls, in response, said: R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, and officers, words are inadequate to convey to you how deeply and sincerely I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this very handsome present of a Past Master's jewel, and the beautiful inscription engraved upon it. Valuable as the jewel may be of itself, the kind expressions of fraternal friendship which accompanied the presentation enhances its intrinsic value a thousand fold, and, as you have so feelingly expressed it, I hope the Great Architect of the Universe will spare me for many years to come to devote my best energies for the good of Masonry in general, and of this lodge in particular, and may the crest of our lodge, with the word "Teneto," shine with greater lustre and more Masonic brilliancy. The jewel is a very chaste piece of workmanship in gold, and bears the following inscription on the cross bars: "Palman qui meruit ferat" (in English "The palm which he merits let him bear"); and on the square, "Presented to Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, 941, by the officers, in recognition of valuable services rendered. 12th May, 1879."

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The duties of Masonry in this lodge were resumed on the 5th inst., at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. N. W. Helme, W.M., presided, and was supported by his respective officers, there being also a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cutts being a candidate for being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. Longman, P.M. and Sec. Bro. Cutts was then re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being very impressively and efficiently gone through by Bro. Longman, who also gave the working tools. Bro. Helme then re-occupied the chair, and by the powers vested in him resumed business in the First Degree, when the ballot was taken for the Rev. William Taylor Newbold, M.A., and proved unanimous. The candidate was then admitted into lodge with the formalities of the Craft, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very effective manner, the working tools being presented by Bro. J. T. Jackson, J.W. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from members of 89, 281, 1353, and 1561, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The monthly meeting of this lodge (changed from the fourth Friday to the third Thursday in the month) was held in the Old Lodge Room of the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. J. McCarthy, P.M., was in the W.M.'s chair, and among others of the "Hamerites" present were Bros. H. Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; R. Leason, S.W.; W. C. Erwin, J.W.; H. R. Evans, P.G.S., Treasurer; T. Sammons, P.M., D.C.; M. Callaghan, S.D.; R. Kynaston, J.D.; W. H. Jewitt, I.G.; T. Pierrpoint, Org.; J. J. Smith, A.S.; F. Pentin, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; F. Alder, F. Lomeria, H. Davidson, W. Clark, J. C. Merilees, A. E. Richardson, W. J. Henderson, T. Sharp, R. L. Stockton, E. Williams, A. Henderson, J. Tatlock, G. W. Barn, and others. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. T. McCracken, Sec. 292 and 1620; J. Boyle, 823; J. Casey, 1086; F. J. Pentin, W.M. of Wilbraham Lodge; the Rev.—Leslie, J.W. of the Wilbraham Lodge; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M.

823; A. C. Wylie, S.W. 202; Dr. Pitts, J.W. 1620; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; and others. Two candidates were initiated most impressively by the acting W.M. (Bro. McCarthy), and the ancient charge was very effectively delivered by Bro. H. Jackson. The election of W.M. was afterwards proceeded with, and the result of the voting for this high and most important office was unanimously in favour of Bro. Leason, S.W., who briefly thanked the brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him. Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., was also cordially and unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Other routine business was transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the festive board, at which a pleasant evening was spent.

BLACKPOOL.—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).—On Tuesday week the annual festival of St. John, in connection with this lodge, was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. H. Gardner, E. G. Stead, H. Johns, E. Gregson, J. L. Smith, R. W. Braithwaite, A. Hodgson, A. Moore, W. Lister, Edmondson, A. J. Holloway, J. Todd, and A. Wade. There were also present Bros. Bidder, Manchester; Whitehead, 113; Carr, 1170; Spencer, 314; Barber, 113; Hollins, 581 and 1009; Taylor, 1061; Partington, 146; Wray, 1061; Rushton Perkins, 1061; Batchelor, 1456; Whitaker, 1061; Howell, 1140; Ormanson, 960; Leigh, 484; and Harding, P.P. S.G.D. The lodge being opened at 3 o'clock, Bro. Todd was passed to the Second Degree in an able manner by Bro. Gardner, W.M. Afterwards, Bro. S. P. Bidder, the Installing Master, took the chair, when Bro. Gardner presented Bro. Stead as W.M. elect, who was duly installed by Bro. Bidder, in his usual masterly manner, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. J. Waddington, S.W.; F. Pateson, J.W.; H. Johns, Treas.; T. B. Lane, Sec.; W. Lister, S.D.; Edmondson, J.D.; A. Hodgson, I.G.; H. Johns, M.C.; T. Watson and J. L. Smith, Stds.; and R. W. Braithwaite, Org. Bro. Johns then delivered the charge to the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Bidder concluded the ceremony, after which the brethren, numbering over thirty, adjourned to the dining room, and sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared in Bro. Holloway's usual style. Bro. Stead, W.M., proposed the toast of "The Queen," also "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was drunk with musical honours, Bro. Batchelder presiding at the piano. Bro. Stead then gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M.," and also "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.," and P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Braithwaite proposed "The Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.G.P.M. West Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers." Bro. Harding, P.P.S.G.D., responded, thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and said it was an astonishing fact that there was no Provincial Grand Officer in the Blackpool district. There were in Lancashire 13,000 paying Masons, 6,000 in the east and 7,000 in the west province, and he thought it was time to divide Lancashire into three provinces. He trusted they would soon have a provincial officer in their ranks. Bro. H. Gardner proposed "The Health of Bro. E. G. Stead, the newly-invested W.M.," and hoped that he would have a happy and pleasant year of office. Bro. Stead thanked the members of the lodge for electing him to fill such a high position, and promised to do all that laid in his power to further the interests of the lodge. Bro. H. Johns, in a neat speech, proposed "The Immediate Past Master," and flattered Bro. Gardner for the manner in which he had conducted the lodge for the past twelve months. Bro. Gardner responded. Bro. Stead then proposed "The Health of Bro. Bidder, the Installing Master," and thanked him for attending to install him W.M. Bro. S. P. Bidder, in responding, thanked all present, and said he had great pleasure in installing Bro. Stead in such a position, as it was a glorious position for any man to occupy, being "the band of love and the bond of fellowship." Bro. Bidder then proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers." Bro. Patterson responded. Afterwards "The Visiting Brethren," "Masonic Charities," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were given, after which the evening was devoted to songs and recitations.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Bro. G. Tidcombe, the W.M., presiding, well supported by his officers, several members, and the following visitors:—Bros. Hall, 34; Pinnizer, 186; Middleton, late of 1549; Honeywell, 889, the latter now taking the duty of Organist to the lodge, for which he is so fully competent. The lodge was opened in due form at 3.50, and after confirming the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Biggs was examined, and approved for passing. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and this brother received instruction as a Craftsman. On resuming to the First Degree, the ballot was unanimously taken for Bro. Cecil Austin, 811, as a joining member, and also in favour of Mr. Edwin Bamford and Dr. R. Campbell Puckett as initiates, both of whom were regularly enlightened into the mysteries of the Craft. The annual reading of the bye-laws by the Secretary then preceded the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Heldon, P.M., acting as S.W., in the absence of Bro. J. Ebbs through a long illness, announced that the absent brother would be soon equal to take his position again, which he always did with such great satisfaction to all, and he was thereupon unanimously approved as W.M. elect. The election of Treasurer also passed as usual in favour of Bro. Dr. Rogers, and Bro. J. Middleton was appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee were appointed, and to meet on June 11th. Various small matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. At the banquet the customary toasts were

duly honoured; that of "The W.M.," for the last time, was appropriately given by the I.P.M., Bro. Vincent, and thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Tidcombe, speaking very highly of the progress of Masonry in the locality, and especially of this lodge in particular, which would always meet with his warmest support. Our brother took a handsome donation to the Girls' School at the festival, and is always first in the cause of charity. The musical contributions of the brethren were good, as usual, and an agreeable evening closed at 10 p.m.

PONTYPRIDD.—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the members of this lodge held their annual festival. The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock by P.M. Bro. Hurman. The minutes of the lodge were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was raised, and the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Jones, was conducted to the chair, and the ceremony of installation commenced. The Secretary read the ancient charges, and the newly-elected Master was duly obligated. The lodge was raised again, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, who installed Bro. J. Jones in the chair. Bro. Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, performed the duties of Installing Master with great ability. The newly-elected Worshipful Master was then proclaimed in the customary manner. He afterwards proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. George John Alexander, I.P.M.; William Merchant, S.W.; Robt. Charles Hunter, J.W.; William Lewis, Chaplain; William Williams, Treasurer; Thomas Dickson, Secretary; John Lindsay Leckie, S.D.; Thomas Rogers, J.D.; James Rees, Organist; Richard Male, Dir. of Cer.; Walter Herbert Morgan, I.G.; William Howells Key and William Henry Matthias, Stewards; and William Baird, Tyler. The following members of the Merlin Lodge were present:—Bros. John Jones, W.M.; Robt. C. Hunter, J.W.; Wm. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain; William Williams, Treas.; Thomas Dickson, Sec.; J. L. Leckie, S.D.; Thos. Rogers, J.D.; R. Marc, D.C.; W. H. Morgan, I.G.; W. H. Key and W. H. Matthias, Stewards. Members: H. P. Davies, Edward Rees, Morgan Price, W. H. Morgan, John Davies, Stephen Lewis, Gordon Lenox, J. J. Jenkins, H. N. Davies, Evan Rees, Evan W. Davies, R. G. Price, and W. Morris. Among the visitors present were Bros. M. Tennant, D.P. G.M.; T. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; D. R. Lewis, 110; M. P. S. Tozer, P.M.; T. J. Jones, P.M. 110; C. Wiggins, P.M. 110; J. W. Gunn, 110; W. Griffiths, 110; F. M. Whale, 960; F. W. Goodfellow, W.M. 110; T. Stockwood, jun., 1752; Edwin Price, 1752; John Hurman, 1752; John Hemming, 833, Sec. 1752; C. Videon Harding, P.P.G.O., 476; C. E. Perry, 1752; S. R. Jones, Chap. 36; J. M. Lewis (Figi); G. Bounder, 723; G. A. Noel, W.M. Bute, 960; John Jones Watson, I.P.M. 36; Titus Lewis, 1258; R. Southern, W.M. 36. The lodge room had been beautifully decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion, under the superintendence of Bros. Hunter, Dickson, Male, and Key. At five o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Morris, at the New Inn. The toasts of the evening were "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master." Bro. Tennant responded to the latter; Bro. Hurman responded to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bro. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, acknowledged the same compliment when paid to the visitors, as did also Bro. D. Hopkins, P.W.M. Bute Lodge. In the course of the evening several of the brethren sang some good songs to the accompaniment of Bro. Videon Harding, who also added to the harmony of the proceedings with one or two songs. General satisfaction was expressed at the excellent way in which the banquet was served up by Bro. Morris.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The first regular meeting (this year of this successful lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel. The lodge was opened at five o'clock p.m., and there were present Bro. C. Sawyer, W.M.; C. T. Young, S.W.; John G. Horsey, J.W.; E. A. Head, Sec.; S. Davison, S.D.; W. Rudge, J.D.; J. G. Calway, I.G.; C. W. Noehner, P.M.; A. W. Betchley, J. Woodbridge, G. Woolgar, F. Sargent, W. Harwood, J. Cooper, J. Hare, J. E. Woodbridge, and E. D. Dickman. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, held on Oct. 1st, 1878, a notice of motion, that a jewel be presented by the lodge to the W.M., Bro. Sawyer, on the expiration of his year of office, by Bro. Hook, P.M., was referred to by the W.M., who stated he had just received a telegram from Bro. Hook, stating his inability to attend, and deputing either Bro. Horsey or the Secretary to bring the motion forward. After some discussion, in accordance with the motion, Bro. Horsey proposed, and Bro. Young seconded the proposition, and a jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and, after replying to the usual questions, Bro. G. Woolgar was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when this brother was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when, after being approved, Mr. Wm. Pile was regularly initiated. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, the result being that Bro. John G. Horsey, J.W., was voted to the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Hale, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sargent Tyler. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The installation of Bro. John G. Horsey as W.M. will take place on Tuesday, July 1st., at which the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. Burrell, and his Grand Officers are expected to be present.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 140).—This lodge of instruction closed its session on Monday evening with a banquet at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich. About thirty members assisted, ably presided over by Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S., P.M. 140; 320, &c., faced by Bro. Hill, I.G. 140. Of the officers of the lodge present were Bros. Tattershall, P.M. and Secretary; Webster, D.C.; Dennant, J.W.; Brown, S.D.; Spark, J.D. There were also present Bros. Johnson, P.M. 140; Wallace, P.M. 140; Blackmur, P.M. 140; Roberts, P.M. and Secretary 79; Dussec, P.M. 79; Moorson, W.M. 1320; Edwards, W.M. 1494; Rees, I.G. 1593; Bates, J.W. 1155; and others. The banquet was served in a manner highly creditable to the proprietor, and gave general satisfaction. The Chairman in a few suitable remarks proposed the first toast, "The Queen," to which succeeded the National Anthem, followed, of course, by that of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction," and in a speech fraught with expressions of kindness and encouragement, referred to the good work it had done, and still was doing, in diffusing that sound instruction which had for many years gained for the mother lodge a notoriety for good working. He coupled with that toast the name of the Preceptor, Bro. G. Brown, who, in responding, said he could not allow the occasion to pass without a reference to the melancholy occasion which had placed him in the position of Preceptor of that old and important lodge of instruction—the awfully sudden death of the late Preceptor, Bro. Jardine. Passing in review the work of the year, Bro. Brown said that whilst on the subject of imparting instruction in Masonry, and seeing one or more brother Preceptors present, he could not help referring to a subject which had occupied his mind for some time past, viz., the differences of working in the several lodges, for there were not two whose working was identical, the consequence of which was such as to deter brethren from seeking instruction sufficiently often to prepare themselves for office, and it checked that mutual interchange of visitations to other lodges of instruction. He then referred to the fact that, about two years ago, hearing that there existed a source from whence the correct ritual of Freemasonry could be acquired, he, together with the late Bro. Jardine, joined the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at Freemasons' Hall, and that working was now adopted pure and simple in St. George's Lodge, and taught in this instruction lodge. In proof of its popularity at least one other lodge in the neighbourhood had adopted the same working, viz., the Royal Naval College Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Brown made a strong appeal to the brethren to correct and adjust themselves to the acknowledged and only correct ritual of Freemasonry. The Chairman said that there were certain ladies in Greenwich and neighbourhood which called for the most kindly consideration of the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, and, although a reference to the fair sex was somewhat irregular, in Masonic parlance, he thought he might allude to the kindred institutions as "Sister Lodges of Instruction." He (the Chairman) could not help agreeing to the desirableness of one recognised ritual in lodges of instruction. He would couple that toast with the name of Bro. Roberts, Preceptor of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Roberts, in responding, said he had listened to the observations on similarity in Masonic working with a considerable amount of interest, and whilst mainly agreeing with the desirableness of it, and considering it a consummation devoutly to be wished, said he must remind the brethren that it was from an Emulation-taught Preceptor that they originally derived their instruction, for it was Bro. Collington, who, at one time, stood alone in his ability to impart the Masonic knowledge which he derived from Bro. Stephen B. Wilson, and although innovations may have crept in, and become imperceptibly, as it were, acknowledged, he could not but think that the Emulation working had been subjected to material modification since Bro. Collington's time. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations. Bro. Denna presided at the piano, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Green Dragon, 2, Maddox-street, W. There were present Bros. J. Hurdell, W.M.; C. A. Woods, S.W.; A. Ginger, J.W.; C. J. W. Davis, Treas.; E. Childs, Sec. pro tem.; T. W. Cooper, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; L. G. Langdon, I.G.; E. Farwig, P.M.; E. Baber, P.M.; R. F. Potter, P.M., and about sixty others. The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. J. Paul, 1287.
2nd	"	...	" A. Ginger, J.W. 901.
3rd	"	...	" T. W. Cooper, S.W. 538.
4th	"	...	" W. Burgess, I.G. 1472.
5th	"	...	" D. Belfrage, W.M. 179.
6th	"	...	" E. Child, J.W. 538.
7th	"	...	" E. Farwig, W.M. 180.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. L. G. Langdon, W.S. 538.
2nd	"	...	" J. Waugh, J.D. 1563.
3rd	"	...	" E. A. Baber, P.M. 453.
4th	"	...	" C. A. Woods, S.D. 145.
5th	"	...	" R. F. Potter, P.M. 749.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. W. Richardson, S.D. 1348.
2nd	"	...	" O. Latreille, J.W. 1260.
3rd	"	...	" G. Davis, 167.

Ten brethren were elected members, and Bro. C. A. Woods, S.D. 145, elected honorary. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. John Hurdell (Sec. of the lodge) for presiding over the lodge for the first time at the Fifteen Sections.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Alfred Goode, W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; E. Goodale, J.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M.; S.D.; T. Tremere, J.D.; W. Payne, I.G.; P. M. Dickinson, Preceptor; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary; Past Masters Dickinson, Rogers, and Wright. Brethren: A. Goode, T. Press, E. Goodale, T. Tremere, W. Payne, Alderson, Holesworth, E. Harris, W. Weil, Oldis, and Dunn. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Alderson was a candidate for initiation. The ceremony was then rehearsed. Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M., worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Press elected W.M. for ensuing week, who appointed officers in rotation. Bros. Harris and Weil, of Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, were elected joining members. Lodge was then closed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1242).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 21st inst. There were present Bros. A. McMillan, W.M.; J. Dignam, S.W.; McDowell, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; A. R. Olley, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary, and several other brethren. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Williams, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Sublime Degree of a Mark Mason. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McDowell seconded, that Bro. Dignam be W.M. for Wednesday, 28th inst., which was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—After a season's valuable and arduous work, the brethren connected with this lodge of instruction—departing from labour to go to refreshment "for this occasion only"—assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., for the purpose of holding their annual festival meeting. There was a large gathering of the brethren connected with the lodge of instruction, and the spirit which marked the whole of the festival proceedings clearly demonstrated the vitality which characterises the existence of a Masonic "college" which in its time has been the means of training several good and worthy Masons. Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., the most indefatigable and talented Preceptor of the lodge, occupied the chair on this occasion, and he was supported by brethren who have long shown a warm interest in the welfare and progress of the institution. A capital supper was served by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, and after the "decks had been cleared" the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the Preceptor. Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M., then rose, and said he had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of their worthy Preceptor." He had heard that it was customary in other lodges for the I.P.M. to be Preceptor of the "Instruction," but he was glad it was not so in this instance, as it would be very difficult indeed to find one who would so well, faithfully, and efficiently fulfil the duties of that office as they were by Bro. Hayes. (Hear, hear.) They all knew how admirably he had done his work in the Craft and all the higher degrees with which he was connected, and he was sure that Masonry in connection with the Mariners Lodge would lose none of its lustre while he occupied the position of Preceptor. (Hear, hear.) The toast was honoured enthusiastically with Masonic honours. Bro. Hayes thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and Bro. Robinson for the too flattering terms in which he had referred to his services. He was the first Master who occupied the chair after the lodge of instruction had been formed, and he was happy to state that, with two exceptions, he had never missed a single meeting. So long as he had health and strength he trusted to be able to continue a similar regular attendance, and his earnest effort would be to fulfil the duties of his office in the best manner possible. (Hear, hear.) The Preceptor then gave "The Officers of the Lodge of Instruction," referring to the admirable services which Bro. W. Corbett had rendered in his capacity of Secretary. Bro. Corbett responded in suitable terms, and alluded to the valuable help he had received in the discharge of his duties from Bro. John Pye. Bro. Joseph Jenaway responded for the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lodge of Instruction," and the "Honorary Members" was coupled with the name of Bro. Mackenzie, who thanked the Preceptor and brethren for the promised privilege of giving a degree at next, and final, meeting of the lodge of instruction for the present season. Other toasts followed, and several excellent songs were given by Bros. Thornton, Messenger, Davies, Jenaway, and others.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst. Comps. John Mason, Z.; James C. Mason, H.; M. D. Loewenstark, J.; with the Past Principals who were present, opened the chapter. The minutes of the meeting held in January were read, unanimously confirmed and signed by the M.E.Z. Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.Z. and Treasurer, and W. Dunham, P.S. and J. elect, resigned their memberships of the chapter. Their resignations were accepted with very great and deep regret. The ballot for Joshua was unanimous in favour of Comp. Arthur John Treton, 1st A. S., the popular W.M. 1614, Covent Garden Lodge. All below the rank of Installed Principals having retired, Comp. Wm. Smeed, P.Z., &c., in his well-known correct and most impressive manner installed Comps. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z.;

M. D. Loewenstark, H. On the re-admission of the companions the officers appointed were Comps. J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.A.S. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. Clark, P.S.; S. Barney, 1st A.S.; W. H. Goodall, 2nd A.S.; C. T. Speight, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the chapter minute book, was unanimously voted to Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., for the admirable, painstaking, and correct manner in which he had rendered the all important ceremonies of the installations. Apologies were received from absent officers, and also from the candidates for exaltation. Business being ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, October 9th, at five o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Comps. J. H. Spencer, W. H. Willoughby, and several others. The visitors were Comps. J. Bown, P.P. G.S.N. Lancashire, M.E.Z. 148; W. A. Barrett, H.; Louis Beck, 1326; and others. The regular banquet was supplied. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Comp. John Mason, I.P.Z., had the usual ten-guinea P.Z.'s jewel presented to him, which had been voted to him from the chapter funds, he having had a most successful and prosperous year of office. Songs, recitations, and some excellent music brought this successful meeting to a happy close.

WORCESTER.—St. Wulstan's Chapter (No. 280).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present the following companions:—Comps. J. C. Gregg, M.E.Z.; C. S. Faram, H.; W. Stallard, J.; J. R. Buck, S.E.; and many other companions, including three visitors, Comps. Orlando Shellard, P.Z. Palladian Chapter, 120; Henry Gurney, Palladian Chapter, 120; Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B., then took the chair, and, in a conclave of Installed Principals installed Comps. C. S. Faram, M.E.Z.; W. Stallard, H.; J. R. Buck, J. The conclave was closed, and the companions re-admitted, and the following were inducted into the different offices:—Comps. H. Wilson, S.E.; F. H. Lingham, P.S.; T. Pike, 1st A.S.; J. F. Roberts, 2nd A.S. The chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to another room and partook of an excellent banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 3.30. In the absence of the First Principal, the Board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comp. Perry, P.Z. In consequence of the death of Ex. Comp. Pescott, H., his chair was taken by Ex. Comp. Murray, P.Z.; Ex. Comp. Bradnee was in his place as J.; Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 1587, 710, acted as Immediate P.Z. On the admission of the companions the chapter was opened with Comps. Hurrell, E.; Fulwood, N.; and Morgan, Pr. Sojourner. After the confirmation of the minutes, Ex. Comp. Warren arrived, and took his place as Z. A ballot was held for Bro. Knight, which being unanimously favourable, he was admitted and duly exalted by the M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Bradnee delivered the historical, Ex. Comp. Murray the symbolical, and Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins the mystical lecture. All below the rank of Principal then retired, and Dr. Hopkins, who had been invited from Bath for the purpose, duly installed Comps. Bradnee, Hurrell, and Fulwood, respectively in the three chairs of Z., H., and J., the two former under dispensation, owing to the death already mentioned. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Morgan, E.; Dodge, N.; Goss, jun., Pr. Soj. Some discussions followed on matters interesting only to the members, and the chapter was closed at 7. The companions then adjourned to the Queen's Hotel for the banquet, which was admirably served by the host, Bro. Bolt, and was in all respects satisfactory. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the companions separated at 11.

NEWTON ABBOT.—Devon Chapter (No. 1138).—The members of this chapter met on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was no business except the installation of Principals and investment of officers for the next year. The three chief chairs were occupied by Ex. Comps. Capt. Bewes, Z.; Philip Michelmore, H.; and Bradnee, M.E.Z. 328, as J. The chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received and adopted. Among those present were Ex. Comps. Beechey, P.Z., and Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, as a visitor. The latter was requested to perform the ceremony of installation in the absence of Ex. Comp. Rev. R. Bowden, who had been expected to do that duty, and the companions below the chairs withdrew. Owing to the removal of the Principals from Newton, it was necessary to continue the 1st and 2nd Principals in office for another year. They were, therefore, re-installed as Z. and H., and Comp. Harris as J.; Comp. Olver was invested as E.; Comp. Martin as N.; Comp. Stevens as Pr. Soj.; and Ex. Comp. Beechey as Treas. The Pr. Soj. deferred his nomination of Asst. Sojrs. On the proposition of Ex. Comp. Beechey, P.Z., seconded by Ex. Comp. Michelmore, H., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins for his prompt and efficient services as Installing Principal, for which a suitable acknowledgment was made. Several matters of only local interest were discussed, and the chapter was closed at 9.30.

HAMPTON COURT.—Royal Middlesex Chapter (No. 1194).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Companions present: Comps. Donald

M. Dewar, M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, H.; Harry Bateman, J.; Roebuck, Treas.; Dodd, S.E.; Soppett, Taylor, Horsley, Laxton, Rosenthal, A. J. Altman, Bro. Kman, Jolliffe, Brown, Owen, Col. Burdett, Grand Superintendent; H. G. Buss, Dosell, George Kenning, and others. Bros. Henry Robert Perry, Constitutional Lodge, 55; Alfred John Protheroe, Neptune Lodge, 22; and Frank Ch. de Rialp, Salisbury Lodge, 435, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by Comp. William Dodd, assisted by Comps. Brette and Bateman. Comp. Dodd then installed Comp. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette M.E.Z.; Comp. Harry Bateman H.; and Comp. Soppett J. A valuable P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Donald M. Dewar, on his vacating the chair of M.E.Z. The companions then retired to dinner, under the rule of Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, M.E.Z.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 10th inst., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., in the chair, supported by Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; G. Clark, M.O.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; G. Moss, J.D.; Ackland, acting I.G.; Dunkley, Org.; and R. Potter, Tyler. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for Bros. H. Chambers, H. Clamp, J. Barnes, J. H. Powell, and J. Clarkson, which proved unanimous. Bro. Clarkson was in attendance, and was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master in the usual impressive style of the W.M., with full musical ceremony. After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. It was decided to hold an instruction meeting just before each lodge meeting, at which all Mark Masters would be welcomed.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas.; J. Gardiner, P.M.; W. F. Lamonby, W.M. 229, Chaplain; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. R. Banks, as S.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.O.; J. Adair, Sec.; J. Abbott, as S.D.; F. Harrison, Visitor; Bro. T. Mason, Faithfull Lodge, No. 229. The minutes being read and confirmed, the first business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. All those present, who were qualified, withdrew in favour of Bro. P. Dodgson, S.W., who was put to the ballot, and unanimously elected. Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and in so expeditious a manner (show of hands) that the veteran had no time to interfere. The election of Tyler stood over till a brother is available for the office. A hearty and well-merited vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., on the proposition of Bro. Gardiner, seconded by Bro. Lamonby, and after a modest reply from Bro. Banks, the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes" from Faithfull Lodge, Cokermonth. [We beg to point out that the form of election of Treasurer in this case was wrong. Clause 63 of the "Book of Constitutions" lays down that the election must be conducted by ballot.]

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, there being present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M.; R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M.; T. Mason, as S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. Amongst other business, the sum of two guineas was voted to the list of Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, the representative of the province at the ensuing festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was decided to close the lodge till the second Wednesday in July (election night), unless there should be any candidates for advancement.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.
Many thanks to Bro. Hughan for his kind correction re the date of Hutchison's "Spirit of Masonry." The error on my part arose exactly as suggested in the postscript to Bro. Hughan's note. I have to refer to another old Masonic work which appears in the British Museum catalogue. This is the "Proofs of a Conspiracy," &c. In the *Masonic Magazine* for April the work is in the British Museum catalogue as "Robinson, J.: Proofs of a Conspiracy against all Religions, etc., of Europe. 3rd edition, 8vo., London, 1798." In the *Masonic Magazine* for May also, the work is described as "Robinson, J.: Proofs of a Conspiracy, etc., of Europe, etc. 5th edition, 8vo., Dublin, 1798." What I have to point out is another edition, printed at Edinburgh the year before either of the editions mentioned, which, as yet, I cannot find in the British Museum list. The edition I refer to, I may explain, I bought for an "old song" a few days ago, at a "curiosity shop." It is a perfectly clean copy, and I gather from the engaved coat of arms and name, on a label inside the cover, it belonged to one "nobly born, or a gentleman of the first fashion" in Edinburgh. The title page is as follows:—"Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies. Collected from good authorities by John Robison, A.M., Professor of Natural Philosophy, and Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh. *Nam tua res agitur paries cum proximus ardet.* Edinburgh: Printed for William Creech; and T. Cadell, junior, and W. Davies, London, 1797." The name of the author is Robison, not Robinson, as appears in the *Masonic Magazine* twice.

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HILDA.—There is no actually recognised jewel for a M.M., though one is often worn, namely, the five-pointed star. There is certainly none for a Lewis. The emblem of the five-pointed star is very appropriate and graceful in itself, and no objection can really be against it.

FRESHWATER.—In our opinion decidedly yes. But allowances are sometimes made at the formation of a new lodge. Still we confess to a strong opinion on the point.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"La Chaine d'Union," "Bulletin des Travaux du Suprême Conseil de Belgique," "Caygill's Tourist Chronicle," "Dublin Express," "Masonic Advocate," "Masonic Eclectic," "Der Triangel," "Hebrew Leader," "Proceedings Great Priory, Canada," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Masonic Review," "Keystone," "Masonic Newspaper."

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BIRTHS.

CROSBIE.—On the 17th inst., at 107, Chatham-street, Liverpool, the wife of Major C. Crosbie, of a daughter, stillborn.

LAMBERT.—On the 18th inst., at 11, Chesham-road, Brighton, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Lambert, C.B., Connaught Rangers, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BUTLER—NAISH.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mary's, Reading, by the Rev. N. Garry, Vicar, the Rev. J. B. M. Butler, Rector of Maresfield, to Janet, daughter of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Elizabeth Naish, formerly of Lenton.

DEATHS.

BENHAM.—On the 3rd inst., at Rectory Villa, East Hoathley, Sussex, Mr. George Benham, late of Her Majesty's Customs, aged 71.

DRURY.—On the 17th inst., at Lingmoor Dean-park, Bournemouth, Mary Elizabeth Drury, wife of Mr. William V. Drury, M.D.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1879

THE STEWARDS' LISTS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Stewards' lists for the last festival are very remarkable in their way, and deserve attentive perusal and consideration despite the wearying reiteration and often confusing accounts of long rows of figures. As often happens in this good world of ours, truth lies sometimes hidden in very common things indeed, which the careless and the unthinking pass contemptuously by. There are some unfortunate beings to whom "a daisy is a daisy and nothing more," but as we do not profess to write for such, we trust that, for all who like to think and care to learn, what we are about to say may be neither boring nor unedifying. Let us then take the Stewards' lists for the last festival and look at them thoroughly and minutely, for depend upon it under their startling figures lies much of instruction, encouragement, and even warning for us all. They are not merely figures, arithmetical tokens, but profess a Masonic language of their own, easy to be understood by the sagacious and the intelligent. Let us begin with the metropolitan returns. The whole amount as returned at the festival was in round numbers £11,700, but which sum has been increased since, and will, no doubt, be augmented (as we said last week) to £12,000 before many days have elapsed. Of this the metropolis contributes £5850. Of the metropolitan lodges the largest amount sent in is by the Creaton Lodge, 1791, Bro. J. L. Cantle, Steward, namely, £238 1s. Now, this is very noteworthy, because the Creaton Lodge has been consecrated, so to say, but recently, and is one of our youngest lodges, and yet here it is, to the fore of all the metropolitan lodges, with £238. No doubt the lodge has wished to show their regard for their first W.M., the Grand Treasurer, the Chairman of the festival, and who well deserves the good opinion of his brethren, but the result is highly creditable to the Creaton Lodge, and we congratulate Bro. J. C. Cantle most sincerely on this, his goodly list. We wish all other young lodges had followed his bright example, but we are very sorry to note, we beg our readers to lay the remark to heart, that from No. 1700 only eight lodges have sent anything at all. This is by no means a creditable state of things, and we fear, is attributable to one of two causes, either that the entrance fees are insufficient for the expenses, or that the lodges are already in debt to their Treasurers. As this was also the case at the Benevolent Festival, and we fear, may be the case at the Boys' School gathering, we beg to call the attention of many worthy brethren to the subject. The next lodge to the Creaton Lodge is No. 25, Bro. G. R. Shervill, Steward, which remits £175 7s., and which, curiously enough, is tied by No. 1383, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Steward, with its £175 7s. Bro. J. Cowan, Steward, No. 1572, brings up £171 13s. 6d., and which is succeeded by Chapter No. 813, Bro. J. Gabb, Steward, with £141 15s., and, most curious coincidence, this is tied again by No. 1728, Bro. T. W. B. Bush, Steward (a most creditable return, by the way), also with £141 15s. No. 1421, T. S. Taylor, succeeds with £131 5s., and this is hardly pressed by No. 27, T. J. Maidwell, with £125. We note with much pleasure No. 174, C. J. Perceval, with £115 10s., and No. 211, Alfred Withers, with 115 4s., No. 2, E. H. Letchworth, £113 9s., Nos. 179 and 1586, W. Hopekirk, £111 6s., No. 657, Edward Cox, £111, and No. 58, W. Smithett, £101 17s. The remaining returns vary from £97 2s. to £4 15s., and all seem to point to the great and vivid interest taken by the metropolitan brethren in the support and success of the Girls' School. The provincial returns are equally striking and suggestive. West Lancashire leads on this occasion with £594 17s., and is followed by West Yorkshire with £420, which again is closely pursued by Kent with £407 16s. Warwickshire

is near at hand with £380, next to which comes Cornwall, under the able leadership of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with £378, while Staffordshire presses on Cornwall with £376 3s., and Cheshire and Middlesex appear with £356 4s. and £352 10s. 6d. respectively. East Lancashire next appears on the scene with £285, to which follow, after a little interval, Gloucestershire with £260, Somersetshire with £247 16s., Devonshire with £242 1s., Sussex with £231 1s., and Durham with £227 17s. We also have to note Hertfordshire with £144 2s., Worcestershire with £141 15s., and South Wales (Eastern Division) with £105. The remaining provinces vary from Hants with its £99 15s. 6d., down to Lincolnshire with its £21. But thus equally the provincial returns testify to the great interest felt by the Craft in the progress and prosperity of that excellent Institution, our well-managed and efficient Girls' School. As a general summary London, with 119 Stewards, has collected £5850 in round numbers, the provinces, with 131 Stewards, have sent up £5826 in round numbers, leaving a very small balance in favour of London, but this may be affected on either side by the lists which have yet to be received. While the fact speaks volumes for the zeal and energy of the metropolitan brethren, it also betokens the general interest of the Craft in this work and claim of true Masonic charity. The London brethren may certainly feel proud of their cheery efforts to support the Girls' School, as, though there is a popular delusion afloat that the London brethren are a degenerate body, which is not the case, they claim, as they will have, the thanks of their brethren, when they remember what has been done by the 105 lodges and chapters represented, and one Mark Lodge. Equally, however, we must give all praise to the efforts of our good provincial Stewards, and thank them and our provincial brethren for their zealous and continuous support of the great Charities of our Order. Indeed the considerations which the magnificent returns of the festival give rise to are both gratifying and encouraging in the highest degree, because they testify better than words can speak, to the great if simple fact, that Masons' hearts are in the right place, and that with them charity is not merely a name, a word, or a profession, but a reality, a truth, a living and gracious power. Once more we congratulate the Stewards and all concerned, and not the least, Bro. Hedges, on the really noble returns to the anniversary of the Girl's School for 1879.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading these always, to me, interesting and almost sensational statistics, I was struck with two points, about which I should like to have a few words from our good Bro. Terry.

1. Why in the general statement are dividends from stock omitted? We are told in a special paragraph that there are invested on the male account £32,870 stock, and on the female account £20,655, and that the permanent income from both accounts is £2445; and yet under male account I only find £59 10s., and under female account £33 3s. 10d.; clearly some great mistake somewhere.

2. It seems that there is a balance on the two funds and deposit accounts of £8170. Is not this too large a balance?

I ask these questions in all deference as a

YOUNG MASON.

THE EARLIEST USE OF THE WORD "FREEMASON."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, of Scotland, it is stated that the minute of the lodge of 27th December, 1636, contains the earliest instance then discovered of the word "Freemason" being in Scotland applied to designate members of the Craft, and that the word is not again used in the minutes until January, 1725, a period of about ninety years, but that its use became common after 1729.

The Past Grand Chaplain of Scotland, the Rev. J. Thomson Grant, a well-known archæological scholar, has kindly given me the following extract, which he recently

discovered in the MS. records of the Presbytery of Jedburgh, parish of Minto. It is as follows:—"1652. James Ainslie, A.M. . . . called 11th January, and admitted and instituted (after being sustained by the General Assembly) 9th December, 1652, objection having been taken because he was a Freemason, and the neighbouring Presbytery consulted previous to entering him on trials. The Presbytery of Kelso, 24th February, 1652, shewed that to their judgment their is neither sinne nor scandale in that word, because in the purest tymes of this kirke Maisons having that word have been ministers, that Maisons and men having that word have been and are daylie in our sessions, and many professors having that word are daylie admitted to the ordinances."

The minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh of 1636 speaks of the Freemasons of Edinburgh, and the above extract clearly shews that the word "Freemason," although not found in Masonic records between 1636 and 1719, was yet in general use between these periods. But the extract is also important as shewing that "in the purest times of the (Scotch) Kirk," which the Presbytery minutes indicate were prior to 1652, some of its ministers had been Freemasons, and that at that date "many professors" were so. This is another evidence that non-operatives were admitted members of the Order prior to Ashmole's admission in 1646. Indeed, as the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh shew, several eminent non-operatives were admitted members of the lodge in 1634, and the immediately subsequent years; and we find one in active membership of it so early as 1600. We have no record of his admission, but it must have been prior to 1599, the date of the oldest existing minute of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

P. M. No. 1, S.C.

SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS A MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following extract from the minutes of the Lodge of Sincerity, now numbered 174, may, at the present time, be interesting to your numerous readers.

Yours truly,

J. NEWTON, P.M. and Sec. 174.

May 14th, 1879.

"Quarterly Nigh".

"Lodge of Sincerity, No. 231, March 10th, 1812.

"At a lodge of instruction held on Sunday, March 8th, Bro. Price proposed that Robert Whitaker become a Mason in this lodge—seconded by Bro. Watkins, and carried nem. con.; and also that Mr. James Norris, taylor (sic), aged twenty-four years, be made a Mason in this lodge, and seconded by Bro. Wade, and carried nem. con.

"March 10th. * The lodge this evening was opened in due form, and Mr. James Norris initiated in the First Degree of Masonry, and passed to that of Second Degree, or Fellow Craft.

"Proposed by Bro. Hall, and seconded by Bro. Judge, that Bro. Norris become a regular subscribing member of this lodge, and carried nem. con.

"The R.W.M. went through part of the First Lecture, and closed the lodge in its usual good harmony."

* The lodge was then held at the Lion and Castle, Cherry Garden Stairs, Bermondsey.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I desire to call your attention to a slight error you have made in last week's number of the *Freemason* under the heading of "Assis'ant Grand Pursuivant." Towards the end you are pleased to mention the excellent working of La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, and give me credit of being the Preceptor, which is not correct; the office I hold is that of Treasurer. From the commencement of the lodge our Preceptor was, is now, and I trust will be for some time to come, Bro. T. Alex. Adams, P.G.P.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. W. DAVIS,

P.M. Royal Union, No. 382.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The work called "Original Research" to which I have drawn your attention in previous numbers, will, I beg to say, be published at a minimum price in the course of the year. It will be dedicated to the Grand Lodges of all nations, to whom copies will be presented, with right of translation, in the earnest hope that it may be the means of spreading the sacred truths therein set forth, not only among brethren, but among all orders of men.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard Hill, Guernsey, 10th May, 1879.

A NEW NOVEL?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much amused to see an advertisement of a new novel, bearing the attractive title of "The Freemason's Daughter," by J. F. Smith, published, I believe, by the firm of Tinsley Brothers. Now, some twenty years since I took in a story, in parts, entitled "Amy Lawrence, the Freemason's Daughter," by J. F. Smith. The volume is in my possession now, and I believe that I am correct in stating that the story had previously appeared in the columns of the *London Journal*. I cannot say that the stories are identical, the titles are nearly so.

Yours truly and fraternally,

SENIOR WARDEN.

A VISIT TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

I wish in the much read and truthful pages of the *Freemason* to record the impressions of a visitor to this remarkable Institution for the first time. Strange as it may seem to some of my readers, though an old Life Governor and Steward, I had never had the opportunity of seeing the "tout-ensemble" at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, with my own eyes. I had heard of it, and had myself spoken about it, basing my confidence, not undeserved, on its yearly reports, but this year, "health and weather permitting," I determined to seek for personal evidence, in lieu of passive authority, alike for what I believed as for what I said. So on one fine day, one of the finest of this most ungenial year, and despite a treacherous east wind, in company with two very well dressed and angelic beings of the "softer sects," as Mr. Samuel Weller has it, I took myself in such pleasant company to that classic common, on the borders of which rises the new, the large, and almost imposing building, entitled the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The School is not a school built qua a school, but is an adaptation of a private house, by needful alterations, to the purposes of a school. It has increased in numbers from 60 to 120, and now to 200 inmates, and the recent additions have been most skilfully made by Bro. Massa, reflecting credit alike on him and the Building Committee, under Bro. Lieut. Col. Creator.

I was specially struck with the new hall, the infirmary, and the laundry, all on the most modern and approved principles, whether of ventilation or of hygiene, and which it is not difficult to see at a glance must add materially to the comfort, wants, and efficiency of the School.

There are now, as I have already said, 200 girls, and I will venture to add 200 healthier or happier looking girls are not to be seen in England. Indeed it was impossible for any one, especially those acquainted with educational work and similar institutions, not to come to the conclusion that one of the great ends of any such establishment was fully secured in the comfortable appearance and smiling faces of the children, who, though many of them had been deprived from early years of the inestimable advantage of parental care and supervision, had yet found in the good Providence of God a happy home for themselves, and sincere friends, and motherly care, and skilful tuition in that pleasant and peaceful refuge for many a poor and otherwise desolate little girl—the Masonic Girls' School on Wandsworth Common. Indeed, I think it right to add that the School is really "sui generis" and "unique," as far as I know, and I think I know what I am writing about, amongst all similar institutions in England, nay, in Europe. There are many admirable homes where 200 girls are trained and cared for, but then they are class schools, so to say, and all on a level. Now the peculiarity of the Girls' School, like as the Boys' School, consists in this, that it is made up of different, and often of most contrasted, classes, and the difficulty, and "crux," at once confront us, how are you to give a good uniform education for these poor girls, differently brought up, and even fitting often widely different stations in life, without reducing the School to the level of a merely elementary or eleemosynary school, on the one hand, or elevating it above the needs and proper position of the children on the other?

In the Girls' School, as it seems to me, (all praise to Miss Davis and the House Committee), the happy "mean" has been found, so that the education imparted is alike practical and thorough, real and useful, needful and beneficial to all alike, fitting them thoroughly for the "rough battle of life," preparing them for the after struggle of each individual career. Without forgetting to develop latent talent or to draw out existing ability, without losing sight of the truth, that all education, to be education, is to expand, adorn, enrich, and control the mind; and that what God has implanted we are bound to seek carefully and tenderly to nourish and advance, the children are proficient, as their own neat and comely dresses show, in all housewifery, in sewing, and marking, and knitting, in all the duties of the house, and in cookery.

Some of us remember the old song—

"Had she been a daughter of mine

I'd have taught her to hem and to sew,"

and the House Committee have always very wisely encouraged this good old-fashioned work, so needful and so beneficial for girls.

I was quite struck with the carefulness and clearness with which the girls have been prepared for their "repetitions," and the admirable manner in which the German and French were pronounced, not merely the "French of Bowe," (see Chaucer), convinced me how really first rate was the instruction imparted. The calisthenics were most striking and worth seeing, being alike healthy for the girls and graceful and pleasing in themselves.

Thus, go when you may, look at what you will, listen to this, and observe that, everything seems to point to a thoroughly reliable and intelligent, and able instructress, one who knows her "metier" and likes and loves it for its opportunity of doing good to others, and there can be no question that to Miss Davis the success of the School, scholastically, if I may so say, is entirely attributable. To her untiring zeal and important labours the School owes its great vitality and prestige, and under her skilful direction the talents of the orphans are alike most carefully supervised and properly developed. All who saw the School on Monday must rejoice to think that the School is under her direction, assisted as she is by willing teachers, most of them, we believe, trained by herself, and who carry out her admirable plan of teaching and instruction, and steady, kindly interest in the personal work, and happiness, and welfare of the children.

The School is also very fortunate in having as Matron Miss Jarwood, who has, I believe, been fifty years in the Institution, was originally a pupil, and in whom the Com-

mittee and Subscribers have most properly every confidence. Her kindness and motherly care to all are ever evinced in many ways, and I was pleased to realize that where so much personal sorrow must often exist in the mind of a poor orphan, the genial consideration and the unceasing friendliness manifested for all in the School, had secured to Miss Jarwood the regard and attachment of the pupils and teachers. I have seen many girls' schools, large and small, but I never visited any which had more the appearance of a home, and less of a mere school, than our Masonic Institution for Girls.

To the House Committee the best thanks of all subscribers of the School are due for the unceasing attention to, and watchful control over, all matters affecting the routine, discipline, and character of the School. We should all feel that to their wise measures and sensible administration it is really owing that the excellent qualities of Miss Jarwood and Miss Davis have been encouraged and supported, until, alike in its domestic and scholastic character, the School may fairly challenge comparison with any existing institution. Long may it flourish, a blessing to many a poor orphan, and securing for itself the loyal admiration, attachment, and sympathy of thousands of honest-hearted Masons.

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Obituary.

BRO. EDWIN HUGHES, P.M. 249.

On Friday, the 16th inst., the remains of Bro. Edwin Hughes, P.M. of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, were interred at Southdown-road Cemetery, Liverpool, the funeral being attended by a large concourse of people. The deceased was a well-known solicitor in Liverpool, and during the earlier portion of his life he served under Garibaldi in the fight for national liberty in Italy, and also in the great American war, in connection with which he saw some active service. The cortege left the late residence of the deceased, Brooklands, Elm Vale, Fairfield, Liverpool, at half-past ten. Amongst those present were Mr. R. Hughes, son; Mr. William Hughes, brother; and Mr. H. W. Cooke, brother-in-law of the deceased; Dr. Commins, Mr. Councillor M'Arde, Dr. Speer, Captain Murdock, 1st L.A.V.; Bro. Dr. Sheldon, Bro. Captain Berry, Messrs. Walter Commins, John Atkinson, W. H. Pride, Martin Browne, C. Connor, A. Crilly (of the Financial Reform Association, of the council of which Bro. Hughes was a member), Henry Vaughan, M. Hynes, D. Callow, H. Neale, managing clerk to the deceased, and others. The burial service was read by the Rev. H. Postance.

BRO. JOSEPH POORE.

Bro. Joseph Poore, P.P.G.J.W. of the Isle of Wight, Senior Past Master of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, late 176, died at his residence, in Newport, on Sunday, the 4th inst., in the 87th year of his age. Bro. Poore was initiated into Freemasonry in the Union Lodge, No. 626, held at the Blue Anchor Tavern, St. George's-square, Portsea, Hants, on the 17th April, 1814; joined Lodge No. 148 August 20th, 1816, and was enrolled a Mark Mason in Gibraltar, where our brother was engaged on the fortifications. On his return to the Isle of Wight, in 1817, joined the Vectis Lodge, No. 578, and the chapter Mark and Albany Lodge, No. 151, late 176, in 1838, from which date until his decease he continued to be a subscribing member, and during the long period of forty-one years was the most regular in attendance at the meetings of the lodge, always endeavouring to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and that of the Albany Lodge in particular, to the best of his ability. The remains of our venerable Bro. Past Master Poore were followed to his last resting place in Carisbrooke Cemetery, on the 9th, by the Rev. the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and brethren of the Albany Lodge, who at all times entertained a high estimate and fraternal regard for his straightforward, honest bearing, and integrity of purpose, and most sincerely did they sympathise with him at the time his kind heart was deeply sorrowing, on the 18th November, 1870, when he lost the dear partner of his life, with whom he had blissfully enjoyed fifty-four years of conjugal happiness, their spinster daughter dutifully attending to and comforting her aged parents with loving cheerfulness to the end of their lives. Out of a family of eight children, five daughters and one son survive, with grand and great grandchildren.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The following subscriptions have since come in:—

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
6 Bro. Sir G. Prescott, Bart. ...	21	0	0
18 " J. Mowlem Burt ...	31	10	0
172 " John Watson ...	40	17	0
402 " C. T. Jacoby ...	10	10	0
771 " W. V. Brown ...	21	0	0
829 " William Etheridge ...	10	10	0
" John Mason ...	10	10	0
444 and Rose of Devon Conclave, Exeter	W. R. Woodman, M.D. List £127 1 0		
	Announced in error 103 10 0		
	23	11	0
Various Additions to Lists ...	28	5	6
	£197	13	6
Bro. R. J. Kerr, Gloucester (omitted last week) ...	...	...	£34 10 0

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

[The following appeared in our SECOND EDITION of May 17th.]

The annual meeting of this Institution was held on the 16th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided.

Bro. Terry read the following letter:—

Malborough House,
Pall Mall, S.W.

13th May, 1879.

Sir,—I have laid your letter of the 12th May before the Prince of Wales, and I am desired to inform you in reply that His Royal Highness approves of Wednesday, the 11th February, 1880, for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

I am Sir, your obedient servant

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

The report of the annual meeting of 1878 was taken as read.

The following is the report of the Audit Committee.

MALE FUND.

Balance, 31st March, 1878...	£	s.	d.
	2386	16	10
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500	0	0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5692	0	0
Annual Subscriptions	1130	7	6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	59	0	0
Rent of field (3 quarters)	7	0	0
Sale of portion of Field	10	10	0
Interest on cash at call	18	2	9
Cash withdrawn from call	1000	0	0
	8517	0	3
	£10,903	17	1

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	£5530	0	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0	0
Collector and commission	116	10	9
Messenger	5	0	0
Assistance in office	4	12	0
Secretary, Provincial Expenses	58	4	5
Medicine for Residents at Asylum	12	10	0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener at Asylum	88	7	0
Pension to late Gardener at Asylum	26	0	0
Taxes, &c., at Asylum	27	9	6
Repairs and Furniture at Asylum	22	7	6
Law charges	12	10	4
Stationery, Printing, &c.	226	13	2
Advertisements	14	0	3
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	167	8	3
Petty expenses	11	16	2
Entertainments of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17	3
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	15	9	4
Insurance of Buildings at Croydon	3	10	5
Building Gardener's Lodge (on account)	165	0	0
Do. Greenhouse (on account)	50	0	0
Surveyor's fee	10	10	0
Testimonial to Honorary Surgeon	52	10	0
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12	6
Bankers' charges	1	1	4
Rent of field	18	6	0
Rent of office	18	0	0
Deposited at call	1000	0	0
	7982	6	2

Balance on this account ... £2921 10 11

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance, 31st March, 1878...	£3299	5	6
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£300	0	0
Do. Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Do. from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4518	7	0
Annual Subscriptions	836	1	0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	33	3	10
Rent of field, three quarters	7	0	0
Sale of portion of ditto	10	10	0
Interest in cash at call	18	2	8
Cash withdrawn from call	1000	0	0
	6773	4	6

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	£4426	10	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0	0
Collector and commission	129	16	3
Messenger	5	0	0
Assistance in office	4	12	0
Secretary, Provincial Expenses, Medicines for Residents at Asylum	58	4	5
	12	10	0

Matron	£40	0	0	£	s.	d.
Gardener's salary	8	9	0			
Taxes, &c.	27	9	5			
Repairs and Furniture, Asylum	22	7	2			
Law charges	12	10	4			
Stationery, Printing, &c.	225	19	6			
Advertisements	14	0	3			
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	148	4	6			
Petty expenses	11	15	4			
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17	4			
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	15	9	5			
Insurance of Buildings, Croydon	3	10	4			
Building Gardener's Lodge (on account)	165	0	0			
Do. Greenhouse do.	50	0	0			
Surveyor's fee	10	10	0			
Testimonial to Honorary Surgeon	52	10	0			
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12	6			
Banker's charges	1	1	10			
Rent of field	18	5	11			
Rent, &c., of office	18	0	0			
Deposited at call	1000	0	0			
	6820	9	7			

Balance on this account ... £3252 0 5

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance, 31st March, 1878	£46	15	6
Disbursements	9	0	6
Balance on this account	37	15	0
Total balance as per Auditors' report	£6211	6	4

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£500	0	0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Dividends on £32,870 Stock in Government Funds	916	13	0
	£1516	13	0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£300	0	0
" " Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Dividends on £20,655 Stock in Government Funds	579	15	8
	£929	15	8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	30	0	0
	£2476	8	8

Signed, JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer,
Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th May, 1879.

The following is the report of the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management desire to congratulate the donors and subscribers upon the continued success which has attended the Institution during the past year, resulting in a larger amount of donations and subscriptions being received than on any preceding twelve months since its foundation.

The anniversary festival was held, by command of the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the 13th of February last, and having obtained the consent of Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, to preside, a Board of Stewards 294 in number was formed, of whom eighty-one were from the Chairman's province. Their exertions were rewarded by being enabled to present the largest sum yet obtained at any of the festivals, viz., £14,386, and the Committee tender, not only to them their sincere thanks for raising such an amount, considering the great depression of trade unhappily prevailing throughout the country, but also to the Chairman for his powerful advocacy of the claims of the Institution on the day of the festival, and for the deep interest he displayed throughout his province in inducing the brethren to support his presidency.

At the last election there were 145 male and 135 female annuitants upon the fund. There are thirty-three men and forty-three widows candidates for election to-day.

Since May last twenty-two men and eight widows have died, and the Committee have resolved not only to fill up these vacancies, but to augment that number by the election of an additional ten widows, so that there will now be 145 annuitants of both sexes receiving the benefits of the Institution, the amount of whose annuities will be £10,440. There are also twelve widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, who each receive £20 per annum, so that the Institution is committed to an annual payment of £10,680 without the working expenses.

To meet this large outlay the Committee rely in the future, as they have done in the past, upon the continued liberality of the Craft, feeling convinced that that reliance will not be in vain.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the balance remaining in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., at the time of their failure, in 1878, has been paid in full by the Trustee of the estate of the late Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., thereby preventing the Institution from sustaining loss.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to Grand Lodge for the renewed grant of £70 made in September

last, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months.

Vacancies in the Trusteeship have occurred during the past year by the deaths of the late Grand Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. According to the laws the former vacancy will have to be filled by the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and they recommend Lord Skelmersdale to fill the other vacancy.

The Committee have also much pleasure in reporting that the Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair. They have made an addition during the past year by the erection of a lodge for the residence of a gardener, who will also discharge the duties of gatekeeper, and various other minor offices, which will tend to the comfort of the residents.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., they tender their grateful thanks for his thoughtful kindness and care in ministering to the comforts, and alleviating, as far as human aid can, the sufferings of the residents. They have much pleasure in stating that at a meeting of the Committee of Management it was unanimously resolved that, as he had given his valuable services as honorary surgeon for eighteen years, a testimonial of the value of 100 guineas should be presented to him, a compliment they considered he justly deserved.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March, 1879, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

The report was then adopted. Bro. Bellerby and Griffiths Smith were re-elected on the Committee, and Bro. Goode was elected. The Auditors were re-elected.

Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was elected Trustee of the Widows' Fund, in accordance with the recommendation in the report.

On the election of Trustees of the Male and Sustentation Fund comin? on

Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B., said he proposed Bro. William Winn, who, he believed, was so well known to all the brethren as to render his (Bro. Filer's) saying anything in his favour unnecessary; but, inasmuch as he had heard that a great mistake had arisen as to who Bro. Winn was, he might say he was a member of a very eminent shipping firm of the Port of London, trading under the style of Termlin and Nephew. What Bro. Winn had done in Freemasonry was such as to require very little more in the shape of honour, but the brethren could confer such honour upon so worthy a brother by electing him a Trustee of the Male and Sustentation Fund. He was sure he had only to propose the name for it to meet with immediate acceptance.

Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed, and W. H. Perryman seconded, Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, G.C., as the Second Trustee, which motion was also carried.

The scrutineers of the votes for the election were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect twenty-two men and eighteen widows. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL:

No. of List.	Names	Notes
21	William Stuart	2079
23	Thomas John Coggin	1899
25	Richard Henry Marsh	1410
14	Francis Esnouf	1210
28	Harold Youngman	1167
16	George Mobbs	1076
11	John Baker	1065
20	Lawrence Lawrence	1043
19	Lyon Ben	1019
8	William B. Wade	985
26	William Emmott	977
24	James M. Salisbury	969
1	Hiram Morton	964
33	Thomas Williamson	955
6	Henry Wardale	954
2	Thomas Cushen	947
18	Thomas Foulds	933
27	John Everist	893
18	Wm. Robins Colville	889
13	John H. Wilkinson	885
23	James Elson	876
17	Samuel Lazarus	811

UNSUCCESSFUL:

4	William Taverner Palmer	804
7	William Wood	771
30	Edward Muruss	283
10	Robert Cox Walker	230
29	Samuel Wilkinson	11
12	George Elliott	21
9	Joseph Bennett	8
5	James Wauldby	7
32	William Croft	2
31	George V. Hague	0
3	Henry Holdaway	(Dead)

SUCCESSFUL:

26	Amelia King	1513
28	Mary Ann Bell	1313
32	Elizabeth Moss	1122
21	Amy Percival	1011
42	Mary Ullivero	979
20	Mary Ann Milnes	934
10	Mary Ann Findley	928
40	Eliza Hickmott	928
2	Anne Shearer	918
29	Caroline Elizabeth D. Gray	918
13	Ann Harfoot	916
36	Kezia Bonorandi	881
33	Elizabeth Brennan	860

terest, not only in this but in other countries. He need not remind them of the active part His Royal Highness took in the late Exhibition held in Paris, when by his praiseworthy efforts he made himself not only the most popular man in England, but the most popular man in France. (Cheers.) As to the Princess, she was beloved by all, and the English people would always cherish with pleasant memory the day when the rose of Denmark came and sat beside the rose of England. (Applause.) He hoped the Royal Family might long exist to the benefit of the nation, and he was sure that as Masons they would ever have reason to be proud of His Royal Highness as the head of the Craft. (Applause.)

The Chairman then gave "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master." He said the noble earl was well known to many in the room, and his health would always be received in Lancashire with that warmth and enthusiasm that it ought to be. The earl came down at great inconvenience, putting aside many engagements to instal him (Colonel Starkie) in the chair he now occupied, and which the Masonic brethren had made very pleasant to him by exhibiting a true Masonic spirit. (Applause.)

Bro. W. Slater, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He was sure the toast needed no eulogy from him. Lord Skelmersdale had worked with them as a brother ought to do, and with regard to the Grand Officers, he was pleased to say they had all done their duty well and nobly, and he was glad to see such a large number present on that occasion. It spoke well for the Order, and was an honour to the Masonic fraternity of Salford. (Hear, hear.) That would be a red letter day in the history of the Royal borough, and the Masonic Order in this province would long remember with pleasure their meeting that day. (Cheers.)

The R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, in responding, said the officers who had been invited that day would, he had no doubt, do their duty, and at the end of the year their services would be acknowledged by the Grand Master of the province. He had the honour to propose a toast which he was sure would be received with enthusiasm by each and every brother present, "The Health of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie." (Loud applause.) Where was there a man more respected than their worthy G.M.? Colonel Starkie was a man whose universal benevolence, kindly disposition, sympathetic nature, and cheerful countenance commanded their good will, and if they had searched the whole province through he doubted whether they could have found his equal. (Applause.)

The toast was received with musical honours, and the brethren upstanding gave a right hearty "twenty and one."

The Chairman thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, as the G.M. of that important province, and for the eulogiums which had been passed upon him, which he was afraid were not deserving in many cases. He was glad to see so much brotherly love and true friendship prevail amongst them, as it tended to hide the many imperfections of humanity. Having the charge of that important province he had perhaps unwittingly given offence to some brother in the discharge of his duties. ("No, no.") If he had done so, he wished to take that opportunity of saying to that brother that he felt exceedingly sorry. The most perfect being was apt to make a slip sometimes, but anything he had done wrong had not been done wilfully, and therefore he hoped it might be forgiven. He had been reminded that day that he used military law. (Laughter.) That might be so, but he was then on parade. He was off parade now, and he wished everybody to enjoy themselves. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He had to thank the brethren for the exertions they had made at a time of great commercial depression and distress in sending such a noble subscription this year—the largest that had ever been obtained to the Masonic Charities. In acknowledgment of that subscription the Committee of the Institution for Aged Freemasons had transmitted to him an address beautifully illuminated, and it was his intention to keep it as a memento as long as he lived. (Applause.) Changes and vicissitudes in their Masonic circle had occurred during the past year, and they had to lament the loss of brethren who had long been associated with them. His most intimate neighbour, Colonel Townley Parker, a man who worked hard and well for Masonry in his own part of the country, was gone, and they had lost one near and dear to them in their late P.G.S., Bro. Tunnah. His successor had been appointed that day, and he (the P.G.M.) should take care that the business was carried on on the old lines. It was simply the man changed. He (the P.G.M.) was the admiral of the ship, and the man who steered it should steer by his orders. (Applause.) The meeting that day had been one of the grandest he had ever had the honour of presiding over, and he thanked the brethren for having made it such a great success. (Applause.)

"The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Mellor, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by the Chairman, who said that he had to thank them individually as brethren for the great kindness, brotherly, and Masonic feeling which they displayed, which enabled the business of a province to be conducted in such a creditable manner. During the whole time that he had been Provincial Grand Master he had never had a single disagreement with any Grand Officer. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had proved a worthy successor to Bro. Callender, and the province had a right to be justly proud of him. (Hear, hear.) He was a thorough good fellow to the back bone, and was so highly esteemed by his neighbours and those among whom he lived that he had thrice been elected mayor of the town in which he resided. He (Colonel Starkie) should always consider to the best of his ability when brethren ought to be advanced, but in a great province like that there were

so many deserving officers that it was sometimes difficult to make a choice. Therefore those who might be left out were not left out because they did not deserve the honour, but because of the peculiar exigencies of the case. Some Provincial Grand Lodges had only eight or ten lodges, whereas East Lancashire had nearly ninety, and if all the officers could be promoted as they deserved they would receive very high honours indeed. (Applause.)

Bro. Mellor, S.G.D., responded. He said it was always a pleasure to him to be surrounded by brethren at the festive board, because their interests were identical, and were one and the same in all respects. As one of the Provincial Grand Officers he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to forward the best interests of Masonry. (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Salford Lodges," the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren of the local lodges for the excellent arrangements they had made, and for their liberality in contributing to the Masonic Charities. He hoped the lodges would always be careful as to the candidates they admitted into their fraternity. It was better that a brother should forego the prestige of saying he had carried his man than that he should introduce schism into a lodge. (Applause.) The difference between Masonry and an ordinary benefit society was that, while Masons contributed their money for charity, they had no knowledge directly where that money would go. They contributed to universal charity, knowing that their contributions would be distributed by people of honour and integrity to the most deserving, whereas the contributions of a benefit society were applied to the very object for which they were paid in. The Masons ought, therefore, to be most careful not to admit into their ranks men of sordid motives, who would seek assistance for worthless objects. He asked them to be on their guard against the hypocrite, the crawler, the perjurer, the violator of everything that was good—men who would traduce the honesty and independence of Masonry, and bring their Order into disgrace and opprobrium. (Applause.)

Bro. T. Hansbrow, Newall Lodge, Bro. Hudson Lister, Richmond, and Bro. Southern, acting W.M. Harmony Lodge, responded.

Bro. Southern said they had been highly honoured in having a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge in Salford. The Salford brethren were very anxious that the gathering should be a success; that it should be such a meeting as would win the approval, not only of the R.W.P.G.M., but of all the brethren who should attend. No doubt many of the brethren would go away fully impressed with the remarks that had been made by the R.W.P.G.M. on the necessity of keeping their lodges select. He (Bro. Southern) might say that so far as the Salford lodges were concerned, they would bear favourable comparison with most of the lodges outside the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Statham, P.P.G.T., in a lengthy speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said it was a great honour to take part, however small, in such an important meeting, and before such distinguished and intelligent members of the Craft. As an old Salford Mason he felt that a great honour had been conferred upon the borough by that gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, and nowhere could be found brethren more anxious to forward the best interests of Masonry than were to be found in the Royal borough of Salford. (Applause.) It was not necessary to remind the brethren present that one of the most prominent principles of Freemasonry was charity—(hear, hear)—and if they believed the words of Shakespeare—

"Charity is twice blessed;

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

The institutions of Masonry recognised this, and he felt that each brother would support the Charities to the best of his ability, and would be always ready to assist a brother in need. (Applause.)

The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. B. Taylor, P.G.T.; "The Mayor and Corporation of Salford," proposed by the Rev. Henry Cottam, P.A.G. Chaplain, responded to by Bro. E. Brookes; "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," proposed by Bro. Hoffgaard (Danish Consul), responded to by Bro. Rocca; and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

The proceedings then terminated.

It ought to be stated that the music, which was under the direction of Bro. Hudson Lister, W.M. 1011, was admirably rendered by Bros. Miller, Sec. 1357; N. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 332; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Lister, W.M. 1011; and H. T. Robbards, P.G. Org., and P.M. 993.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON.

The funeral of this lamented brother took place last week, when the mortal remains were deposited in the family burial place of the deceased in Jesmond Old Cemetery. The funeral cortege, which consisted of a hearse and five mourning coaches, left the residence of the deceased in Ryehill at eleven o'clock, and proceeded by way of Westmorland-terrace Grainger-street, and Northumberland-street to Jesmond. On the road it was joined by the private carriages of several gentlemen, including that of the Mayor of Newcastle (Ald. Robinson), who himself, with the Sheriff (Mr. J. G. Youll) and several members of the Corporation, was present at the funeral. At the Barras Bridge a large number of the Masonic body, of which Bro. Thompson, was also a very active member, were assembled, and from thence marched in front of the hearse to the cemetery. The office for the dead was performed by the Rev. Anchor Thompson, M.A., master of the Holy Virgin Hospital, Ryehill, assisted by the Rev. J. Smithard Hind, D.C.L.,

vicar of Cramlington, and Chaplain to St. Peter's Lodge of Freemasons, and one of the many recruits which the deceased gentleman had brought to the Order. The funeral was a most impressive one, and many a silent tear was shed over the grave of the kind-hearted and genial gentleman, while the grief of others who had more directly experienced the goodness of his heart was uncontrollable. The following brethren attended: Bros. Richard Eynon, W.M. 481, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Smith, P.M. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; Jno. Hopper, P.M. 481; Henry Sewell, I.P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Watson, S.W. 481; J. Usher, J.W. 481; J. Goss, J.D. 481; W. B. Ford, S.S. 481; G. S. Sims, Tyler, P.P.G.S.D.; Jno. Page, W.M. 406; W. S. Hughes, P.M. 406; Jno. Ridsdale, P.M. 406, and Prov. G.J.W. Northumberland; Jno. Spearman, P.M. 406; J. Jensen, P.M. 406; R. L. Armstrong, I.P.M. 406; George J. Dean, P.M. 541; E. S. Gibbon, W.M. 541; Thos. Blinksop, P.M. 541; Jno. Harcuss, P.M. 431, P.P.G.J.D.; Bertram P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.G. Org.; J. C. Mowbray, I.P.M. 1427, P.P.G.S. Herts; Jas. Nicholson, P.M. 1427; B. J. Thomson, P.M., and Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; Thos. Forster, P.M. 685; J. G. Youll, P.M. 685; J. S. Wilson, W.M. 685; Donkin, P.M.; R. B. Brown, P.M.; C. Franklin, P.M.; —Robinson, Prov. G.S.W. Durham; —Clapham, P.M.; T. B. Winter, P.M.; C. D. Davis, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., and P.P.G.S.W.; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557. About 150 to 200 brethren attended in all

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President; Bro. James Breit, Junior Vice-President; and Bro. W. Wilson, G. Pursuivant, occupied the three chairs in the early portion of the evening; and Bro. James Brett, J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; James Kench, Asst. G. Pursuivant, occupied the chairs for the remainder of the sitting. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; and A. A. Pendlebury attended. There were also present Bros. Henry Garrod, 749; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; John Wright, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; W. Maple, P.M. 657; W. J. Christian, 1662; W. J. Murliis, P.M. 1642; Walter W. Tyler, 1305; John Yeomans, 167; Edwin Marsh, 1803; Frederick Newton, 5; J. H. Mather, 143; J. Shepherd, 1349; Charles Godtschalk, P.M. 70; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. 73; Benj. Lyons, 1227; Robert Harman, 871; Henry Hill, 83; John Aspinall, 534; John James Gavin, 781; A. J. Timothy, 87; G. L. Moore, 169; W. Meadway, 704; A. Lamargan, 917; Alfred Withers, 211; A. Middlemass, 957; John Constable, 185; Neville Greene, W.M. 1524; R. A. Chamberlain, 1122; A. Thomas, jun., 1446; G. P. Britten, 183; J. Stock, 1173; W. Stephens, 1637; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141; Henry Smith, P.M. 302; Alfred A. Drew, 890; J. Vaughan, 74; Q. S. Taylor, 1421; W. G. Turner, 1472; F. J. Holland, 1585; W. J. Foster, 19; William Butcher, 558; W. Hammond, 1326; W. West-Smith, P.M. 79; John Holden, 435; Arthur E. Taylor, 1201; Chas. Daniel, 65; J. Russell Clipperton, 66; Geo. Fredk. Swan, 1321; J. H. Southwood, 1460; G. Squirrel, 206; G. D. Skeggs, 144; F. W. Koch, 820; E. J. Allen, 733; C. W. Smith, 1382; J. W. Gray, 1556; G. P. H. Lewis, 1584; Geo. G. Symons, 45; M. A. Loewenstark, 1668; E. J. B. Bumstead, 548; George W. West, 1287; C. Digby, 933; J. Mander, 1201; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

At the Board of Masters, which was previously held, the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge was settled.

The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed grants to the amount of £410, recommended at last meeting, and then considered the new list. There were twenty-three cases set down. Three of these stood over, not being complete. The remainder were relieved with £530, made up of one £100, two £50, one £40, two £30, two £25, five £20, two £15, and five £10.

Lodge was closed at nine o'clock.

WHAT GOOD IS FREEMASONRY?

The question is often asked—What good is Freemasonry? Among the uninitiated a favourite idea prevails that a man must be in possession of good digestion to fulfil the chief requirements of brotherhood, and that the "grip" consists to a great extent of a firm hold of a knife and fork. At a banquet given by the Yarborough Lodge on Saturday, some interesting particulars were given by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex on the rapid increase of lodges during recent years. Although he explained to some extent the cause of this, he did not do so fully. He proved that no less than a thousand new lodges had been sanctioned and consecrated during the last 19 years—an average of one a week. Why this great increase? He admitted that the accession to the Grand Mastership by the Prince of Wales gave the additional impetus to the movement, but he said the increase had been going on for the last 20 years, thus proving Freemasonry to be no passing fashion, but a stern reality. This large increase of members is not confined to England. On the continent we see Emperors, Kings, and Princes at the head of the Craft in their respective countries, and although all Freemasons were excommunicated by the late Pope of Rome, the number of members increases, even in Catholic countries. What reason is there, then, for such large bodies of men—chiefly of the superior class—banding themselves together? It is on the principle "many can help one—one cannot help many." Look at the magnificent institutions which the Freemasons of England have raised for the aged and the orphan. Is it nothing that those who are overtaken by sheer misfortune should have extended to them the helping hand? Mercenary motives are at direct variance with the principles of Freemasonry, but

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this famous lodge took place on Wednesday evening last, the 28th inst. Among the visitors present were Bros. Whichcord, P.G.D.; Chevalier Habicht, P.G.S.; Russell, P.M. The lodge voted £10 10s. to the Boys' School, and £10 10s. to the St. Alban's Fund. The brethren, though few in number, owing, we suspect, to the Derby Day, adjourned to a very pleasant, social meeting, and separated at an early hour. Bros. Hope, D.M.; Woodford, I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas., and G. Treas.; Barron, P.M. and Sec.; Sampson Pierce, Erasmus Wilson, P.M.; and Greetham, J.W., were among those present.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th inst. Lodge was opened at 4 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, and there were present during the evening the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sheadd, S.W.; E. Mitchell, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; D. Trusler, P.M.; H. Payne, P.M.; Thos. Poore, P.M., and Sec.; M. Spiegel, S.D.; W. Gunner, J.D.; C. A. Blogg, Organist; G. Lambert, I.G.; G. Mulley, Steward; W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler; also Bros. Lilley, Syer, Smith, Plater, Whittaker, Richardson, Max Brenner, Anthony, Ash, Barton, Glenister, Melhuish, Hall, Laver, Treves, Kerr, and others. Visitors: Bro. C. Sawyer, W.M. 1619; E. Kidman, P.M. 1586; G. Yaxley, W.M. 463; W. W. Prickett, 1327; J. Howes, P.M. 1623; J. J. Barrett, 619; W. Foulsham, P.M. 1790; and J. New, W.M. 1238. The installation of the S.W., Bro. Wm. Sheadd, as W.M., was undertaken by Bro. Poore, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this worthy brother is so greatly distinguished. Bro. James Stevens assisted him as D.C., and delivered the admirable address to the brethren in explanation of the "three lesser lights" which he, in conjunction with Bro. Poore, has recently introduced with great effect into the installation ceremony. The result was most satisfactory to members and visitors. After presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sheadd, W.M., appointed and invested his officers in the following order, viz.: Bros. E. Mitchell, S.W.; M. Spiegel, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec., and Treas.; W. Gunner, S.D.; G. Lambert, J.D.; F. C. Pascall, I.G.; G. Mulley, D.C.; C. A. Blogg, W.S. and Org.; C. Richardson, Steward; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers by ably initiating Mr. J. R. Blackmore into the Order. Great sympathy was felt for the W.M., who has been for many months suffering from the effects of a very serious accident, causing him to be entirely dependent on crutches for support, but whose pluck and determination on this occasion elicited the admiration of all present. He neglected no effort necessary to perform his duties throughout the entire evening, and the heartiest wishes of the brethren for his speedy restoration were freely expressed. Before the lodge was closed, a proposition was made to mark the sense of the lodge towards Bro. Poore, by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. At the excellent banquet which followed, Bro. McKay, the I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, and to the toast in his honour made effective response. The visitors found able representatives in the persons of Bros. Foulsham and Yaxley, whose replies were admirably delivered. The Senior P.M., Bro. Stevens, also responded on behalf of himself and other Past Masters, and especially directed the attention of some of the brethren to the necessity for aiding the W.M., under his present unfortunate state of health, by a stricter adherence to order and regularity than even they had hitherto evinced. The whole proceedings were throughout agreeable, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Agricultural Hall, on the 16th inst. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 4.30 by the retiring W.M., Bro. Coombs, supported by his officers, Bros. A. F. Rowley, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; John Greenfield, Treasurer; John Osborn, Secretary; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; and Past Masters E. Somers and Edward G. Sim. The minutes of the ordinary and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer submitted the balance-sheet for the year 1878—1879, which showed that the lodge had surmounted all its financial difficulties, and commenced the year with a fair balance in hand. It was, therefore, unanimously adopted. The W.M. was now replaced in the chair by Bro. P.M. Sim, who proceeded to initiate Messrs. Percy John Stuart Taylor and George William Larker. Bro. T. C. Duncan having been examined in the usual manner, and found qualified to be passed, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Duncan on being re-admitted was duly passed, the presiding W.M. performing the ceremony with exceptional ability. There being no other business before the lodge save the installation, it was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Coombs, as D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Rowley, to Bro. Sim, who kindly undertook to act as Installing Master. This he did in a manner that we have rarely seen equalled for unhesitating precision and solemnity. On being installed the W.M. elect appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: J. Weston, S.W.; J. Osborn, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; C. F. Passlow, Sec.; W. Norris, S.D.; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; H. Field, I.G.; R. G. Thomas, Organist; J. H. Oppenheim, D.C.; J. Rimell, W.S.; R. Allison, A.W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed it was, on the motion of Bro. Poulton, seconded by Bro. Somers, unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the Grand Lodge of Brussels on account of the death of the Grand Master, Bro. Anspach. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the newly-elected W.M. presiding. Besides those whose names are already mentioned there were present Bros. J. Percy, W. Francis, R. J. Towne, H. Keil, J. Francis, G. Goyne, E. Peterkin, S. Hollidge, E. Payne, W. Payne, J. Crocker, J. Gibbs, P. S. Taylor, G. Tarrant, H. L. Godolphin, J. Alexander, E. Abrams, C. Preston, J. Kitchiner. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; J. D. Langton, S.D. 1673; E. W. Braine, P.M. 1471; J. Kew, P.M. 179; F. Goode, P.M. 1288; W. B. Kidder, P.M. 12; H. Fisher, 1480; C. Hubbard, W.M. 820; W. Hirst, 15; W. Cook, 1774; G. Hicks, 813; D. Galley, 1309; J. Field, 917; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; E. Roberts, 1623; Goldstein, 917; and W. Riches, J.W. 946. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G. Master," "The M.W. Pro G.M.," "The D.G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured, Bro. Coombs proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that from what the brethren had seen of Bro. Rowley in the past there could be little doubt that he would give ample satisfaction during his year of office. He felt sure that the W.M. might rely on all the sympathy and support, not only of the officers, but of all the brethren in the lodge. The W.M. having acknowledged the toast, next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. Sim, he observed, had a great claim to the gratitude of the brethren of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge for the unceasing interest which he always took in its welfare, and, as a working Mason, he was an example that they might all copy with profit. (Hear, hear.) As Installing Master that evening he had given them a proof of his ability, which it required no words of his to praise. If the brethren could only follow in the footsteps of Bro. Sim, they would have no reason to be afraid for the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. Sim, in responding, said that it had given him a great deal of pleasure to be connected with the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, and, in accepting whatever office he had held, he had conscientiously endeavoured to do his duty whatever might have been the result. If he had gained their approval for the way in which he conducted the ceremony of installation, all he could say was that he was well repaid for any time and attention it had cost him. The W.M. had kindly stated that he (the speaker) was an example that those who might succeed him would do well to follow. But he would assure them that every one who undertook a certain duty would find an amount of satisfaction in endeavouring to perform it perfectly which more than compensated for any additional trouble he might be put to. This fact brought to his mind the words which their Past Grand Chaplain quoted at the consecration of the lodge—

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
'Dust thou art, to dust returnest,'
Was not spoken of the soul.
"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing—
Learn to labour and to wait."

"The Initiates" having been drunk and acknowledged, the W.M. next gave "The Visitors," in behalf of whom Bro. Kidder, P.M. 12, replied, and in doing so paid a well merited compliment to the officers of the lodge for their general efficiency. Bro. Coombs in replying to "The Health of the Past Masters" reminded the brethren that it was now just three years since the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge was consecrated, and he felt convinced that if they continued to go in the future as they had done in the past they would become a splendid lodge. They all saw how excellently appointed their lodge room was, and of course they knew that it could not be appointed without a good

deal of money, yet he had the greatest pleasure in announcing that they had not only paid all the expenses they had incurred, but they had contributed a fair amount to the Benevolent Funds of the Craft, and had a fair balance in hand. (Hear, hear). Bro. Coombs concluded by thanking the brethren for a beautiful Past Master's jewel with which he was presented, and assured them that it would always be worn by him with the greatest pleasure as a memento of his year of office. In responding for "The Charities," Bro. Terry acknowledged the efforts made by the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge to promote the interests of the Masonic Institutions. When he looked around that room he saw several brethren who had served as Stewards, and who had brought up sums of money which represented in the aggregate a large amount. He could only trust that in the future the lodge would continue to be a great benefactor to these Institutions. After reminding the brethren of the obligation which every Freemason took upon himself at his initiation with respect to the poor of the brotherhood, Bro. Terry trusted that it was not a mere profession with them, but that it was deeply impressed upon their minds, and would be fulfilled so long as life was spared to them. The Charities were three in number. The Girls' School had just celebrated its ninety-first anniversary with a list of 200 children, who had been maintained, clothed, and educated by their bounty. The Boys' School was about to celebrate its eighty-first anniversary at Wood Green, having on its roll the large number of 210 boys, who had enjoyed the same blessings, and, in passing, he would take leave to state what was not generally known, that at the last Cambridge examination, out of fourteen boys belonging to this Institution, there being fifteen first-class honours only to be taken, their School took nine. (Cheers.) He ventured to think that out of fourteen boys sent up from any educational institution no greater distinction could have been attained. (Hear, hear.) They had also to congratulate the Girls' School for its efficiency. Of fifteen girls that went up for examination seven gained first class, and four gained second class honours, while other four received honourable mention. (Hear, hear.) Not one failure had been recorded among any of their children when they presented themselves for examination. The old people had, of course, no such test of merit to go through (laughter and cheers), and it was his misfortune as their representative that he could not refer to any such achievements. But he fancied he could do more than that, for he could refer to years and years of a well-spent life—to a life without a blemish or a stain, and he thought it was a great thing after all to boast of that a man should live four score years and nobody be able to point a finger of scorn or malice at him. After referring to the enormous development of Freemasonry, and its Charities, Bro. Terry went on to say that, although there had been a great depression of trade, and a consequent diminution of the income of the other great charities of the country, not only had the income of the Masonic Charities been kept up, but it had increased in a direct proportion to the increased numbers that had joined their ranks, from which he ventured to infer that there must be something very sound in the management of their Institutions, and the principles upon which they were established, otherwise the Craft would not have supported them as they had done. (Hear, hear.) A family of 700 was no small number to have under their care, but it would, perhaps, surprise them if he mentioned what a small sum would enable them not only to maintain these Institutions, but to do a great deal more. He begged to repeat that five shillings a year from every Mason to each charity would bring in a sufficient amount of money to enable them to do away with every festival, to do away with every election, and whenever the Committee considered any case to be deserving and eligible for any of the three Institutions to deal with it at the very earliest moment. Fifteen shillings a year was not a large amount. It only amounted to threepence a week. Now, he ventured to ask, was there a Mason living, enrolled under the Grand Lodge of England, that could say he could not pay threepence a week towards the support of these noble Institutions? He believed there was not; and, yet, how many thousands there were that never had given that amount. It was not the majority that supported their Institutions. It was the small minority, and what they wanted to know was how could they possibly reach the pockets and touch the affections of the great majority who had never given anything? He remembered well when the Marquis of Ripon, their late Grand Master, presided at the Boys' Festival, two or three months before he seceded from the Order, in looking through the list of subscribers to the Masonic Institutions, he remarked that he found there repeated time after time the same names. Now, what they wanted to see was the name of every Mason as a subscriber to each of the Institutions connected with the Craft. If that could be arrived at one of the grandest principles of Freemasonry would be carried out. "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been drunk and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening Master Manning, Master Payne, Bros. Steedman and Roberts contributed much to the enjoyment of the company by singing some excellent songs.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., presided, and in a splendid manner raised Bro. E. Roberts and C. Corke, and initiated Mr. W. Rose. On behalf of the lodge he presented Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treasurer, with a vote of thanks done on vellum, and mounted in a gilt frame, which had been voted to him from the lodge funds for his services rendered to the lodge as its first Secretary, and one of the founders, ten pounds having been voted from the lodge funds for that purpose. Bro. F. Walters acknowledged

the gift. Some propositions were received for initiation. A vote of condolence was voted and ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Bro. John Johnson, J.W., he having died since the last meeting. The lodge was closed and adjourned to meet in July. There was not any banquet. There were present besides those named Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., as J.W.; E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D.; T. Butt, I.G.; H. J. Larder, D.C.; G. H. Stephens, W.S.; and several others. Visitor: Bros. T. Horton, 871.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The second anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Henry Muggeridge, acting W.M.; Edward F. Storr, S.W.; James Lorkin, J.W.; Henry John, S.D.; James H. Wilkin, J.D.; William F. Darnell, I.G.; J. Bagot Scriven, Treas.; and a number of brethren, including several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Job. Sherriff Sandland was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Muggeridge then installed Bro. Edward Francis Storr, W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed Bros. James Lorkin, S.W.; Henry John, J.W.; James H. Wilkin, S.D.; Wm. F. Darnell, J.D.; Alfred Sack, I.G.; Edwin C. Dyer, D.C.; Henry S. Leah, Sec. J. Bagot Scriven was invested as Treasurer. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Edward F. Storr, who stated his intention of serving as Steward to the three Masonic Charities during his year of office. In the course of the evening great regret was expressed for the death of the late Master of the lodge, Bro. Francis Fellows, and many of the brethren promised to do all they could to get two of his children elected into the Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys at the October elections, the widow and children being left unprovided for.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48). The regular monthly meeting of this old-established lodge was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after seven o'clock p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, assisted by the officers, viz.: M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treasurer; E. Liddell, Secretary; E. W. Middlemist, S.D.; G. A. Allan, acting J.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddell, S.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. There were also present the following members of the lodge: Bros. B. P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.M.; F. P. Jonn, P.M.; David Sinclair, P.M.; J. E. Robson, P.P.G.S.S.; W. Baker, J. E. Wilkinson, Robert Tate, T. E. Brigham, Thos. Law, G. G. Davidson, J. T. Hedley, J. T. Ancomb, Robert Dixon. Amongst the visitors who honoured the W.M. were Bros. Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W., Northumberland; W. Gladstone, W.M. 991; G. A. Allen, P.M. 991, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; George Turnbull, J.D. 991; P. W. Thompson, J.S. 991; W. White, I.G. 991; R. W. Sisson, 406; R. A. Dodds, 1624; J. B. Lowick, 1664; D. G. Anderson, Sec. 1664; A. Gray, P.M. 949; R. Willis, 949; P. O. Smith, P.M. 541; G. B. Barker, 24; E. A. Gibson, 424; W. F. Poas, Sec. 424; G. J. McKinley, 424. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Michael Jackson Wheatley, proposed at last regular meeting, when he was declared duly elected. Bro. Jacob Matthews was examined as to his proficiency for the Second Degree, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. Matthews was passed as a Fellow Craftsman by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W.; after which the lodge was closed in the Second, and remained open in the First Degree, when Mr. M. J. Wheatley, being in attendance and properly prepared, was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by I.P.M. M. Corbitt. The working tools of this Degree were explained by the S.W. Bro. M. Corbitt, I.P.M., announced that the surplus funds of the charity box for the past two years (after all demands for relief had been properly attended to), amounting to £10 10s., had been invested for a vote in perpetuity for the Master's chair, in the Boys' Institution. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M., after which the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. During the evening several glees and part songs were sung in an efficient manner by Bros. Sinclair, P.M.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; R. Ferry, Org.; B. P. Ord, and W. Willis, and were much appreciated by the brethren.

VALETTA.—St. John and St. Paul's Lodge (No. 349, E.C.)—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, also R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Kingston; Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 10, 357, 428, Grand Chaplain, &c., and a large number of brethren and visitors. In the absence of the S. and J. Wardens, these chairs were filled by Bro. Capt. F. W. Beechey, R.M.L.I., P.D.G.J.W., as S.W.; and Bro. Capt. C. J. Blake, R.A., as J.W. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes confirmed, Capt. Arthur Thomas Chapman, Capt. Augustus Finch Noyes, and Staff Surgeon Matthew Trevan, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Surgeon Nicholas Leader, A.M.D., and Bro. Lieut. G. H. McLaughlin, R.A., who were initiated in this lodge on the 7th ult., were then called to the pedestal, and having passed a creditable examination in the First Degree, were entrusted, and retired to be prepared for the Second Degree. The lodge was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, Bros. Leader and McLaughlin re-admitted, and passed to the noble degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and after some routine business had been transacted, was closed in due and

ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and other Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 27, Strada Stretta, Valetta. Present: Bro. Coffey, W.M., also R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Rosenbusch, officers, and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, a ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Steele, as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having shown that they possessed a satisfactory knowledge of this Degree, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having been re-admitted, they were, under dispensation from the D.G.L. of Malta, raised by the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all the brethren present. Lodge having been successively reduced to the Second and First Degrees, a vote of thanks was passed to the D.G.M. for working the Third Degree, after which lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, rose and proposed in the warmest terms, "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Kingston," whose admirable working of the Third Degree that evening had called forth from all present the highest encomiums. The W.M. referred to the approaching departure of the D.G.M. for England, where he will spend the summer, and said he felt sure that all the brethren present would unite with him in wishing him a happy time whilst absent, and a safe return to Malta in the autumn. This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and feelingly replied to by the D.G.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Henry Firth, W.M., supported by a goodly gathering of officers, members, and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. J. Ellis, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; G. Willings, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; W. Balmer, P.M.; J. H. Gregory, S.W.; T. Peake, J.W.; A. Bucknall, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Bailey, I.G.; J. Lees, S.; R. Hudson, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; J. Barker, G. Harvey, W. Walker, H. Sefton, S. Williams, S. Crate, W. Creak, J. Beak, I. Luya, R. Stewart, Isaac Levy, W. Borks, J. Bowyer, J. Broadbent, D. Jones, T. Titterton, T. R. Williams, E. Griffiths, J. Cotton, B. Callow, R. Wright, J. Lomas, J. Jackson, Willings, W. Barry, and others. The visitors' list contained the names of Bros. J. R. Goepf, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Philipps, 1185 (London); J. T. Callow, P.G.T.; J. T. Alston, W.M. 203; T. Clark, P.M. 673; H. Burrows, 673; J. R. Granby, 823; D. H. Lyon, 594; J. Shaw (Canterbury, Kilwinning Lodge); J. Hughes, 1675; J. R. Jones, 1675; J. Fish, 1264; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; C. Costigan, 1356; W. Barnett, 1675, and others. Two candidates (Messrs. W. L. Cooper and H. M. Davies) were initiated by the W.M. in an excellent manner, and the lecture in the Second Degree was afterwards given by Bro. G. S. Willings, P.M., with masterly impressiveness. Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S. of W., moved that the sum of £25 be given from the funds of the lodge towards the decorations of the Liverpool Masonic Hall, but an amendment by Bro. J. Ellis, I.P.M., that £12 10s. should only be given, was carried after considerable discussion. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Bro. H. Firth, W.M., the proceedings closing at a seasonable hour.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 374).—This old established lodge held their meeting at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams, assisted by Bros. W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; W. H. Hodgkin, W.M. 1678, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; R. W. Delves, D.C.; C. Graham, A.D.C.; Boorman, Org.; Cheale, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; Past Masters W. Delves, P.P.G.R.; Roper, J. Read, H. Sopwith, P.P.G.R., and B. S. Wilmot, P.G.S. Kent; A. Arnold, Buching, G. Farrer, C. W. Holt, T. B. Lansdell, Ranking, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. B. Lansdell being a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when he was admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, P.M. Sopwith giving the explanation of the tracing board in a faultless manner—in fact, all the officers performed their duties very efficiently, and the music interspersed throughout added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, when Bros. Wroughton and Goodall were proposed as joining members, and the names of two candidates for Freemasonry were given in. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Hodgkin, "That our worthy Bro. Marsh should be elected an honorary member." The W.M. was elected Almoner. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was duly closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 12th inst., in the lodge room, under St. Stephen's (Presbyterian) Church, Monkwearmouth. There was a large attendance of the lodge, and the other lodges in the town and from a distance. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Nicholas Taylor, the retiring W.M., presiding. After two candidates had been initiated, the installation was then proceeded with by Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M. Bro.

John Eggleston, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. N. Taylor, and the ceremony was ably and efficiently performed by the Installing Master. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. N. Taylor, I.P.M.; A. T. Munro, S.W.; George Porteous, J.W.; Chas. Cobham, S.D.; B. Swain, J.D.; J. G. Kirtley, I.G.; R. Shadforth, P.M., Treasurer; John Barlow, Secretary; R. Willis, Organist; J. Thompson, Tyler; G. B. Hall, P.M., D. of C.; J. Coates and John Grubb, Stewards; Chas. Bell and George Denton, Auditors. The brethren afterwards dined at the Royal Hotel, Bro. Titman's, who in his usual and efficient way provided a most excellent dinner. The evening was spent in a pleasant and harmonious manner; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and responded to by the brethren. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs.

STOCKPORT.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The annual festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 19th inst., at the George Hotel, when Bro. Captain F. B. Staples (Chief Constable of the borough) was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the Craft. His Worship the Mayor (Bro. J. L. Vaughan), who is a Past Master of the Egerton Lodge, was present, together with many other members of the lodge, including Bros. G. A. Fernley, P.M., P.P.G.W. (Cheshire); J. A. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G.R. (East Lancashire); E. Hardon, P.M., P.P.G.D. (East Lancashire); W. H. Vaughan, W.M.; J. W. Abbott, P.M.; T. Meadows, P.M.; W. Bale, P.M.; A. E. Ferns, E. S. Newton, G. L. Vaughan, A. Wilkinson, A. Pemberton, S. Kershaw, G. H. Thorniley, W. Hope, G. Floyd, jun., J. B. Hammond, G. H. Norris, and others. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. H. Finch, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 104, who also invested the officers appointed by the W.M., viz.: Bros. W. H. Vaughan, I.P.M.; A. E. Ferns, S.W.; G. L. Vaughan, J.W.; J. B. Hammond, Treas.; G. H. Norris, Sec.; O. Wilkinson, S.D.; A. Pemberton, J.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., D. of C.; W. Hope, Org.; S. Kershaw, I.G.; Jos. Meadows, Lodge 322, Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, that of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Captain Howard, being received with great enthusiasm. The visitors present included Bros. E. B. Harding, P.M. 1496, P.P.G.D. (West Lancashire); W. H. Bibby, P.M. 993; C. H. Hinde, P.M. 1565, Prov. G.R. (Cheshire); H. Finch, P.M. 104; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C. (East Lancashire); W. Parker, W.M. 993; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; H. Statham, P.M. 1253; T. Nash, 1253; W. Gouldthorpe, 999; J. C. Chetham, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire); S. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 322, P.P.G.D. (Cheshire); and others. In the course of the lodge business Bro. Staples, on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring W.M. (Bro. W. H. Vaughan) with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The season was commenced at the Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 17th inst., after eight months' rest. Unfortunately the W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, was too ill to be present. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.M. 1524, S.D., opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held in August were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. H. J. Buckley, W. R. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, in splendid style, first raised Bro. J. S. Thompson, and afterwards Bro. A. J. Rogers. His manner was both most impressive and solemn. Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., having arrived, and being a P.M. of the lodge, he took the chair. In his usual superior manner he initiated Messrs. Wickens, Henry James Buckley, William Robert Smith, David Brown, and James Cavell; as each candidate was introduced separately it made the ceremony all the more impressive. Bro. W. Stanton gave a notice of motion for lodge funds to be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Girls' School. Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., with his usual liberality consented again to represent this lodge as its Steward for the Boys' School at the forthcoming festival. Two joining members were proposed, also several gentlemen for initiation. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, June 21st, at half-past three o'clock. There were present Bros. J. Hammond, P.G. Steward Middx., P.M.; J. W. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G.; D. Steinhauer, D.C.; J. Laurence, C.S.; H. Potter, W.S.; J. M. Jackson, J. Thompson, C. Lucop, F. Knight, S. Page, G. J. Whitcombe, R. R. Millington, R. Pooley, A. Allen, P. Brown, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. C. Davey, 1512, and H. C. Murphy, 1512. Banquet followed.

HALLIFORD.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on the 27th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. G. C. Stahr, W.M., P.M. 871. In an admirable manner Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., raised Bro. Woods. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bros. R. P. Tebb, S.W., as W.M.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas., as Treasurer. Auditors were elected. Bro. Taylor, P.M., 11, unanimously elected a joining member. The usual five guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. C. G. C. Stahr, W.M., from the lodge funds. Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; J. G. George, P.M.; and many others present. Several visitors attended. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Percy Lodge (No. 1427).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., under the Mastership of W. Bro. M. B. P. Ord, P.G.O., and there were also present Bros. John C. Mowbray, I.P.M.; P.P.G.S. Works, N.; W. S. Lishman, S.W.; J. Braithwaite, J.W.; B. J. Thompson, Treas., P.G. Sec. Northumberland; C. A. Bushell, Sec.; G. E. Macarthy, S.D.; W. Magall, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; Henry Dixon, I.G.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; J. Maclarin, S.S.; A. Farma, J.S. Members: J. Wood, S.W. 48; J. E. Reid, W. G. Burnip, R. Braithwaite, H. Caspersen, J. J. Sayer, W. Coulson, J. T. Naylor, W. Gibson, R. L. Armstrong, P.M.; W. A. Stewart, W. Smith, W. Whyte, R. Armstrong, H. Steel, W. E. Burn. Visitors: Bros. E. D. Davies, P.M. 685, P.G.D.C.; J. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Mend, P.M. 541, P.P.G.S.D.; Geo. J. Dean, I.P.M. 541, P.G.A. D.C.; T. T. Stafford, J.S. 481; G. B. Barker, 24; E. W. Middemast, S.D. 48; J. Page, W.M. 406; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; R. Wightman, Sec. 541; E. Liddell, Sec. 48; J. Jensen, P.M. 48; R. G. Salmon, S.W. 406. Bro. W. Burridge was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. E. Burn raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. This being the night for the election of W.M., Bro. W. S. Lishman, S.W., was balloted for, and declared unanimously elected. Bro. B. J. Thompson was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Sims Tyler for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, it being enlivened by some good songs and recitations. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a number of distinguished brethren amongst them, and he would call on the youngest W.M. in the room to respond, Bro. Page, W.M. 406. Bro. Page returned, for the visitors and himself, his sincere thanks for the very hospitable reception they had received, and spoke of the great pleasure they always derived in visiting the Percy Lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. S. Lishman," and of the great pleasure it gave him to see so worthy a brother unanimously elected W.M., and hoped he would have a happy and prosperous year. Bro. Lishman responded, and thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the toast, which was so heartily given and responded to; he should do all in his power to still keep the same love and harmony that had hitherto existed in the lodge. Several other toasts were given and responded to, when the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., P.Z., W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsay, Hon. I.P.M.; Horace Marshall (E.C.), Treasurer; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; F. J. Pecks, D.C.; G. J. Dunkley, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, and others; with visitors Bros. M. Larham, P.M.; E. W. Dubois, and George Dawson. After the reading of the minutes the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. W. S. Dunkley and W. Villars, having been examined, retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, they were admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree, the full ceremony being given. The lodge was then closed down, and Bros. Voice and Gritten were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. C. A. White, R.N.M., and as the candidates balloted for at a previous meeting were not in attendance, Mr. White was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., announced that the bye-laws had been approved by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and printed, the copies being ready for distribution. After the discussion of some routine business, several propositions were made, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren partook of refreshment at the Red Lion Hotel, after which the usual toasts were honoured, and the party returned to town by an early train.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Present: Bros. J. Dignam, W.M.; McDowell, S.W.; A. R. Olley, J.W.; Maples, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; G. Ferrar, Treas.; W. Fieldwick, Prepr.; J. Williams, Sec.; and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. Olley seconded, that Bro. McDowell be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The convocation of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, on Saturday, the 24th inst., Comps. W. M. Goss, M.E.Z.; C. Browne, H.; J. B. Surrell, P.Z., as J.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., Treasurer, opened the chapter. The resignation of Comp. A. Williams, J. elect, C.E., was accepted with regret. Ballot for J. was declared to be for Comp. J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.E., who was duly installed by Comp. P. A. Nairne in a faultless style. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. J. W. Leaske, 176, and Harry Leach, 176, as candidates for exaltation; Bro. Harry

Leach being present was duly advanced, the ceremony as usual, being exceedingly well done, the M.E.Z. in particular and all officers being perfect. The chapter was closed and adjourned to meet on Saturday, September 27th. Banquet served. Present, Comps. A. Middlemass, S.N.; S. Pounceby, as P.S.; H. Boyson, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Soper, J. Soper, J. H. Dobson, Wancell. Visitor, [Comp. Buryard, 22.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The first regular meeting after the consecration of the above chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday last. The three chief chairs were occupied by Ex. Comps. Walter Wellsman, M.E.Z.; H. A. Dalwood, H.; and J. H. Dodson, J. On the admission of the members, the chapter was opened with Comp. A. Tisley, E.; F. L. Knyvett, N.; and T. C. Walls, P. Soj. The ballot was then taken for Bros. William Henry Clemmow, Frederick Farrington, William Ebenezer Farrington, Robt. Henry Clemmow, John William Beningfield, John Bamber, Arthur Nixon Clemow, and Benjamin Humphry, which was unanimous in their favour, and those in attendance were duly exalted. Comps. William Lake, Henry Turner, William Bristo, and Thomas Richard Richnell were also unanimously elected as joining members. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably performed by the three Principals, assisted by Comp. Stacey and Knyvett, who gave the Symbolic and Mystical Lectures most expressively.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The installation meeting of the members of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. Comp. J. E. Jackson, Z., was in his position, with Comp. Alexander Cotter as J.; and there were also present Comps. Peter B. Gee, P.Z.; J. R. Goepel, P.Z.; Henry Firth, S.E.; John Ellis, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; and Wm. H. Ball, Janitor. The members were Comps. A. C. Morrison, John Hayes, H. 594; Richard Edwards, C. J. Jones, T. J. Luya, Thomas Hunt, John Tickle, Joseph Croxton, James Bailey, J. S. Warden, A. Bucknall, Peter Robbi, James Ashworth. The visitors included Comps. Joseph Skeaf, P.Z. 216; Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, 1094, and P.P.G.S.B.; H. Burrows, H. 673; Wm. Thomas May, P.Z. 673, 220; E. Fairbrother, Royal Burmah Chapter, 832, India; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673, and others. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. When the companions retired Comp. Peter B. Gee proceeded to instal Comps. J. E. Jackson, as Z. (for the second year); Alexander Cotter, as H.; and John Ellis, as J. The following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. A. C. Morrison, as S.E. (for Comp. Thos. M. Creak); John Hayes, S.N.; Henry Firth, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (for the ninth time); W. H. Ball was elected and invested Janitor. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and passed. Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.Z., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Comp. Joseph Wood, Honorary Treasurer (Freemason), for the really admirable and satisfactory way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his important office during the long period of eight years. This motion was seconded and carried nem. con., and it was also resolved that the same should be recorded on the minutes. Comp. Wood in a few well-chosen and feeling words thanked the companions for their kind expressions of appreciation, and assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to fulfil his duties efficiently, so as to merit their continued approbation. One brother was proposed for exaltation, and after some further formal business the business portion of the chapter proceedings closed. The company of companions then retired to banquet (provided by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, in capital style), under the presidency of the three Chiefs. A most harmonious and agreeable evening was spent, the companions separating at an early hour.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Middleton Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. There were present Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; J. Willing, jun., H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I.C.), Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; E. Judd, Prin. Soj.; J. R. Meinmann, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. Lucking, I.P.Z.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Terry, P.Z., P.G.D.C. Herts.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; H. Luken, G. Jones, Rev. — Heaton. Visitor: Comp. Hudson, Scribe E. 1507. There were three candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. C. Palmer, H. Beecher, and A. Martin, 1000, and being in attendance they were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., Comps. H. and J. giving the lectures of their respective chairs, and Comp. A. Lucking, P.Z., the mystical lecture. Comp. J. Terry then proceeded to the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. J. Willing, jun., Z.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, H.; W. Pissey, J. The other officers invested were Comps. J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. (re-invested for the fifth time), Scribe E.; E. Judd, Scribe N.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; J. R. Heinmann, Prin. Soj.; G. Jones, 1st Asst. Soj.; Rev. — Heaton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. Martin, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., for his able services and his kindness in attending to instal the Principals, also Comp. Weston received a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Treasurer from the foundation of the chapter. The companions afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. in his well-known, able, and efficient manner. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. A. Wardell, I.P.Z., as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the companions. The Janitor's toast brought a most enjoyable evening's proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1433).—A convocation of this provincial chapter was held at the Island Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among the officers present were Comps. Thielley, P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. of Middlesex, acting H.; Baldwin, acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.N.; Faulkner, P.S.; T. O. Ockenden, 2nd Asst. S.; Harrison, acting Janitor. Comp. Haslett, J. elect of the Prudent Brethren, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comp. Haslett, as a joining member, and declared to be unanimous. The election of officers then took place, with the following result:—Comps. F. Walters, M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, H.; Walls, J.; Thielley, Treas.; Baldwin, S.E.; Faulkner, S.N.; Ockenden, P.S.; Gilbert, Janitor. The chapter then unanimously voted the sum of five guineas towards the purchase of a Past Principal's jewel, for presentation to Comp. Thielley. The bye-laws having been read and discussed, a notice of motion was given by Comp. Walls, for consideration at the next meeting, that the chapter should meet in future four times a year, and also that, to suit the convenience of several of the companions, the meetings of the chapter should take place on the third Saturday in lieu of the second. The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of a collation. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The M.E.Z." The installation of Comp. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.A.S. of Middlesex, as M.E.Z., will take place on the second Saturday in July next.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Among the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, P.M. 181, &c., W.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary 211, J.W.; Charles Horsley, P.M. 1, Treasurer and M.O.; Dodson, S.D. The minutes of the consecration and installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as an honorary member upon behalf of Bro. Collins, Private Secretary to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and having been declared unanimous, the ballot was then taken for the advancement of Bro. F. H. Clemow, J.W., Savoy, which proving also to be unanimous, that brother was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed. The question of the alteration of the advancement fees having been discussed, was adjourned until the next meeting in June. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the members partook of a collation.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 43, E.C.).—At the regular meeting, held at Armstrong's Buildings, South, on the 13th inst., the business was to advance Bros. G. Ogg and U. Padmore, 153, E.C., which was performed by the W.M., Bro. Cunningham, in an earnest manner; to ballot for Bro. J. C. Phillips, 653, as a joining member (this proved unanimous); to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. Barker, P.J.W. The ceremony was performed by the outgoing W.M. in a style which did not detract from his well known abilities in Masonry. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. E. Bacon, S.W.; J. King, J.W.; J. Button, M.O.; J. C. Phillips, S.O.; R. McGrath, J.O.; H. Clippson, R.M.; E. Bacon, Treas.; B. White, Sec.; H. Abrams, Org.; W. Allen, S.D.; P. Lyons, J.D.; W. Walton, I.G.; and M. Ghio, Tyler. The I.P.M. drew attention to the death of the late Bro. Olphert, who had, after a short and painful illness, been taken away by T.G.A.O.T.U., leaving a wife and six children to deplore his loss, and though not a member of this lodge, it was unanimously decided to transmit a letter of condolence to his widow and family, with a small sum of money. The S.W. proposed in a neat speech a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for the able manner he had performed the installation ceremony; this was seconded by the M.O., and carried unanimously. In returning thanks, the I.P.M. said it had always afforded him great pleasure to work for Masonry, and this lodge in particular, especially when his efforts were backed up by his indefatigable Secretary. The S.D. did, in an eloquent speech, supplement the remarks of the S.W., attributing the great success of the year to the assiduity and energy of the late W.M., and so ably helped by the brilliant intellect and untiring abilities of his Secretary; he, therefore, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the late W.M. and his Secretary, seconded by the W.M., who said he could fully endorse every word spoken by the S.D. Carried nem. dis. The I.P.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the installing Officers, Bros. Franceri, P.M., and Holliday, W.M. of 325, I.C., who had readily come forward now, and always showed a willingness to assist all in their power—seconded by the W.M., and carried nem. con. Bro. Franceri responded in a flowery speech, and said he could answer for Bro. Holliday and himself; they were only too pleased to come and assist at any time, more particularly an installation ceremony. The loving cup having traversed the lodge, the latter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a recherché supper had been laid out under the auspices of the W.M. Ample justice having been done thereto, the following toasts were given in speeches, which would occupy too much space to detail, but suffice it to say, were replete with attestations of good feeling and a thorough dependence upon the members to assist in the great and glorious undertaking:—"Queen and the Craft," "G.M. and G.L.," by the W.M.; "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," by the I.P.M.; "Visiting Brethren" and "Joining Brother," by the W.M.; "The W.M.," by the I.P.M.; "Incoming Officers," by the I.P.M.; "Outgoing Officers," by the W.M. No. 3 was responded

to by Bro. Ogg and Padmore; No. 4 by Bros. Hollday and Ross; No. 5 by Bro. Phillips; No. 6 by the W.M.; No. 7 by Bro. Bacon; No. 8 by the L.P.M. All replies were rendered in very felicitous and happy terms. The enjoyable evening was brought to a close at a late hour by the P.J.W. being called on for the Tyler's toast.

HAYWARD'S HEATH.—Southdown Lodge (No. 164).—This lodge commenced its summer meetings on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Station Hotel, presided over by Bro. H. G. Martin, W.M., P.G.M.S.B.; Bro. J. Newman, S.W.; and Bro. C. Golding, J.W.; and there were also present Bros. Lord A. W. Hill, P.M., Prov. G.M.S.W., Prov. G.M. Devon; J. Pearson, P.M., &c.; W. Hudson, P.M., Past G.M.A.D. of C., &c.; W. T. Clarke, P.G.M. Sec., &c.; Rev. G. Rose Johnson, Chap., P.G.M. Chap. Hants; T. Chandler, M.O.; T. Cable, J.O.; W. Newsome, I.G. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Pulley, P.M., &c. (Reading); Bayliss, A. Burrows, R. Paige, and others. When the brethren were assembled, and the officers had taken their respective positions, Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, P.M., &c., in well-chosen remarks, presented to the lodge three handsomely carved oak chairs and pedestals, with beautiful silver mountings, for the three principal officers; this magnificent gift was supplemented by the kindness of generous Bro. Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.M.S.W., &c., giving three handsome Overseer's pedestals. Bro. Braithwaite was, unfortunately, absent, in consequence of the death of an aunt, so his present was, in his name, presented by Bro. Lord A. W. Hill. The W.M. very suitably acknowledged the gifts, and moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. Rev. G. Rose Johnson, to the generous donors. The lodge was opened, and after the reading of minutes, communications, &c., a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Saxby, Royal York, 315, and he was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Saxby, being in attendance, was duly advanced according to ancient usage. A ballot was next taken for W.M., and Bro. C. J. Smith, P.P.G.M.D. of C., P.M. 168, &c., was unanimously elected. A ballot was taken for Treasurer, resulting in Bro. F. Millard being unanimously re-elected. Bro. T. Hughes was also re-elected Tyler. A communication was introduced and read by the W.M. from the W.M. of the East Sussex Lodge, No. 166, suggesting certain proceedings as to the appointment of P.G.M.M., the province at the present time being in charge, by command of the M.W.G.M.M., of the G.M. Reg., and they were unanimously rejected. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous spread, consisting chiefly of real Southdown, Bro. Golding catering in his usual faultless style.

TUNIS.—Kingston Lodge (No. 222).—Twelve months have now elapsed since the English Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons granted its warrant for the consecration of a Mark Master's lodge upon the site of ancient Carthage. The English Mark brethren have no cause to regret having thus extended their "protection" to Mark brethren on the far distant North African coast, for the Kingston Mark Lodge has already developed itself in a way which redounds alike to the credit of its most able and enthusiastic Master, Bro. A. M. Broadley (D. District Grand Master in the Craft), and of his equally efficient officers. No less than forty-three brethren, resident in Tunis, have been advanced to the Mark Degree during the past twelve months, and at the present moment the number of members is forty-eight. The foundation of this lodge is a subject of peculiar interest to Freemasons in every part of the world, for the site of the Kingston Mark Lodge is that upon which ancient Carthage stood, the mighty Carthage! said to have been founded B.C. 852, and which flourished during a period of almost uninterrupted prosperity, covering no less than seven hundred years. Carthage was founded by those ancient Phœnician builders, who were compatriots of our Grand Master, H.A., and hewn ashlar and keystones, sculptured with the chief builder's "mark," are constantly being discovered. As if to perpetuate the symbols of our Order, the "marks" and signs, with which the ancient builders distinguished their work were adopted and repeated by the Mahomedan conquerors, who have subsequently pillaged and devastated this once thickly populated and highly cultivated land. The modern Regency of Tunis (the Zeugitana of the Romans), indeed, offers a vast field for archaeological and Masonic research, and members of the Craft should take the first opportunity which may present itself for visiting the neighbourhood of Tunis. A Mark brother will be sure of a most fraternal welcome from his brethren in Tunis, and will find himself amongst associations and scenes which cannot but repay him for his visit. Fragmentary indeed are now the actual ruins which mark the site of the ancient city, for in very fact "Deleta est Carthago;" but the magnificent site (so well chosen), the beautiful bay, the cisterns, the foundations of the Temple of Æsculapius, the few vestiges which still remain of the Palace of Dido (from which the beautiful Queen is said to have watched the departure of Æneas), are all pregnant with surpassing interest. Pre-historic monuments abound; Phœnician, Punic, and Arabic inscriptions; fragments of triumphal arches; beautiful columns of marble, and of porphyry and granite, red and black, are often met with, upon which the Masons' marks are distinctly visible; whilst corner stones, cut with triangular lewis holes, and keystones, sculptured with figures in correct Masonic positions (more especially in the Second Degree), are not unfrequently found. Small stones have also been unearthed engraved with Masonic emblems. Bro. Broadley (Worshipful Mark Master) himself possesses a blood stone, now set in a ring, oval in shape, and about the size of a shilling, on which is engraved one of our most mystic words, repeated in every possible variety of combination; it is probably a relic of the Gnostic sect, and is, so far as its owner knows, unique. But to return to our report of the proceedings of the Kingston Mark Lodge.

An emergency meeting was held on the 1st of May, at which Bro. A. M. Broadley, W.M.M., and D.D.G.M. (Craft), presided. He was most ably supported by his S.W., Bro. G. Pentecost; his J.W., Bro. Dr. Perini; his Sec., Bro. Professor Souiller; his M.O., Bro. Dr. Cassanello; and by Bros. Paleologo, S.O.; J. H. Stevens (acting British Consul general), J.O.; M. Le Gallais, S.D.; Barsotti, J.D.; Enriquez, I.G.; and Eymon, Tyler. Four candidates presented themselves for advancement, viz., Bro. Jessel, of Lodge 1717; Bro. Henry Wilson, of the Minerva Lodge, 250, Hull; and Bros. Madonia and Ben Zaineb, of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, 1717, Tunis. The ceremony was most impressively performed, each part having been given by the learned Worshipful Master in the English, the Arabic, the French, and the Italian languages, for it so happened that the four candidates were of four different nationalities, and neither of the four understood any other language but his own mother tongue. After the ceremony a petition to the M.W.G.M.M., Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, was adopted, asking that Malta and Tunis may be constituted a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. This petition was unanimously adopted, and a similar petition was read which had been previously adopted and unanimously signed by the members of the Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Malta, No. 107, on the roll of English Grand Mark Lodge. The Worshipful Mark Master, Bro. Broadley, afterwards explained for the information of his Mark brethren the educational scheme, and he urged them to contribute to its support. The lodge was then closed in solemn form, and adjourned until the regular meeting of the 10th of May. On the occasion of the regular lodge (10th of May) there was a large attendance of officers and members, and amongst the visitors was Bro. Henry Ecroyd, of the Britannia Mark Lodge, Sheffield (No. 53), a Past Master of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296. The minutes of the emergency lodge having been read and confirmed, the chief business of the evening was introduced, viz., the election of a Worshipful Mark Master for the ensuing year. Bro. George Pentecost, S.W., and Bro. Dr. Perini, J.W., were proposed by the Worshipful Master as eligible for election, but as neither had passed the chair of a Craft lodge, a special dispensation was requisite—he had pleasure in stating that such dispensation had already been granted by the English Grand Lodge in favour of Bro. George Pentecost, whom he, therefore, nominated for the chair. This was very warmly seconded by Bro. Dr. Perini, the J.W., and unanimously voted. Bro. Pentecost returned thanks for the honour which his Mark brethren had done him, and promised to use every endeavour to maintain the lodge in the very high state of efficiency into which their beloved Bro. Broadley had brought it. The business of the evening being ended, the Worshipful Master alluded to the pleasure he felt in welcoming amongst them so distinguished a brother Mason as Bro. Henry Ecroyd (P.M. in the Craft). He begged Bro. Ecroyd to convey to the Britannia Mark brethren in Sheffield the "Hearty good wishes" of the Kingston Lodge. Bro. Ecroyd, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to visit the Tunis brethren, and witness the admirable working of their Worshipful Mark Master. He hoped to see the Kingston Lodge take a most prominent position upon the muster roll of Grand Mark Lodge, and further added that he was glad that the Mark brethren of Malta and Tunis had petitioned for the constitution of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, expressing a hope that it will be duly granted. There could not of course be any division of opinion, said Bro. Ecroyd, amongst those present as to who should be entrusted with the Provincial Grand Mastership, for Bro. Broadley alone had earned such a distinction by his successful revival of Freemasonry in Tunis. He felt sure that the P.G.M.L., should it be granted, will prove as great a success as the other English Masonic bodies have already proved to be. A collection for the Charities having been made, the Mark lodge was closed in solemn form, the installation of Bro. Senior Warden Pentecost having been fixed for Saturday, the 31st of May.

READING.—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 26th inst. There were present Bros. E. Margrett, W.M.; T. J. Pulley, P.M. and Sec.; Chas. Stephens, S.W. and Treas.; A. Welch, J.W.; G. Westall, M.O.; H. Brett, as S.O.; W. Homann, as J.O.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Chap.; J. M. Dormer, S.D.; S. Bradley, J.D.; H. Ayres, I.G.; W. Hickie, Org.; W. Hemmings, Tyler; C. Park, Glasspool, Moffatt, Hinckley, Long, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Ausell, 225 (W.M. designate of the newly-warranted Alfred Lodge, 247); and W. G. Bayliss, D.C. Royal Sussex, 75. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read, confirmed, and signed, Bro. C. G. Butler, of the Craft Lodge of Union, 414, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., the work being accomplished in the most able manner, the whole of the officers being particularly careful in rendering assistance to the W.M., full musical service lending additional interest to the ceremony. The bye-laws, as amended, were confirmed and passed. A ballot being taken for the advancement of a brother, and declared favourable, the W.M. rose, and proposed a resolution—"That it is desirable, in the interests of Mark Masonry, that a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge should be constituted for the counties of Berks and Oxon." This was seconded by the S.W., and carried with the utmost unanimity. The name of a Royal and distinguished brother being suggested as Provincial Grand Master, and hopes being expressed that H.R.H. would honour the province by accepting the office, a copy of the resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the consideration of the M.W.G.M.M. It was announced that similar steps for the formation of the province are being taken by the other Mark lodges in the two counties. The sum of five guineas was then voted to the list of the W.M., who

will represent the lodge at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Five pounds were also refunded to the founders of the lodge, and Bro. Moffatt was invested as Steward. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, at the Ship Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The attendance was very limited, including Em. Sir Knights T. Mandie, M.P.S.; R. Bailey, V.E.; R. Robinson, P.S.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S. (*Freemason*); Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; J. Gardiner, Rec.; J. Quay, as S.G.; T. Bird, as J.G.; H. Peacock, H.; and J. Hewson, Sentinel. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, P.P.G.D.C., and he was unanimously accepted. The candidate was then introduced, and regularly installed and proclaimed a Knight of the Order by the M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., and Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as Prefect, who also delivered the historical oration. The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, when Em. Sir Knight R. Bailey, V.E., was unanimously voted to the throne of M.P.S.; and Sir Knight J. Gardiner, Rec., to the stall of V.E.; whilst Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite was, for the third time, unanimously elected Treasurer. On the proposition of Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, seconded by Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, the sum of two guineas was voted from the funds in aid of the orphan children of a P.S. of the conclave, who recently died under very distressing circumstances, after a long illness, his wife, also, having pre-deceased him only three days. Nothing further remaining to be done, the conclave was closed in F.U.Z., and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Rampant Bull refectory for refreshment.

Royal and Select Masters.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Master's Council of this Order was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. There were present amongst others Bros. T. C. Walls, R.J.D.M.; T. Poore, as P.C. of W.; D. M. Dewar, P.J.A.G.R., as C. of the G.; A. Williams, Dr. F. W. Ramsey, F. Hedges, Dr. C. T. Pearce, T. Cubitt, S. Rosenthal, R. Roy, George Kenning, E. B. Florence. The minutes of the previous Grand Master's Council having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. P. Spice and Bro. the Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chaplain of the Scots Guards, were duly admitted, and received into the degree of M.E.R.S. and S.E.M., the ceremonies being performed and the histories delivered by Bro. Walls, ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, Rosenthal, and Cubitt. Some minor business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the Council was duly closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet, which was ably served at the Holborn Restaurant. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Bro. R. Portal, R.J.G.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Walls. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given. "The Health of the R.J.G.M." was proposed, and most heartily received. The toast of "The Grand Council" followed, and was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. Binckes, Grand Recorder, in which he congratulated the members of the Order upon the rapid strides the degree had recently made, which augured well for its prosperity. He regretted the unavoidable circumstances that had prevented Bro. the Rev. R. Portal from being present at their first anniversary festival. As the first Grand Master of the Order in England and Wales, he (Bro. Portal) had taken a very active interest in its formation and subsequent progress in this country. He concluded by returning thanks upon behalf of the other Grand Officers. "The Health of the R.J.D.M." was proposed, in very flattering terms, by Bro. Rosenthal, and duly acknowledged. The toast of "The Newly-Admitted brethren" followed, and was ably responded to by Bros. Solbé and Spice, in the course of which they expressed themselves highly impressed with the ritual of the Order into which they had that evening been received and admitted. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

THE STEWARD'S LIST FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

There are now 200 Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School, June 25th, and of these 94 are Metropolitan, and 106 Provincial.

We regret much to observe that from No. 1700 only four lodges are so far represented, though No. 1805, much to its credit, has put in an appearance with an active Steward, Bro. R. J. Fennell. We trust that before the festival many more London lodges will be represented. Of the provinces Kent sends up nine Stewards; Berks and Bucks, six; Oxfordshire, five; and Gloucestershire, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, Derbyshire, and Middlesex, four each; West Yorkshire, generally foremost, only so far sends three, which we do not profess to understand; and many of the provinces may yet be, as we trust they will be, more fully represented.

There is yet nearly a month before the festival, and we trust to hear of a considerable augmentation of the list of Stewards.

Alderman Sir Francis And Lady Truscott gave their second dinner party of the season at their residence, at 5, Park-crescent, Portland-place, on Thursday.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present, among others Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. Col. Peters, W. Winn, S. Rawson, W. Paas, Peter de Lande Long, A. H. Tattershall, H. Hacker, John Constable, Louis Hirsh, J. W. Baldwin, A. J. Duff Filer, Thomas W. White, Walter Hopekirk, Geo. Bolton, Edw. Cox, E. Haigh, L. Ruf, Thos. Meggy, C. Hammerton, E. H. Letchworth, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, Capt. Platt, A. H. Diaper, A. D. Loewenstark, Capt. N. G. Phillips, J. G. Marsh, J. Tyerman, Thos. Cubitt, Hyde Pullen, J. A. Farnfield, M. S. Larham, A. E. Gladwell, S. Rosenthal, C. Turner, Ed. Hopwood, H. A. Dubois, Charles Horsley, G. Faulkner, Herbert Dicketts, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stuart, Frank Richardson, Col. Somerville Burney, J. Lewis Thomas, John G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, Thos. Kingston, Geo. Brown, H. V. Garman, R. W. H. Giddy, J. Johnson, John Chynoweth, J. Bellerby, C. Fish, W. Callaghan, A. I. Dussek, A. Holton, O. Hansard, Thos. Cubitt, H. Dearsley, R. T. Hill, T. M. Greenwood, W. T. Howe, S. L. Green, T. Bacon, R. Gooding, M.D., E. Johnson, J. Gibson, S. W. Hopwood, S. C. Dibdin, C. H. Driver, C. F. Hogard, H. Gutierrez, M. J. Besant, H. G. Buss, A. M. Hall, A. Great-Rex, E. J. Barron, W. Hope, T. Bull, James Kench, D. Haslett, G. Fulcher, E. Harding, E. J. Shears, John Elliott, T. H. Bolton, J. Cox, Thomas Bolton, Dr. J. E. Cox, B. A. Branker, T. J. Creswick, E. Grabbam, A. J. Ireton, J. M. Klenk, J. Coutts, J. Cutbush, M. Gosset, C. J. Korser, F. C. Davis, W. A. Colls, G. Harcourt, A. Styau, W. Platt, S. Rosenthal, A. Macnamara, T. H. Thrupp, W. Weatherley, J. A. Perkins, P. Leith, J. M. Montagu, W. Dodd, A. Williams, W. F. Nettleship, J. B. Sorrell, C. A. Long, G. Read, H. Norman, H. Venn, R. Sears, C. O. Bell, Thomas White, B. Picking, L. G. Robins, G. Read, G. E. Wainwright, W. F. Smith, T. W. Marley, R. W. Witty, M. D. Loewenstark, T. R. Marshall, Thos. H. Tucker, John Messent, J. E. Middleton, J. Stohwasser, J. C. Parkinson, B. C. Marshall, H. M. Levy, F. A. Pritchard, W. H. Smith, J. Winter, E. Letchworth, W. Paas, G. R. Shervill, F. Shoffe, A. Walsh, Hugh H. Riach, A. A. Pendlebury, E. S. Snell, H. C. Levander, G. P. H. Lewis, Miss S. Loewenstark, S. Mullens, E. C. Mather, A. H. Lilley, B. H. Swallow, J. W. Warner, J. Moon, W. Ramsey, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Hedges read the list of brethren nominated for the House and Audit Committees as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Bro. Edward Cox, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Henry A. Dubois, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Chas. Hammerton, nominated by Bro. Henry Venn; Bro. William Hope, M.D., nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Edward Letchworth, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. P. de Lande Long, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. John Mason, nominated by Bro. James Terry; Bro. Edmund C. Mather, nominated by Bro. A. I. Duff Filer; Bro. Joshua Nunn, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Frank Richardson, nominated by Bro. Herbert Dicketts; Bro. John A. Rucker, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Griffiths Smith, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Alfred H. Tattershall, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. R. Warner Wheeler, nominated by Bro. Herbert Dicketts; Bro. Thomas W. White, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.—Bro. William Bailey, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Robert Berridge, nominated by Bro. White; Bro. John G. Chancellor, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. James Cutbush, nominated by Bro. Kingston; Bros. Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, and Henry C. Levander, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Hyam M. Levy, nominated by Bro. Rosenthal; Bro. William Roebuck, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Henry Venn, nominated by Bros. Dicketts and Moutrie; Bro. Robert B. Webster, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie.

A scrutiny of the votes at the last election for the Girls' School having been demanded for the candidates Wain and Hicks, Scrutineers had since been appointed, and the following report was now handed in:—

"We do hereby certify that we have gone through the votes that were polled on the 12th April, for the election of children to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and find that No. 32 case, Wain, is entitled to twenty-nine votes more than were recorded; and that No. 39 case, Hicks, is entitled to sixty-six votes more than were recorded. No. 3 case, Sampson, was credited with thirty-nine votes more than entitled to. No. 2 case, Garnett, was credited with sixty-six votes more than entitled to."

(Signed) BRO. A. H. TATTERSHALL,
JOHN CONSTABLE,
L. T. TYERMAN,
G. BOLTON,
GEORGE BROWN,
ED. HOPWOOD.

Freemasons' Hall, 29th May, 1879.

Bro. L. Hirsch, asked whether this mistake made any difference in the result of the election.

The Chairman said it did not, but that the correct number of votes would be credited to the candidates who should have had them at last election.

Bro. Louis Hirsch called attention to the circumstance of a mistake having occurred, and thought that more care should be taken with regard to the scrutiny at the election. He thought that the Scrutineers should be elected by the

meeting, and not those brethren accepted who put themselves forward to act as Scrutineers.

Bro. J. Winter supported Bro. Hirsch. Bro. Edward Cox observed that some alteration might be made with respect to the elections. The scrutiny was now a gigantic business, and it was inconvenient to have the poll declared the same day as the election. At present the poll was closed at three o'clock, and the brethren and the friends of the candidates were kept waiting about an hour and a half before the result was known. He thought the poll should not be declared the day of the election, but the friends of the candidates should be informed the next day.

Bro. Thomas Meggy expressed an opinion against the present mode of declaring the poll the same day as the election, and gave notice of motion for altering the present rule.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk was of the same opinion as Bro. Edward Cox, and thought the poll should be made known the next day.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, with reference to the remarks as to the scrutineers, said that those brethren performed a very arduous duty, and did it well. The scrutiny was now a very heavy business, but it was executed with great care and caution. Occasionally mistakes would occur, but they occurred very seldom, and if they affected the result of the election the House Committee had power to admit a child who having been declared unsuccessful was found to have been successful. The scrutineers, from his experience, deserved the best thanks of the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

The petition of twelve candidates for the October election as then read, and ten were placed on the list, two only deferred.

At the declaration of the poll for the election of the House and Audit Committees the following was found to be the result:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.			
No.	Name		Votes.
1	Bro. Peter de Lande Long	...	125
2	" Edward Letchworth	...	123
3	" John A. Rucker	...	118
4	" Joshua Nunn	...	117
5	" Lieut.-Col. James Peters	...	115
6	" Griffiths Smith	...	111
7	" Edmund C. Mather	...	107
8	" Thomas W. White	...	103
9	" William Hope, M.D.	...	95
10	" Henry A. Dubois	...	94
11	" Alfred H. Tattershall	...	91
12	" Frank Richardson	...	84
13	" Charles Hammerton	...	78
14	" Edward Cox	...	76
15	" John Mason	...	78
16	" R. Warner Wheeler	...	18

The first twelve were declared duly elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.			
No.	Name		Votes.
1	Bro. Herbert Dicketts	...	137
2	" Henry C. Levander	...	127
3	" Robert B. Webster	...	122
4	" William Roebuck	...	119
5	" John G. Chancellor	...	116
6	" William Bailey	...	112
7	" Thomas Kingston	...	106
8	" Henry Venn	...	91
9	" James Cutbush	...	49
10	" Robert Berridge	...	31
11	" Hyam M. Levy	...	27

The first nine were declared duly elected.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 4th June, 1879.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April for confirmation.
3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants viz. —

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby	75	0	0
A brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50	0	0
A brother of the Lewises' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate	50	0	0
A brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark	50	0	0
A brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and

satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th May, 1879.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. —

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £5,065 2s. 2d. and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst., after the President had quitted the chair,

It was unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Bro. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President.

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 6th May, 1879.

9. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th of May, 1879, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. Proposed motions.

(1) By W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

(2) By W. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D.:—

"That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No.
- 1810 Lodge Coromandel, Cocanada, Madras.
 - 1811 Somerset Lodge, Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand.
 - 1812 Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, New Zealand.
 - 1813 Abercorn Lodge, Waipawa, Wellington, New Zealand.
 - 1814 Worsley Lodge, Worsley, Lancashire.
 - 1815 Penge Lodge, Anerley, Surrey.
 - 1816 Victoria Park Lodge, Hackney.
 - 1817 St. Andrew's Lodge, Shoeburyness, Essex.
 - 1818 Clapham Lodge, Clapham Common.
 - 1819 Grosvenor Jervois Lodge, Port Pirie, South Australia.
 - 1820 Sir Thomas White Lodge, Queen Victoria-street.
 - 1821 Atlingworth Lodge, Brighton, Sussex.
 - 1822 St. Quintius Lodge, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, South Wales.
 - 1823 Royal Clarence Lodge, Clare, Suffolk.
 - 1824 Buffalo Lodge, East London, South Africa.
 - 1825 Peak Downs Lodge, Copperfield, Queensland, Australia.
 - 1826 Parthenon Lodge, Egham, Surrey.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously announced	11,874	1	6
Lists since sent in:—			
London, John Nidd Smith (Lodge 14)	10	10	0
West Lancs., Thomas Buxton (Lodge 1345)	48	0	0
" Sylvester Mattison (Lodge 1609)	10	0	0
N. Wales and Salop., Thomas Coxhead (Lodge 1674)	10	10	0
Additions to various lists	53	1	6
Total	£12,000	3	0

The St. Ethelbert Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 243, was consecrated on Thursday, the 28th inst., at Hereford. The ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., G. Asst. Sec., and other Grand Officers. W. Bro. J. Grigg was installed W.M.; Bro. Theophilus Lane, S.W.; and Bro. William Williams, J.W.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DUKE.—On the 24th inst., at 9, Cornwall-road, Westbourne-park, the wife of Mr. G. Amos Duke, M.R.C.S.E., of a son.

MARTINDALE.—On the 25th inst., at 21, Kensington-gardens-square, the wife of Mr. Arthur H. T. Martindale, M.C.S., of a son.

STEPHENS.—On the 26th inst., at 10, Thornhill-square, Barnsbury, N., the wife of Mr. Charles J. Stephens, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MITCHELL—WILD.—On the 22nd inst., at St. James's Church, Paddington, by the Rev. G. C. Whalley, Frank William Drew, of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General's, son of Mr. John Mitchell, M.H.A., of Lisjillon, Tasmania, to Emily, daughter of Mr. Henry Wild, of Acton, Middlesex.

DEATHS.

REV.—On the 18th inst., at Redcar, Yorkshire, Emma, wife of Mr. Charles Carey, late of the 3rd Buffs and 80th Regiments.

FORD.—On the 24th inst., at The Shrubbery, Tottenham, Middlesex, Mr. James Ford, in his 103rd year.

MURRAY.—On the 24th inst., at Bath, Stephen Digby Murray, son of the late Admiral Robert Murray, R.N., in his 82nd year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1879

THE APPROACHING ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

On the 25th of June the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace, under the distinguished presidency of the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., P.G.M. of Scotland. There are up to the present 200 Stewards, but we trust that by the time when the Festival takes place this number will have largely increased, and we recommend all brethren wishful to assist this needed and useful Institution to forward their names at once to Bro. Binckes. There are many reasons why the Boys' School seems to have a pressing claim on the sympathy and support of our Order. It has emerged successfully from financial difficulties and overwhelming expenses, rendered necessary by the attempt, wise and reasonable, in our humble opinion, to make the School, architecturally and structurally, a success and an ornament, and to provide all the newest systems of scholastic arrangement, for the health, the comfort, the well being of the orphan sons of Freemasons. At the present moment the School is pursuing the "even tenour" of its educational course, in a state of thorough efficiency and good all round work, which are alike a credit to the Managing Committee and Bro. Dr. Morris. Probably never in its history was its moral tone better, its scholastic prestige higher, the health, the happiness, the advancement of the boys more attended to than at the present hour, when, with the favouring support of a warm-hearted fraternity, it possesses in itself every condition of well being, every guarantee of success. We, therefore, urge upon our brethren, up and down the land, and we also ask our genial brethren in the "Land o' Cakes," to testify their interest in this most valuable and much needed School, by rallying round that distinguished nobleman, who has so kindly consented to preside on June 25th, and we trust, that we shall have to record in these truthful pages another striking proof of the large-heartedness of our always benevolent Craft, and to announce, in congratulatory terms, another signal success for Bro. Binckes.

ROMAN CATHOLIC OPPOSITION TO FREEMASONRY.

We sometimes ask ourselves the question, perhaps uselessly, what is the reason of this persistent opposition on the part of the Roman Catholics to Freemasonry? And for our own part we should like much that some candid and courteous Roman Catholic would condescend to give us the "why and the wherefore" on the subject, to enlighten our dark minds, to satisfy our doubting deprecation. To us it is simply inexplicable and indefensible, unmeaning and unreasonable in the highest degree. The Freemasons of Essex are going to hold a most peaceful and praiseworthy assembly, in order to instal Lord Tenterden, U.S. of State for Foreign Affairs, and P.G.W., as Prov. G.M., under the distinguished presidency of Lord Carnarvon, and straightway some agitated Roman Catholic, as we hear, opposes the loan of a county building for this most innocent gathering of his fellow citizens and of a benevolent Order, because, forsooth, oh, great crime! they are actually "Freemasons." We are happy to be informed that after "hearing Mr. Croome, barrister, in support of the renewed application for the use of the Shire Hall, at Chelmsford, the Court of Quarter Sessions at once acceded to it. "We said we were happy in making this announcement, in hearing this statement, but, in truth, we feel profoundly humiliated when we remember, that in the year of grace 1879, such an application should be needed, when we realize that such cold-blooded prejudices and rampant bigotry should exist in our very midst, for it is added, as if by way of commentary on these proceedings, that the "refusal" of the Chelmsford magis-

trates in the first instance is "attributed to the influence of a Roman Catholic magistrate." And, therefore, it is that we ask again, what is the reason of this Roman Catholic opposition to Freemasonry, alike, in our humble opinion, senseless and sad, uncharitable and unjustifiable? Of course we shall be told "that the Freemasons are condemned by the Pope." Be it so, but what if such condemnation can be proved to be altogether puerile and preposterous? Why, we ask, should sensible and rational Roman Catholics pay any attention to them any longer? The first ground of condemnation taken up by an infallible Pope in 1738, the first Bull, let us note, was on the ground of Freemasonry being a meeting place, "horribile dictu" for Roman Catholics and Protestants. That, we need hardly point out, was a most un-Christian proceeding, per se! So great was the crime in the eyes of the meek and forgiving Clement, that he ordered all Freemasons to be handed over to the Inquisition, and the "secular arm" to be burnt in fact, their property to be confiscated, and the very houses to be pulled down in which lodges were held. Oh, most just judge! Subsequent Popes have taken different grounds. Leo indeed confirmed the condemnation of Clement with the same charitable intent. Pius VII. mixed up the Carbonari with Freemasonry, and condemned both equally. Pius IX. "lumped" the Fenians and Freemasons together, and Cardinal Cullen was evidently of opinion that the Freemasons in Ireland and elsewhere were "booked for something uncomfortable," and to many charitable and friendly Roman Catholics Freemasonry is still a "bugbear," a "spectre," and a "bête noire." Tell them it is a munificent Order, they shrug their shoulders; assure them it is a religiously-minded fraternity, they contemptuously smile; point out to them that it is a loyal sodality, emphatically loyal, "à toute épreuve," with the Prince of Wales at its head, they significantly shake their heads; for on all these points the Roman Catholic authorities know better than anyone else. And vainly do you sum up its acts of benevolence, or recount the success of the charitable appeals of Freemasonry, the prestige and prosperity of its educational establishments, its goodly annuity funds, its genial toleration, and its enlightened aspirations; Roman Catholics will "have none of it." Alas, it is a sad chapter in the history of the human race, that record of "Fetish," which seems to damp enthusiasm, to deaden charity, dwarf faith, degrade truth, and banish common sense, until the worst passions of heathen malignity seem to have obscured and overpowered alike the dictates of morality, the tenderness of religion, and the benign and eternal consolations of the Gospel of faith, hope, and charity, of the religion of the Most High in this world of ours.

NEW MEMBERS.

We have always understood that it was a cardinal principle of Freemasonry not to ask any one to join our Fraternity. We had, until quite lately, supposed that such continued to be both the theory and the practice of our English Order. From one or two facts which have lately come to our knowledge, we are inclined to think that both among Masons and non-Masons a very great laxity indeed prevails on this head. The curiosity of the latter seems only to be equalled by the vulgar eagerness of the former. New lodges are formed, and "Poppleton," a young and rising Mason, thinks it well to increase his mother lodge, and so he discourses on Masonry "gushingly" before non-Masons, until a succession of eager youths, induced by his eloquent description, and emphatic assurances, and savoury promises, enter into Freemasonry without much, if any, consideration, of whom a proportion is always disappointed, when the real and actual are found not to correspond with the ideal and the ecstatic. We regret to hear, for instance, always deeply such a speech as this, "I was induced to enter Freemasonry by what Poppleton said to me," &c., &c., inasmuch as such a confession militates entirely with every ancient profession, every wise practice of our generally cautious confraternity. And, therefore, for fear of increased or increasing laxity in this respect, so prejudicial

to the best interests of our Order, we think it well to say a few words to-day. Caution is incumbent on all Freemasons in respect of those they recommend as candidates for Freemasonry. It is not every one who professes to wish to become a Mason who is therefore at once to be admitted. We should always carefully consider if he be, to use well-known expressions just now, of a "good sort," in "good form," of the "stuff" likely to make a good Mason. The "Drones" are very many in our great Masonic hive, will he be a "Bee?" The dullards are numerous, will he be a "bright Mason?" The adepts in the mysteries of the high grade of the "Knife and Fork" are abounding, will he be among those to whom Freemasonry is something better, higher, truer, more enduring, than a convivial gathering, a benefit order, a goose club? Should we like to introduce the new member to our friends and families? or would we freely consort with him out of the lodge? Unless we can safely answer these questions in the affirmative we have no right, it seems to us, to introduce or to admit a new member into our little fraternal circle, the lodge. The time has passed, happily, when the old view can any longer prevail, that "as long as a man could pay the fees and his subscription" that was all that we need "enquire about." Much of the present weakness of Freemasonry, such as it is, prevails from want of caution in admitting new members, and the forgetfulness of many of our good brethren of their responsibility in this respect. All elements in a lodge which are neither congruous nor compatible with our system or our teaching must lead to demoralization and discord, and we know of no more uncomfortable or unhappy state of things, than when a lodge is composed of heterogeneous materials, for it is sure to break up either into sections and factions, or to degenerate into a debating club or a "caucus." We speak these words in all kindness and fraternal good will, and with some little experience, and trust they will be well taken by all those whom they may in any way concern.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the kindness of a valued American friend and brother I have perused the last published Proceedings of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S. of America, at Boston, and I find it there declared "that it is a settled principle of the law of the rite that in a dependency, colony, or province of a country, in which there is a Supreme Council, no foreign power can create or authorise the creation of a Supreme Council, and a body so created as a Supreme Council has no legal existence."

We are not told when, or by what authority, such a principle of law was settled, and I respectfully dispute both the accuracy and soundness of the statement.

No such principle is embraced in the Constitutions of the Order. Indeed, it is absolutely antagonistic to the objects and principles for the propagation of which the Order was instituted, and which the Constitutions nobly sub-sum by shortly declaring to be everywhere, "in fine, to do the works of peace and mercy."

The Constitutions, too, declare in their very first article that the Thirty-third Degree invests those Masons possessing it "with the character, title, privileges, and authority of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Order," and among these is enumerated the power to form Supreme Councils in places where the degree may be established.

The Constitutions do not restrict the action of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the formation of Supreme Grand Councils, either by his own nationality or by that of the Council from which he derived his patent. His power, like the objects and principles of the Order, is cosmopolitan, and to carry them out it is essential that his powers should be so, for, as already stated, those objects and principles are "everywhere," irrespective of locality, to do "works of peace and mercy," for which in every country there is, alas, too vast a field.

But has the Supreme Council of Boston, which propounds this proposition, been in its own actions regulated by it? It has not, for although a Supreme Council existed in both Ireland and Scotland, prior to the formation of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, the Supreme Council of Boston, a foreign power, created, or authorised the creation, of the Supreme Council of England; and it still recognises it as a lawful body, in direct violation of the principles it now lays down.

If the principle of the Boston Supreme Council be settled law, it follows that the Councils both of England and Scotland are unlawful; and that Boston has acted unlawfully in creating the Supreme Council of England, and still

acts an illegal part in recognising both it and the Supreme Council of Scotland.

We also find on the part of the Supreme Council of France a similar disregard of the principle in question, for, according to the representations of the Supreme Council of Scotland, that body was formed under the authority of the Supreme Council of that country, although at the time a Supreme Council was in active existence in Ireland. There are other similar cases.

The principle of law laid down as settled by the Supreme Council of Boston, tested by its own actions, by those of other Supreme Councils, and by the Constitutions of the Order is thus manifestly unsound in principle, and incorrect in fact.

Yours fraternally,

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THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Annexed I beg to hand you an extract of a letter from a personal friend, a Colonel in the army, in reply to inviting him to my lodge; it records an interesting fact—probably a valuable suggestion—and it occurs to me that you might consider it sufficiently so to reproduce it in the columns of your paper.

I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

P.M. G.M.L., No. 1, P.G.D.

22nd May, 1879.

(EXTRACT.)

"I have always considered Freemasonry the most valuable fraternity in existence, and to a soldier and traveller about the world a most useful institution. As an instance of it, Colonel ——— tells me that when he was in Cabul (in the first Afghan war) he found the Afghans full of hatred and dislike to our presence; but one day passing through the bazaar he saw two Afghan chiefs make the Masonic sign to each other. Colonel ———, who was a Mason, did the same to them. They all three spoke Persian, and ——— asked them if there was a lodge in Cabul, 'Oh, yes,' they said, 'a very large one, and if you like we will introduce you there.' He accordingly went. They were very civil to him. He soon became friendly with them, and wherever he desired to go about the country they detailed a party to accompany him and protect him. With their aid he visited the ruined cities of Alexander the Great, and collected Greek coins there. Marching away with General Sale, they saw him safely off; and, in my opinion, the Masons in the army in the present campaign would do well to look up the lodges in Afghanistan, and make friends with the chiefs through their lodges."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Most of the lodges (Masonic) in and around London instal the W.M. about this time of year, and I have been honoured by very kind invitations to a great many more than I have been able to attend, but at almost all those that I have attended the W.M. has been generally rewarded for his conduct in the chair by an unanimous vote to the brother of a P.M. jewel of the value of five or ten guineas, according to the state of the lodge funds. If a brother does his duty in the chair, and has given the different degrees and lectures in a creditable manner, I think that some recognition of his services should be awarded him, but in some instances I have seen the W.M. already in possession of a Past Master's jewel; therefore, it is not of the same value to him as it would be to another passing the chair for the first time. It has lately struck me that the guineas awarded for jewels would be much better spent on our Charities, and instead of voting five guineas for a jewel it might be given to one of the Charities in the name of the P.M., thereby giving him a vote for life and being of considerable benefit to the Charities, which should be recorded on the minutes. I think it very probable that in many instances if a brother were asked on his leaving the chair, he would prefer a life subscribership in one of the Charities to a jewel, and I think many would choose the life subscribership, whereas a jewel is a pretty decoration, but of very little benefit to any one but the jeweller. However, when the money is voted a brother who has just passed the chair might have his choice.

Yours Fraternally,

FRAS. BURDETT, P.S.G.W.,

P.G.M. Middx., Rep. of G.L. Ireland.

MASONIC GRAMMAR, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, signing himself "Lindley Murray," describes himself as a stickler for the purity of our English tongue. He is no doubt aware of the fact that the term stickler is derived from the practice of prize-fighters, who are in the habit of placing seconds with sticks to interpose as occasion may require in seeing that all proceedings between the parties are conducted fairly; but it is to be regretted that your correspondent has, in this instance, interfered unnecessarily; and that, after a well-meant effort on his part, the purity of the English language, for which he is so ready to stand up, should owe him nothing.

Let me say, in the first place, that many will fail to see the propriety of quoting Dr. Johnson as an authority in this matter. It must be admitted that modern usage is a great authority in deciding the meaning to be attached to particular words. Johnson lived a hundred years ago, and it is quite natural that after the lapse of a century many words should come to be used in different senses to those in which they were used by the great lexicographer. Your correspondent himself admits that usage in the particular

case to which he refers warrants the use which he condemns of the word *exceptionable*.

I observe in the next place that your correspondent is quite in error in supposing, as he does, that exceptional and exceptionable are synonymous words. As a stickler he ought to have been more discriminating. The word exceptional is applied to such things as form or make an exception; whereas the term exceptionable implies that things are liable to objection. There is a clear distinction here which it is remarkable that a correspondent having such a *nom de plume* should have failed to discover. Accepting this as the correct interpretation of these words, exceptional might have been used in preference to exceptionable; and, indeed, except for the proximity of the word except, in preference to special or peculiar.

In conclusion let me point out that in your correspondent's letter there is little to show that he is qualified for assuming the office of a censor in this matter. In the first sentence of his letter he has misplaced the adverb *hardly*. He says he hardly thinks, whereas he immediately proceeds to show how strongly indeed he thinks. The word hardly in his letter is evidently intended to have more to do with the correctness than with his thinking, and he ought to have written "which I think is hardly correct." It is further to be noticed that at the close of his letter he uses the past tense of the potential mood *would be* where he might more correctly have used the pluperfect *would have been*, since, of course, there is now no likelihood of the words of the report being altered to suit his erroneous idea of what is correct. It is also very doubtful whether he could not have used a better word than *apply* in the connection in which it occurs.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. M. IRON, J.W. 417.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the article on Masonic Books in the British Museum in the *Freemason* of last week, mention is made as to the probable date of the publication of Robison's "Proofs of a Conspiracy, &c." Upon referring to the Preliminary Discourse to the third volume of Barruel's *Memoirs* (mine is Clifford's translation, and edit., 1798), I find the author there speaks of Robison's work appearing just as his third volume was going to press. Barruel's attention was called to this work by his translator, and therefore if the Preliminary Discourse is in the first edition of translation, it will give the date of publication of Robison's work. In the *Memoirs* the name is spelled Robison.

Yours fraternally,

May 29th, 1879.

G. ELLIS.

Reviews.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES. By Bro. R. T. GOULD, Barrister at Law. Spencer, London.

It is impossible in the limited space of our review column to do justice to this interesting and important work, which deserves all the notice we can afford, and much more in truth than we can possibly afford to its consideration and analysis. To Bro. Gould all Masonic students owe a deep debt of gratitude in that, following in the footsteps of Bro. Hughan and others, he has devoted no little time, patience, and acumen to the elucidation of that often "verata questio," the numeration and identification of English Lodges. Indeed it is but fair to say that to Bro. Gould's persevering researches and lucid statements we are indebted for much that is for the first time clearly brought before Masonic students and archaeologists. Some brethren are apt hastily to say that such enquiries are "lost labour, industry, and energy expended in vain; for what does it matter, 'cui bono' to any one?" But in this view we entirely disagree with them, and think them, moreover, entirely wrong. However trifling, however tedious, however minute, however meaningless, seemingly such enquiries may appear to them to be, and to some other superficial talkers, they are very important in themselves, in that they serve to illustrate and uphold the true history of our Order, in that they pave the way for archaeological enquiries and discoveries, and in that, above all, they serve to point out clearly to all, how curious and how complicated are these lodge annals of ours, which we too often coldly neglect or contemptuously under-value. Bro. Gould has wisely seen and seasonably demonstrated, and in this we heartily go with him, that not only is the true history of English Freemasonry to be yet written, but that if you wish for an accurate representation of it in general, you must base it upon a correct application of lodge life and history in particular. We therefore beg to call attention to this very valuable work, which we have read with great pleasure, and trust sincerely that it may receive both the support and circulation which it so truly merits. We hope that a much fuller review of it will appear in the pages of the June *Masonic Magazine*.

LE BULLETIN DES TRAVAUX DU SUPREME CONSEIL DE BELGIQUE. Bruzeller: Julien Buertsoeu, 1879.

We have perused this report—kindly sent us by Bro. Riche—with interest and approval. So far, happily, the "Grand Conseil" of the Belgian Ancient and Accepted Rite is standing by the ancient landmarks and "formulae," and we, therefore, are glad to recognize this agreeable fact. We fear, however, that untoward influences are at work with all foreign Freemasonry just now, whether under Grand Orients or Grand Councils, which, unless checked, must tend to undermine and bring down all Freemasonry, whether High Grade or Craft. For instance, the Ancient and Accepted Rite abroad has, we believe, no "prayers,

and simply acknowledges, as a compromise, a "principe Createur," a "force Superieure," utterly unreal, unhistorical, and unsatisfactory as such expressions are. We fear that such is the consequence of un-Masonic principles at work, whether in French or Belgian Masonry. Admitting, as we must do all who know Belgium, that, owing to Ultramontane bigotry, the position of Freemasonry in that country is a very difficult one, nothing, in our opinion, can excuse the folly of those Belgian Masons in the Grand Orient of Belgium, who have been imitating and even surpassing alike in fatuity of resolutions and violence of words, the excesses of the Grand Orient of France, and which must, we fear, rest on the Grand Conseil of Belgium, however, professedly, desirous to remain "dans la voie droite." For, as we have often said, and experience proves how true it is in general and particular, no more sinister or perverse proceeding has ever taken place in the annals of Freemasonry than that undignified and intolerant course which the "movement party" have compelled the Grand Orient of France, "nolens volens," to pursue. For the nonce French Freemasonry lies prostrate before an extreme party, alike in politics and irreligion, and we can only again repeat our distinct opinion, that if Bro. Caubet and others had worked to play into the hands of the Ultramontane and Jesuit party, they could not have acted more determinedly or more significantly to that end, by what they have said and by what they have done. But why in the name of all that is sacred, reverent, and Masonic is the Belgian Grand Orient to follow in the same suicidal path? to parody even the most offensive perversities of the Grand Orient of France? The Belgians are a very religiously-minded people, and anything more foolish, more senseless, or more un-Masonic than the violent words of Belgian Freemasons, and the hopeless resolutions of Belgian lodges we have never read and realized. We feel deeply interested in the history of Belgian Freemasonry, because, like the French, it was originally English in origin, tone, and teaching, and now we see it drifting helplessly down that fatal path which identifies Freemasonry with the watchwords of revolution and party politics, which rejoices in avowals of positive irreligion and unbelief, which shocks the reverent, and keep honest folks away. Thus it is that Belgian Freemasonry, even in Belgium itself, lies "under a cloud," which we can only sincerely hope that wiser counsels and a more Masonic course will help to dissipate and dispel. We wish the Grand Conseil of Belgium success in its endeavours to keep entirely aloof, as it most properly professes to do, from political and religious discussions, and to adhere as a Masonic body to the ancient and universal tenets of our Order.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

I have been asked whether "prayer" is used in all the "High Grades." I feel in some difficulty as to answering the query distinctly. In some of the Foreign High Grades there are "prayers," but in some there are certainly not any. Curiously enough, I fear too, their use is rapidly decreasing. There are prayers in the Knights Templar Encampments, and in the ceremonies of the Knights of St. John, and in the Rose Croix, but not in the Mediterranean Pass in this country. Prayers are used in Mark Masonry and the Red Cross of Constantine. In some of the Foreign Grades undoubtedly no prayers are now to be found, or were apparently ever to be found. I apprehend, however, such is not the normal state of English High Grade Masonry. Bro. Hughan can probably throw a little light on the subject. In the Thirtieth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for instance, prayer is undoubtedly used. I think it is safe to say that in English High Grade Masonry prayer is undoubtedly used.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE EARLIEST USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

I have been most agreeably surprised on reading the interesting communication of "P.M. No. 1 (S.C.)," never having heard of such a reference to Freemasonry and the Presbytery before. The record is all the more important because of its retrospective character, and we are indebted—as Masonic Students—to Bro. the Rev. J. T. Grant, P.G.C., for the fortunate discovery. Bro. Woodford considers the earliest use of the word "Freemason" is in 1435—at least so far as traced—when a "Freemason" contracts with Richard Duke of York to build Fotheringay Chapel (note *Kenning's Cyclopaedia*). It is also noted in Act of Parliament A.D. 1548, and in Masonic MSS., as we already know. These references however are operative in character, hence the value of the discovery of Bro. Grant's, made known by our Bro. P.M. No. 1 (S.C.) Bro. Ashmole's initiation is of course also most important, being a record of that celebrated antiquary in his journal of 1646. The reference to Freemason noted by Bro. D. Murray Lyon in his Grand History of No. 1 (S.C.) had regard to those "Friesones of Edwr." as an operative body.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Our indefatigable Bro. Lamony has evidently obtained for "An Old Song" the first edition of Robison's "Proofs of a Conspiracy," which was issued in 1797, pp. 496. The second edition was published in the same year, the following year witnessing the advent of other editions. The work has not the financial value of a "Good Old Song," being still plentiful, and often to be met with for a few shillings, neither has it much within its pages of interest to Masonic students, save as proof of the credulity of the author, who was a Professor of Natural Philosophy and Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., in *Bro. Kenning's Cyclopaedia* says "his work is now practically forgotten."

W. J. HUGHAN.

China.

SHANGHAI.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 501, E.C.)—The annual installation of W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge took place on the 28th January, 1879. There were about 67 brethren present. The lodge was opened at 9.15 o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Evans. Shortly afterwards the R.W.D.G.M. of Northern China and his officers were announced, and received in the lodge with Masonic honours. The W.M. thereupon rose and said: R.W.D.G. Master, on my own behalf and that of the Royal Sussex Lodge permit me to offer you and the officers of the D.G. Lodge the right hand of fellowship, and cordially welcome you amongst us. Knowing, as we all do, R.W. Sir, the great interest you take in all that tends to the benefit and advancement of Freemasonry, we cannot but feel highly gratified at your presence here this evening, it being a further proof, if any were needed, of the great anxiety you feel for the welfare and prosperity of the Craft. On such an occasion as the present, that of the installation of our W.M., we feel especially pleased and grateful to you, and for your kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony of installation; and particularly would we thank you for the sympathy you have constantly and invariably shewn the Royal Sussex Lodge, in its adversity as well as in its prosperity. R.W. Sir, in now surrendering into your hands this gavel, which has been the symbol of my authority for the past two years, I do so expressing a sincere wish and a fervent hope that in the future our lodge may become more prosperous than it has been in the immediate past. The R.W.D.G.M., in replying, said—Worshipful Bro. Evans, although I never visit your lodge without being received with every mark of fraternal regard, I was quite unprepared for the very flattering reception which has been so spontaneously accorded to me by you and the brethren assembled. I have always taken great interest in everything pertaining to the Craft, feeling assured that when our principles are faithfully disseminated much good must result therefrom, and this lodge has materially assisted in promulgating those principles. The Royal Sussex Lodge, though not the first established in Shanghai, is the oldest in China. It was removed to this port under the auspices of the R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past Provincial Grand Master in China, one of its former Masters, who was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of his brethren when with us, and who continues in the good work now that he resides in his native country. We rarely take up a Masonic newspaper without finding his name mentioned therein, associated with work calculated to prove beneficial to the Craft. The first Master of this lodge in Shanghai was R.W. Bro. H. G. Murray, the Immediate Past District Grand Master for China, who will be remembered by most of you for his zeal in Freemasonry, and whose name is cherished with regard. Many worthy brethren have filled the chair since then, and you, W. Sir, have so gained the affection of the members, that on three occasions have you been elected to the high position, and the brethren have again testified their approval of your services by their endeavour to retain you as their head for another year, but which, by the rules of our Constitution, they are unable to do. I must not detain the lodge by further remarks now, but I will request you to retain the gavel until the commencement of the installation ceremony, when I shall have pleasure in receiving it from your hands, and of installing our W. Bro. Johnford into the position which he has been elected to occupy. After the lodge had been opened in the Second Degree, the R.W.D.G.M. took the chair, and officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Johnford was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed, after which the following officers were also invested:—Bros. E. P. Laleaca, S.W.; S. Ballard, J.W. and Treas.; U. W. Harris, Sec.; T. Ford, S.D.; J. Howell, J.D.; C. T. P. Hudson, I.G.; J. B. Browne, Org.; T. W. Harrocks and T. Roberts, Stewards; T. Hore, Tyler. W. Bro. Evans, P.M., then rose and said: R.W.D.G. Master, Officers of the D.G. Lodge, and visiting brethren, to you, R.W. Sir, and the Officers of the D.G. Lodge, on my own behalf and that of the Royal Sussex Lodge, I return my sincere thanks for your presence, and for the great assistance you have rendered us throughout the ceremony of installation. More especially, R.W. Sir, to you are our thanks due for the very eloquent and impressive manner in which you have conducted this ceremony. It affords me intense gratification, and I am sure it does the members of our lodge, to see so large a gathering of the brethren here tonight, and as we have on this, our first meeting in the new year, so many present, I think it augurs well for the future, and I sincerely hope that a period of revival in Freemasonry is about to set in. The R.W.D.G.M. replied: Worshipful Sirs, I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of the District Grand Officers when I say that they have derived pleasure and instruction from visiting your lodge this evening. In performing the ceremony of installation, in this, as well as in other lodges, it has been my earnest endeavour to impress upon the Worshipful Master, his officers, and the brethren generally, the necessity of acting up to the professions they make from time to time, and I am sure if we will so act, the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. will rest upon us, and the good wishes you have so forcibly expressed, that Masonry may flourish, and that a bright future will be in store for the Craft in Shanghai, will be fully realised. On behalf of myself and officers I return you many thanks for your kind expressions towards us, and we hope that the year on which we have now entered may prove one of prosperity to the Royal Sussex Lodge and its members. The various ceremonies having concluded, Worshipful Bro. Evans rose and said: Brethren, I scarcely know how to address you, or thank you sufficiently for the great honour you have conferred upon us this evening. It is indeed a source of great pleasure to see so many of you and

to welcome you all here with the right hand of fellowship. Brethren, there can be, I think, but one opinion as to the value of our D.G. Lodge lately established amongst us. It is, I think, the nucleus or germ from whence a revival in Masonry will come, and be assured that while the baton of D.G.M. remains in the able hands that now wield it, Masonry must flourish, and a bright future for the Craft in Shanghai is in store. Brethren, in again thanking you all for your attendance here, before I sit down permit me one word more, and that is simply to say it is very evident to my mind from this large meeting that "love of the Craft" in Shanghai is not so dormant as some would have us believe. We have proof to-night that "where there is a will there always is a way." Such being the case, I would urge upon the brethren to be more regular in their attendance at our stated meetings, such attendance being at all times most grateful to the rulers in the Craft. Remember, brethren, it will take "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together," to make Masonry as flourishing in Shanghai as it once was. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and see if we can accomplish it. The newly-installed Master then invited the brethren to join him and his officers at a banquet provided in the adjoining room, and the lodge was thereupon closed in due and ancient form. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, Bro. Johnford, the W.M., rose and proposed the first toast, namely, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that it required no words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. said the next toast was also one which all Masons delighted to honour—it was that of "The Health of the most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Past Grand Masters of the Lodge." The W.M. said a pleasing duty now devolved upon him, and it was to propose "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M., and the Officers of the D.G.L. in Northern China." The brethren of the Royal Sussex were all proud of the presence of the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers, and he, on their behalf, begged to thank the R.W.D.G.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. All Masons working under the English Constitution, as well as those working under the American, German, and Scottish Constitutions, knew the value of the work the District Grand Lodge was doing, and they were proud of the untiring zeal and ability of their Right Worshipful D.G. Master, who, aided by his officers, was always ready to render assistance for the good of the Craft. It was unnecessary for him to detain them longer; and he would now ask them to honour the toast as it deserved to be honoured. The R.W.D.G. Master, in returning thanks, said: Worshipful Sir, this is the third time I have addressed the brethren during the evening, but I feel constrained on behalf of the Officers of the D.G. Lodge, as well as on my own behalf, to again return our unted thanks for the kind hospitality extended towards us. We are trying to emulate our worthy predecessors who were so intimately connected with this lodge. On the wall of this banqueting room we see suspended the portraits of those well-known and highly esteemed brethren to whom I have previously alluded, viz., our R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, P.P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Henry Murray, P.D.G.M. for China, and who set an example worthy to be followed by all who are desirous of increasing the influence of Masonry, or to benefit their fellow creatures. We have observed how well our newly-installed W.M. has wielded the gavel this evening, and I hope and trust we may augur from this that a year of prosperity is in store for the lodge over which he has been elected to preside. We know that he will have not only the sympathy and assistance of the brethren working under the English Constitution, but also that of the brethren working under other Constitutions, as we have many proofs that the right hand of fellowship is warmly given by those rejoicing in the tie of brotherhood, no matter from what country they may hail; and this, W. Sir, reminds me that you have permitted me the privilege of proposing the next toast, and I, therefore, hasten to do so. It is one always warmly received by the Shanghai brethren, amongst whom so much harmony exists. We have present many brethren owing allegiance to other Constitutions, and I ask you to join me in wishing "Prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges." You, brethren, are acquainted with the kindly interest that is always exhibited to us by the brethren working under the D.G. Lodge of Scotland, the D.G. Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Three Globes of Berlin. Their virtues have been so frequently brought before you, that I am sure I need not detain you by referring to them, but ask you, without delay, to join me in the toast of prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges. R.W. Past Master Bro. W. Birt, 30°, thanked the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge for the very kind and cordial reception they had given to the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges, proposed so ably by the R.W.D.G. Master. He (Bro. Birt) felt a double pleasure in being present at their installation that evening, first as a representative of the Scottish Craft working in China, and, secondly, as he was paying dutiful homage to his mother lodge, inasmuch as it was within the Royal Sussex Lodge, some sixteen years ago, that the first rays of Masonic light beamed upon his vision. He congratulated the Royal Sussex Lodge upon the large attendance, and particularly upon the numbers of Past Masters and other exalted members of the Craft who were present, testifying plainly their unabated interest in China in an old Masonic lodge, and their esteem for the newly-installed Master, Wardens, and officers. The duty now devolved upon him to propose "The Health of the Newly-installed Master, Wardens, and Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge." Bro. Johnford's Masonic career was known to all of them. For many years past he had been a most industrious worker in Ma-

sorry, having held the offices of Inner Guard, Deacon, Junior and Senior Wardens, and this evening his brethren had further expressed their confidence in him by selecting him as their Master. He, therefore, begged the brethren present to drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the Master, Wardens, and Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge." The R.W.D.G.M. also rose and said—Brethren, it is a very important duty and pleasure that now devolves upon us all. It is to wish our W.M. health and prosperity during his year of office. I hope, brethren, you will duly consider how much rests with yourselves in rendering his office one of usefulness and pleasure. We are aware, from what we know of him, that nothing will be required on his part to uphold the dignity of his lodge. He has selected officers—tried and good brethren—who may also be depended on for the faithful discharge of their duties, so that "with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," so ably suggested by our Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Evans, we may look for great success during the coming year. Brethren, I ask you for a hearty response to the toast of "The Health of our W.M., Bro. Johnson, and his Officers," so ably proposed by R.W. Past Master Bro. Birt. The W.M., in felicitous terms, briefly acknowledged the toast. W. Bro. Hart said the next toast had been placed in his hands to propose, and it was pleasing to think that irrespective of any remarks from him he was sure it would meet with an enthusiastic reception. The toast he had to bring to their notice was "The Health of the Past Masters of the Royal Sussex Lodge." The Royal Sussex Lodge seemed to have been particularly fortunate in obtaining good men to occupy the chair in the lodge, and two of them had occupied most distinguished positions in Masonry in China, and he was happy to say that they were still useful in promoting the welfare of the Craft at home. He believed the first D.G.M. of China, or, as he was called, the P.P.G.M., was a P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge. He need hardly say he referred to W. Bro. Rawson; and then there was also W. Bro. Murray, who was also P.D.G.M., and a P.M. of the lodge. These two brethren he needly hardly say commanded the respect of all Masons in China, and were much respected in England. W. Bros. Brown and Camajee had also worthily filled the chair of the lodge, and W. Bro. Evans, who had vacated it this evening after two years of good service, had, during his (the speaker's) residence in China, always been an active promoter of the Craft, and he had proved his ability by the many useful methods he had adopted to make Masonry more generally useful. The brethren were well acquainted with the very distinguished manner in which the Past Masters had conducted the affairs of the lodge while under their control, and, therefore, he would not trespass further upon their time, but ask them to drink to the health and prosperity of the P.M.'s of the Royal Sussex Lodge, coupling with the toast the name of W. Bro. Evans. P.M. W. Bro. Evans, in responding, said: In calling upon me to respond for the Past Masters of the R.S. Lodge, I think you have made a mistake, as I scarcely know what to say, but I do think that you are doing injustice to me, to P.M. Bro. Brown, and to our visitors. First, to me, because I have already twice addressed you this evening; to our visitors because I think they would like to hear some other brother's voice, and to P.M. Bro. Brown, because I think this duty should have devolved upon him, and looking at the other end of the table I can see that he is impatient to unburthen himself of the eloquence he feels pent up within him. I will, W.M., with your permission, call on P.M. Bro. Brown to respond to the toast of the Past Masters of the R. S. Lodge. P.M. Bro. Brown said: Having been unexpectedly called upon to reply to the toast of the Past Masters, I feel unprepared to do justice to my eminent predecessors. A great deal has been said about the Past Masters of this lodge, but I notice that the names of one or two of the most useful and best men have been omitted. I refer to Wor. Bros. Parker and Stent. I had the pleasure to be initiated in this lodge by the former, and in the presence of Right Wor. Bro. Murray, D.G. Master of China, and have pleasant reminiscences of the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and I have pleasant recollections of having served in various offices under the Mastership of Bro. Stent. On their behalf, and that of the Past Masters present, I therefore tender my hearty thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received this toast. Before resuming my seat I avail myself of the opportunity to propose "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of Wor. Bro. Weiller. W. Bro. Weiller, D.G. Sup. of Works of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, in a very humorous speech responded. The Tyler's toast was next drunk, and shortly afterwards the company separated.

IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, at 4 o'clock p.m., Bro. John H. Edge, Vice-Patron, in the chair.

The result of the recent ballot for the election of four pupils from the list of candidates for admission to the Institution was announced, whereupon S. M. Gilbert, H. Skipton, C. S. Oswald, and C. Topham, having the greatest number of votes, were declared duly elected pupils of the School.

The report of the Education Committee, who have been engaged for some time past in the consideration of applications of candidates for the appointments of head master, matron or lady superintendent, and assistant master of the School, was presented to the Board. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. A. L. Sparkes, A.B., and B. Sc. London, was appointed head master of the School, and Mrs. Sparkes, his wife, was appointed matron or lady superintendent. The Committee have not

yet presented their report respecting the appointment of an assistant master.

In compliance with the request of Bro. Thomas Valentine, of Belfast, it was resolved that a deputation from the Board should proceed to Belfast to confer with the Governors of the School residing in that neighbourhood as to the condition and future prospects of the School; and that the deputation consists of Bro. Edge, P.M. 728, and a Vice-Patron of the School, and Bro. R. O'Brien Furlong, Hon., Sec., who have kindly consented to bear their own expenses.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, on Tuesday, 10th June, 1879, at 4 o'clock p.m.

CONSECRATION OF THE OLD ENGLAND LODGE, NO. 1790.

This new lodge, the warrant for which was recently granted by the M.W.G.M., was consecrated on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the new Masonic Hall, which has lately been built for this lodge at New Thornton Heath, near Croydon, Surrey. The building is admirably adapted for that purpose, and the arrangements of the rooms are all that can be desired. The building has been raised by the exertions of the founders of the lodge who were anxious to have a place of meeting for themselves unconnected with any tavern.

The proceedings commenced at half-past three, when the brethren met in the ante-room, and marched in order to the lodge-room, when the ceremony of consecration commenced.

The officer appointed for the purpose was Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Herts, who appointed as his officers pro tem. Bros. Dr. H. J. Strong, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, as S.W. W. Bausor, W.M. 1580, as J.W.; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728, as I.G.; and J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C. Herts, as D.C.; and H. Sadler, as I.G.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries had been gone through, Bro. Terry delivered an impressive and eloquent address on the merits of Freemasonry and the duties of its members.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed in a solemn and impressive manner, the musical part of it being heartily joined in by the brethren.

The Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. designate, Bro. Foulsham, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, was presented to the Installing Officer, and was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient form.

On re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the various degrees, and at once proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. B. Buckworth, S.W.; H. Harland, J.W.; T. C. Pascall, S.D.; E. Whitaker, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; J. Buckworth, Sec.; and Buffin, Tyler.

Several propositions for initiation and joining having been received, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded to an adjoining room, where they partook of a very enjoyable banquet. At its termination the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Terry, in a few well-chosen sentences, in which he heartily wished the lodge every success, to ensure which he impressed upon them the necessity of exercising great caution in preventing the admission of unworthy persons, and to take care that the candidates should be of such a character as to add lustre thereto. He was certain that, under the supervision of their W.M., the lodge would prosper.

The W.M. suitably replied, and proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," dwelling with great emphasis upon the splendid rendering of the ritual by Bro. Terry. The W.M. apologised for an omission in lodge. The brethren of the lodge had fully intended conferring the honorary membership of the lodge on Bros. Terry, Strong, Mather, Bausor, and Bush for their kind assistance, but it had by accident been omitted. This, however, would be remedied at the first regular meeting of the lodge, on June 5th.

Bros. Terry and Strong replied. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and suitably replied to by Bro. Bush.

The remaining toasts were duly honoured and replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

The arrangements for the banquet were very creditably carried out, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the visitors.

A very handsome Bible was presented to the lodge by Mrs. Buckworth, the wife of the esteemed Senior Warden, to whose untiring exertions the completion of the arrangements was, in a great measure, due.

In addition to the above-named brethren we noticed Bros. Rev. J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1143; V. Keen, P.M. 203; J. Browning, Granite, 1328; C. A. Blogg, and others.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, MOSSLEY.

On Saturday last the town of Mossley was en fête. Early in the afternoon the trains from Ashton, Staley-bridge, and neighbourhood conveyed hundreds of holiday makers to join with the inhabitants of this thriving place in their festivities. Triumphant arches spanned the streets, flags and banners were suspended from the windows of hotels, shops, and private houses, giving to the grey stone walls a more lively appearance than they had ever been known to possess before, and adding much to the picturesque scenery which opened out at every corner of the steep streets, looking over the valley to the hilly slopes on the opposite side.

About two o'clock a procession was formed in the market-place, consisting of Oddfellows, Foresters, Druids, Orangemen, Shepherds, school teachers and children, numbering over 2000, headed by a company of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers, accompanied by four bands of music, and marched through the principal streets.

At the same time a Masonic lodge was opened in the Mechanics' Institution, by the W.M. and officers of the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 1218, and at 2.30, the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Bro. George Mellor, Grand Senior Deacon) entered the lodge, attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Lees, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Beswick N. Royds, P.P.G.S.W.; George Higgins, P.G.J.W.; John Chadwick, P.G. Secretary; Benjamin Taylor, P.G. Treasurer; J. L. Anderton, P.G. Reg.; J. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg.; Edwin Brookes, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.G.J.D.; C. L. Bruno, Grand Lodge of Denmark; Henry Hayes, Asst. P.G. Director of Cers.; John Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Caldwell, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. Kenyon, P.P. G. Supt. of Works; Julius Aronsberg, P.G. Purs.; Edwin Radcliffe, Asst. P.G. Purs.; H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org.; and several others. The lodge was adjourned and formed in procession, according to their respective columns (the brethren altogether numbering about 200).

The monster procession of friendly societies on reaching the site of the new building formed two deep on each side of the way, completely lining the route from the churchyard to within a few yards of the Institution. The Masonic procession passed through this living avenue, and took up their position immediately around the stone; the other societies being placed in an outer circle, the school teachers and children occupying the ground intended for the nave of the church.

In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Senior Warden of the Prince Alfred Lodge, commenced the proceedings by offering up prayer, after which the children and the large assemblage chanted a psalm, and sang an appropriate hymn, accompanied by one of the bands; the thousands of voices producing a grand effect.

Bro. Mellor then addressed the large congregation as follows:—Ladies and Gentlemen, and Brethren—Having been requested by the brethren of the Prince Alfred Lodge to lay the north-east stone of this church, I have very great pleasure in acceding to their request, for we, as Masons, at all times consider it to be our duty to come forward and give what sanction we can by our own peculiar rites and ceremonies to the erection of temples of religion. (Hear, hear.) And what higher or noble service can we perform than in assisting to raise another structure to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, for the spiritual welfare of all those who think proper to worship their Creator in the beauty of holiness within its walls, and from whence we sincerely trust that pure and undefiled religion may ever emanate? I hoped we may be all spared to witness the completion of this church, that no casualties or strikes will occur during its erection, and that goodwill and harmony will exist and prevail amongst all those who are interested in the building. (Hear, hear.) I hope and trust also that the clouds of adversity which have for so long a period obscured the commercial horizon will ere long be dispelled, and the sun of prosperity once more shine upon our manufacturing industry—(hear, hear)—and that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for many generations. I beg to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, and the friendly societies in particular, who have shown by their presence an interest in this day's proceedings, and my Masonic brethren especially for their attendance and support. I may add, in conclusion, that whilst Masonry knows nothing of political parties, yet, in all countries and times, the Order has taught its disciples the fundamental doctrines of liberty, equality, and fraternity, and these principles Masonry taught long before modern Republics had existence. Liberty regulated by law, obedience to established authority, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and tolerance of private religious and political opinions are the very essence of Freemasonry, and, brethren, let us ever bear in mind that so long as we recognise the supreme authority of the Great Architect of the Universe, so long as we take the volume of the Sacred Law for our guide, direct our actions by the square and compasses, and guide our conduct by the dictates of prudence, wisdom, temperance, and virtue, discarding all those barriers which bigotry or intolerance would set up, we need not be ashamed of our Order, but proud of our position as Masons. Brethren, we will now commence the work allotted to us. (Applause.)

Bro. Roberts (acting Prov. Grand Chap.) again offered up prayer.

The stone was slowly lowered about twelve inches, during which the Masonic choir sang the first verse of "When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending."

The Prov. Grand Treasurer placed the bottle, containing coins, documents, &c., in the cavity, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read a copy of a scroll placed in the bottle.

The stone was again slowly lowered, the choir singing the second verse of the Anthem.

Bro. James Buckley, W.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge, presented the trowel with some very appropriate remarks. Bro. Mellor having replied, spread the cement.

The stone was, with a third drop, lowered to its bed, the choir singing a "Masonic Gloria."

The Lewis was removed from the stone by an Entered Apprentice, who was requested to place it in the archives of the lodge as a memento of that day's proceedings.

Bro. Mellor directed the P.G.J.W. to apply the plumb rule; having done so, he reported that he found the stone "perfect and trustworthy."

Bro. Mellor then directed the P.G.S.W. to apply the level; having done so, he reported the stone to be "well founded."

Bro. Mellor then requested the acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. L. Hine) to apply the square, which he did, and declared the stone to be "properly formed and adjusted."

Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., then addressed Bro. Mellor, and said:—"Very Worshipful Sir,—The stone being now at rest, we pray you assume the setting maul and test its stability in the name of the four cardinal virtues."

Bro. Mellor taking the maul, struck the stone on the four corners, saying "With temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice let our work be founded, and may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation stone with every success." The Prov. G. Supt. of Works then presented the plans, which Bro. Mellor examined and returned.

The acting D.P.G.M. then presented the vessel containing corn, the emblem of plenty.

Bro. Mellor scattered corn on the stone, saying, "May the all bounteous Creator of the Universe shower down his choicest blessings on the inhabitants of this town, and grant them a full supply of the corn of refreshment."

Prov. G. Chaplain read Psalm 72, verse 16.

The P.G.S.W. presented wine, the emblem of joy and gladness.

Bro. Mellor poured wine on the stone, saying, "May He whose name is love grant that we may be all of one heart and one mind, and may we ever dwell together as brethren in unity."

The P.G. Chaplain read Numbers, chapter 15, verse 7. The P.G.J.W. presented oil, the emblem of charity.

Bro. Mellor poured oil on the stone, saying, "May God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others."

The P.G. Chaplain read Exodus, chapter 30, verses 25 and 26, and afterwards delivered an impressive oration.

The whole assembly then joined in singing "The Church's one foundation," accompanied by the bands, during which a collection was made.

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Roberts) then pronounced the Benediction, and the procession reformed, and returned to the Mechanics' Institution. The Masonic choir consisted of Bros. Mark Stafford, W. Dumville, N. Dumville, H. Lister, John Salmon, and H. T. Robberds.

The Masonic ceremony was arranged and conducted by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Too much praise cannot be given to the W.M., officers, and P.M.'s of the Prince Alfred Lodge, for the admirable arrangements they had made for the comfort and convenience of such an immense gathering. Only one opinion was expressed, and that was "that the arrangements were perfection."

During the ceremony of laying the stone about 400 members of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers arrived on the ground, and at the conclusion fired a *feu-de-joie* in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

A banquet afterwards followed in the Institution, presided over by Bro. George Mellor, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

FUNERAL OF BRO. E. MARTEL.

In the Masonic Craft, Bro. Martel—whose body was taken to the Temple, Jersey, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst.—stood high in the estimation of his brother Masons, and in the various duties which he from time to time discharged, his aptitude was everywhere manifestly apparent, and in his manner of conducting the business of a lodge he had but few, if any, equals. He was a Past Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and also of St. Aubin's Lodge. He was also a P.M.P.S. of the Concord Conclave, in connection with the Red Cross Knights of Constantine, and likewise enjoyed the titles of P.Z. and P.G.J.W., the latter being the last honour conferred on him. He had been the recipient of several valuable gifts for services rendered to the Craft of which he was so exemplary and honourable a member. He was one of the delegates from Jersey who were present at the installation in London of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Masonic Craft, and received a gold medal in commemoration of the event; therefore, under these worthy circumstances, it need be no matter for surprise that a dispensation was readily granted by V.W.B. Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., for a Masonic funeral such as that which has been witnessed by thousands of the community, and the like of which has not been seen for years in the town of St. Helier. The profession, which left the Temple about three o'clock, comprised representatives from the following lodges, with their banners and regalia: Royal Alfred, 877; La Césarée, 590; Mechanics, 245; Yarborough, 244; Royal Sussex, 491; St. Aubin's, 958.

The hearse was an open one, drawn by six horses. Following the above came a large number of the members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, wearing the new funeral neck ribbon, and next in order were the Oddfellows, wearing cobourg hatbands, the whole forming a most imposing, yet sad, spectacle, the strains of the "Dead March in *Saul*," and "Adeste, Fideles," played alternately by Mr. W. McKee's band, falling upon the ear with solemn effect as the mournful cortege, in which the Cæsarean Dramatic and Literary Society was represented, traversed Stopford-road, David-place, Bath-street, Beresford-street, Halkett-place, Morler-lane, and the Royal Square, to the Town Church, where the Masons opened out, and the coffin was borne on shoulders within the sacred edifice. After the first portion of the burial service had been read by Bro. Rev. Jordan Cave-Browne-Cave (St. James's), the procession re-formed in Bond-street, and proceeded by way of Broad-street, Charing Cross, York-street, the Parade, Cheapside, and St. John's-road, to the Parochial Cemetery, where the Masons opened out, and the body was borne to the grave prepared for its reception, and

where the last sad rites were performed with all the due solemnity befitting the occasion, and which had called together such a large number of the Masonic Craft. Bro. O. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., delivered the funeral oration at the grave with much sympathetic feeling, the custom of breaking the wands and of throwing sprigs of acacia upon the coffin terminating the sad and long to be remembered spectacle. Many present were visibly affected, the closing proceedings being of a most touching character, and the like of which is seldom witnessed in this island. After the procession had re-formed, it returned by way of St. John's-road, Rouge Bouillon, Midvale-road, David-place, and Stopford-road, to the Temple, where the lodge was duly closed, the Foresters and Oddfellows proceeding to the Prince of Wales Room and the Minden Hall, respectively, and shortly afterwards separating for their various homes, not soon however to forget the solemn mission in which they had been engaged but a short time previously. Bro. Edward Martel is the third Mason of note who has died in less than a twelvemonth, Bro. Albert Schmitt having passed away in June, 1878, and Bro. Philip W. Benham in January of the present year. There was just eleven months, day to day, between the deaths of Bros. Schmitt and Martel.

We ought to add that from the summit of the Temple the Royal Standard and Union Jack floated half-mast as a mark of respect to the deceased brother, whose death is alike regretted by the Masons, Foresters, and Oddfellows, and although he may be most missed by the Masonic Craft, still the members of the other societies, and more especially the members of the Court of Foresters with which he had been so long and so intimately associated, will not forget his worth, and a tribute to perpetuate his memory would indeed be only a just due to one who served his court so faithful and well, and whose deeds will live to recall a name both revered and respected by all in the Order of Foresters who had the pleasure and the honour of his acquaintance. We sympathise with his family in the hour of their affliction, and hope that their loss is his eternal gain.

THE LATE PRINCE CONSORT AND FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Samuel Poynter sends the following extract from Theodore Martin's "Life of the Prince Consort." Vol. IV., page 402:—

"... I will get Alice to read to me the article about Freemasons. It is not likely to contain the whole secret. The circumstance which provokes you only into finding fault with the Order, viz., that husbands dare not communicate the secret of it to their wives, is just one of its best features. If to be able to be silent is one of the chief virtues of the husband, then the test, which puts him in opposition to that being towards whom he constantly shows the greatest weakness, is the hardest of all, and, therefore, the most commendable of virtues, and the wife should not only rejoice to see him capable of withstanding such a test, but should take occasion out of it to vie with him in virtue by taming the inborn curiosity which she inherits from her mother Eve. If the subject of the secret, moreover, be nothing more important than an apron, then every chance is given to virtue on both sides, without disturbing the confidence of marriage, which ought to be complete.—Letter of the Prince Consort to the Princess Royal, 16th March, 1859."

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524, takes place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to-day (Friday). A full report will appear in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to have a busy day on Tuesday, the 10th prox. The Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, has arranged to dedicate the new Masonic Hall of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 856, Lostwithiel, at 9.30 a.m. Then to proceed, in a special train provided for the members, to Fowey, and open the Prov. Grand Lodge, at 11.50 a.m. At 12.30 there is to be a procession to church, the sermon to be preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen. The business programme is a heavy one this time, but, fortunately, the Prov. G.M. is a most able chairman, and, therefore, it is likely the whole arrangements will be duly carried out to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

We are informed that, through the untiring energy and perseverance of Bro. W. T. Clarke, a new lodge, to be named the Burrell Lodge, is about to be started at Shoreham. A petition, influentially signed, and fully recommended by the Prov. G.M. Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., W.M., &c., also by the officers of the Royal York and Southdown Lodges, has been sent to Grand Lodge. Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, P.G.M.C. Devon, to be first W.M.; Bro. Capt. C. R. Burrell, first S.W.; and Bro. Wm. Tunstall Clarke, first J.W. Some of our readers, no doubt, will remember that a lodge, named the Lodge of Harmony, was formerly held at the noted old town of Shoreham, which died out, and was struck off the roll of lodges. We heartily wish our Shoreham brethren success.

The great flower show of the season at the Crystal Palace, was held on Saturday last, with entire success. The exhibits comprised a choice collection from some of the most celebrated florists, and from private sources, the azaleas and roses forming the chief attractions. During the afternoon a concert was given in the Centre Transept by the Crystal Palace Choir, the bands of the Scots Guards, and the Crystal Palace Orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. Manns.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to consent to lay the first stone of the new wing of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West-hill, Putney-heath, on Monday, July 7th.

An effort is being made to obtain admission to the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society for a daughter of the late Mr. Duckett, a reporter on the staff of the *Standard*, who died suddenly from sunstroke last summer. The case is strongly recommended by Sir E. Watkin, M.P., Mr. Alderman Cotton, M.P., Mr. D. Cronin, Mr. W. H. Mudford, Mr. George Kenning (of the *Freemason*), Mr. G. R. Bengough, C.C., Mr. J. Faulkner, C.C., Mr. W. Walford, C.C., and other gentlemen.

The Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.G.S.W. of Leicestershire and Rutland, on Monday last turned the first sod of the new public park near the Abbey ruins, Leicester, in the presence of the members of the corporation and a large concourse of people. The corporation bought the land, which extends about forty acres, and the cost of laying it out will be £10,000.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 6, 1879.

SATURDAY, MAY 31.

House Com. R.M.B.L., at 3.
Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
Chap. 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Red Cross Con. Premier, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Grand Mark Lodge.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4.

Quarterly Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crwdale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Montague J. Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, presided, and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, as D.G.M.; Lord Kensington, M.P., S.G.W.; Major General Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G.C.; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Æ. J. McIntyre, G.C., G. Reg.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G.S. Works; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C.; Geo. Burt, Assistant G.D.C.; Samuel Mullens, G.S.B.; E. Willing, G. Org.; W. Wilson, G.P.; James Kench, Asst. G.P.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; J. Gibb, P.D.G.M., Bombay; Hyde Pallen, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; N. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Francis Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. Adair Pictard, P.G.C.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.B.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G.A. D.C.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; E. Warner Wheeler, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Colonel Chadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; S. L. Tomkins, and James Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication of 5th of March, and of Grand Festival of 30th of April, which were respectively put and confirmed.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 25, &c., rose and said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, before the papers are distributed for the elections which are about to come forward—(cries of "order, order," in the midst of which Bro. Stevens resumed his seat).

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, the first business that I find upon the paper is the appointment of the Grand Tyler. I am sure, brethren, all of you must deeply regret to see the notice that stands at the bottom of the page of the agenda paper, by which we are informed that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne has been taken away from the Craft. We know he worked for many years very actively for the benefit of Freemasonry in this kingdom, and it is a great grief to us to find that he was removed from us almost suddenly. It is my duty now to inform you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed in his place Bro. Henry Sadler. (Loud applause.) I am sure, brethren, that this announcement will meet with your approval, and I beg to call upon him to come up for investment. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Henry Sadler was then introduced, and invested by the Acting Grand Master with the regalia of Grand Tyler amidst loud applause.

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, the next business is the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 25, &c., said: M.W.G.M., before the papers are distributed for the election that is now about to take place, I wish very respectfully to ask whether the sanction of the Board of General Purposes or any section of Grand Lodge has been given to the distribution of lists before the business commences, to the brethren who attend Grand Lodge, with a view apparently, though we cannot positively say so, of biasing the minds of those who are entitled to vote, in favour of those who are known to some friends in the Craft, rather than for any good they have done to the Order. I think that the impropriety of the act itself is quite sufficient to obviate the necessity

for speaking at large on the question. I, therefore, shall content myself by asking whether it is an act which is sanctioned by the Board of General Purposes, or by any section of Grand Lodge, or whether it is their wish that the minds of the brethren should be biased in favour of certain brethren by lists being placed in their hands when they attend Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, said: M.W.G.M., it is within my knowledge as a member of Grand Lodge that on most annual occasions various lists of suggested brethren have been handed about the room, and various ones have been placed in my hands; but in answer to the brother who had just spoken I must say that the Board of General Purposes had no such knowledge in former years of such lists, and with regard to the present they know of none now.

Bro. C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., I think we have a very good precedent indeed for such lists in the principle adopted by the very first institution of this country, and that is the Bank of England. I think it is a very happy thought which has characterised the Grand Lodge of England that a house list should be distributed in order to guide the brethren who may not know (cries of no, no), in order to inform those who are not so well acquainted with the merits of the brethren. (Renewed cries of no, no).

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., I would say this, that I think it would be a very simple matter indeed if every brother when he signs his name and takes his bone before coming into Grand Lodge had delivered to him a voting paper, and every Grand Officer, when he signs his name, should also have a voting paper. I have a strong objection to seeing dozens of papers handed round this Grand Lodge. I know some members get more than one paper, for, unfortunately, on the occasion of the last election there were more votes given than there were brethren in Grand Lodge. If we were to adopt the principle of every brother having a voting paper when he signs his name, that would be remedied.

Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.W.C., then called for the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards, who thereupon delivered voting papers to the brethren. The Scrutineers of Votes, of whom Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., was appointed Chairman, were entrusted, and retired to their room to scrutinise the votes. On their retirement from Grand Lodge,

The M.W.G.M. said: Brethren, I hold in my hand a book which has been presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. R. F. Gould of the names and dates of the Four Old Lodges. I have no doubt several brethren present have heard of it. I personally have looked at it, and I have every reason to believe that it is a volume which will be of great service to the Craft and a valuable addition to the Masonic library. I am sure we heartily thank Bro. Gould for presenting this book to Grand Lodge, and I beg to propose that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Gould for his kind gifts. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. Rawson, acting Dep. G.M.: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I beg to second the motion with great pleasure, as I have known Bro. Gould a great many years, and I know he takes great interest in Freemasonry.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Grand Secretary having read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for March, April, and May, on motions duly made by Bro. J. M. Clabon, and seconded respectively by Grand Treasurer, Bro. Case and Glaisher, the following grants were confirmed:—

Table with 3 columns: Description, £, s. d.
A brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby ... 75 0 0
A brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London ... 50 0 0
A brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London ... 50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich ... 50 0 0
A brother of the Lewis' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate ... 50 0 0
A brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark ... 50 0 0
A brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London ... 100 0 0
A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London ... 50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President. Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th May, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5065 2s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

On the motion of Bro. J. B. Monckton, President, seconded by Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, the report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read.

Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I now move that the report be received and entered on the minutes. Grand Lodge will receive with regret the announcement it makes,

which has already been alluded to by the M.W.G.M. Grand Lodge, however, will be glad to know that the board has nothing to report upon on the ground of any Masonic misbehaviour.

Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst., after the President had quitted the chair,

It was unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Bro. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President.

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-President. Freemasons' Hall, London, 6th May, 1879.

On the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, Vice-President, seconded by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., this report was taken as read.

Bro. Griffiths Smith: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I now propose that the report be received and entered on the minutes, and as Vice-President of the Board it is with great satisfaction I mention that the vote of thanks was proposed and given unanimously to Bro. Rucker, who has been President for the last three years, during which time I have acted under him as Vice-President. In that position I can testify to the merits of Bro. Rucker, and I fully concur in the vote that has been passed.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, I am sorry to say there has been an omission in the proceedings. I should have read the following:—

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER, Vice-President.

(Hear, hear.) I am sure, brethren, that this announcement requires no words from me. Bro. Monckton is, I may say, known to all of you far better than he can be to me; but I know one thing, brethren, that Bro. Monckton's name is not only familiar to the brethren in the Grand Lodge of England, but it is also universally known and respected throughout all the lodges in the provinces, in the Colonies, and in India. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. Rawson, acting Dep. G.M.: M.W.G.M., I beg to second the motion, and I can assure you that no one joins more heartily than I do in expressing esteem for Bro. Monckton.

The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Monckton: M.W.G.M., I beg to thank you and the brethren.

The M.W.G.M. called upon Grand Secretary to read the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Grand Secretary said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is yearly presented to Grand Lodge. There is no action taken on it; no law has to be altered, and consequently nothing can be done further than to present it to Grand Lodge, which accordingly I do now.

On the motion of Sir Albert Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., seconded by Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, the report was received.

Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I beg leave to move

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

This is an annual grant, M.W.G.M., and I think it needless to take up the time of Grand Lodge by doing more than make the motion.

Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence: M.W.G.M. in the chair, the motion of which I have given notice is as follows:—

"That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

I will very briefly state to you the facts relating to the Fund of Benevolence. In the year 1844 that fund amounted to £10,700 Consols. In the years from 1845 to 1868 it had increased at the rate of £860 a year, and then amounted to £20,000 or thereabouts. It will be in the remembrance of Grand Lodge that in the year 1868 a committee was appointed to consider various suggestions for alteration of the management of the Fund of Benevolence. That committee reported, and I may state at once that with one exception all its recommendations were adopted. The exception was this: they recommended that the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence should be divided into three parts; that one of those parts should still be allowed to accumulate for the objects of benevolence: of the other two parts they recommended that one should be given to the children in the Girls' School, and the other to the children in the Boys' School, for the purpose of furthering their prospects in after life on leaving school by apprenticing them, giving

them exhibitions in higher schools, or some objects of that kind. Grand Lodge was pleased on that occasion (I think they had hardly fully considered the proposed application) to decide that with £20,000 only the time had hardly arrived for applying a part of the Fund of Benevolence to any other objects than those of benevolence. After five years, in 1873, the fund had then gone on increasing at a much larger annual rate, at about £1,600 a year, and in the year 1873 it amounted to nearly £40,000. I then renewed the recommendation of the committee of 1868, proposing again a division of the surplus of each year into thirds, and the same application of those thirds. Again Grand Lodge thought the time had not arrived; they thought that a fund of £38,000 was not enough, and they still negatived the proposition. The Fund has now increased at a still larger ratio during the last six years. The first period was £960 a year, the second was £1,600 a year; it has now gone on increasing at the rate of £1,900 a year; and during the last year, 1878, the surplus amounted to no less a sum than £2,889, or say, to £3,000. You may take it, in short, that the Fund at present amounts to £50,000. You have never, during the whole history of the Fund of Benevolence, touched a penny of that accumulated Fund. Now, I would ask you, are you to go on increasing that Fund for ever? (Cries of "No, no," and "Yes.") What is the use of it? It is put into coffers in which no use is made of it; it accumulates in the Bank of England, and is not applied to benevolent purposes. Now for this sum of £50,000. I, having proposed on two former occasions a specific application of a proportion of that annual surplus, and Grand Lodge having negatived it—not, I believe, from any impression that my idea was a bad one, but simply on the ground that the time had not arrived for the proposed application of the Fund—I thought that the step ought to be taken as a tentative one, and that I should merely ask the opinion now of Grand Lodge whether they considered the time had come when they should determine whether or no the accumulation should go on for ever; because, if it is not to stop at £50,000, it may not stop at £100,000, so that you may go on like a miser who puts his gold into a chest for ever, and not make any use of it. I thought if my motion was put in this form, "That it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of the surplus," if you said "Yes, it was expedient," well there is an end of it for the present; if not, then I ought to be prepared to move for a committee to consider the matter, or that I should make a specific proposition to Grand Lodge. To-night my motion embraces this, whether the whole of the surplus of £3,000 a year is to go on accumulating from this time. That being so I have a very strong impression myself that we ought to do some good for Masonry in this our time of prosperity and for future Masonry. I have been this night in consultation with those who understand matters of form better than I do, and the opinion has been expressed that the motion ought to have been more specific—that it ought to involve a direct and intermediate alteration of the Constitutions relating to the Fund of Benevolence. I am convinced that the representations made to me by high authority are the true ones, and it would have been wise in me probably to have consulted higher authorities before I gave my notice; so at this time, with the impression the result of those communications that my notice is rather a bad one from want of form—not, I hope, from want of substance—I propose not to make it on the present occasion; but after consulting with authorities, and having advanced a regular form of notice, I hope to bring it forward on some future occasion before Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B.: M.W.G.M. in the chair. I think that after this matter has been introduced in the way it has been, it is not quite right for our Bro. Clabon to make a statement here in Grand Lodge and then to withdraw his proposition. I must remind brethren that I have a word to say upon this subject.

Sir Albert Woods: I rise to order. There is no question before Grand Lodge.

The M.W.G.M.: I think that Bro. Clabon withdrew his motion.

Bro. James Mason: It think there is a great deal to be said on the other side, M.W.G.M.

Bro. Driscoll: There is a strong feeling expressed in the part of the hall where I am standing that Bro. Clabon should persist in the course he has taken.

The M.W.G.M.: It appears impossible for a brother to make a motion unless he puts his proposal in a proper form, and if he desires to withdraw his motion we cannot force him to bring it on. (After a pause.) Brethren, I am commanded by the Grand Master to announce that he has appointed Bro. Monckton to be President of the Board of General Purposes. I have also great pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness has appointed Bro. J. A. Rucker to be President of the Colonial Board. The result of the elections will be announced at the close of the scrutiny in the Grand Master's Room, and I shall remain there to receive it.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

The following is the result of the election for members of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Colonial Board:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.			
Masters.		Lodge.	Votes.
Bro. William Hope, M.D.,...	...	2	191
" Joseph William Clever	...	171	174
" William Coppard Beaumont	...	26	172
" James Henry Matthews	...	143	172
" John Horne Payne	...	235	164
" George Pitt Lewis	...	165	155
" Lewis William Cave...	...	1610	150
" Edward B. Grabham ..	...	1494	139

Past Masters		Lodge.	Votes.
Bro. J. G. Stevens...	...	554	225
" Henry Charles Levander	...	632	218
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 28th May. A substantial tea à la fourchette was prepared for the brethren at six o'clock in the spacious banqueting room, of which some forty-two partook. At 6.45 the lodge was opened in ancient form, Bro. H. Walley occupying the chair of K.S., supported by the following officers:—Bros. H. H. Warburton, acting S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; J. Senior, J.D.; Geo. F. Smith, I.G.; William Siddeley, Secretary; R. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; H. H. Warburton, P.M., Organist; Joseph Mackie, P.M.; W. D. Waddell, William Livesey, John Studd, and Henry Heap, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. There were also present Bros. William Rome, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; Geo. F. Smith, P.M.; J. Mackie, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Nield, P.M.; H. Child, P.M.; B. Standen, S. Davis, E. Russell, J. A. Gee, J. Clemmey, B. Williams, James Hilton, W. D. Holbrook, Walter Stott, John Studd, J. Collins, Murray Thomson, W. D. Waddell, T. H. Lawton, A. F. Youle, W. Hilton; Visitors, J. A. Berch, 287; C. Hind, 1113 (Preston); A. Turner, 1011; W. C. Tiplady, 345 (Blackburn); E. Fryd, 1009; W. J. Chapman, P.M., 1609; Hudson Lister, W.M. 1011; G. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Drousbey, 1164; W. Dumville, P.M.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Phillip Casper and Mr. Richard Lowe McMillan were severally balloted for and elected to become members of the lodge, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. It is scarcely necessary to remark that the W.M. performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner, and great praise is also due to Bro. A. Heald for his delivery of the charge to both initiates. At the ceremony of initiation Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., seconded, that the meetings of this lodge be adjourned from June to September, which was carried. Bro. Salmon next proposed, and Bro. J. Mackie seconded, that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the annual picnic, which was to be self-supporting. This was also carried, and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in solemn prayer, and the brethren assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bros. Lowe and Casper briefly acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by three of their number. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings throughout were enlivened by some good singing by Bros. Lister, Dumville, Standing, Greenwood, Heald, Senior, &c., the meeting terminating about eleven.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonty, P.M. (Freemason); J. Featon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Borrowscale, J. C. Nicholson, T. Mason, S. Thwaite, J. Towers, and others. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. Carruthers gave evidence of his proficiency, claimed preferment, was instructed, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carruthers was regularly passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W., whilst the S.W. delivered the charge incidental to the degree, and the lodge having been closed down, the Treasurer explained the first tracing board. Finally the lodge was closed in form.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—This lodge held its principal meeting of the year

in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the afternoon of the 29th ult., and it is worthy of note to remark that nearly every member of the lodge was present, in order to show their appreciation of the brother who was that day to be elected to the highest and most honourable position in the lodge. Bro. Thos. Longmire, the W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. Duff, I.P.M.; W. Longmire, S.W. (W.M. elect); K. A. Stansfeld, J.W.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; W. W. Wilde, S.D.; R. Bannister, J.D.; J. L. Gorton, Org.; A. Poole, I.G.; Bingham and Brown, Stewards; and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. Amongst the other members were Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E.; C. H. Garnett, P.M., P.G.S.W.; H. Longman, P.M. 1051; E. Cardwell, W.M. 281; J. J. Croskell, J.W. 281; A. E. Brayshay, T. Thornton, H. Hartley, S.D. 1353; Geo. Knipe, T. Tidswell, J. Hutton, and J. Schofield. Amongst the visitors who were present on the occasion were Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M., and W. Parker, J.W. 1353; W. J. Sly, P.P.G.J.D.; J. E. Hannah, 1051; James Hatch, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M.; Ed. Simpson, P.M., P.G. Pars.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M.; W. Bagnall, P.M.; W. Warbrick, S.W.; John Atkinson, S.D. 281 (Freemason); S. Hall, I.G. 1070; and W. Pyrah, 600. The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. elect—Bro. William Longmire—was duly presented and installed into his office by Bro. Dr. Moore in a very marked, impressive, and efficient style. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. T. Longmire, I.P.M.; K. A. Stansfeld, S.W.; W. W. Wilde, J.W.; R. Hartley, Treas.; G. Bingham, Sec.; R. Bannister, S.D.; A. P. Poole, J.D.; J. L. Gorton, Org.; J. Hutton and T. Thornton, Stewards; and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. The Installing Master inducted each brother to his office, and then gave the customary address to the W.M. and I.P.M., Bro. Longman that to the Wardens, and Bro. John Hatch to the brethren, and after the transaction of other business, including a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, the lodge was closed. The whole of the brethren and visitors then adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel, where the installation banquet was spread in a profuse and liberal manner, the menu including most of the delicacies of the season. The newly-invested W.M. presided, supported by Past Officers and visitors, the duties of vice-chair being ably discharged by Bro. H. A. Stansfeld, who was supported by the junior officers of the lodge and other members. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M." "The Pro. G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," and "P.G.P.M. and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," having been duly honoured. Bro. Duff briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M." which was received with acclamation. Bro. W. Longmire, who was very heartily received, after thanking the company for the cordial way in which the toast had been received, said it had been his ambition, ever since he joined the lodge and became a Mason, to work his way to the chair which he then filled. He remembered that it was only some few years ago since he returned thanks in that room as one of the junior officers of the lodge, and he recollected making the remark on that occasion that he would not rest satisfied till he had attained to the principal office in the lodge. Now that he had attained the object of his desires, it would always be his endeavour to promote the welfare of Masonry and work up the lodge to the best of his skill and ability. They had heard rumours as to the probability of a very important Masonic gathering coming off in Morecambe during the ensuing summer, and they might rely that anything he could do to bring that about would be done, and so far as the efficiency of his lodge might be concerned he should strive his best to bring it to the highest point of excellence. He had the better assurance for saying that from the fact that he knew they had a Past Master in Bro. Moore who only needed to be asked in order to give them any information, and than whom no one could be better qualified to give them instruction in Masonic matters. He hoped during the coming year to so conduct the lodge as to meet with the approbation of both members and visitors, and should always feel glad to see plenty of the latter present, his great endeavour being to fill the office with credit to the lodge and no less to himself. The Chairman concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Moore, the Installing Officer," in very eulogistic terms, whom they were justly entitled to look upon as the founder of their lodge. Bro. Moore, in responding, gave some well timed and judicious advice to the brethren on Masonic matters, and before sitting down paid a high compliment to the retiring Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Thomas Longmire, who, he said, "retired from the chair of the lodge with honour, credit, good-will, and the sympathy of all the brethren," a sentiment which was most heartily applauded. He concluded by saying that the lodge had deputed to him the pleasing task of handing to the Worshipful Master a Past Master's jewel, with a request that he would affix it to the breast of his father and predecessor in office. The Chairman, in performing this pleasing duty, said he had great pleasure in doing so, and hoped the I.P.M. would live long to wear it. Bro. T. Longmire, in a few brief sentences, feelingly acknowledged the gift, and said that if his services to the lodge had been appreciated by the members he was well paid for any services rendered. The jewel is a very handsome one, the emblem representing symbolically the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid. On the reverse side was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. Longmire, P.M., by the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his services as W.M. of the lodge. May 29th, 1879." The remaining toasts, usual at a Masonic gathering, were then given, the several duties being entrusted to Bros. Bagnall, E. Simpson, Jas. Hatch, and John Hatch, and responded to by the several officers whose names were included therein. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed on the motion of Bro. Moore, to Bro. W. Stephenson, for his past services as Secretary of

the lodge, but who had been obliged to relinquish the office on account of public duties. In the course of the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th ult., when there was a fairly numerous attendance of brethren, the visitors especially mustering in strong force. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., opened the lodge at half-past two o'clock prompt, and amongst those present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; John Atkinson, Sec.; Frank Emery, J.D.; J. Pyer, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The private members of the Dramatic Lodge present were Bros. S. Mattison, T. J. Avann, W. M. Armand, A. Allan, W. Addis, L. B. Brough, C. Burby, C. Courtenay, C. Campion, J. W. Collinson, W. Hildyard, W. Heap, H. Holden, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, James Keet, L. Y. Lablache, G. Martin, J. Penney, H. Round, J. L. Shrapnell, R. Williams, Webster Williams, and others. The visitors included Bros. John Dewhurst, Weston, Messenger, Maddox, Griffiths, Prince, and others. After the minutes of the previous regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Collinson was passed to the rank of F.C., and Bros. Allan and Addis were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The brethren subsequently banqueted, under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening various songs and recitations were given by Bros. Webster Williams, L. B. Brough, J. Dewhurst, Prince, Allan, Griffiths, and others, the accompaniments to the songs being played by Bros. R. Burgess, Org., and Collinson.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1933).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 28th May. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. J. D. Brickles) at 5.15 p.m. There was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bro. G. Mellor, G.S.D., Very Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of East Lancashire; Bros. P. Royle, M.D., P.P.G.S.D.; John Chadwick, P.G., Secretary; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; — Magee, W.M., 548; — Steyermann, 1180; J. Buckley, W.M. 1218; J. Heys, P.M. 1218; Rev. J. E. Roberts, S.W. 1218; W. Jaffray, S.W. 152; W. Blackie, J.D. 152; J. Lane, W.M. 764; Ernest Link, P.M. 633; — Jones, P.M. 1496; — Sutcliffe, J.D. 204; — Mac Ilwrick, S.W. 350; — Harrap, 152; J. Meyer, 1791; — Frith, 1496, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Four candidates were proposed, balloted for, and accepted. Mr. Isaac Thomas George, a native of Sierra Leone, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Afterwards Mr. John Edgar was initiated by the I.P.M. (Bro. W. Leigh), and Mr. Samuel Horatio St. Austin by the W.M. The lodge adjourned from labour to refreshment, and, on resuming Masonic duties, Mr. John Aitchison was initiated by the W.M. The working tools were presented to the four candidates by Bro. Whittaker, J.W. Hearty good wishes were cordially expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9 p.m. About 60 brethren assembled round the festive board under the presidency of Bro. J. D. Brickles, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured, Bro. Brickles called upon the brethren to "fill to a bumper." This having been done, he proceeded to give a toast, which he was sure would be heartily appreciated by all present, it being that of the "Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master." He considered that their lodge, now in its third year, was highly honoured by having as their guest Bro. George Mellor, who, in consequence of his health, was not often able to be present at the festive board. He (the W.M.) felt quite sure that not only the members of the Avon Lodge, but the visiting brethren also, were glad to meet their esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, by his genial and brotherly disposition, had gained a prominent position in the hearts and affections of the whole province. Bro. Mellor was always ready to assist in any good work which would tend to promote the interests of the Craft and the welfare of mankind in general. He, therefore, had pleasure in asking them to drink to the health of their V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The toast was warmly received and the honours enthusiastically given. Bro. A. T. Forrest (Athenæum Dramatic Society) recited in a masterly manner, and by special request, a poem entitled the "Ivy and the Bell." Bro. Mellor, on rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He regretted that he was compelled to leave them rather hurriedly as he had to catch an early train, he, however, felt compelled to say a few words of thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received amongst them, and, at the same time, to express his gratification at the very correct and able manner in which the ceremonial had been performed. He congratulated the lodge on possessing such an efficient W.M., as well as such excellent Past Masters and officers, who, one and all, seemed to be thoroughly up to the work required of them. As his time was up he wished them all a very pleasant evening, and hoped at some future time, not far distant, to repeat his visit. After Bro. Mellor had retired, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," which was cordially received. Bro. Isaac T. George first responded, Bro. Edgar expressed his gratification on being admitted a member of the Craft, of which he had for a long time formed a favourable opinion. Bros. S. Austin and Aitchison also responded. The next toast, "The Visitors," was proposed by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M. He said that no doubt there were two reasons why there was so large a gathering on that occasion, the first

was the pleasure which every brother felt in meeting their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the other was the extent, as well as the novelty, in some respects, of the work upon the circular. It was somewhat of a rarity to initiate a coloured gentleman, but he was glad that it had fallen to their lot to do so, in this case, as he felt sure Bro. George would prove a worthy Mason. He was pleased to see so many distinguished visitors present, such, for instance, as their old friend, Dr. Royle, and the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Chadwick), who, he was sorry to say, had been compelled to leave early; also their indefatigable Bro. Sillitoe, and so many other brethren of distinction. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Royle, in reply, congratulated the lodge on its continued prosperity. He had been very much interested in the ceremonies that evening, one of which proved the spirit of Masonry to be irrespective of either creed or colour, and that the great Catholic sentiment of order and truth prevailed in its ranks, which he trusted would permeate over the entire globe, and shed its influence upon all sects and nations. Bro. Sillitoe also replied, and complimented the W.M. on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation for the first time. He (Bro. Sillitoe) felt some interest in the progress of the lodge, as he had assisted at its consecration. It gave him great pleasure to visit them from time to time, and witness their admirable working. What he had seen that evening satisfied him that in the hands of the present W.M. and his able officers the lustre of the lodge would not diminish, but that their well-earned reputation would continue to increase. Bro. St. Austin convulsed the audience with a comical ditty. Afterwards the S.W. (Bro. Painter) proposed "The Health of the W.M.," evidencing the interest Bro. Brickles took in the lodge by the fact that he frequently travelled from London purposely to attend the meeting, returning the same night. The W.M. replied, and stated that although he had been resident in London for some years, he considered Manchester his home, and he rejoiced at the opportunity of attending the meetings of his lodge to meet some of his oldest personal friends. Bro. Stephenson with a comic song met with the usual reception. Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treasurer, officiated as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. F. Stanislaus presided at the pianoforte, much to the enjoyment of all present. The Tyler's toast was given at 10.50.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; A. McMillan, J.W.; J. Diggs, man, J.D.; C. Lorkin, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec., and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Olley being the candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McMillan seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. T. Slater proposed, and Bro. A. McMillan seconded, that Bro. W. Woodward, of Temple Bar Lodge, 1728, be a member of this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Jamaica.

ROYAL LODGE (No. 207).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at Kingston, on the 5th ult., the principal business being the installation of the Master elect and officers for the ensuing year—all ordinary work was postponed. Bro. J. Thirlwall, Senior Warden and Master elect was introduced by Wor. Bro. M. Dias, and installed by Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, retiring Master, assisted by a number of Past Masters. The appointment and investment of officers were then proceeded with as follows: Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, I.P.M.; Bros. E. X. Leon, S.W.; W. Duß, J.W.; J. N. Aguilar, Treasurer; J. M. Simpson, Secretary; R. J. Macpherson, S.D.; S. A. Iffa, J.D.; W. Ryder, I.G.; E. Simpson and H. Demercudo, Stewards; G. Magnus, Tyler. At the close of the installation, and after the officers had returned thanks, Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, I.P.M., read and presented a report of the affairs of the lodge during his administration, showing that he held 25 lodges, initiated 18 candidates, passed 18, and raised 16 brethren; thus adding several members to the roll, which now numbers 70. He had the pleasure of handing over to his successor the sum of £226 in cash and good securities; this, placed against the amount received by his administration, showed a net increase of £84, after dispensing charity to the extent of £27, and paying the working expenses to date. He also reported that during the year he received an official visit from Dr. R. Hamilton, R.W.D.G. Master, and his officers, and that they were pleased to express their entire satisfaction at the admirable manner in which the books were kept, and the general working gone through. The report having been received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, a vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Sargeant, and his administration, and it was unanimously resolved "That a testimonial be procured and presented by this lodge to the Wor. George James Sargeant, as a mark of appreciation of his services, and a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren of this lodge." The lodge having been closed, the brethren, numbering over 100, adjourned to the refreshment room, where a splendid banquet was provided. The attention paid to the visitors by the members of the Royal Lodge rendered the evening a most enjoyable one, the brethren separating at 2.30 next morning.

HAMILTON LODGE (No. 1440).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Lodge Rooms in Spanish Town, on the 7th ult. There was a goodly number of Past Masters and members of the sister lodges present. The following is a list of the officers forming the administration Wor. Bro. W. G. McFarlane, W.M.; Bros. A. G. French, S.W.; C. T. Sanguisette, J.W.; W. D. Byles, Treas.; J. F. Rickards, Sec.; G. Levy, S.D.; C. M. L. Kerr, J.D.; C. J. James, I.G.; J. Dedcon, Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which every one enjoyed himself.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

NEW WORKS ON FREEMASONRY.

I am very pleased to see that Bro. Lamony is about to issue a history of the Craft in Cumberland and Westmoreland from 1740 (according to the veteran Mason, Bro. Tweddell), and I trust that other provinces will be privileged to find members who will continue the good work. The history of certain lodges, and of all old provinces, is a most useful and necessary work, and our esteemed Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," with the valuable lists of lodges from 1723, will enable brethren willing to look up their lodge histories to trace all such of the "moderns" from 1723 to the "Union."

W. J. HUGHAN.

BODE, JOHANN J. C.—He played a considerable part in German Freemasonry towards the latter part of the last century. He was born at Brunswick in 1730, and died at Weimar in 1793, where his grave lies between Lukas Cranach and Musäus, with this inscription: "Restless and courageous he sought after truth, enlightenment, the welfare of humanity." He was made a Mason at Hamburg, in 1761, in the Absalom Lodge, and aided to constitute the Tempel der Ewigkeit Lodge, at Hildesheim, in 1763. In 1764 he joined the Strict Observance, and was for some years a warm supporter of it. He met at the Convent of Wilhelmsbad, in 1782, Baron von Knigge, and was introduced by him into the Illuminati Order. He afterwards became as zealous an opponent of the Strict Observance as he had previously been in its favour, and took part in forming a "Bund" or Union of German Freemasonry. His utility was, however, marred by his unreal and unhistorical theory of the Jesuit origin of Freemasonry, now entirely given up, however at one time, in the interests of the House of Stuart, these astute intriguers may have endeavoured to make use of Freemasonry. He was a man of attainments and ability, and a friend of Lessing's, and published many translations and works both at Hamburg and Weimar. His was an adventurous life. He began as a musician in the Brunswick army, he then joined the Hanoverian service, and published some musical compositions. He then went to Hamburg, where he became first a teacher of languages, and then a bookseller. He married three wives, and outlived them all, and seems to have had much family unhappiness and misfortune. From 1778 to 1793, the date of his death, he remained at Weimar, devoting himself to literature, finding a friendly patroness in the widow of the well-known and eminent statesman Von Bernstorff. He translated Bonneville's "Les Jesuites chassés," etc., and was editor from 1776 and 1793 of the "Almanach für die Br. Freimaurer." Kloss mentions several controversial pamphlets of his. Lenning and the "Handbuch" tell us that he died a "Geheimrath" of Hesse Darmstadt. Thory says he was an "Aulic Counsellor."—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

MASONS, COMPANY OF.—Is one of the Livery Companies of London, but not one of the twelve great ones. In the reign of Edward III., however, it was represented in the council. The company had a coat of arms granted them by Wm. Hawkeslowe, Clarenceux King of Arms, in the fourth of Edward IV., 1464, confirmed by Thomas Benett, alias Clarenceux Kyng of Armes of the South, in the twelfth year of King Henry VIII., 1521, and entered by Henry St. George Richmond, 1634. See "Arms of Freemasonry." It is doubtful, somewhat, when this company was actually incorporated by Royal Charter. It has been said, not until the reign of Charles II. Ashmole mentions a meeting in the hall in Basinghall-street in 1684; but the minutes of the company do not refer to it, and Ashmole was not a member of the company. It was, in our opinion, entirely distinct from the "Society of Freemasons," though many of the Freemasons mentioned by Ashmole as present at the meeting in Basinghall-street were members of the Masons' Company. Indeed the fact that they were members of the Masons' Company, and yet admitted into the "Fellowship" in Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, is a proof to our mind that the two associations were entirely distinct. No record of such meeting exists in the books of the company, and the Masons' Company did not dine that day or that year at the Hall-Moon, Cheapside. Indeed, when we come to look into Ashmole's words critically, it is plain, we think, that at that memorable meeting two events took place,—first, that he himself, as he says, was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasonry; and secondly, that several other persons were admitted into Freemasonry. In what Ashmole's admission consisted, we are not told. He calls himself the "Senior Fellow" among them (his terminology being neither very critical nor correct). He probably means no more than this: that he was the oldest Freemason actually amongst those present. Whether Ashmole was admitted to what we call the Second Degree, or Third Degree, is impossible, we apprehend, to say; though, following the evidence of the Scottish Minute Books as far as they are decisive on the subject, as we have so far no available English evidence of that date,

we should be inclined to say Fellow of Craft. The "Fellows" appear to be indifferently used. The accepted "Fellows" seem to have been nine in number. The allusion to William Wise, Master of the Company in 1684, which is historically correct, proves that there was an essential difference between the two associations—the one being the Masons' or Freemasons' Company, the other the "Society of Freemasons," to which "Worshipful Society of Freemasons of the City of London" Robert Padgett Clerk belonged who transcribed the Antiquity MS. in 1686, and who, we are assured by competent authority, did not belong to, nor is his name to be found in the books of, the Masons' Company. We then come to the conclusion that the Masons' Company was one thing, the Society of Freemasons, like those lodges mentioned by Dr. Plot as existing in Staffordshire in 1786, quite separate and sui generis.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HEGARTY.

We take the following from the *Ceylon Times* of the 24th April:—

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. John Hegarty, the manager of the Colombo Gas Works, which occurred very suddenly early yesterday morning. Bro. Hegarty's health has never been strong since the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the island; the worry, anxiety, and exposure to the heat he then experienced in superintending the illuminating of the city in honour of the occasion culminating in an attack of typhoid fever, which completely prostrated him for a while, and permanently weakened his constitution. For some months back he had been contemplating a voyage home to recruit his health, and had made arrangements, we believe, to leave early next month. On Saturday, however, he felt so ill that he took to his bed, but was not considered to be in danger. On Monday he appeared to be much better, and decided to move from his rooms at the gas works the next day to a friend's bungalow in the Cinnamon Gardens. About four a.m., however, he was found dead in his bed. Bro. Hegarty was 39 years of age, and his death will be deeply deplored by all who knew him. He was a man of the strictest integrity, assiduous in the discharge of his professional duties, and extremely popular from his many genial qualities. He was a most accomplished and conscientious Mason withal, and not only held the rank of Past Master, but was also one of the principal officers of the recently-established Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon. The great respect and esteem in which he was held was testified yesterday by the large and representative assembly at his funeral, amongst those present being Bros. Captain Gorman, P.G.M., Ceylon; J. Maitland, D.P.G.M.; and about 30 or 40 of the brethren, together with many of our leading citizens. The pall-bearers were—Mr. R. Tatham, Mr. Grinlinton, Captain Gorman, Mr. Cantuelli, Mr. E. B. Creasy, Mr. Guthrie, Dr. Tyner, and Mr. Wardrop. There were also present, amongst others, Mr. Hugh Neville, Mr. E. C. Britton, Mr. E. C. Davies, Mr. A. O. Joseph, Mr. Ludovici, Mr. Vanderstraaten, &c., &c. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. W. F. Kelly, Colonial Chaplain. Bro. Hegarty leaves a widow and three children, who are in England.

Mrs. Hegarty is now residing in Croydon, and she is very anxious to get one or two of her children into the Masonic Schools. No doubt, when the circumstances of the case are made known to the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness will interest himself in the matter. Masons in Croydon, as indeed they are everywhere, are always energetic in aiding those entrusted to their care, and probably no case more pathetically appeals to them than this. Bro. Matthew Pratt, of Brigstock House, Thornton Heath, has, in the kindest manner, offered to use his influence, which, we need scarcely say, is, in a Masonic sense, most valuable.—*Croydon Guardian*.

BRO. CHARLES H. PULHAM, UNA LODGE, No. 773, NEW YORK.

The soul of this worthy and highly-esteemed brother quitted its earthly tenement for the Grand Lodge above on Tuesday, the 13th ult. The event has cast a gloom and a very saddening influence over our American brethren as well as many friends at Warrington and Frome, by all of whom the deceased was regarded with affection. His upright walk in life, dignified courtesy, and gentlemanly bearing combined to render him also a general favourite. Bro. Pulham was originally educated by his father for the Church, but, this idea being abandoned, he adopted the profession of a teacher, and was for some years with a brother well known to our readers, Bro. John Bwes, of Warrington. After leaving Warrington, he accepted a mastership at Shoreham College, Sussex. In 1870 Bro. Pulham emigrated to America and embarked in the profession of journalism, first in connection with the *New York Express*, and afterwards with the *Times*, of which paper he was the city editor for nearly seven years, and till his death. In 1877 our brother was elected president of the Press Club, a position both of honour and responsibility. The *New York Times* thus refers to the deceased: "As a journalist he was distinguished by a keen appreciation of news, untiring energy and marked executive ability. In his personal relations Bro. Pulham illustrated the best traits of the old English stock from which he sprang. Honourable, manly, and genial, he made friends readily, and retained them tenaciously. His tastes ran in natural history, but his duties left him little time to pursue them." His Masonic career is one which especially concerns us. After filling various offices in the Una Lodge, he was in December last unanimously elected its Worshipful Master, and in that

position fully maintained his popularity. In the lodge he earnestly exhorted his brethren ever to remember that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and that the most apparently trivial incidents in the ceremonies had their deep and hidden meanings. Masonry, he was wont to say, is not a mere matter of secret ceremonies, it is something far higher and holier than these. A man may have attained to the highest honours the Craft can bestow, and be perfectly up in all its lore and working, and yet be as far from being a Freemason as he was before his initiation. The rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry are essential to its existence—they form the outworks whereby its treasures are, as they ought to be, guarded from the unworthy, and, therefore, cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with; but Masonry exists in the heart, and is composed of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and that heavenly consummation of all virtues, charity, so beautifully explained in the Volume of the Sacred Law, as "bearing all things, hoping all things, believing all things, enduring all things, and thinking no evil," and it is to the practice of this virtue that our Masonic efforts should ever tend, not only in its common acceptance of pecuniary relief, but as embracing true brotherly love to the full extent inculcated in the sacred writings. Initiation alone never did, nor never can make a man a true Mason; it gives the key, but the mere possession of the key does not constitute ownership of the treasure; it sows the seed, but unless the soil be good, and carefully cultivated, fruit will not be produced; it opens the portal, but unless the road be traversed the goal cannot be attained; it lays the foundation, but without labour the superstructure cannot be raised. Bro. Pulham died of consumption, although the doctors assured him recently that he had a "sound pair of English lungs." He had been ailing since Christmas last, but had resumed his editorial duties early in May. He was found dead in his bed on the 13th ult. Alluding to this fact, there are lines in the *New York Mail*, of which the following is the closing verse:—

"Unlike the common fate of men,
He died alone, yet not alone—
For ministering angels took him then
Before his Lord and Master's throne."

His funeral took place on the 15th ult., from St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway. For an hour before the service the "casket" containing the body remained in the vestibule of the church, and the lid being thrown back, such of his friends as desired to take a last look at his features were permitted to do so. A large number of journalists, brethren of the mystic tie, official personages, and others assembled on this occasion. The first-named numbered at least two hundred. Among the beautiful floral decorations with which the "casket" was covered was a large scroll of white camellias, roses, lilies of the valley, white carnations, and spirea; the ends of the floral rod from which the scroll depended were of pansies. On the face of the scroll were the words "Well done." This was a tribute from the editorial staff of the *Times*. A conspicuous emblem was a broken column of white carnations twined with simlax and rosebuds, sent by and bearing the initials of the New York Press Club. A floral star and wreath inclosing Masonic emblems bore the name of Una Lodge. Besides this there was a pillow of white flowers, crossed by a quill pen, wreaths and bouquets from other friends. On the lid of the "casket" also lay the Masonic apron and jewels of the dead Master. The service was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which was rendered chorally. As a last sad tribute of respect our brother was interred in Greenwood Cemetery, with Masonic rites, according to ancient form. The ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. J. Wallace McWhinnie, the W.M. of Montgomery Lodge, assisted by the officers and brethren of the Una Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524.)

At the last meeting of the Grand Chapter a charter was granted for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-Street, the consecration of which took place on Friday, the 30th ultimo.

Comp. William Stephens, Z. 874, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, was the consecrating officer, and he was ably assisted by Comp. H. G. Buss, Past Grand Standard Bearer, acting as H. Comp.; John Hervey, Grand Scribe, E. as J.; and Comp. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The three principals named in the Charter were Comps. William Henry Lee, P.M. 975, and 1524, Z.; Neville Green, W.M. 1524, H.; and Thomas Charles Chapman, P.M. 1524, Z., 192, J.

After the Chapter had been formally opened, the M.E.Z. Comp. William Stephens delivered the inaugural address, and said: "We are met here to-day for the purpose of consecrating this R.A. Chapter, and I must apologise if I fail to carry out the work according to usual precedent, or with that solemnity which is customary on occasions of this kind. Greatly as I esteem the honour of assisting in the duties of the R.A. degree, I cannot forget the solemn duties I have undertaken in endeavouring to render this ceremony acceptable to you, and in accordance with the sublime precepts it teaches. It affords me great pleasure in rendering my humble services to the members of this proposed new chapter; and I should have felt most diffident had I been alone to-day, but having the able assistance of the Grand Scribe E., and that of Comp. Buss, P.G.S.B., I have no doubt they will keep me in the right path, and remind me if I stray from what is the usual course on occasions like the present. R.A. Masonry has always

been to me most attractive; it is the most august, sublime, and more important than all the degrees which precede it. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of the Supreme Grand High Priest of our salvation, who is without beginning of days or ending of life, and forcibly reminds us of that reverence which is due to His Most Holy Name. In this degree matters of great importance in Freemasonry are brought to light after being lost for a period of nearly 500 years, and without a knowledge of which no student in this degree can become proficient. I therefore hope all who enter this chapter as members will appreciate its teachings, that the officers will diffuse its principles, and that in after years we may find it bearing good fruit. With these remarks I am sure I shall receive the support of the companions who are present in assisting us to carry out these duties with propriety and decorum.

The petition and charter were then read by Comp. W. H. Brand, acting Scribe E., and the companions formally approved of the officers named therein.

Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., then said that having been called upon rather unexpectedly and at a late period to take part in the proceedings of the day he was not prepared with a lengthened oration. He reminded the companions that when he first entered Royal Arch Masonry very great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a charter for a new chapter, and in almost every case the petition formed the subject of much discussion and contention in Grand Chapter. In fact, unless a lodge had a large number of members, and was strong in influence, it was impossible to succeed with the petition; but in the present day there was a continual increase in the number of new chapters, for when nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons signed a petition, and the lodge had been a certain time in existence, the charter was granted almost as a matter of course. In times gone by the chapter was more closely attached to a lodge than in the present day; in fact the charter was then considered in a great degree as belonging to the lodge in which the chapter was attached; but this had gradually changed, for the reason that in starting a chapter it was very difficult, except in special cases, to obtain from a young lodge a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to form a chapter. You could not always find three qualified installed Masters to occupy the chairs, and competent brethren to fill the other offices. Another reason for the severance of this alliance was that, unless a lodge had a large number of members it could not of itself feed a chapter, which required a continual influx of new blood to supply the places of those members who resigned or dropped out from various causes. Hence it was that, as a rule, chapters gradually lost their connection with the lodges from which they derived their number and their origin. Thus it was that, as time progressed, the number of Royal Arch Chapters had steadily increased, and he had great pleasure in attending to-day, to assist Comp. Stephens in consecrating the Duke of Connaught Chapter, thus adding another to the long roll of chapters on the register of the Grand Chapter of England. He had every confidence in the Principals who were to be installed to-day, and he felt sure that every effort would be made by all the members of the chapter to render the ceremony of the Royal Arch degree in a manner befitting its importance and solemnity, for if this was not strictly attended to the ceremony would be deprived of all its beauty, besides being perfectly unintelligible to the candidate.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, after which Comp. Stephens installed Comp. William Henry Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524, as M.E.Z., Comp. Neville Green, W.M. 1524, as H., and Comp. Thomas Charles Chapman, P.M. 1524, W.M. Elect 869, Z. 192, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. W. H. Brand, S.W. 1524, as Scribe E., Comp. R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194, as Scribe N., and Comp. Elias Somers, P.M. 1603, as P.S. Comp. Marsh was elected Janitor.

A vote of thanks was cordially given to the Consecrating Officers, and Comps. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E.; Henry G. Buss, Past Grand Standard Bearer; and Wm. Stephens, P.Z., &c., &c., were unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter.

A long list of candidates for exaltation was read by Comp. Brand, acting Scribe E., after which chapter was closed until Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the first regular meeting will be held.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Comp. Frederick H. Cozens and Theodore Distlo.

The brethren then adjourned to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. Clemow's best style, after which the usual list of toasts was proceeded with.

Comp. William Henry Lee, M.E.Z., said: I now rise to propose the toast which at all our Masonic gatherings invariably takes precedence, it is "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," may she live long to reign over us, and may the remainder of her reign be characterised by increased prosperity in the country, happiness and contentment among all classes of her subjects, and peace throughout the extent of her vast dominions. I give you "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., said: The next toast I have to introduce to your notice is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons, but this evening we drink his health as the First Grand Principal of the Order of Royal Arch Masons. The great interest His Royal Highness takes in Freemasonry is well known to all the companions present, and when we consider the multifarious duties His Royal Highness is called upon to perform both at home and abroad, and the very able manner he discharges those duties among all classes of society, we must acknowledge that the Craft is deeply indebted to His Royal Highness for devoting so much time and attention to the interests of Freemasonry. At one time we have His Royal Highness visiting the subjects of Her Majesty in a far distant country, and performing his

Masonic duties among our brethren in the East; at another time we find him busily engaged in promoting the success of an International Exhibition across the Channel; to-day, perhaps, performing the social duties of his position among the highest and noblest in the land, while to-morrow may find him interesting himself in promoting the welfare and the benefit of the humblest classes. May he be spared to us for many years, and may he in conjunction with his amiable wife, the Princess of Wales, the beloved of her adopted country, long continue to enjoy every happiness.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z.: I have now to propose, for your acceptance, the next toast, which is that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Most of the companions present have had the pleasure and the privilege of witnessing the able manner in which the Earl of Carnarvon presides over Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and the great tact and ability he displays in the fulfilment of his important duties. His zeal for Freemasonry is an earnest that he takes the greatest interest in the Order, the prosperity of which he is ever ready to further. Lord Skelmersdale devotes a great deal of time and attention to Freemasonry, and officiates in a very able manner in the occasional absence of Lord Carnarvon. We have with us this evening two distinguished Grand Officers, whom I am very pleased and proud to welcome among us, I allude to our Comps. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., and Buss, Past Grand Standard Bearer, to both of whom we are very much indebted for their attendance here to-day. They are always ready and willing to render every possible assistance either in Craft or Arch Masonry, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings of the companions present when I express the hope that they be spared for many years to assist the Craft with their counsel and advice.

Comp. Hervey, Grand Scribe E., in returning thanks for the Grand Officers, expressed the high opinion he entertained of the Pro Grand Z., who was so kindly and genial in his manner as to render him beloved by all who knew him. Lord Skelmersdale deserved well of the Craft for his zealous exertions in its behalf, while the rest of the Grand Officers were ever ready to assist the Craft with their counsel and advice.

Comp. Stephens, P.Z., &c.: In the absence of a Past Principal, the duty devolves on me of proposing the health of the M.E.Z. I have known him in Freemasonry for a considerable time, and know how capable he is to fulfil the duties of the Principal's chair in this chapter. I know he is surrounded by many companions who entertain the kindest of feelings towards him, or they would not have placed him in the proud position he occupies. I have no diffidence in submitting this toast, feeling assured it will be received in the same spirit in which it is proposed. Therefore, I offer for your acceptance the name of Comp. Lee, wishing him health and strength during the year so as to perform the arduous duties of his office, and that he may long be spared to be associated with the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to see the fulfilment of his earnest desire, viz., the future prosperity of this chapter. I propose "The Health of Comp. Lee, M.E.Z."

Comp. William Henry Lee, M.E.Z., said that he fully appreciated the very kind manner in which Comp. Stephens had proposed his health, although he was very diffident with regard to his ability to carry out the duties of the important position he had undertaken, by accepting which he felt that a great responsibility had devolved upon him. In occupying the first chair of the Duke of Connaught Chapter this evening, his mind reverted to the time when he was installed, some four years since, as first W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, and he could not help calling to mind some well-known faces present on that occasion, but who had since gone from amongst us. The lodge was consecrated by the late Bro. Little, and Bro. John Boyd and John Emmeus, Past Grand Officers, were present on that occasion, as also Bro. Charles Payne, the late Grand Tyler, all of whom had gone to their long home. He should endeavour by a faithful discharge of his duties to merit the confidence reposed in him.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z.: I now rise to propose a toast, which I may fairly designate as the toast of the evening, it is "The Consecrating Officers." I need hardly say how much we are indebted to those distinguished companions for the very able manner in which the ceremony of consecration has been carried out, to say nothing of the installation ceremonies so efficiently worked by Comp. Stephens. Comp. Stephens has carried out the duties allotted to him most admirably, and he has been ably seconded by Comp. Hervey, who so kindly came forward to assist in carrying out the duties of the consecration. We have also had the advantage of the helping hand of Comp. Buss, who is one of those genial companions we invariably appeal to when we get into difficulty or require assistance in Masonic matters; indeed there is scarcely a lodge or a chapter in the London district that is not indebted to Comp. Buss for some advice kindly given, or assistance considerably rendered at some period or another. On my own behalf, and on behalf of the founders of the chapter, I tender to the Consecrating Officers our sincere thanks for the very valuable services they have rendered to us this day.

Comp. William Stephens, M.E. P.Z., &c.: I thank you very sincerely for the very kind remarks made by you in proposing the toast of the Consecrating Officers. Individually I thank you very much for the manner in which the toast has been proposed, and also the companions generally for the kind reception which it met with at their hands, and I am more than grateful if my poor services have met with your approval. I assure you, Most Excellent that on receiving your invitation to consecrate the chapter, I felt very much flattered by the wish expressed by you on behalf of the companions; but having never before undertaken the important duties of Consecrating

Officer, I hesitated at first to comply with the request, but knowing that I was well acquainted with the majority of the founders, and that my failings would be overlooked, I consented, although with a little anxiety, particularly as some difficulty was experienced in finding a companion to act as Chaplain. However, Ex. Comp. Hervey, with his usual kindness, came to our assistance, but without his aid and that of Comp. Buss, I fear I should have signally failed in carrying out the duties to your satisfaction. However, I am pleased that this day's proceedings have been in accordance with your wishes, and I feel assured that this chapter, under the guidance of such excellent Principals and officers, will flourish and become one of the best working chapters in the City of London. Again thanking you on my own part, and feeling assured my colleagues would wish to say a few words in response, I shall conclude with my best wishes for the future prosperity of the Duke of Connaught Chapter.

Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., briefly responded, and expressed his great satisfaction at the able manner in which Bro. Stephens had performed his duty, and the gratification it had given him to assist in consecrating the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to which he wished every possible success.

Comp. Buss, P.G. Standard Bearer, also responded and thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the kind manner in which his name has been mentioned in connection with the toast, and for the high appreciation they entertained of his small services. He wished to the Duke of Connaught Chapter every success and every prosperity, and would at the same time advise them to be particularly careful in the admission of new members. Every companion who signed the petition became a member of the chapter, and it was very difficult indeed to get rid of either exaltees or joining member who afterwards made himself obnoxious; but he was speaking to companions who had had a little experience in a matter of this kind in connection with the lodge, and he was quite sure that the interests of the chapter would be well watched over by the principals. They had in Comp. Lee a companion who was well acquainted with the laws and regulations both of the Craft and Royal Arch, and he was ably supported by his two principals.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., then proposed "The Visitors," gave them a hearty welcome to the chapter, and called upon Comp. Charles Arthur Smith, Z. 1305, to respond.

Comp. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," expressed the great gratification he felt at having had the privilege of being present at the consecration of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, more especially as he had had the opportunity of assisting at the installation of Comp. Lee, whom he had known for many years, from his first introduction into Freemasonry in the lodge of which he himself was a member. He was sure that under the combined rule of Comp. Lee and the other principals the chapter would be a great success.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., then proposed "The Second and Third Principals," and said that he felt much satisfaction in having such able companions as Comps. Green and Chapman to assist him as second and third Principals. He had been associated with those companions for some considerable time in connection with the lodge, and he was sure that they would work as harmoniously in the chapter as they had done in Craft Masonry. In Comp. Chapman they had a companion who was the present first Principal of the Lion and the Lamb Chapter, a very important and influential chapter, and he felt sure that from him they would receive every assistance and support.

Comp. Green, in responding, said that, on behalf of himself, he heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for the most kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and also the companions for their kind reception of the same. He must, at the same time, express on his own behalf the pleasure it had given him at receiving such a mark of their confidence, and hoped that his conduct as second Principal would be satisfactory to the members of the chapter, and that in due time he would be thought worthy of the distinguished position that Comp. Lee now held.

Comp. Thomas Charles Chapman (P.Z. 192), J., said he felt grateful to the M.E.Z. for the very kind manner in which he had referred to him as the J., and should always be ready to do his best to promote the best interests of the chapter. He cordially endorsed the remarks of Comp. Buss as to the indiscriminate admission of candidates, who were more easily admitted than got rid of.

Comp. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z., next proposed "The Officers," and said that although the officers were not at present very numerous they were full of zeal. To Comp. Brand, S.E., he was greatly indebted for the able assistance he had rendered in the arrangements for the consecration, and all present must have been gratified with the manner in which Comp. Steel, S.N., had carried out the duties of Wine Steward that evening, in a manner which had added greatly to the comfort of the companions and the success of the gathering. There was yet another officer he must refer to, he alluded to Comp. Somers, the P.S. of the chapter, an office of considerable importance, and the duties of which would, he had no doubt, be ably and efficiently performed by Comp. Somers.

Comps. Brand, S.E., and Steel, S.N., briefly responded, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them.

Comp. Somers, P.S., also responded, and expressed his willingness to do all in his power to promote the success of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast was then given by Comp. Marsh, and the companions separated.

The proceedings were enlivened during the evening by some excellent singing by Comps. F. H. Czerns, Theodore Distin, and Bro. Bell.

The visitors were Comps. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305; John Osborn, 975; and H. W. Mayes, 55.

Reviews.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE LODGE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE, No. 1717.

We have received, thanks to the great courtesy and fraternal goodwill of Bro. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta, and W.M. and M.E.Z. 1717, a very elegant copy of the "essential parts of the Book of Constitutions," translated into Italian for the use of the brethren of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, Tunis, E.C. As the preface says—"The Italian language being that most generally known by the members of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, this work has been published in pursuance of a resolution passed on the subject. It is dated Tunis, April 6, 1879. It is translated into Italian by A. Perini, M.D., J.W. 1717. The little work is neatly printed, and seemingly most admirably translated, and reflects no little credit on the brethren of the lodge and the zeal of the able translator, Dr. Perini. We are pleased to see it, in order that our good Italian brethren may see it and study it. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to hear that the Grand Orient of Italy had determined to "work back" and "work forwards" on the "old lines" of the English Book of Constitutions, once used by it remembered in Italian Masonry, as we feel quite sure of this, that to the reverent Italian mind, unbiassed by Ultramontane violence and superstition, the tolerant and yet religious position of the Grand Lodge of England would be certain to commend itself. And nothing would so strengthen Freemasonry in Italy, nothing would constitute so safe a reply to those who attack it from a Roman Catholic, or those who weaken it from an unbelieving point of action. We thank Bro. Broadley much for the Book, and congratulate Bro. Perrin sincerely on the able manner in which he has performed his pleasing task.

THE AGAMEMNON OF ÆSCHYLUS. Translated by the EARL OF CARNARVON. John Murray.

We cannot find room, unfortunately, in our limited columns for an adequate review of this contribution to classical studies by our esteemed and distinguished Pro Grand Master. Any work emanating from his pen would always command the attention of Freemasons and the public, and whether we have regard to his hereditary prestige or public services, as an Order we may well rejoice to have him at our head. The work which he has just put out, though, perhaps, in its scope and study, a little above the average readers of the *Freemason*, deserves the attention of the student and the scholar, as worthy of his high name, and a graceful offering to the classic muse. We are among those who truly deprecate the insane attack which some pseudo-reformers in educational matters have lately made upon the Greek language. It will be a very evil day for us, as patriots, when our statesmen and leading citizens rejoice in their ignorance of classic studies, and if university education, and we are pleased to note that among that goodly band of men of high culture and university renown, Lord Carnarvon is not ashamed to be included—a good example to many who seem to be only too ready to throw a stone at the kindly mother who trained them and made them. It is impossible in a notice like this to give a critical review of so interesting a work, but we can do this, we can commend it to the study of those who have time to spare and inclination to read an effective and honest English translation, one of the most remarkable of the tragedies of Æschylus. Even to-day we can reopen our old "Dundorf" with pleasure, and follow Lord Carnarvon through his faithful renderings of the Greek text.

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We congratulate the Editor on the improved appearance of this magazine, in that the trying double columns, trying that is for the eyes, have given way to a goodly page and a neat margin. The *Rosicrucian* has now a useful career before it, and we trust that though from praise is needless and might seem misplaced, that in its future numbers it will continue to maintain its high character for editorial care and Masonic utility. "Ne plus ultra" seems to be its motto, and which it seeks to make specially its own.

THE NEW DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF BOMBAY.

Bro. Tyrrell Leith has just been installed District Grand Master of Bombay, vice Bro. Gibbs, who comes home. Bro. Tyrrell Leith was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, Cambridge, and was one of the founders and P.M. of the University Lodge, No. 1118, London. He is also a P.M. of Lodge St. George, Bombay, and a member of the University Chapter 1118, and many other lodges and chapters in his district. Bro. Tyrrell Leith is a member of the 33^d, Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Knight Templar, &c. He was educated at Trinity Hall, where he took the legal degrees of LL.B., and joined the Middle Temple. Bro. Tyrrell Leith was also the founder of the first Hindoo Lodge in India.

Our worthy Bro. William Harris, after eighteen years' service of important duties, sixteen of which were at the Executive Department at Scotland Yard, has been appointed by Col. Sir W. G. Henderson, K.C.B., as superintendent of the S. or Hampstead Division. He leaves his office with the heartiest good wishes of all those brought in contact with him, and we heartily congratulate him on the appointment and the S Division on their having so able and esteemed an officer over them. Bro. Harris has been frequently specially commended, and holds the position of J.W. of the Domatic Lodge, &c., &c.

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BIRTHS.

GILSON.—On the 2nd inst., at Holmla, Addiscombe-road, Croydon, the wife of Mr. Edward R. Gilson, of a son.

MYERS.—On the 31st ult., at St. Simon's Vicarage, Upper Chelsea, the wife of the Rev. Alfred J. Myers, of a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 30th ult., at Fairlawn, Evering-road, Upper Clapton, the wife of Mr. W. H. Blower Smith, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FITZGERALD—SMITH.—On the 31st ult., at St. James's Church, Kennington, by the Rev Samuel Bache Harris, M.A., Vicar, James Joseph Fitzgerald, of Methley-street, Kennington-road, to Augusta Louisa, daughter of Mr. Charles Smith, of Waterloo-road.

DEATHS.

PELLATT.—On the 29th ult., at Arundel, Sussex, Mr. Mill Pellatt, of 1, Pemberton-road, Upper Holloway, N. aged 59.

SHORT.—On the 31st ult., at Solihull, the Rev. Thomas Short, B.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, aged 90 years.

WEDGWOOD.—On the 29th ult., at the Limes, Wolstanton, Mr. Enoch Wedgwood, J.P., county of Stafford, aged 65 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1879

MASONIC STATISTICS.

We have often before remarked how very valuable a "factor" correct Masonic statistics would be in the general consideration of the "status" and prospects of Freemasonry to-day. Partial efforts, from time to time, have been made to take a general survey of the Masonic world, but so far, at the best, they are but "approximate" efforts, and err generally on one side or the other, exaggeration of numbers or defect of precision. Accordingly, the most sensational statements are sometimes hazarded, and the most divergent views tendered as to the exact number, for instance, in the world to-day. Alarmed Ultramontanes, with a strong leaning to "old wives' fables," talk of the "millions" of this "dangerous secret society," and even some Masonic writers are too fond of "drawing the long bow," and swelling out, beyond authority, the members of our Masonic family. In Great Britain the number is variously estimated, as we are enthusiastic or cautious, and varies from 150,000 to about 90,000, that is to say, about 100,000 for England, and 50,000 divided between Ireland and Scotland. We are ourselves inclined to think the numbers are in England about 70,000, Scotland and Ireland about 20,000 each. But, of course, we may err on this side or the other a little, and we do not profess to do more than make a guess by an approximate calculation, allowing an average for lodge membership. The *Neue Freie Presse*, of Vienna, which the *Times* says last week, is supposed to have access to exceptional sources of information on Masonic subjects, gives the following statistics of the recognized lodges:—In Germany, 342; Switzerland, 33; Hungary, 44; Roumania, 11; Servia, 1; Ireland, 330; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 287; Spain, 300; Portugal, 22; Italy, 110; Greece, 11; Turkey, 26; Egypt, 28; various parts of Africa, 25; South African Colonies, 61; Aden, 1; India, 118; among the islands of the Indian Seas, 16; China, 13; Japan, 5; Australia, 226; the Australian Islands, 4; New Zealand, 84; the United States of North America, 9894; Canada, 535; Cuba, 30; Hayti, 32; Mexico, 13; Brazil, 256; in the other South American States, 170—altogether about 1500 lodges. The number of Freemasons on December 31st, 1878, exceeded five millions. It will be noticed that there are some very important omissions in the enumeration of the Viennese paper. Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, and Russia have been quite passed over." It is clear that this account cannot be relied on, and that the "sources" of information on Masonic subjects, which the *Times* supposes the *Neue Freie Presse* to possess, are not purely Masonic or sufficiently accurate. As a general rule the number of lodges may be assumed, we think, nearly to be correct, with the exception of Spain, the number of which is greatly exaggerated; but if to the number we add the lodges of England, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark, we shall, according to Van Dalen's carefully compiled *Jahr Buch fur Freimaurer*, and making certain needful allowances for evident exaggerations, reach pretty clearly, we think, the safe number of 14,580 lodges in the world, of course in round numbers. In the United States and Canada the Freemasons number about 700,000, and we feel sure, from clear calculations, that in Europe they may be estimated at about 300,000 more. If we take South America and the East into calculation, we probably assume at a grand total of something like 1,300,000, and with that "tottle" we must be content, eschewing fabulous legends and mythic millions. Probably, the next few years will witness a rapid increase of our Order, and it is not impossible that in the year of light and grace 2000, the Freemasons in the world may reach 3,000,000. But the statement of the *Neue Freie Presse* that the number of Masons in the world now exceeds "five millions" is manifestly inaccurate, and

cannot, in any sense, be relied upon. Still, here is ground for alarm for many timid and turgid minds, but we think it right to point out that "Freemasons" have nothing to do with political secret societies, whether Jesuit or others, and that that only is true Freemasonry, which seeks to avow T.G.A.O.T.U. as before men, and to develop Masonic charity and morality, as well as loyalty and order, and the social virtues on the sacred sanctions and by the holy injunctions of the law and the word of God.

SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY.

We notice in the *Monde Maçonnique* for May the following paragraph, which we have carefully translated from the French—see page 16: The independent lodge of "Les Philadelphes et la Concorde reunis, Orient de Londres" proceeded on the 2nd April to the installation of its officers for the year 1879-80. After the opening of the work by Bro. Benoit, W.M., Bro. Moire, P.M., took the gavel of W.M., and reinstalled Bro. Benoit as W.M. All the officers were then installed in their respective offices. At the banquet which concluded this meeting, the three regular toasts of the lodge were drunk. 1. To the oppressed of the whole world and to their freedom." This was spoken by a Bro. Bourgeois. 2. "To progress and its triumph." This was spoken by Bro. Florent, the Orator. 3. "To all Masons and to the speedy triumph of our Masonic motto." This was spoken to by a Bro. John Lane, Treasurer, who it seems addressed the meeting in English. Now we think it right to call the attention of our brethren to this fact, because this lodge is a clandestine and illegal assembly, professing and practising spurious Masonry. It is famed for its peculiar and political proclivities, and is absolutely illegal by Masonic law, as well as contrary to the laws of the land. We can only warn our English brethren about it, as attendance at its meetings is an act of Masonic illegality, which may be visited by suspension or even expulsion. We are also anxious to mention it because the Treasurer bears an English name, Bro. Lane, and we are desirous of knowing whether he is an English Mason, or merely a member of a surreptitious, illegal assembly of French refugees, unlawfully calling themselves a Masonic lodge. Les Philadelphes have no "charter," and are ipso facto, to use a French expression, "hors de la Maçonnerie," outside of Masonry. We shall be glad to learn that Bro. Lane is not an English Mason, as we must repudiate indignantly this mixing up of political bitterness and violence with the mild, and genial, and truly fraternal spirit of Freemasonry, which, as we have often said before, is only Freemasonry when it adheres to the great principles of loyalty and charity, of reverence for God and of sympathy for man. To represent Freemasonry as a semi-political society, setting itself against rulers and order, a friend to the anarchical and communist, is untrue in itself, dishonouring to Freemasonry, and destructive of its real character. If Bro. Lane be really an English Mason, we trust that measures will at once be authoritatively taken, to prevent him disobeying and disavowing publicly, as before our own loyal English Craft, the fundamental principles and unchanging Constitutions of our Order.

TRUE CHARITY.

The *Monde Maçonnique* for May contains an extract from *La Rivista*, which we assume to be authentic, and if so deem it worthy of note. It is a portion of an address by some "brethren of the Christian Faith" to the children of one of the schools in Italy, and certainly is a most elegant and most Christian production, as we feel sure our brethren will admit. It is just possible that their use of the word "Christian" in the present special case may be similar to that which the well-known Duke of Buckingham put upon it, when in *Peveril of the Peak* he addresses "Ganlesse," or "Christian," that most consummate scoundrel—"Oh, most Christian, Christian." But listen to the flowers of poesy, propriety, and perfume which drop from the lips of this most gentle fraternity,

which, by the way, is said to have a very Jesuit flavour, and to be, in fact, an offshoot of that most "secret society." "Freemasonry which mendaciously terms itself a society of benevolence is a collection ("ramassis") of atheists, impious materialists, rationalists, of rascals and debauchees. Freemasonry is the scourge of the Church, of the state of families, and of the world, the scandal of honest people, the perpetual shame, degradation, and dishonour of humanity. According to their Constitutions the Mason, with very few exceptions (pray note that) can only be a skilful thief and an assassin. Their society has for its end to deny God in order to justify, for its own criminal designs, which are to throw down thrones and altars, and to destroy all constituted authority." Lest our readers should think we are exaggerating, which we beg to assure them we never do, we give Bro. Grimaux's translation. "La Maçonnerie qui s'entitule mesongèrement société de bienfaisance, est un ramassis d'athés, d'impies, de matérialistes, de rationalistes, de fripons, et de débauchés. La Maçonnerie est le fléau de l'Eglise, de l'Etat, des familles et du monde, le scandale des honnêtes gens, la honte perpétuelle, la dégradation, le déshonneur, de l'humanité. D'après ses Constitutions, le Maçon,—à part très peu d'exceptions,—ne peut être qu'un habile voleur et un assassin. Cette société a pour but de nier Dieu, afin de justifier ses propres desseins scélérats, qui sont de renverser les trônes et les autels, et de détruire toute autorité constituée." Are not these, kind readers, noble, true, and Christian words? What can be the mental state of such religionists who dare to give utterance to such absolute lies?

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

ASSISTANT GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, vicar of Crowton, Cheshire, M.A., Merton College, Oxford, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo Lodge, 1862, and having served various offices in that lodge and the Churchill, became W.M. in 1865. In due course, he took the Royal Arch Degree, and was one of the three first Principals at the formation of the Apollo University Chapter. During his residence at Oxford he was most active in all Masonic festivities at "Commemoration," and having taken the Mark Degree in the University Lodge, became W.M. in 1867, and in the following year appointed Grand Chaplain of the Mark Degree in England. He took the Knights Templar Degree in Cœur de Lion Encampment in 1863, and became E.C. in 1867, and afterwards Grand Almoner of England. Bro. Stanhope is a member and Past Master of 428, Sincerity, Northwich, De Tabley, 941, Knutsford, and Unity, 321, Crewe, and has been a member of lodges in Herts and Derbyshire. On the death of George Cornwall Legh, Esq., M.P., he was appointed in 1877 Grand Prior of Cheshire, and during the same year was instrumental in forming the Stanhope Chapter, of the Rose Croix Degree, at Chester, and since then has been elected a member of the 32°. In 1868 Bro. Stanhope was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Cheshire, and is now D. Grand Mark Master of Cheshire and North Wales.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The following extract, translated from a Paris paper, *La France*, may prove of interest to your readers:—
The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite has dissolved the Justice Lodge, No. 133, of which the democratic spirit is well known. Several members have further been punished by being suspended from their Masonic privileges, owing to their having demanded that the general regulations of the Craft should be altered to assimilate more closely with modern democratic ideas. This decree of the Supreme Council is one of great importance, as it is signed by Bro. Cremieux, Grand Master of the Scottish Rite, and countersigned by Bro. Guiprey, Grand Chancellor. This decision, affecting a lodge, which, according to *La France*,

is a most active and meritorious one, has provoked much comment, and there will probably be a necessity for calling together a general assembly of lodges.

No doubt, most English Freemasons will consider that Bro. Cremieux acted, under the circumstances, quite rightly; for he evidently wishes the Scottish Rite to be kept free from the taint which affects the Grand Orient, and which has caused that body to be disowned by Freemasons in Great Britain.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,
S. H. D'AIRGDER,
J.W. Kaiser-i-Kind, No. 1724,
Secretary Bayard, No. 1615.

POLLING FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As I was present last Thursday when this little event came off, pleasing some and displeasing others, I wish to make a suggestion. Owing to the excitement arising from the main business of the day, strange to say, that most important matter the election of female children for the list of candidates took place in almost dumb show. In vain did the gallant Chairman call order, and ask for attention; one or two brethren, who shall be nameless, would talk at the very top of their voices, and completely drowned in the turmoil the accents of Bro. Hedges, and disregarded the requests of our worthy Grand Treasurer. Of all the children elected, six I believe, we could neither hear the names, much less the claims.

It seems that by the present laws it is held that the poll commences at the commencement of the meeting, and closes at five.

At the election for Children in April and October a clause is introduced in the law, declaring that the voting shall commence at the close of the business.

Why should not the same provision be incorporated with the section relating to election of House Committee? As several alterations are likely to be made in October, why will not some energetic brother give notice of such a clause at the next monthly meeting, as it would facilitate business, and render the meeting a reality and not a sham?

Yours fraternally,
A LIFE GOVERNOR.

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your remarks on Stewards' List for above festival you do West Yorkshire an injustice. I have before me our charity subscription list, issued 1st April, 1879, which shew them twenty-one stewards with a subscription of £309 15s. This number and the amount I have no doubt is more by this time.

I am, sir, yours fraternally,
JOHN BARKER,
Life Governor.

[We are very glad to hear this. We took our information from the official printed list, which was not then complete.]

BOYS' FESTIVAL, JUNE 23RD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Allow me space to correct an error, into which you have fallen, in your issue of the 31st ult., page 220. You say West Yorkshire, generally foremost, has but three Stewards for the coming festival. I cannot tell from what source you obtained your information, it certainly does us an injustice.

We have twenty-two Stewards, of whom two have served once previously, one five times, one six times, and one twelve times before.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY SMITH,
Prov. G. Sec. W. Y.

THE COST OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As the following appears in an evening paper, professedly based on a Masonic paper, I beg to say that nothing is more erroneous:

Institution.	No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
London Orphan Asylum	540	£17,093
Fatherless Children	282	8,076
Royal Albert Asylum	198	5,521
St. Anne's	335	12,707
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	195	15,317

The comparison is not very favourable to the Freemasons' School."

I hope next week to point out clearly its entire fallacy as a reliable statement.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours,
A FRIEND TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I venture to return to this little question, having noticed the remarks of Bro. Dron in your last issue.

I objected originally, as you will remember, to the use of the word "exceptionable," because really conveying an altogether different meaning from that which the context evidently was intended to supply, and I stated that "exceptional" and "exceptionable" were the same, though exceptional was, I was aware, often used, though I thought erroneously now a days.

I do not understand from Bro. Dron's communication that he has yet realized what was the purport of my letter.

Its tone and temper are, as too commonly, I regret to note, in the simplest Masonic discussions, both "bad form" and purely personal, but with these things I have nothing to do, and for them I care nothing, and simply proceed to point out what are the real facts of the case.

There is a modern use, undoubtedly, of "exceptional," which is, however, not warranted by any "standard authority."

The word is unknown to Johnson, cannot be found in Bailey, Richardson, Webster, and is even "non est" in Walker's well-known pronouncing dictionary. Boyer (French), Flügel (German), Velasquez (Spanish), contain it not; and only after some difficulty have I found it in Spiers's French and English dictionary, and with such a peculiar use of it as to support entirely my own humble view of its "status" in our English language.

Under the French word "exceptionnel" we find "exceptional, a1 exception," but, curiously enough, in the English portion of the dictionary, Spiers ignores the word, and only mentions "exceptionable."

Bro. Dron says "exceptional" is applied to such things as form or make an exception," but where does he, except on his own "ipse dixit," find this laid down? It is thus, as I contend, of foreign origin and use.

"Exceptionable," Johnson says, comes from *exceptus*, which Faciolati informs us means "an exception, a clause, a restriction, a proviso," and also was a law term—practically an exception or objection.

In all probability our word comes from the French "exception," which, as Boyer shows, has also two similar meanings. And thus, no doubt, we get to "exceptional" of or belonging to an exception. But still though this is so, curiously enough we can find no recognition of it in our standard authorities, though its use is not uncommon, and had exceptional been printed instead of "exceptionable," I should have said perhaps nothing, though there is no actual authority for its use—except what is to be found in slipshod writing and common conversation. But I suspect that the writer of the clause took it, as I did, as equivalent to "exceptionable," but used it in the French sense of "exceptionnel," not, as I have pointed out, in the English sense "exceptionable" properly.

Bro. Dron seems to doubt what is the proper word to use. I say again either "special" or "exceptional" if you can validate the claim to any usage at all, which so far rests on the "authority" of Bro. Dron, though not uncommon I allow in writings of the day, but like a good many other words of foreign or other derivation having unauthorizedly crept into our "patois" and "vernacular" of the hour. I prefer still "special" or "peculiar"—as exceptional is of doubtful use and authority—though it would read correctly if understood as "exceptionnel." As regards "stickler," Bro. Dron does not seem to be aware that it is an old English word, and referred originally to "fencers," not to "pugilists" at all. Stickler has been applied to a "second" in a duel, as well as to an obstinate, pigheaded, contentious fellow.

Will Bro. Dron permit me to doubt his right, and certainly his capacity, to set up as either an "arbitrarius" or a "Ducta dibutantium" much less a "master of the school," and that having read his verbal criticisms, their proper destination appears to me, in all deference to him be it said, the waste paper basket.

Yours fraternally,
LINDLEY MURRAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In passing down Great Queen Street the other day I noticed on the door of the tavern kept by that excellent Brother, Alfred Best, best of good fellows and unsurpassed caterer, the title—"Freemason's Tavern," in the possessive case *singular*, you will observe, instead of the possessive case *plural*. Strangers might imagine that the Tavern in question, instead of being as announced, the Tavern of the Freemason, it was that of an
ODD FELLOW.

A WORD OF WARNING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The brethren of every new lodge ought to thank you Sir, for your timely words of warning on the pernicious habit of soliciting candidates, which, I fear, is much too prevalent.

Every thinking Mason ought to do his utmost by practice and example, to put down so reprehensible a practice.

Many a lodge has had to lament the introduction, through well meant, but ill judged anxiety to increase its numbers by this means, of the seeds of disruption. I trust that the kindly words to which you have given utterance will also induce more reflection before candidates are proposed.

I am fraternally yours,
E. M.

The annual installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, was held on Monday last, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where Bro. W. Cotter was installed W.M. for the second time. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Bro. Farwig, P.M., 180, was, on Thursday evening, unanimously elected Preceptor of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, 1287. Bro. P. M. Adams, P.G.P., having resigned in consequence of his great age.

Bro. W. Smithell was on Thursday installed W.M. of the Felicity Lodge.

Bro. Theodore Distin has just carried off the first prize of £10 offered by the Huddersfield Glee and Madrigal Society, for a comic glee. Bro. Distin intends giving the glee "Jack Horner" at his concert at the Horns in the ensuing month.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The summer half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Master, presided; Bro. S. Rawson, Past Grand Master for China, occupied the post of Deputy Grand Master; and the Rev. J. R. Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master, the post of Past G. Master. The following brethren were also present:—Most Worshipful Bros. Right Honourable the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M., as G.M.; Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.G.M.; R.W. Bros. Samuel Rawson, Prov. G.M. for China, as Dep. G.M.; Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire; Lord Henniker, G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Warden, as G.J.W.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.W.; and Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G.W.; V.W. Bros. T. J. Sabine, G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, G.S.O.; Raymond H. Thrupp, G.J.O.; Wm. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; R. de M. Lawson, P.G.S.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, G. Chaplain; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain; Frederick Davison, G. Treasurer; H. C. Levander, G. Registrar; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Secretary; and D. M. Dewar, P.G.S.O., G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bros. Benjamin Smith, G.S.D.; Alfred Williams, G.S.D.; Capt. Thos. Hargreaves, G.J.D.; Robert Berridge, G. Dir. of Cer.; S. Rosenthal, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Walter Spencer, P.G. Asst. D. of C.; Capt. Charles Hunter, G. Sword Bearer; Hyde Pullen, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. B. Shackleton, G. Standard Bearer; W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc.; G. Organist; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Organist; James Salmon, G. Inner Guard; Thomas Poore, P.G. Inner Guard; Rev. Daniel Ayr, D.D., Grand Steward; O. H. Pearson, G. Steward; T. W. Murley, G. Steward; Henry Masscy, P.G. Steward; Charles Pulman, P.G. Steward; Joseph Tomlinson, P.G. Steward; Frank Richardson, P.G. Steward; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler. With the following Provincial Grand Officers:—W. Bros. Wm. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight; Thomas Trollope, M.D., D.P.G.M. of Sussex; Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. G.S. Warden of Sussex; Major Chas. Harding, Prov. G. J. Warden of Middlesex and Surrey; Richard Eve, P.Prov. G.S. Warden, Hants and the Isle of Wight; George Smith, P. Prov. G.J. Warden of Sussex; R. L. Loveland, P. Prov. G.J. Warden of Hants and the Isle of Wight; William White, Prov. G.S.O. of West Yorkshire; Edward Diggle, Prov. G.J.O. of Lancashire; Rev. W. Stainion Moses, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain of Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. A. A. Bagshaw, Prov. G. Chaplain of Lancashire; Charles Hammerton, Prov. G. Treasurer of Middlesex and Surrey; G. J. Brownlow, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks of Middlesex and Surrey; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G. Secretary of Sussex; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Secretary of Hants and the Isle of Wight; T. J. Armstrong, P. G. A. Sec. of Northumberland and Durham; Thomas Benham, Prov. G.J.D. of Hants and the Isle of Wight; Chas. S. Lane, P.P.G.G.J.D. of Northumberland and Durham; John Barker, Prov. G. Supt. of Works West Yorkshire; J. H. Banks, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. Cumberland and Westmorland; T. J. Pulley, P.P.G. Standard Bearer Hants and the Isle of Wight; Dr. E. Passawer, Prov. G.I. Guard Middlesex and Surrey; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.I. Guard Cheshire and North Wales; Edwin Gilbert, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey; John Close, P.P. G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey; Charles Jacques, P.M. Old Kent Lodge; Charles Horsley, P.M. St. Mark Lodge, 1; R. P. Spice, W.M. Keystone Lodge, 3; F. W. Ramsay, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, 7; J. L. Thomas, P.M. Thisle Lodge, 8; C. T. Sparks, P.M. Southwark Lodge, 22; A. Middleton, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, 34; H. R. Cooper-Smith, W.M. University Lodge, 55; W. J. Hickman, P.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, 63; Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke, W.M. Studholme Lodge, 197; J. M. P. Montagu, P.M. Studholme Lodge, 197; Edward Margrett, W.M. Leopold Lodge, 235; S. B. Wilson, W.M. Royal Naval Lodge, 239; H. Venn, S.W. Old Kent Lodge; T. C. Walls, S.W. Hammersmith Lodge, 211; Edwin M. Lott, S.W. Trinity College Lodge, 234; James Moon, J.W. Old Kent Lodge; Henry Lovegrove, J.W. Brixton Lodge, 234; E. T. Hoare, J.O. Trinity College Lodge, 244; W. Sellwood, Sec. Aldershot Military Lodge, 54; Henry Baldwin, Sec. Brixton Lodge, 234; Henry Oakshette, I.G. Grosvenor Lodge, 144; and C. H. Pike, Grosvenor Lodge, 144.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Earl of Limerick was saluted in due form.

The Earl of Limerick then rose, and said that before proceeding to the business of the evening he thought it right, as he had been commissioned by Lord Skelmersdale to do so, to express his lordship's regret that he was unable to be present. Not very long ago he was suffering from a severe illness, from which he had only lately recovered sufficiently to barely discharge his public duties for about a fortnight before Parliament adjourned for the Whitsun recess. He had not yet completely recovered his strength, and he was obliged to take some rest since Parliament had adjourned. All who were acquainted with the Grand Mark Master knew that it was not his custom to shirk his duties, and they were sure he would have been present if he possibly could. The circumstances, however, were entirely beyond his own control, and the brethren would excuse his lordship's presence. He (Lord Limerick) was also commissioned by the Earl of Donoughmore, Dep. Grand Master, to apologise for his non-attendance. Lord Donoughmore had only returned within the last three or four days from Bulgaria, where he had been acting on a commission, and he had at the present time so much public duty to perform in reporting on that commission and the result of his labours in Bulgaria, besides a great deal of private business, that it was entirely impossible for him to

attend this Grand Lodge, and he hoped the brethren would accept his expression of regret for his enforced absence.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the half-yearly Communication of 3rd Dec., 1878, and of the emergency meeting of 18th Feb., 1879, which were several y put and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was afterwards taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD, TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1879.

During the six months terminating on 31st of March last, the number of certificates issued was 640, thus bringing the roll of advancements to 12,413.

In the same period there were issued ten warrants for new lodges, viz:—

No. 235, Leopold, Reading.
 " 236, Clapton, London.
 " 237, St. Andrew's, Rochester.
 " 238, Prince Leopold, London.
 " 239, Royal Naval, London.
 " 240, Royal Keystone, Jamaica.
 " 241, Watford, Watford.
 " 242, Phoenix, Jamaica.
 " 243, St. Ethelbert, Hereford.
 " 244, Trinity College, London.

A reference to the accounts appended will show—

Amount received in the six months for fees, £ s. d.
 Sec. 690 18 3

And that on 31st March, there were balances—

In favour of the General Fund 143 6 8

" " Benevolent Fund 76 14 10

" " Benevolent Fund, Educa-

tional Branch 100 0 0

Since the last half-yearly Communication, two new provinces have been constituted, viz., Gloucestershire and Dorset.

As Provincial Grand M. Master of Gloucestershire, R.W. Bro. Rev. C. Rex Davy, was installed at Cheltenham, on Saturday, 8th March, the Grand Secretary presiding, by special nomination of the M.W. Grand M.M.M.

R.W. Bro. Montague Guest was installed as Provincial Grand M. Master of Dorset, at Weymouth, on Wednesday, 30th April, by the M.W. Past Grand M. Master, the Rev. G. R. Portal.

In each case the assembly of brethren was numerous and influential, and it is confidently believed that by the constitution of the two provinces, the interests of the Order in the respective localities will be considerably advanced.

The M.W. Grand M. Master has been pleased to place the Provinces of Lincolnshire and Sussex under the charge of the Grand Registrar.

The Board announce with great gratification that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec has addressed a formal communication, with recognition of this Grand Lodge as Supreme Head of Mark Master Masons. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, U.S.A., has expressed a wish to interchange representatives, nominating as its representative near this Grand Lodge R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., and proposing as representative of this Grand Lodge near that Grand Chapter, M.E. Comp. Samuel W. Waddle, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Board recommends Grand Lodge to approve the conferring of the rank of Past Master on the following brethren:—

Dhanjeebhoy J. Camadore, Ramsay Lodge, No. 180, Murree; Major G. B. Wolseley, Garnet Lodge, No. 228, Dinapore; Lord Ossulston, Frontier Lodge, No. 204, Peshawar; on the recommendation of R.W. Prov. G.M. of Bengal, they not having served the office of W. Master for twelve months, owing to the peculiar and difficult circumstances in which the lodges have been placed in consequence of the war in Afghanistan.

The Board recommends a grant of £50 to the daughter of the late Bro. J. M. C., to be disposed of in such manner as the Board may direct; and

£20 to Bro. G. N., under the same conditions. A Grand Lodge of Emergency was held at No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, 18th February last. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G.M.M., on the throne, when a vote of condolence with Her Most Gracious Majesty was unanimously adopted, as printed with the report of half-yearly proceedings, to which the following gracious reply has been received:—

"Captain Edwards presents his compliments to Mr. Dewar, and is commanded by the Queen to thank the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown in Grand Lodge assembled, for their address of condolence, and to express Her Majesty's sincere appreciation of the kind sympathy therein conveyed on the death of her dear daughter, Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"Windsor Castle,
 "28th February, 1879."

The Assistant Grand Secretary having undertaken the duty of Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Board recommends that they be allowed to place the sum of £21 on his list.

The General Board unanimously recommends that the sum of £50 be given as a gratuity to the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Dewar, in recognition of his exertions in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge, amounting to upwards of £500.

The Board recommends that the words "in one or more payments within twelve months" be omitted in Law VI., and that the words "in sums of not less than £5 5s. each" be added to Law IX. of the Education Bye-laws.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, PAST G.M.M.
 President.

May, 1879.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months to the 31st March are subjoined, which show:

GENERAL FUND.
 Balance from 30th September, 1878 ... £231 3 6
 Half-year's receipts £670 2 1
 Dividends 20 16 2

690 18 3

Half-year's disbursements:

Purchase of £300 New Zealand 5 per cent. Consols... £308 5 0
 Expenditure... .. 470 10 1

778 15 1

Balance on 31st March, 1879 £143 6 8

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1878 ... £78 17 11

Receipts for half-year £98 5 10

Dividends 24 9 7

122 15 5

Disbursements £24 18 6

Transferred to credit of Education Branch Fund 100 0 0

124 18 6

Balance on 31st March, 1879 £76 14 10

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Balance at Credit £100 0 0

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

21st April, 1879.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., moved the approval of the following recommendation:—

To confer the rank of Past Master on Bro. Dhanjeebhoy J. Camadore, Ramsay Lodge, No. 180; Major G. B. Wolseley, Garnet Lodge, No. 228; Lord Ossulston, Frontier Lodge, No. 204; on the recommendation of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Bengal; and in doing so he said, Grand Lodge was no doubt aware that no one could confer this rank but Grand Lodge. The circumstances under which they were asked to do this were that owing to the late Afghan war the three brethren named, who were Masters of their lodges at the time, were sent to the front, and their lodges were left without any Masters. The consequence would have been that when the Masters returned their year of office was at an end. These lodges in India had a very short allowance of Past Masters, and there were no P.M.'s who could conduct the working of the lodges. The Provincial Grand Master authorised some one to act for them, but in order that they might not lose their rank of Past Master, as they would have had to do if they had not served twelvemonths, he recommended Grand Lodge to confer on them the rank of Past Master. The General Board who had considered the matter agreed entirely in the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Master, to whom all the circumstances had been disclosed, and it was on this knowledge that he made the recommendation.

Bro. S. Rawson, Acting D.G.M., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., then moved the following grants from Benevolent Fund:—

£50 to the daughters of Bro. J. M. C.; £20 to Bro. G. N.

The first grant was seconded by Bro. Thomas Meggy, and the second by Bro. James Stevens.

Both grants were unanimously adopted.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal also moved that the following alterations be made in the bye-laws of the Educational Branch:—

1. That in Law VI., the words "in one or more payments within twelve months" be omitted.

2. That in Law IX., the words "in sums of not less than £5 5s. each" be added.

Law VI., he said, as it present stood, read thus:—"A donation of five guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives five votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a life subscriber. Representations had been made to the General Board that there was great inconvenience in this rule, which enabled a subscriber to separate his payments and distribute them over different periods, provided the whole five guineas were paid in twelve months. It had been thought most convenient that the payment should be made in one sum, if the privilege of Life Subscribers was to be obtained.

The motion, having been seconded by Bro. Alfred Williams, was carried.

Bro. Portal, in moving the second recommendation, to add to Law IX., the words "in sums of not less than £5 5s. each," said that this alteration followed upon the one that had already been sanctioned, and granted to lodges the same privileges on payment of double the amount paid by individuals. The brethren would be glad to learn that a beginning had been made with the Educational Fund, and that one boy had been elected to be educated under it. A brother who had been himself a schoolmaster had fallen into decay. He was a Manchester Mark brother, and had been very anxious that his son should be sent to the Manchester Grammar School. This Educational Fund had enabled the brethren to grant his request, and as long as his boy conducted himself properly, he would receive his education at the Manchester Grammar School.

Bro. C. F. Matier seconded the motion.

Bro. S. Rawson thought the brethren had not sufficiently considered the alteration. He thought that every inducement should be offered to lodges to subscribe, and that if they made donations in different sums till they amounted

to ten guineas the privilege of Life Subscribers should be granted to them. Such a resolution as this should not be passed hastily, and though he at all times disliked opposing the recommendations of the General Board, who had had the opportunity of fully considering the questions brought before them, he thought the brethren should carefully consider the present matter.

Bro. Binckes said a lodge was not prevented giving a smaller sum than ten guineas. For every five shillings subscribed they would have a vote, but the vote would not be permanent. The matter was fully discussed at the General Board, which was unanimous on the subject.

Bro. Rawson said then a lodge would not have the privilege of permanent votes if it subscribed less than £5 5s. at one time.

Bro. Binckes said it would fall back on Law 5. "Every sum of five shillings per annum subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund gives the Subscriber one vote at a single election."

The Earl of Limerick said he thought Bro. Rawson was quite right. If the words had been put in as suggested, they would have governed Law 5, as well as the others, and shown that it was necessary to give five guineas, or else there would not be a privilege at all. He thought that was not intended. The words "Similar life privileges" would show that that would not apply to Clause 5. If the words were put in without some such definition it was quite clear that that clause would govern the other clauses. The word "Life" might be put in, and it would apply to Laws 6, 7, and 8.

Bro. Binckes suggested that the word "permanent" would be preferable to "life."

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal thought the Grand Master in the chair was perfectly right. It was never intended to interfere with lodges giving 5s.; it was simply intended that they should not be life subscribers unless they paid five guineas at a time. If the word "permanent" were put in that would meet the difficulty. He suggested that Clause 9 should read:—"Similar permanent privileges are acquired by lodges on payment of double the above amounts, in sums of not less than five guineas each."

Bro. C. F. Martin seconded the motion.

Bro. Charles Horsley enquired whether a lodge paying five guineas in twenty-five payments of 5s. each would be prevented having a permanent subscribership vote.

Bro. Binckes explained that, to entitle a lodge to twelve votes in perpetuity, the ten guineas must be paid in two sums of five guineas each.

The motion was then put and carried.

On the motion of the Rev. G. R. Portal, seconded by Bro. James Salmon, £21 was voted from the funds of Grand Lodge on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in name of the General Board.

Bro. Donald W. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, having retired from Grand Lodge,

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal moved that £50 be voted from the Funds of Grand Lodge as a gratuity to the Assistant Grand Secretary in recognition of his exertions in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge. He said that all the brethren who were acquainted with such an organisation as Grand Lodge of Mark Masters must be aware that from time to time lodges did fall into arrear, and however much they might be written to, they did not pay up. When Bro. Dewar was appointed in Grand Secretary's office a year and a half ago, his attention was particularly called to the fact of the arrears. By his indefatigable exertions since then, and his continuous letter writing, he had succeeded in recovering £500, and the General Board thought unanimously that in recognition of those exertions they could not do less than give him a per-centage on the sum recovered.

Bro. S. Rawson seconded the motion.

Bro. Binckes said he thought he should be guilty of a great want of respect and of a dereliction of duty if, before this resolution was put, he did not, as Grand Secretary, bear his more than willing testimony to the very faithful and admirable manner in which Bro. Dewar had performed his duties in office ever since he (Bro. Binckes) recommended him to it. The brethren present had witnessed the way in which Bro. Dewar had discharged his duties, and would agree with him that there should be some recognition of it.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, as Grand Auditor, also bore testimony to the admirable way the accounts of Grand Lodge had been kept by Bro. Dewar, and also to the success which had attended his zeal in recovering the arrears due to Grand Lodge.

The Earl of Limerick said he was sure the expressions made use of by the several Brethren would be felt by Bro. Dewar almost more than the pecuniary amount of the compliment which Grand Lodge was asked to make to him. Grand Lodge was very much indebted to Bro. Dewar for the very zealous manner in which he had discharged his duties, as was shown by the increase that had been made to Grand Lodge funds. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. D. M. Dewar having returned to Grand Lodge,

The Earl of Limerick said it was his pleasing duty to inform Bro. Dewar that Grand Lodge had, as some recognition of his very valuable services, which had so greatly improved the financial position of Grand Lodge, passed the following resolution:—"That £50 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge as a gratuity to the Assistant Grand Secretary, in recognition of his exertions in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge." He thought it only right to say that the vote was accompanied by the most flattering expressions from several of the brethren who were best able to speak to those services, including the Grand Secretary and Grand Auditor.

Bro. Dewar thanked the brethren for their kindness in passing the vote and expressing themselves so favourably of his services. It would be an incentive to him to do as well in the future.

On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. C. F. Maier, the report of the General Board was adopted.

The Earl of Limerick here said that he was unable to stay any longer, as he had a considerable amount of business to attend to. It had been almost impossible for him to come at all, but he did not like to absent himself entirely. He regretted that he was unable to stay so short a time, and he hoped the brethren would excuse him and grant him leave of absence.

His lordship then retired, and Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal took the chair.

Lord Skelmersdale was duly announced as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the following are the Grand Officers for the year.

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| The Earl of Donoughmore | ... Deputy G.M. |
| Lord Mandeville | ... G.S.W. |
| J. M. P. Montagu | ... G.J.W. |
| Richard Eve | ... G.M.O. |
| Thomas Cubitt | ... G.S.O. |
| Charles Horsley | ... G.J.O. |
| Rev. A. A. Bagshawe | ... G.C. |
| Rev. D. Ace | ... G.C. |
| Frederic Davison | ... Grand Treasurer. |
| H. C. Levander | ... Grand Registrar. |
| Frederick Binckes | ... Grand Sec. |
| Donald M. Dewar | ... Assistant G. Sec. |
| Dr. Ramsay | ... G.S.D. |
| James Lewis Thomas | ... G.S.D. |
| Frank Richardson | ... G.J.D. |
| Charles Jacques | ... G.J.D. |
| Stephen Barton Wilson | ... G. Sup. of Works. |
| Robert Berridge | ... G.D.C. |
| George Smith | ... Assistant G.D.C. |
| Capt. Ritchie | ... G. Sword B. |
| Charles Sparkes | ... G. Standard B. |
| Edw. Lott | ... G. Organist. |
| Edw. Diggle | ... G.I.G. |

Bro. Collins, Sidney Jones, Thomas Armstrong, John Barker, Edw. Margrett, Robert Spice, Thos. Pulley, George Harrison, George Brownlow, John Syer, W. White, and Booth ... Grand Stewards.
C. T. Spright ... G. Tyler.

Bro. Portal informed the brethren that the Grand Master had been pleased to nominate him as President of the General Board, and Bros. T. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Di din, C. F. Maier, Thos. Cubitt, and Robert Berridge, members of the Board.

The following brethren were elected to serve on the Board:—Bros. Alfred Williams, T. J. Sabine, W. Roebuck, T. C. Walls, and O. H. Pearson.

Bro. Binckes informed the Grand Master that he had received letters and telegrams from the following brethren, regretting their inability to attend, and apologising for their absence:—The M.W.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W.P.D.G.M., Sir E. A. H. Lechmere; R.W. Bros. J. F. Halsey, G.J.W.; Col. Bædett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Wm. Kelly, P.G.M. Leicestershire; V.W. Bros. Rev. F. W. Thoytes, P.G.C.; Dr. E. Brette, P.G.C.; W. Bros. R. G. Smith, G.J.D.; Capt. G. Watson, G.J.D.; J. C. Ročen, P.G.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D.; F. Long, P.G.D. of C.; Martin Kemp, G.A.D. of C.; G. Higgins, G.S.; S. Jones, G.S.; G. Harrison, G.S.; P. de E. Collin, G.S.; R. Butlerworth, P.G.S.; Wm. Nott, P.G.S.; R. G. Glover, P.G.S.; W. S. Gillard, P.G.S.; Benj. Cox, P.G.S.; S. H. Knaggs, G.S.; and Magnus Ohren.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Room of Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet.

When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Thomas Cubitt responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was a very proud position for any of the Grand Officers to arrive at, and for himself he appreciated the honour very highly that had been conferred on him that night. He hoped the M.W.G.M. would not regret any appointment he had made.

The Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, proposed "The Past Grand Masters," and said they all looked upon Bro. Portal as the resuscitator of Mark Masonry in England. Wherever he (Bro. Davy) had been in Mark Masonry, his ideas had always reverted to Bro. Portal. He was not only the resuscitator but the maker of Mark Masonry, and the brethren had had so many opportunities of witnessing the excellence of his working and his geniality of manner that it was unnecessary to decant upon them.

Bro. Portal replied. The brethren would agree with him that the great success that had attended their degree was very mainly owing to the secret that at a critical moment of his history they had been able to secure the services of distinguished men as Grand Masters. At the time the degree was launched, certain influential brethren in the Craft Grand Lodge did all they could to prevent the Mark Grand Lodge being formed, and he believed they would not have succeeded in establishing it if it had not been for securing Lord Leigh as their first Grand Master. A little later on they obtained the Earl of Carnarvon, who was of great service, as his acceptance of office completely shut the mouths of those who tried to make out that Mark Masons were endeavouring to oppose Craft Grand Lodge, because Lord Carnarvon was then Deputy Grand Master in the Craft. It was of great importance to have Lord Skelmersdale, the intimate friend of the present Grand Master, in the Craft. The success of the degree had been something astonishing, fifteen years ago there were scarcely any Mark Lodges; now there were 247, besides ten immemorial lodges; so that there were now nearly 257 lodges on the roll. Excepting the Craft, there was no Masonic body making the same progress. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to come amongst the brethren and to be of any use he could to Mark Masonry.

Bro. F. Davidson, G.T., proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund." This fund had already £1000 invested. It had made grants that evening of £50 to the daughters of one brother, and £20 to another brother, who took at one time a very active interest in the degree. He had every satisfaction in saying that the fund was progressing.

Bro. Binckes replied, and after tracing the progress of the Fund and the good it had done, announced that the annual festival would take place on the 2nd of July, at the Alexandra Palace, and that Lord Arthur Hill would take the chair.

Bro. Hargreaves, of Manchester, responded for "The Visitors," shortly after which the brethren separated.

In the course of the evening the brethren were entertained with some beautiful singing by Bros. Hodges, Stedman, De Lacy, and Masters Manning, Dunster, Payne, and Probert, of the Westminster Abbey choir, under the direction of Bro. C. M. Lott, Grand Organist.

PLACING THE CORNER-STONE.

The following address was delivered by the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward L. Judson, at the placing of the corner-stone of the U.S. Custom House and Post-Office, Albany, N.Y.:—"Fellow Citizens,—The services which you are about to witness are to be performed at the invitation of the authorities on laying the foundation stone of a building to be devoted to public uses, and while it will add another stately edifice to the many already adorning our ancient and goodly city, it will also be a monument to the public spirit and increasing importance of the American people. That these ceremonies are to be directed by an association which has long flourished in the midst of this people will be the justification—if any were needed—for a brief trespass upon your patience at this time. The custom of laying the corner stones of public buildings comes to us from a remote antiquity, so remote indeed that no man can point to its exact origin. The elements used, viz., corn, wine, and oil, have in all ages and by all people been regarded as the emblems of national prosperity, the essential elements of sustenance and domestic comfort. Naturally a ceremony so nearly allied to operative Masonry would fall to an association like ours, which employs the working tools of the builder to convey the lessons of morality and truth to its adepts. Hence in the past it has been the custom in many countries, but especially in this free land of ours, for the authorities to invite our services in laying the corner-stone with the solemnities of our Craft, thus at once by the fact of the ceremony announcing the importance of the building to follow, and the appreciation of the patriotic spirit which moves this venerable association to respond to the call of public duty, and to the extent of its power, to place the seal of its prestige and good wishes upon the work in hand. That this may be made more apparent a brief explanation of the nature of our society and its claims to that public approval of which the proceedings in which we are now engaged are an evidence will not at this time be regarded as inappropriate. The ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, represented in this ceremony, has existed so long that it may be truly said, 'the memory of man runneth not to the contrary,' yet always and in all places it has been the exponent of that idea, so grandly carried out in our national institutions, a government of the people for and by the people, recognising as it does that its rules, for time being, act by delegated powers conveyed through the medium of written constitutions and laws. The earliest and most emphatic of our inculcations, that which meets the neophyte at the very threshold of the institution, and beckons him forward and upward, 'as a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night,' until at last he is laid away to the final rest, is an unswerving belief in God, the Father and Creator of the Universe, in whom we live, move, and have our being, and without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls to the ground. And yet, withal, it is impossible that sectarianism should enter our fold, or that we should be the exponents or the enemies of any special mode of faith. Our organisation surrounds the globe; it marches into the primeval forest with the pioneer, and affords the means of a continual advancing civilisation; it is with the sailor in the solitude of the ocean, with the soldier by the camp fires and in the storm of battle; and though it may not stay the uplifted arm or the deadly missile, it gives a cup of water to a wounded enemy and grieves over the cruel necessity that has called for his wound or his death. You will find it in every rank and station of society. It accompanies the cheerful clang of the artisan's hammer, is with the farmer at seed-time and harvest, with the merchant in his warehouse, the senator at the forum, the judge upon the bench, and the minister at the altar. Even royalty is exalted by its honours, and the poorest brother walks beneath the folds of its banner with a higher consciousness of manhood, for as before God and the law, all men are equal, so on the broad pavement of Freemasonry the king and the peasant are brethren, and he among them all is mightiest in whose life-walk there is best exemplified the influence of a steady and right-doing faith in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Again, our inculcation demands that in whatever country he may be, a Mason is ever to be loyal and obedient to the Government thereof, and always to respect the civil magistrates—supreme and subordinate. There is with us no interference with the right of private judgment. Our regulations do not prevent a brother, in his capacity as a citizen, from being the most extreme partisan either way his predilections may incline. But when he enters the temple he must leave his partisanship at the door, and within its sacred precincts be only the loyal citizen, man and Mason. Hence in our lodge-rooms, during the most excited political canvass, all is calm, and the men who may differ widely upon the platform will be found side by side discharging the

peaceful and loving duties of the Craft, as though no hostile breath had ever been known to them. From this brief statement of incontrovertible facts it seems to be clear that, as Masons, we can neither be sectarian in religion nor partisans in politics, though we cheerfully and fully concede to each individual, as has already been said, his own private opinion. This society has no religious bias save in the merest acknowledgement of the Father, which is the beginning of all faith, however wide may be the ultimate differences—no influence in politics save the teachings which require us to be peaceful citizens and loyal observers of the laws made by the country in which we reside. What we desire, and the true object of our association, is to furnish a retreat from the cares and dividing influences of the world, a union that shall bring together good men without reference to their particular opinions; a union apart from the influences of caste, nation, or race; a union of hearts and hands for the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth, for the broadening and elevation of our social life; a union that shall lead men onward and upward to better levels, whence they may see the errors of the past, and look forward to a higher and better life in the future. If, by their connection with the society, men are induced to cultivate the social virtues; if by it they are constantly reminded of the duties they owe to God, their country, their neighbours, and themselves; if thus they are led to be more upright in their dealings, more ready to forgive injuries and to unite in good works, then by their acts the community is benefitted, and its moral tone elevated. We believe, and we say it reverently, that this work has the Divine approbation, for to-day, as in the long past, it is going forward with unabated zeal and many tokens of encouragement. We believe, that in every country where the institution is approved, as I am happy to say it is in this, there is an additional safeguard for the promotion of a virtuous life and social decorum. It is not claimed that all who bear the name of Mason fully live up to its requirements, for we are but men inheriting the weaknesses of common humanity; but even, in this respect, we are, at least, the peers of any other worldly institution, and labouring, as the great majority do, with full faith and earnest sincerity, we have a right to claim that our work is not without its reward, and that society is the better for our organised existence and peaceful labours, for it is by no means an untenable proposition that, living as we do, so that we may be seen and known of men, it follows that the influence exerted by the fraternity upon its membership has a reflex action upon the general community. Teaching thus, by example as well as by precept, it has a moral power—a vitalising tendency—which does not in the same ratio insure to men professions of creed and dogmas. Silently and without ostentation it moves in the execution of its appointed work, witnessing the rise and decay of empires, the formation and extinction of sects and doctrines, without being moved from the straight road of eternal truth on which it is based, and which will keep it in the vigour of youth, though centennial years were yet before it; and when at last the ransomed hosts of men are summoned to the presence of the Master, it can fearlessly present its work for inspection. Such, fellow citizens, is a brief outline of the nature and scope of the fraternity which to-day makes one of its rare public appearances, to consecrate by its time-honoured ceremonial the chief stone of the corner, above which is to rise the building devoted to the use of the National Government, in which every citizen, from the highest to the humblest, has an abiding interest. Sharing with you in this interest, joining with you in the fullest measure of local pride, we most cordially greet you, and respectfully invite your observance of the further solemnities of the occasion."

Masonic and General Tidings.

We beg to remind our readers that the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., at Fowey, under the auspices of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The Great Western Railway having made excellent arrangements it is expected there will be a very large gathering of the brethren. In addition to the usual business Bro. Emra Holmes is down in the agenda paper with a motion to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions for the new cathedral at Truro, "so that a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall may be erected in the new edifice." The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* (which may still be had at the office of this journal) contains an article on Fowey from the pen of our brother, entitled "An Unknown Watering Place."

The installation meeting of the Lodge of Amity (No. 171) took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday last. We hope to give a report of the proceedings, which included the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. J. W. Clever, in our next.

Bro. Sheriff Burt attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday in his office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Summer Festival of the Domatic Lodge, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, on Friday, the 27th inst.; the banquet will be at 4.30 and there will be a ball and concert.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 13, 1879.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hill, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-gt.
" 1158, Southern Star, Surrey M.H.
" 1538, St. Martin's Le Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., Anglesea-hill, Plumstead.
Rose Croix Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap., Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Hovlock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowdale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-qtrs, 1st Surrey Rifles.
Rose Croix, St. George's, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 14, 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Harrington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Farmor Husketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge, 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxeth United Service, Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

AMITY LODGE (No. 171).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Clever, Sec.; W. H. Mardon, S.D.; G. T. Goodinge, J.D.; Past Masters Batty, Whiteley, and Cooper; Bros. S. P. Smith, Fenn, J. R. Brown, Dodd, Toms, Buck, and J. Maddick. Visitors, Bros. Soliagni, G. and Tickle, P.M. 1196. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. J. R. Brown to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. L. Toms, which was unanimous in his favour. He being in attendance was thereupon initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. elect was then presented for the benefit of installation, to which ceremony a peculiar interest was attached, from the fact of the W.M. elect being the father of the Installing Master, he having performed the same ceremony for his son at the last installation meeting of the lodge. After having been duly saluted, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. Phillips, S.W.; W. H. Mardon, J.W.; G. T. Goodinge, S.D.; H. L. Buck, J.D.; F. C. O. Fenn, I.G.; and Smith, Tyler. The next business was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. W. Clever. The W.M. said: Brethren, you can readily understand my feelings upon this occasion much better than I can describe them. It would under ordinary circumstances be a great pleasure to me to present a jewel to my predecessor, but upon this occasion I cannot find words to express the gratification I feel in presenting the jewel to my son. Bro. Clever, I place this jewel upon your breast, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. grant you long life to wear it, and uphold the dignity and well being of the Amity Lodge. The I.P.M., in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, I feel deeply the honour you have conferred upon me in presenting me with this jewel; however many it may be my good fortune to wear, none will possess the same amount of interest that will attach to this one, it being the jewel of my mother lodge. After some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer and adjourned. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and were warmly responded to. Bro. J. W. Clever, I.P.M. and Sec., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: Seeing the gavel in my hand will be sufficient intimation of the toast I am about to propose, namely, that of "The Health of the W.M." Brethren, you will, I am sure, feel with me the position in which I am placed this evening, the subject of the toast being my own father. None of you, perhaps, know so well as myself the time and attention which he has given, and still gives, to Masonry in all its branches, and I feel sure that in performing the duties attached to his office, he will perform them as zealously as he did during his former Mastership. It is with very great pleasure that I give you "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in replying, said: Bro. Clever and brethren, I cannot describe to you the pleasure it affords me to occupy the chair of this old lodge a second time. I shall during my Mastership endeavour to carry out the ritual of Masonry in its entirety, and I look to my officers to assist me in so doing. I shall at all times be happy to afford them any instruction which they may feel they require to fit them for the performance of the duties of their respective offices. Brethren, I beg to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. The next toast was that of "The Initiate, Bro. T. L. Toms," which was cordially responded to. The initiate's song was admirably rendered by Bro. Whiteley, P.M. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to in a very able manner by Bro. Tickle. He referred to the fact of having been present at the last installation meeting, and of witnessing

the unusual ceremony of the installation of a son by a father. The meeting this year was doubly interesting from the fact of the son installing the father, an occurrence which he had no hesitation in saying was a most unusual one. In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the W.M. said: Brethren, I ought not, perhaps, to have included this toast in the list, but I feel that I must do so, and sink my paternal feeling. I little thought when I initiated him into Masonry five years ago to-night, that I should have the pleasure of installing him into the chair of this lodge, much less did I think that the duty of installing me into the chair a second time would devolve upon him, which duty, I feel sure you will agree with me, he has performed in such a manner as it has seldom been performed by so young a Mason. Brethren, it is with very great pleasure that I give you "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. J. W. Clever, in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, it affords me very great pleasure to be able to respond to this toast. My ambition has always been to instal my successor, and I am very glad that that successor happened to be my father. I feel certain that you will not regret your selection; he will, without doubt, carry out the principles of Masonry to a letter, and I trust that we shall render him all the assistance in our power. Many other toasts were honoured, among them "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge," which were responded to by Bro. Whiteley, P.M., and Bro. Batty (acting as S.W.) respectively. The meeting here broke up, and it is needless to say it was a most enjoyable one.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).—The regular June meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, there being present Bros. J. Dennis, W.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, S.W.; L. Potts, J.W.; W. C. Young, J.D.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. House, D.C.; J. Grout, Org.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., and other brethren, members of the lodge, also the following visitors: Bros. Chas. B. Bennett, P.M. 1382, who kindly acted as S.D.; R. Ould, S.D. 781; Chas. Brown, I.G. 1804; and B. Ayres Moore. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. W. G. Wilshaw, and proved unanimously in the affirmative. The work was then proceeded with by the W.M., Bros. Robinson and Day being raised, and Mr. Wilshaw initiated; the ceremonies were performed in the most impressive and thorough manner, the W.M. propounding the ritual in a manner that cannot be called other than perfect, and the officers emulating one another in the performances of their respective duties. The traditional history was given by the W.M. in the course of the Third Degree, proving alike a novelty and instructive, while, in the First Degree, Bro. House, D.C., recited the ancient charge and explanation of the Tracing Board, to the delight of all present, and those brethren who had never before heard this part of the ritual were more fully than ever impressed with the value and beauty of the tenets and principles of the Craft. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room to partake of light refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the visitors in responding to the toast in their favour, one and all expressed the pleasure they had received in witnessing the work in the lodge, pronouncing it perfect. Bro. J. K. Coleman, S.W., Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, passed his list round, and had the pleasure of seeing it very fairly supported.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The installation meeting of the lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M.; C. Jacques, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Ramsay, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Hart, Hon. Org.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, and J. Clarke, P.P.G.D.C. Herts, Hon. P.M.'s; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. Middx., J.W. and Sec. pro tem. (Freemason); and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. A. Andrews, 382; R. Walker, 656; H. McDougall, 656; and B. White, 907. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, then raised Bro. A. Williams, and initiated Mr. Thomas Simpson, the ceremonies being well performed. The installation of the W.M. was then ably carried out by Bro. Jas. Terry, assisted by Bro. Clark as D.C. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. T. C. Walls, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; Jackson, I.P.M. and Secretary; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; Samuel, S.D.; Quilter, J.D.; C. Potter, I.G.; Hart, Organist; Strugnell, D.C.; Parkinson, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Terry and Clark for their services as Installing Officers. The report of the Audit Committee was received and approved, and a copy thereof was ordered to be printed and sent to each member. The subject of the final approval of the bye-laws was postponed until the next meeting in July. Previously to the lodge being closed the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel. The presentation was accompanied by a very able address by the W.M. The interesting ceremony of presenting each of the founders with a jewel, in recognition of their services in founding the lodge, having taken place, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Acland, the manager of the hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The feast of St. John was observed in connection with this lodge, according to old custom, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members signed their names in the Tyler's book:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M.; E. G. Mitchell,

S.W.; J. Elliot, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; T. Carey, I.P.M.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.G. Steward; A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. R. Banks, W.M. elect; W. Stoddart, Sec.; F. Armstrong, S.D.; T. Waite, I.G.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; R. Brown, Jos. Thompson, F. Harrison, J. Quay, P. Dodgson, G. W. Thompson, J. Kendall, J. B. Harrison, J. Wilson, J. Newton, J. H. Raven, J. G. Fletcher, T. Baylis, W. Skelton, P. Wedgwood, T. Moore, G. Brown, T. Weatherston, and J. Messenger, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. Dixon, P.M. 1400; W. H. Hodless, P.M. 327, P.G. Steward; J. Wood, P.M. 962; J. Milligan, S.W. and W.M. elect 119; J. W. Miles, Sec. 119; J. Casson, Steward 119; J. J. Coverdale, Sec. 962; W. Whitehead, I.G. 962; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; R. Thomas, 962; J. J. Little, 962; J. Harrison, St. Andrew's, 199, Cumbernauld, N.B.; and W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes were read and confirmed. Subsequently the chair was taken by Bro. Kenworthy, P.M., and Bro. J. R. Banks was regularly installed, saluted, and proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, I.P.M.; F. Armstrong, S.W.; W. Stoddart, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, for the thirty-fourth time; T. Waite, Sec.; W. Armstrong, P.M., D.C.; R. Hetherington, S.D.; J. H. Raven, J.D.; J. Quay, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Newton and J. J. Fletcher, Stewards; J. Messenger, Tyler. The addresses to the M.W. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M., and to the brethren generally by the Installing Master. After votes of thanks to Bros. Kenworthy and Gibson, and hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to dinner, which was laid out in the hall. Bro. J. R. Banks, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported right and left by the P.M.'s and Provincial Officers present. Very little of the post prandial proceedings were, however, participated in by the brethren from a distance, owing to the near approach of the last trains, and it is a pity the work of the day was not begun at least an hour earlier.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—Bro. C. S. Lane having been reinstated as the W.M. of this lodge, the ceremony of installation took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the presence of a distinguished assembly of brethren, Bro. E. Hudson, P.M., being the Installing Officer. The ceremony, which is a very elaborate one, and in the hands of Bro. Hudson peculiarly impressive, was followed by the investiture of officers. These were as follows:—Bros. G. Carter, S.W.; G. Young, J.W.; E. Hudson, D.C.; R. P. Harpley, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Mayson, S.D.; Baumann, J.D.; Quincey, Org.; J. Stonehouse, I.G.; Lamb and Sissing, Stewards; and Wm. Atkinson, Tyler. The banquet, which, like the installation, was influentially attended, was afterwards held at the Commercial Hotel (Bro. Hobson's). The company included Bros. Liddle, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., of the William Lodge, Sunderland; Bro. R. Ventress, of the Tees Lodge, Stockton; and Bro. H. A. Bordie, of St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 5th instant, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. D. Hayes. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors, and the proceedings throughout were of a most cordial and unanimous character. The following officers assisted the W.M.: Past Masters C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Ellis-Fermor, J. McDougall, A. Penfold, W. T. Vincent, and H. Butler, I.P.M.; Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; J. Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; R. Cook, S.D.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Pryce, D.C.; Thos. Reid, W.S.; and R. Lister, Tyler. Bros. Sadler Long and Rees acted respectively as J.D. and I.G., in the absence of the officers holding those positions. Among the brethren and visitors present were Bros. A. Woodley, W.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, P.M. 700; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1434; W. T. Palmer, P.M. 9; T. Hutton, S.W. 13; J. Warren, S.W. 700; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; W. Holleyman, J.D. 1536; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, D.C. 700; A. Fenn, 700; W. Harris, 700; J. Chapman, 942; E. Tappenden, 700; C. Beard, 700; E. W. Crews, 13; S. Hare, 706; W. Watkins, 1536; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for of Bro. A. Joskey, 1076, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Bros. J. Gouli and R. Taylor were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. A. Flagg and H. Towns were raised to the Sublime Degree. The ceremonies were most impressively rendered by the W.M., the third especially. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lloyd, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office, and returned thanks. Bro. A. Jessup, who had been seriously ill for some time, was then, as unanimously, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lester was re-elected I.G. Bro. Butler then, in a speech replete with eloquence and taste, referred to the successful and harmonious year that had just passed under the leadership of Bro. Hayes, and concluded by proposing that the usual jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should be presented to him as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and of their sense of the manner in which he had conducted the business of it during the past year. Bro. Lloyd seconded, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. then drew attention to the long and arduous services of their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Denton, P.M., who had for eighteen years served the lodge as Secretary without fee or reward. He attributed the success of the lodge in every respect to that brother's valuable and unstinted

service, and proposed that a Secretary's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, be presented him in the name of the lodge. This was seconded, and supported by Bros. Fermor, Coughland, Penfold, and Chapman. Bro. Fermor said that it might be made to set gracefully upon their brother's breast if they added something to it from their own pockets, and started a subscription list with two guineas, for the purpose, as he suggested, of presenting Bro. Denton with one, two, or more Life Governorships in the Masonic Charities. A running fire of guineas and half-guineas followed, and a Committee was at once formed to carry out Bro. Fermor's suggestion. Bro. Denton thanked the brethren for their gift of a jewel, which, he said, would fully repay him for all his work for them, for it was truly a labour of love to him. He was already a Life Governor of the three Institutions, but would leave their intention entirely to the Committee. Bros. Day and C. Jolly were then appointed from among the ranks on the annual Audit Committee, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been wished by the representatives of the several lodges present, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to supper, and afterwards to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and some excellent singing passed the time along merrily, until the Tyler's toast and "Old Lang Syne" brought the meeting to an end.

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The members of this lodge met at the King's Arms Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst. There were present the following brethren: Bros. Wm. Coppard Banks, W.M.; C. J. Dodd, S.W.; R. Durnell, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Jewell, P.M.; P.G.O. Kent, Secretary; Smalman Smith, S.D.; Thos. J. Baker, J.D.; S. Lavis, D.C.; Alfd. S. Owen, I.G.; H. L. Hall, W.S.; R. B. Newsome, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Kent; E. J. Dodd, P.M.; P. M. Hadley, T. Cressell, J. Waller, and J. Morgan. Visitors: John G. Horsey, J.W. 1619; and Jas. W. Lambert, P.M. 142. The lodge was opened with prayer at half-past three o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary then informed the brethren that the W.M. had placed in his hands a very handsome and useful pair of compasses as a present to and for the use of the lodge. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. There were four candidates on the summons for initiation, but only one attended; two having been approved at former meeting, the other two were now balloted for, viz., Messrs. Chas. E. Birch and Thos. Fishenden, and both unanimously approved. Bro. John Morgan, a candidate for passing, having replied to the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired, and the lodge being opened in the Second, he was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. C. E. Birch was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A notice of motion was then given by Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M., for the removal of the lodge from its present place of meeting. We congratulate the W.M., Bro. W. C. Banks, on the able and impressive manner in which he gave the two ceremonies. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Owing to many of the brethren having to return to London, the proceedings closed at about 8.30.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—Whit-Monday was the annual installation day of the above lodge, and the members of the "good and true" old lodge assembled in strong force on the afternoon of that day (notwithstanding the thousand and one attractions outside, enhanced by really splendid weather) at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where business commenced about half-past three o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Korn, W.M., and amongst others present were Bros. Joseph Healing, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; W. C. Webb, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Linaker, Sec.; T. H. Arden, S.D.; C. Fothergill, J.D.; A. Cotter, D.C.; J. S. Warden, I.G.; J. Tickle, S.; G. Crute, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members on the list of attendance included Bros. R. S. Coyle, A. Williamson, A. Soldats, R. Edwards, W. Robson, S. Campbell, G. W. Dillire, J. C. Fish, H. Ravenscroft, J. W. Gaul, J. Shaw, W. Davies, J. Davies, J. A. Morton, W. Garner, D. Buchanan, W. Fish, and J. B. Barker. The numerous visitors present included Bros. J. Keet, Sec. 1356; E. George, S.D. 1356; J. N. Gotham, 823; J. L. Houghton, W.M. 594; H. Jones, J.D. 1675; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; T. Peake, J.W. 667; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Crispe, 724; J. Bretherton, 241; T. Foulkes, 1325; J. H. Gregory, S.W. 667; S. P. Gore, 1356; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; C. Wadsworth, S. 292; A. Child, 1505; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. Hocken, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; Joseph Wood, (Freemason). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Alexandra Cotter as W.M. of the Neptune, an honour which he once before had conferred upon him. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Healing, who has on previous occasions done similar service to the Neptune. The following were the officers invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Korn, I.P.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; T. Arden, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the third time); C. Fothergill, Sec.; J. Healing, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Warden, S.D.; G. Crute, J.D.; J. Tickle, I.G.; J. Ashworth, S.S.; J. H. Linaker, J.S.; J. Shaw, Asst. S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler (re-elected). At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. P. M. Gee moved that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Healing, and recorded on the minutes, for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the installation ceremony that afternoon. It required no words from him (Bro. Gee) to recommend that proposal to their hearty acceptance, as every

one had witnessed the excellent way in which on that and other occasions this ceremony had been performed by Bro. Healing. Bro. Korn, I.P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Healing, who remarked that his work that day had indeed been a labour of love to him, which he would be at all times happy to perform for the good of the Neptune Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given from about a dozen representatives of other lodges, and the business was afterwards brought to a close. The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the after-dinner proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Joseph Korn, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge during his year in the chair, as well as during the period he has occupied other offices.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday evening, the 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members, the chief business of general interest being the election of W.M. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; T. Foulkes, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, I.P.M., Treas.; R. B. Burgess, Secretary; N. Robertson, S.D.; A. Samuels, J.D.; John Holme and M. Campbell, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Henry Mallinson, Samuel Gordon, William J. Bell, James Ashton, Peter Dickenson, John Davies, George Lewis, William J. Maxwell, John H. Ewing, John Corbett, Henry Braddack, George Argyle, Isaac Thompson, J. Threlfall, William Johnson, Isaac Beckett, W. H. Quayle, Peter S. Johnson, Thomas Rose, Richard B. Hughes, Thos. Gray, W. J. Constantine, M. Brown, Benjamin Littleton, and C. Cranwell. The visitors included Bros. David Jackson, W.M. 673; A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; Joseph Barlow, 440, Montreal; James P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; Joseph Boyle, 823; Fredk. S. Halpin, 1086; Richard Washington, W.M. 1094; W. Kitchen, 1756; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; John McWean, P.M. 1035; Alfred Woolrich, S.W. 1356; J. Hodgson, 1350; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason). After the minutes had been confirmed, Mr. T. F. Powell was unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. Davis, Dickinson, and Beckitt were raised to the Degree of M.M., the work of both Degrees being effectively performed. Bro. Thomas Foulkes, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year, and Bro. J. W. Burgess, I.P.M., was re-elected Treasurer nem. con. A letter was read by the Secretary from Bro. Winkskill, late S.W. of this lodge, thanking the brethren for the handsome testimonial with which they had presented him on his retirement, on account of his going to reside permanently in Kendal. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent supper was served by the House Steward. During the evening Bros. T. Foulkes, J. Hodgson, J. P. Bryan, and W. J. Bell contributed to the enjoyment of the company by singing several excellent songs. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The ordinary meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there was a good muster of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. J. Nichols, W.M.; J. H. Pearson, S.W.; T. W. Clarke, J.W.; John Mason, P.M., P.G.S.D. Middx., Treas.; John Elliott, P.M., Sec.; F. Jacob, J.D.; J. Davie, Org.; W. H. Goodall, I.G.; and R. Potter, Tyler; and the following brethren: Bros. W. W. Elliott, R. Schmidt, R. Pearce, J. Fletcher, D. Wilkins, E. E. Crombie, R. J. Fennell, F. Wadson, R. C. Smith, G. R. Nichols, F. A. Pemberton, R. Wadsworth, A. Stevenson, J. Harris, R. Jones, J. Dixon, G. F. Lawrence, H. G. Sanders, and W. T. Price. The visitors were Bros. H. Leah, P.M. 193; T. W. Murby, S.W. 257; and W. Bradford, 862. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and after passing two of the brethren to the Fellow Craft Degree, he raised Bro. Wilkins to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and initiated Mr. Julius Hatry into the brotherhood. The lodge being closed in due form and with solemn prayer, a banquet was served in Bro. Harris's usual style; it is needless to add, full justice was done to the same, and general approval expressed thereof by the brethren. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with commendable brevity, and well received by the brethren. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Mason. Bros. Leah and Murby responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Clarke, Jacob, and Goodall for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The installation festival of this young and flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst. Bro. W. Martin, the W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D., and Installing Master; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; C. Hodgson, 119; W. F. Cox, P.M. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; Rowland Baxter, W.M. elect 1267; F. Whittle, 1267; W. Walker, St. John's, 157, B'ith, Scotland. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. Kenlis Lodge, 1267, P.G.J.D., was formally placed in the chair, saluted, and proclaimed according to ancient custom, after which his officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. Martin, I.P.M.; R. Wilson, S.W.; G. Dalrymple, J.W.; J. Moffatt, Treas.; J. Harris, Sec.; Dr. Luce, S.D.; W. Tremble, J.D.; D. Dixon, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler. The charges having been delivered in a most effective manner by the Installing Master, followed by "Hearty good wishes" from the various visiting bre-

thren, the lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren partook of supper, and two or three hours were harmoniously spent in toast and song, till about ten o'clock.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 1676).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Granges-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. T. Taylor, P.G.A.P., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. T. Cochran, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. R. Taylor, S.W.; M. E. Catchyside, J.W.; J. Mockay, S.D.; F. Blencowe, Sec.; W. Cummings, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Cook, D.M., P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; E. Marsten, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; R. Veitch, S.S.; J. B. Clark, J.S.; J. H. Tanner, R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P.; R. W. Cummins, R. Hempton, A. Ross, W. S. Armstrong, R. Muller, J. Beeby. Visitors: T. Walton, 1664; J. Probert, P.M. 424; B. P. Ord, P.G.O., W.M. 1427; T. Creuser, W.M. 636; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; R. C. Symonds, J.W. 1626; R. Eynon, W.M. 48, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; W. Walter, 681, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. North-east Riding of Yorkshire; G. S. Sims, 15. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received, showing the lodge to be in a prosperous condition, with a good balance in hand. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Arthur H. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P., by the W.M., to receive from him the benefit of installation. The W.M. elect having taken the obligation, the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when all below the rank of W.M. or installed Master withdrew, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Arthur Reed Taylor was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., Installing Master. The brethren were then re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the usual manner, the working tools in each degree being severally given by the Installing Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. T. Taylor, P.G.A.P., I.P.M.; M. E. Catchyside, S.W.; F. Blencowe, J.W.; R. W. Cummins, sen., Sec.; R. W. Cummins, jun., S.D.; E. Marston, J.D.; J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., M.C.; R. Veitch, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. B. Clark, S.S.; R. Muller, J.S. The usual addresses were given by the Installing Master in a most able and impressive manner, and bode well for the success of Masonry in this province. The ceremony was closed by a round of applause from the brethren for the Installing Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Douglass Hotel, where a most magnificent dinner was served in a manner seldom surpassed. After the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland," responded to by Bro. R. Eynon, W.M. 48, P.P.A.D.C., who thanked the W.M. for the honour he had done him in coupling his name with this toast. He was quite sure he was unable to respond to the toast in the manner it merited, as he thought every one in the room was sufficiently acquainted with their P.G.M., Earl Percy, and the officers of P.G.L., to know that everything was done by them to keep Masonry in Northumberland in the position it merited, second to none in the provinces. The W.M. proposed "The P.G. Master of Durham," responded to by Bro. Probert, P.M. 424, who said: "W.M., I only regret how feebly the toast will be responded to in comparison with his labours in Freemasonry. I am proud to say we have the oldest P.G.M. in England over us, and he is always ready with his advice and well known ability to help any brother as far as it is in his power, both in word or deed. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Installing Master, proposed "The W.M.," and said: "Brethren, at the formation of this lodge two years since, from his zeal and ability he was appointed the first J.W., and he has worked steadily till he has arrived at the position of W.M. of this lodge; and I must say I am proud to stand this day as the Installing Master of so distinguished a brother as the W.M., and I sincerely hope he may have as prosperous a year as his predecessor. The W.M., in response, said: "I thank you, Bro. P.M. Armstrong and brethren, for the kind manner you have proposed my health and success in Masonry, and to the brethren in the manner they have responded to it. I can only say I will do my best to keep up the prestige of this lodge, and it will be my greatest pleasure to hand it down to my successor in the same unsullied manner it has been handed to me this day, and I must ask of you to accord to my officers the same kindly feeling you have this day given to me, and that you will think of the saying, to be to our virtues kind, and to our faults generous. "The Health of the I.P.M." Bro. John A. Taylor, was proposed by Bro. Ord, P.G.O., P.M. 1427, in a feeling and appropriate manner, to which the I.P.M. responded in a most able manner. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of P.M. Armstrong, Installing Master, P.G.P.," and said: "Brethren, you all know his kindness of manner, and the ability and zeal he displays in whatever he takes in hand in this province. He was one of the founders of this lodge, and from the manner he this day installed me into the chair of K.S. I can only think he has a brilliant career before him, and that he is only on the first round of the ladder that leads to fame and success, as whatever he takes in hand always prospers, and I wish him health and long life to enjoy the laurels I am sure he will win. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had proposed his health, and for the reception it had received from the brethren. There had been a great deal said about the part he took in the formation of the lodge, but I must say they were trivial in comparison with what my esteemed friend P.M. G. Thompson, whom we have so lately seen taken from amongst us, took in the formation of this lodge, as he took the chair at

the first meeting, and he suggested several most important ideas, which helped us with our labours in the formation of this lodge. W.M. and brethren, I thank you for the kind feeling you have expressed to me, and hope you may go on and prosper. The W.M. proposed "The P.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge," responded to by Bro. J. Cook, M.O., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. proposed "The Past and Present Officers of St. Nicholas Lodge," responded to by Bro. Blencowe, J.W. The I.P.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Installing Master, P.M., P.G.P. "The Visiting Brethren" was duly given by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., responded to by Bro. Eynen, W.M. 481, P.P.G.A.D.C. Bros. Frery, Blencowe, Robinson, MacKay, Armstrong, Cummings, and several other brethren gave some capital songs and recitations, when the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. A. R. Olley, W.M.; A. McMillan, S.W.; S. Dignam, J.W.; A. McDowall, S.D.; W. Ferras, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec., and also several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams, the candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Second Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. Dignam, seconded—"That Bro. McMillan be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The brethren of this lodge, with the assistance of those from other lodges, worked the Fifteen Sections on Monday, June the 11th, under the able direction of Bro. H. J. Lardner, J.W. 1745, W.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623; Stuart, P.M. 141, J.W.; Jackson, 1475, S.D.; Whadcoat, 141, J.D.; Tremere, 1309, I.G.

1ST LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623.
- 2nd " " W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D. 1623.
- 3rd " " W. Tilling, S.D. 765.
- 4th " " J. Cox, P.M. 765.
- 5th " " D. Moss, 1275.
- 6th " " G. Rumbold, S.W. 141.
- 7th " " G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623.

2ND LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. J. Jackson, P.W. 1475.
- 2nd " " W. Martin, 879.
- 3rd " " R. P. Tate, S.D. 862.
- 4th " " Davis, J.D. 879.
- 5th " " Davison, P.M. 299.

3RD LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. Brown, 862.
- 2nd " " W. Stuart, P.M. 141.
- 3rd " " Davis, 879.

Preceptor, W. Pennefather, P.M.; Hon Secretary, E. Mallett, P.M. The Sections being ended the lodge was then resumed, and the W.M. rose to make the usual enquiries, when the following brethren expressed a desire to become members of the lodge, were proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected, viz., Bros. R. H. Hallam, S.W. 1349; T. Tremere, 1309; Davis, J.D. 879; Dickinson, P.M. 1299; W. E. Whadcoat, 141; J. Cox, P.M. 765; W. Martin, 879. They thanked the brethren of the lodge for their unanimous election, and expressed themselves in terms of admiration at the very able manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties as Lecture Master, asserting that the lodge could not fail support with such brethren amongst them. Bro. G. H. Stephens, 1623, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, the 16th inst. He thanked the brethren, and appointed his officers as usual. A vote of thanks was passed and recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had rendered assistance in the various Sections. It was then unanimously resolved, on the motion of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather, P.M., that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Lardner, for the very able manner he had discharged the arduous duties of W.M. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their acknowledgement in his efforts to discharge his duties. He felt more than at the present moment he was able to express, and went on to say that from the day he was initiated he had given his love to Freemasonry, and as he progressed from stage to stage, his love became greater, until nothing but the Fifteen Sections would appease him; and having thus far fairly accomplished his undertaking, he felt gratified at the reception recorded him. Before resuming his seat he would like to say a few words upon a subject that appeared to him an important question, viz., the constant practice as a necessity for the uniformity of working the visiting more often of each other's lodges of instruction, for nothing had confused him more than trying to do what he had been taught, to visit a lodge and told he was wrong; he hoped the brethren present, many of whom were P.M.'s, would not think he reflected upon any particular system; such was not the case; he thought there must be a right way, and thought that way might be arrived at by more constant communication with each other. Again thanking the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and trusting to meet each other again before long, he would ask them to assist him to close the lodge according to ancient custom, which

he accomplished, and the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening, the attendance being very large.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The first regular meeting of this chapter was held at Andertons Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; Neville Green, H.; T. C. Chapman, J.; W. H. Brand, S.E.; R. A. Steel, S.N.; E. Somers, P.S.; W. Stephens, P.Z.; Marsh, Janitor. The chapter having been formally opened and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed, ballot was taken for seven candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Bros. Frederick Brasted, John L. Payne, William Beasley, and Robert George, all of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, being in attendance, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. After some other business had been disposed of the companions adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors were Comps. T. Green, H. 975; and F. Brown, N. 538.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS. — Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—The regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Pump Room, Comp. W. Stephens, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. B. S. Wilmot, P.Z.; W. B. Bacon, J.; R. W. Delves, S.E.; H. D. M. Williams, S.N.; Chas. Graham, P.S.; W. B. Bates, 1st A.S.; A. Arnold Goodhall, I. G. Whitehead, and Wrighton. The chapter was visited by Comp. G. Buss. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Comps. W. T. Wrighton, Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 23, and H. S. Goodall, of the Wellington Chapter, No. 874, as joining members, also for Bro. Albert Arnold, M.M. No. 874, which proved unanimous. The last named, being in attendance, was duly exalted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, the ceremony, as is usual in the chapter, being given in an admirable manner. Comp. Wilmot, P.Z., proposed—"That the day of installation be in future the first Monday in December," which was carried. This concluded the business before the chapter, which was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the Mount Ephraim Hotel, when an excellent banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given from the chair very briefly, and they were duly honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the Treasurer of the chapter, Comp. Wilmot, P.Z. The M.E.Z., in thanking the companions for the toast, congratulated them on their prosperity, and said it was a great pleasure to him to preside over them, and he would do all in his power to promote the interest of the Holmesdale Chapter. "The Health of the Newly-Exalted Companion" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comp. Arnold. "The Health of the Visitor" was proposed, in an eulogistic speech, by the M.E.Z. Comp. Buss thanked the M.E.Z. for proposing the toast, and the companions for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. The intervals between the toasts were pleasantly enlivened with some excellent songs by Comps. W. T. Wrighton and Bates. The proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast. Our esteemed Comp. Wrighton, the author of "Her bright smile haunts me still," has located himself at Tunbridge Wells, and would be delighted to see any old friends at his house, the Mount Ephraim Hotel—

"For you may travel around
Where hotels are found,
At Dover, Hastings, or Brighton,
But there's one you should seek
On Mount Ephraim's peak,
Which is kept by a regular Right 'un."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, Henry W. Hunt, Joyce Murray, R. B. Webster, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Rev. Rich. Morris (Head Master of the School), Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, G. J. Palmer, Geo. Gillard, W. Paas, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Chairman gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the salary of the Head Master £50 a year, and in giving the notice stated that the brethren all knew the result of the last examinations, when such a success was achieved as he believed had never before been attained by any Institution. When Dr. Morris first came to the school there were 110 boys in it, there were now 230. There were also additional masters, and the labours of Dr. Morris were very much increased. It was on these grounds he (the Chairman) gave the notice of motion.

All the brethren agreed that the success of the Institution under Dr. Morris had been extraordinary.

Five candidates were placed on the list for the October election, and the members of the House and Audit Committees were declared re-elected, no nominations for new members having been made.

Two outfits were granted to former pupils of the Institution, and the Committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

It will be seen from the advertisement on our front page that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on the 28th inst., not on the 21st, as at first proposed.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR THOMAS WHITE LODGE, No. 1820.

This new lodge, founded by brethren who were educated at Merchant Taylors' School, to scholars of which only membership will be confined, was consecrated on the 6th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. The founders of the lodge were Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Trollope, P.M. 40, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, F. J. Vialls, H. Bué, J. M. Hare, Joseph J. Forrester, Alfred Cooper, P.M.; and W. Brown.

It is an interesting fact that the Merchant Taylors' Company, under whose auspices the school in Charterhouse-square flourishes, have been more intimately associated with Freemasonry than is perhaps generally known. The Duke of Buccleugh was installed as Grand Master of Freemasons in the Merchant Taylors' Hall, and he first proposed the scheme of raising a general fund for distressed Masons, and in the year following his successor, the Duke of Richmond, appointed twelve Masters of contributing Lodges, together with the Grand Officers, to form a committee, which has since been modified, and which now forms our Lodge of Benevolence. On the 29th January, 1730, the Duke of Norfolk was duly invested and installed as Grand Master in Merchant Taylors' Hall, and amongst other gifts to Grand Lodge he presented "a sword of State for the Grand Master, being the old trusty sword of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden." This is the sword now used in Grand Lodge. In 1732 Lord Viscount Montague was installed in the ancient Hall, and on the 27th April, 1767, the Duke of Beaufort was also installed in the same place, shortly after which Masonry was enabled to found a hall of its own.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., himself an old Merchant Taylors' scholar; the S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; the J.W. chair by Bro. Francis Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. J. M. Hare was Secretary; and Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Oxford, acted as I.G.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed under the direction of Bro. Faulkner Leigh, P.G. Org. Herts, by that brother and Bros. Henry Parker, P.P. Org. Middlesex, J. Hodges, and W. Bolton.

The full list of the brethren who attended was as follows:—Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; P. De L. Long, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir Charles Bright, D.P.G.M. Middlesex; F. W. Forrester, W.M. 222; J. W. Ellis, Grand Steward, G. Parbury, A. Rickards, and F. G. Faithfull, 1615, Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company; Gordon Brown, P.M. 1; F. Richardson, P.M. 14; Charles Tyler, P.M. 19; W. Hollingworth, P.M. 63; J. Houle, P.M. 92; J. Forrester, P.M. 222; W. J. Starkey, P.M. 322; R. H. Thrupp, P.M. 255; J. Bué, P.M. 357; H. Massey, P. M. 619; G. Drysdale, F. Hayter, Faulkner Leigh, Walter Bolton, Henry Parker, John Hodges, G. Roper, J. W. Sewell, R. G. Hall, J. C. Walker, G. H. Haydon, G. H. Savage, G. Pettillieu, Alfred Gilbert, and D. Allen Duke, and H. Massey (Freemason). After the lodge had been opened,

Bro. John Hervey said: Brethren, the ceremony of the consecration of a lodge is not now so unusual as it used to be in times gone by. Lodges are daily accumulating in our midst, the Craft is extending its branches far and wide, not only in England, but in the Colonies and Dependencies of this country, and I trust that it is extending its influence not only in numbers but for good. In London naturally we have had a great many class lodges established. When I say "class lodges," I mean lodges which emanate from some particular number of gentlemen who associate themselves together because they have derived their business from one source, or, that from circumstances, they are disposed to congregate together as a lodge when not meeting in the ordinary social way as men and gentlemen. Now, of late years we have had a great many of that class, and this Sir Thomas White Lodge is, perhaps, the youngest of those which may be considered class lodges, as it emanates from that great school which has turned out many eminent men, among whom we can count great scholars and most eminent persons, both in the Church and in the State. I am sure that it must be a gratifying thing to the members of this new lodge to originate a lodge which is founded upon such principles, and we may hope, I think, in future years to find that the Sir Thomas White Lodge—although probably the founders might have taken a more immediate name, and called it "The Merchant Taylors' School Lodge"—will show its influence in the Craft and prove to the members of it that the lodge has not originated in vain. Now, we have many lodges which take their names from something which is to distinguish them as belonging to a particular calling, and I see among the first which may be ranked as a class lodge, one that is called the Asaph, a lodge which is a musical lodge, where the members meet in the middle of the day that their Masonic duties may not interfere with their professional engagements. They do their work in the lodge, and early in the afternoon they separate, and they have only one banquet a year to celebrate their hospitality among themselves. The next which I find on a short list which I have made here is called the Covent Garden Lodge, and that, brethren, originated with salesmen, highly respectable men, all of them, I believe, fruiterers and salesmen in Covent Garden Market. I find the Crichton Lodge which meets down at Camberwell, and is principally composed of schoolmasters and men who make education their particular aim. Next comes the Evening Star Lodge, which, I think, a very good name for it, inasmuch as it is principally composed, and I might say almost entirely composed, of men who are connected with gas factories, and who turn night into day. We then come to a

lodge called the Northern Bar Lodge. I think, perhaps, our Bro. Inner Guard perhaps might be better able to tell you about that than I can. (Bro. Cooper Smith: No, Worshipful Master, I have no acquaintance with it.) I thought perhaps you had visited it; but it originated then in the fact that when the alteration took place in the different circuits, the baristers who were members of the Northern Bar originated the lodge in order that they might meet together socially, although they did not meet professionally on circuit. It is a very jovial lodge, as I can testify, and it is composed certainly of some of the most eminent men who are connected with the bar of this country. Then comes another musical lodge, called Orpheus Lodge, a parochial lodge, called St. Clement Danes Lodge, of which our Rev. Bro. R. J. Simpson was in a great measure the originator. We have then another parochial lodge, called the St. Dunstan's Lodge, and all of these are connected with a particular class. There is another, called the St. Leonard Lodge, Shoreditch, which is again a parochial lodge. The University Lodge we all know emanated from the fact that the Westminster and Keystone Lodge was a very large lodge, composed chiefly of Oxford men, and the Cambridge men thought they would like to have a finger in the pie as well as the Oxford men, and, therefore, they originated the lodge as a sort of outlying element in associating the members of the University of Cambridge. And the last, brethren, and I may say not the least, which I shall trouble you with is a lodge which was established by the non-commissioned officers of London. They complained that they had no lodge in which they could associate; the lodges generally speaking were too expensive for their men, and they, therefore, wished to have a lodge where they might all meet together, on the same level, as men and brethren, I will not say out of uniform, but at any rate out of the pale of the military control. The Wanderers' Lodge is now, I believe, considerably above 100 strong, and it has not confined its labours to the non-commissioned officers, or those who are associated with them, because a great number of the officers of the army hearing of this lodge have joined with their subalterns, and become members of the Wanderers' Lodge. Bro. Fenn just now reminds me that a short time ago I had the pleasure of consecrating a lodge at the Alexandra Palace, and of installing our Bro. Cooper Smith (who is kindly acting as our Inner Guard to day) as first Master of that lodge; and that lodge also bears a close resemblance to this, inasmuch as it emanated from a school called the Cholmondeley, which has, I think, its head-quarters at Highgate, and therefore I was wrong in saying this was the first of these lodges which have appeared in a scholastic form. Brethren, I am sure from the number we see round this room, that you wish this lodge good speed, and I trust that when the labours of the day are finished we shall hand over the warrant and the government of the lodge to those who will well guard them. I naturally take an interest in this lodge, being an old scholar of the Merchant Taylors, and I shall be glad to see it flourish and prosper. I will not trouble you any further, I have perhaps said a great deal too much about these things; but at any rate you will forgive me on such an occasion as this, when the Installing Master is expected to make some observations on the work he is engaged in. (Hear, hear.)

After the usual formalities following the opening address, Bro. Hervey called on Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox to deliver the oration.

Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, then said: Brethren, I am called upon, somewhat unprepared, to address you on this occasion, and I must throw myself upon your consideration and fraternal good will, if I should fall short in the duty imposed upon me, as I fear in all probability will be the case. Nevertheless, I will endeavour to do my best to promote the interests of the lodge, and to show how much I love and admire the great principles and tenets of our Order. My first duty will be to direct you to the highest and noblest of principles enunciated in the whole tenets of the Craft—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." Masonry, so long as it has flourished in its pure and palmy condition, has never lost sight of the first great duty of paying adoration and ascribing glory and honour to The Great Architect of the Universe, Masonry in itself having promoted through the length and breadth of the world that "brotherly love, relief, and truth" which are combined in those words of sublime expression, "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." I have a strong conviction for my own part, that Masonry is derived from the very earliest times. I have on several occasions been somewhat ridiculed for maintaining this position, but the more I have studied Masonry, and the longer I have enjoyed taking part in its ceremonies, the more am I persuaded that it has been handed down from a period which is little thought of, I fear, by many of those who have been initiated into the Order. My own firm conviction is, that it first of all sprang into notice at the Great Dispersion, when language was founded, and my belief is that though the brethren, the then Masons, the Craftsmen of that period (for we know the Dispersion took place on account of their attempting to build a tower that should reach to Heaven, so that it should save future generations from the waters of a Flood)—carried away with them, as they could never speak the same language hereafter, certain substituted "signs and symbols," by which they should be known one to another wherever they might plant their foot, or inhabit far distant countries. I take this for granted in a great measure from circumstances, of which you are probably aware, that wherever you travel over the face of the earth and water, whether it be far distant or unexplored islands of the sea, or whether it be among those poor unhappy men now contending and fighting against our power in South Africa, there you will find that there are signs and symbols of our Order, and even these those signs are given, accepted and received as proofs of fraternity existing amongst them. Of the power of Masonry in other parts of the world I may de-

tain you with an anecdote concerning a dear boy of mine now gone to his rest, an old Merchant Taylor, a schoolfellow of one or more members of this lodge, whom I have the pleasure of addressing. At the age of eighteen he went out to India at the flag end of the Mutiny. As soon as he was brought into active service he had to lead a detachment in order to capture the great rebel, Tania Topee. Five minutes before his arrival the rebel had escaped, and so his detachment was unable to catch him. He had however a fight, with thirty men under his command, with a body of the mutineers. This mere stripling of eighteen was about to be struck down by a stalwart Hindoo; but he remembered the last piece of advice I gave him on the ship's deck as he was leaving Southampton—"If ever you find yourself in difficulty or danger, never forget the sign of grief and lamentation"—for, I may say I myself initiated him into Masonry, passed, and raised him before he left this country, by dispensation, he being a lewis. The moment he was about to be cut down he gave that sign, the man dropped his sword and not only saved his life, but led him to his lines. That is an evidence of what is effected through the instrumentality of Masonry, and is among my evidences of its being connected with the Dispersion. As time went on the Egyptian mysteries sprang into notice. We know that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and I have a firm conviction that he took away with him from Egypt the secrets of the Order which were afterwards developed in still wider extent, as time shows, by the rearing of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. The great features of Masonry culminated in the building of King Solomon's Temple, and from that time to the present it has gone on increasing in force and vigour, declining at some periods of the world's history, reviving again in majesty and pride, but ever promoting the great principles upon which it is founded, "glory to God in the highest, and planted on earth, peace, goodwill towards men." We cannot look at our cathedrals, those ancient fanes, throughout the length and breadth of our country as elsewhere in the world, without bearing testimony to the fact that they are the products of Masons who were operative, of the guilds of Masonry that existed not only in this land but every land in the world, not even excepting India—buildings which are still the marvels of our age brought to perfection by the skill of the Craftsmen. I need not remind you, who are well informed concerning the progress of Masonry in our own land, how it has developed within the last few years. I hope and trust it will develop more and more, and that we may have quality amongst us rather than quantity, that the true principles of Masonry may be looked to before receiving a brother within our portals, and that none but worthy, and worthy men alone, shall find admission within the precincts of our lodges. I do most earnestly hope and trust still further that we may find many of the ceremonies revived which I remember being carried out in my young days, and which, at the age of five years, induced me to say if I lived to be old enough I would be a Mason—a determination which I never forgot. Whenever such events occur I believe they make a great impression, and will continue to do so continually; but I regret to say that of late years the laying of the foundation stones of noble and stately edifices has been greatly neglected. I did hope and trust, and I made every effort to get it carried out, that when that pile of buildings in the Strand, the Law Courts, were about to be commenced, the first stone might have been laid in Masonic form and of order. When His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of the Order, he would not, on any consideration whatever, have permitted any building of importance to be reared without the Grand Lodge being present, and he himself, or his Deputy, laying the chief corner stone; and I do hope if stately buildings are to rise still more and more among us, His Royal Highness, our worthy, esteemed, and noble Grand Master, may be induced himself to take the line which his grand-uncle always took, and that we may have Masonry recognised before the world as it is recognised among ourselves, as being of immense utility in promoting the noblest actions combined with the grandest matters that can possibly be conceived. I throw these remarks out with diffidence, and in bringing this imperfect and unprepared oration to a close, I wish this lodge every prosperity that can possibly befall it, and that I may live to see it improving in its work, and promoting the welfare of the Craft, individually and collectively, to the advancement of the "Glory of God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill towards men." (Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and at its close Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Deacon, as Master of the lodge, on the presentation of Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D. Bro. W. Rhys Williams, P.A.G.D.C., was invested as S.W., and Bro. Thomas Trollope, P.M. as J.W. Bro. Joseph J. Forrester was unanimously elected Treasurer, and invested with the collar and jewel of his office. Bro. J. M. Hare was invested as Secretary; Bro. F. Vialls, S.D.; Bro. Rev. R. F. Hosken, J.D.; Bro. H. Bue, I.G.; and Bro. J. Daly was elected and invested as Tyler. Votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officers were passed, and those brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge. A long list of names of intending initiates and joining members was given in, and the brethren then closed lodge, and adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed in due course.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said he proposed to set an example that he hoped would be followed in this lodge, that of making short speeches. The sincerity of the brethren's thoughts and wishes were none the less for brevity, and he was perfectly certain the brethren would appreciate it the more. The first toast that naturally sprang to their lips was one

that they as Masons, doubly so as those Masons were old Merchant Taylors' boys, gave with that loyalty and enthusiasm which he hoped and trusted it was impossible to surpass—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the mother of their Grand Master, who by her high qualities had so endeared herself to her subjects by the true principles of morality and virtue which had ever distinguished her thoughts and actions.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said the toast was always given and received by Freemasons in the way that it deserved, with true loyalty and affection; but it was not on every occasion that they could return their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to their G.M. as they could that day, for having placed in their possession a warrant which they meant to uphold and honour. The G.M.'s qualities were known so well to every Englishman, so well to every Mason, that it would be superfluous for him (the W.M.) in any way to illustrate them on this occasion, and he would merely ask the brethren to drink "Health, Happiness, and Long Life to our well beloved Most Worshipful Grand Master."

The W.M. then said he now passed on to a toast, sincere as their feelings and their sentiments were in the first two, which possibly appealed more nearly to the brethren from the fact that they were about to drink the health of some brethren who were present; and he had first of all to ask them to do honour to that worthy, able Pro Grand Master, who so admirably seconded their illustrious leader. He asked them also to recognise with the meed of praise that was due to him, Lord Skelmersdale, a most thorough Mason, a most thorough English gentleman. He asked them also to do honour—although he was one himself—to the body of Grand Officers, present and past; and he might here say that he recollected on a recent occasion, when having made the mistake of saying "past and present," he was told by a Grand Officer—a present Grand Officer in both senses of the word (and long might he continue to be in that position)—that a living jackass was better than a dead lion. He (the W.M.) felt the force of the observation, but he also felt how much better was the living lion than the dead jackass. He felt as he always did feel when that brother was present, that they had a real lion in their presence—their much beloved and respected Bro. John Hervey. (Cheers.) They had to-night to do honour to the lodge such an assemblage of Grand Officers, present and past, as was seldom seen at the consecration of any lodge. Several Grand Officers had written the kindest letters to him expressing their inability to be present. Some had even so far strained their engagements as to be present to assist in consecrating the lodge, but had not been able to remain to partake of the hospitality of the banquet; but he was sure the lodge heartily thanked them for their attendance, and heartily thanked the Grand Officers who had on this occasion come to witness the birth of this lodge. He could only hope that they might in future days over and over again visit the lodge to watch its growth and progress, and give the advice and assistance which they were ever willing to render to any and every lodge in the Craft. He would couple with the toast the name of the Rev. Dr. Cox, who had so ably delivered the oration and performed all the duties of Chaplain that evening.

The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C., in reply said: W.M. and Brethren, as the Senior Grand Officer of Grand Lodge here present, and in virtue of the rank which I have the honour to hold in Grand Lodge, the W.M. has been pleased to couple my name with this toast, and I rise on behalf of my brethren and myself to acknowledge with the utmost gratitude the kind and fraternal manner in which we have been received here, and also for the admirable manner in which the health of our respected chiefs, the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, have been received. I have had great pleasure in assisting at the consecration of this lodge, to-day, and if I have in any way whatever contributed to your happiness, and to the benefit of the lodge by being present and taking part in the work, I am abundantly rewarded. When I had the honour of receiving the invitation, so fraternally and kindly offered to me, I at once hastened to accept it; for although I am not an old Merchant Taylors' boy myself, yet there is no Company within the City of London in which I am more interested than in that grand old guild, for are they not the patrons of the preferment I have the honour to hold under their care and their consideration, which consideration and care are always manifested with the utmost kindness, and with every mark and token of friendship and regard, day by day more and more endearing me to that society with which I have the gratification, though late in life, to be in a certain sense connected? But it is not merely in recognition of that appointment which I hold and under which, as I say, I receive every mark of kind consideration and courtesy that I have the pleasure of being here to assist in the conversation and working of the lodge, and to address you as at present, but I have had two sons educated in that school, one of whom I have mentioned to you to-day, the only one who was a Mason. The elder is still living, and is serving his Master, I hope to the best of his power and ability, in a large sphere of usefulness in Liverpool; but if he were aware of our meeting here to-night, and of the establishment of this lodge, though he is no Mason, and has always shrunk from becoming one (and I have never attempted to induce him to join the Craft, for I hold that we have no right to ask or desire any one that he should do so unless he does it of his own free will and accord), yet I am satisfied his heart would leap towards his old school-fellows, many of whom have surrounded me this day, and congratulated me concerning himself, no less than that I am still able to continue among you to show that my interest in the Craft has never ceased, that my desire for its progress has never wavered, that my anxiety has never in the slightest degree diminished in order that

might see it go forward and flourish, carrying out its great principles through the length and breadth, not only of our own land, but through every portion of the world. Pardon me, brethren, if my feelings somewhat carry me away on an occasion of this kind. There is deep solemnity in the services of that profession to which I have the honour to belong; but I can safely say, and I am sure you will bear with me in saying it, that deeply as I feel the importance and the reverence of those services in which I have to minister, I can yet add that I do feel as deeply, as sincerely, and as conscientiously in whatever I can do for the cause and the progress of Freemasonry, each with regard to ministrations having the same duties to fulfil, the same rites to perform, the same occupation to carry forward to the utmost of one's power and ability, to promote that holy principle to which I have already adverted this day, of proclaiming and striving to produce "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." For myself, and brother Grand Officers here present, who do me the honour to permit me to be their spokesman on such an occasion, I return you my sincere thanks, assuring you that this day will remain in my recollection so long as I live, as I am sure it will be in theirs—to be one "that must ever be marked with red chalk." (Applause.)

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," said that it was no small thing when he told the brethren that of all the Consecrating Officers he would have wished to hold the office and to be present at the time he was installed he could not have selected five officers for whom he felt a deeper respect. There were no officers to whom he owed more in Masonry than he did to the five officers who had that day assisted in the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge. Bro. Hervey was so well known to the brethren and wherever Masonry was held under the English Constitution, or, he might say, under any other Constitution Bro. Hervey's name was known, and where it was known it was needless to say, respected to the utmost. He (the W.M.) deeply felt the kindness Bro. Hervey had shown to him since the time that he (the W.M.) was a newly-raised M.M. Bro. Hervey had assisted and taken an interest in lodges he (the W.M.) had belonged to, and had shown to him personally the most unvaried kindness. Bro. Dr. Cox he (the W.M.) owed in some measure an apology to, but at the same time he did not propose to render it; as, although by some accident, he (Bro. Cox) was not aware that he would have to deliver an oration, he (the W.M.) could not but think that it was somewhat of a happy mistake, as, had Bro. Cox studied what he had to say ever since the time he received his invitation, he could not have chosen more apt, fit, or impressive words than he had delivered. The brethren all appreciated what he did say, and they all thanked him from the bottom of their hearts. He (the W.M.) would then pass on to his father in Masonry, Bro. Murton, who had so kindly filled the office of S.W. Every Mason who loved Masonry for Masonry's working liked Bro. Murton; they knew how indefatigable he had been and was at the only school of Masonry—the Lodge of Emulation—that school in which they had all worked in their time (if they had not, the sooner they began the better). Bro. Robinson, the J.W. at the consecration, whom he (the W.M.) had known so many years, was the highly esteemed and respected Treasurer of the Prince of Wales's Lodge. Bro. Robinson was so well known to all the brethren of the Craft that he (the W.M.) could only sincerely thank him; not a word which he (the W.M.) might say could in any way possibly add to his well known character as a Mason. He then passed to one who was not present at the table—to whom Masonry, indeed, owed much—Bro. Thomas Fenn—who, from the time he took office in Grand Lodge, had been an indefatigable worker. He (the W.M.) felt certain that if Sir Albert Woods was present he would say how much he appreciated Bro. Fenn's assistance, and acknowledge how much he owed to his assistance. Bro. Fenn, although having another engagement, had, at great personal inconvenience to himself, attended at the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge. The kindness he had shown him (the W.M.) invariably from the commencement of his Masonic career had only been followed in this instance. What did they, as a lodge, not owe to the Consecrating Officers? Those brethren had attended on this most impressive and solemn occasion to launch forth into life a new lodge with prospects of no one knew what before it. They had entrusted to the keeping of the founders the warrant that had been granted by the Grand Master. The founders felt as deeply as Masons could feel the depth of the gratitude they owed the Consecrating Officers; that they had done services that day to the lodge which he trusted would never be forgotten.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., in reply, said the feelings of the other Consecrating Officers, like his own, were that, in coming that day to assist in the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, they were simply performing a duty which ought to be undertaken by every man who was competent enough to undertake it, and that they ought not at any time to shirk the responsibility which devolved upon them in their various situations. The other brethren who had assisted him felt with himself highly honoured by the compliment paid to them by electing them honorary members of the lodge, and he thought he might also say on their part as well as his own that they would look forward to coming to the lodge again to see how it was progressing, to see how its duties were performed, and to ascertain from personal inspection how the work was carried on. To pass from that which was personal to himself to something else, he would now do that which was much more congenial to his feelings than talking of himself even, although he was associated with several members respected in the Craft and had done good service that evening. He wished now to propose for the brethren's acceptance the toast of "Success to the Sir Thomas White Lodge." He

thought that success was already assured, because when one looked how the lodge had been started, when one knew that in the Master's chair they had one who had already fulfilled the office in two other lodges, one of the most leading lodges of the day being one of them, the Prince of Wales's, and one of the most comfortable lodges in the Craft, the St. Andrew's, he thought he might say that the future of the lodge was secured under such management. Passing on then to the S.W., they had their Bro. Rhys Williams, who had already passed the chair of the Old Union, and who in that capacity fulfilled his duties in a manner to secure the happiness of the brethren and the well being of the lodge. The J.W., Bro. Trollope, was a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Sussex, and of course he would not have attained that position without having worked hard for the Craft. Offering this toast to the brethren's notice, he (Bro. Hervey) was only performing the duties which devolved upon him as Consecrating Officer. In coupling the W.M.'s name with the toast he might add that what he had already said would show that Bro. Grey was no new man, that he was not a man who had not been trusted, but he was a man to whom the Sir Thomas White Lodge might look forward with confidence as one who would conduct their barque through all the shoals and difficulties to which a newly launched vessel was exposed, and who would do his best to insure every success and prosperity to the Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, and he might say that the brethren would drink it in 1820 port that had been presented to the lodge by the W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. Forrester, to insure the success of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said: Brethren, I have now to return thanks for the toast that has just been proposed by Bro. Hervey, with which he couples my name. The toast was "Prosperity to Sir Thomas White Lodge." How is that prosperity to be assured but by each and every one of us in our respective offices both doing our own duties to the utmost of our power, and attempting to the utmost of our ability to leave a good example to our successors. We hope and believe that many unborn Masons awaiting at the present moment to enter our fraternity will join our lodge. We know that in bringing Merchant Taylors into the Craft we are making no mistake; we know that we are bringing in those who have been good and true boys, those that we doubt not will in due course turn out true and good Masons. I know I am speaking for my brother officers, as well as for myself, when I say we intend, by God's help, to do the very best we can for the prosperity of the lodge and for the prosperity of the Craft; we have its interests at heart, and we mean to avail ourselves of the possession of the knowledge. Brethren, you were kind enough to couple my name, as the Master of the lodge, with this toast. It is no small position for a Mason to hold that of the first Mastership of a lodge. I feel deeply the importance of the trust placed in me. I feel how utterly inadequate I am to express to this meeting the feelings and the words that should come from this chair on such an important occasion as that on which we have this evening met, but whoever might fill this chair, nobody could more sincerely express the feelings that I now possess, the hope that this lodge may be a prosperous one. I hope and trust that it will be a credit and an honour to our great fraternity. Bro. Hervey, in the name of our lodge, and in the name of myself, I heartily thank you for your kind expressions.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said although it is undoubtedly a great privilege, at the same time it is a very heavy responsibility to be called upon to speak on behalf of so distinguished, so brilliant, and on the whole so representative an assemblage as I now see before me. What can I possibly say on their behalf? Only that they, with myself, have entered most thoroughly and sympathetically into your feelings this evening, that we have shared with you your appreciation of the ceremony upstairs, that we have noticed with you that despite infirmity of years, and occasional ill health, our Bro. Hervey is so vigorous, so strong, so fully capable of rendering in its entirety the beauty of the Masonic ritual. Were I to seek to gauge the hearts of the brethren whom I represent, I would venture for the moment to say that behind their enjoyment is a feeling of resentment against fate, that they too are not Merchant Taylors; this has seemed an exceedingly hard thing to me this evening. Seeing and appreciating as I have done that result of all clique feeling, I should say the one that dates from school boy days is the best, and it seems hard to me that I could not unite my deep love of Masonry with some reminiscence of schoolboy days, and that I do not, as members of this lodge do, belong to a lodge which recalls those happy, pleasant feelings of boys; but we are not like that gentleman who remained unmoved when the affecting charity sermon was preached, when every eye in the church was wet, and who when he was asked how it was he maintained his unrivalled and unequalled composure, answered, with unbroken calmness, "I do not belong to this parish," for we, thanks to the universality of Masonry, are able to sympathise and enjoy with you, to share your pleasures, we can appreciate and look forward to the triumphs I am sure this lodge is destined to achieve. Speaking in the City, brethren, you are so young as a lodge, and Freemasonry is so old, that I may perhaps be permitted if I quote from a speech I once heard delivered at an ancient company by a very eloquent prelate, the late Bishop of Winchester, who in returning thanks for the House of Lords said that it represented the past and the present, that it maintained its freshness by absorbing into its ranks the foremost men of each generation, and so kept its vigour unimpaired. As he said, it combines that reverence for the past without which the present is a bubble, and it maintains that hold on the present without which the past is a ruin-like the bloom upon the cheek of the comely matron it speaks at once of the pictures of her youth and the

dominion of her age. It had seemed to me this evening, through it may be a curious reflection, that I have shared in the pleasant pangs of parturition in taking part in the birth of a new lodge.

The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

Bros. Faulkner Leigh, J. Hodges, Walter Bolton, and Henry Parker entertained the brethren in the intervals between the toasts with some charming solo and part singing.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Richard Hervé Giraud, P.G.D.; James Percy Leith, P.G.D.; C. G. Dilley, Thomas Goode, J. A. Farnfield, V.P., Chas. James Perceval, V.P., A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Louis Stean, John G. Stevens, V.P., James Kench, Assistant G.P.; J. Newton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.P.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. G. Somerville Burney, J. H. Leggott, V.P., S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. Chlms; W. Hillton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry (Secretary).

The Secretary reported the deaths of Bro. William Watson, of Sudbury, Bro. J. Willis, of London, and Mrs. M. Jenkins, of Devonport. He also reported the names of the successful candidates at the election of 16th of May last.

The Chairman was then authorised to sign the necessary cheques, and the Committee adjourned.

BOROUGH OF PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company, incorporated on the 17th April last, promises to be the most successful undertaking in which the Freemasons of Portsmouth have ever embarked. The nominal capital is £3000, in six hundred shares of £5 each, £2 a share is paid on allotment, and the remainder is to be paid in calls of £1 each, at intervals of not less than one month. This capital, with judicious management, should be sufficient to carry out the main object of the undertaking, i.e., in providing suitable accommodation for the several Masonic lodges in Portsmouth, at a fair rental, so as to make the company commercially successful by paying a moderate dividend to the shareholders. The lodge rooms will be available for the accommodation of lodges in April next; and from the large and increasing support given to the company by the Craft in the borough, irrespective of the lodges to which they belong, will cause it to prove a lucrative investment, and strengthen the fraternal feeling already existing between the several lodges in this locality. Some years since a joint Committee was appointed to consider a scheme for building a hall in which the several lodges could meet, but it was considered impracticable, and the idea was abandoned. Had a company been formed at that time in the same manner as the present venture, we doubt not, but that a considerable sum of money would have been saved by the lodges, and the Masonic Charitable Institutions correspondingly benefited.

The premises to be built at No. 79, Commercial-road, Landport, for the accommodation of the Masonic Club about to be formed, will be a handsome building, and in keeping with the magnificent offices of the Gas Company at the corner of the block of buildings. Accommodation will also be provided in this building for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and an entrance formed to lead to the lodge room in the rear. The foundation stone of this building will be laid in the course of a few weeks by His Worship the Mayor. The desirability of forming a Masonic Club for the Freemasons of the borough has been long apparent, and we doubt not but that it will prove the most successful part of the undertaking.

Considerable credit is due to the directorate for the admirable, judicious, and economical manner this company has been promoted, especially to the Chairman, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman William David King, J.P., &c., and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Councillor George Thomas Cunningham, who have been indefatigable in their exertions to make the company a success. Some 400 shares have been taken in the short space of six weeks, and the remaining 200 will doubtless be quickly disposed of.

Those Freemasons who wish to identify themselves with the company should apply at an early date to the Secretary, Mr. E. S. Main, St. Clair-terrace, Buckland, for the remaining shares.

Obituary.

BRO. CAPT. GEO. WATTSON.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Capt. Geo. Wattson, which occurred suddenly on the 8th inst., at his residence, "Eastbourne Villa," Rochester. He was a most energetic and devoted Freemason, as the following will show:—He ranked as P.M. 1050, P.P.G.R. Kent, P.Z. Chap. 20, P.M.M. 69, G.M.J.D., and at the time of death was W.M.M. of 237, of which lodge he was the founder about four months since.

A warrant has been granted for a new lodge at Shoreham, to be called the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829.

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Answers to Correspondents.

By an oversight of the "Reader" several Latin words last week are misspelt, much to our annoyance and that of the writer's. Thus "ipse" is put for "ipse"; "Ducta dibutantium" for "Ductor dubitantium"; and "eligitium" for "elegantiarum."

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Songs of the Foesle," "Hebrew Leader," "Australian Freemason," "Der Triangel," "Alliance," "Broad Arrow," "Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New Mexico," "Otago Daily Times," "Freemasons' Repository," "Masonic Newspaper," "Keystone," "Eminent Radicals in Parliament," "The Conqueror's Dream, and other Poems," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "St. Christopher Advertiser."

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BIRTHS.

COURTENAY.—On the 8th inst., at 19, Westbourne-terrace-road, W., the wife of Mr. George Courtenay, of a daughter.

WAUDBY.—On the 8th inst., at Stoke Albany Rectory, Market Harbro' the wife of Major Waudby, Bombay Staff Corps, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WOOD—MAYHEW.—On the 7th inst., at St. Paul's, Herne Hill, by the Rev. W. Powell, Henry Augustus Wood, of Mithim, Surrey, to Elizabeth Martha (Lizzie), daughter of the late Mr. W. T. Mayhew, of Herne Hill.

DEATHS.

GILCHRIST.—On the 9th inst., at West-villa, Ball's Pond, Bro. William Gilchrist, aged 56 years.

PULLEN.—On the 8th inst., at Edmonton, Arthur Edward, son of the late Mr. James Thomas Pullen, Solicitor, aged 30 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1879.

OUR FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Our Fund of Benevolence has now reached it seems £50,000, no doubt a considerable sum, and sundry proposals have from time to time been made in respect of its application and use. Our esteemed and distinguished Bro. J. M. Clabon, whose opinion we all value, and whose services we all recognize, has propounded, if we understand him rightly, a scheme, or rather has drawn indistinctly the outline of a scheme, for the appropriation of the accumulation by devoting a portion of it annually to "exhibitions" or "scholarships" for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, for those who shall pass, of course, a specific examination from our two great metropolitan Institutions. Another suggestion has been made, namely, the making of increased grants to our Masonic Charities. And thus the matter seems to come before us, the more so as Bro. Clabon's withdrawing his motion at the last Grand Lodge on a point of order, proposes to reintroduce it on a subsequent occasion, in a way too which will necessitate certain changes in the Book of Constitutions. We fear somewhat that our esteemed Bro. Clabon has a little underrated, in his honest desire to do good, the difficulties of the case. The Fund of Benevolence, according to our Book of Constitutions, must be "solely devoted to charity." Scholarships and exhibitions may come under the practice of charity, but we doubt if they are consistent with the theory of the Book of Constitutions. Annuities are clearly charity in its widest sense, but could we give annuities from the Fund of Benevolence under the present Book of Constitutions? We think there can be but one answer to the question. And as we, in common with all Masons, honour Bro. Clabon's motives and intentions, we feel sure that he will forgive us, if we point out to him that many difficulties and grave questions must arise in any such appropriation of the Fund of Benevolence. The original intention of that fund is general Masonic charity. We now propose to divert a portion of it to the limited area of two Schools, no doubt most excellent institutions in themselves, and most Masonic. How will such an appropriation affect our provincial brethren? and how will it deal with provincial educational organizations? How does it bear on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution? Will Grand Lodge consent to give to the Schools large annual grants without distinct control over the expenditure? Or is Grand Lodge likely to part with its funds without some guarantee that they will be devoted to the purpose for which they are professedly asked? Now these are questions to which our brethren will certainly want an answer. Let us suppose for a moment that Bro. Clabon carries his motion—what must be the result? One of two things; either a Grand Lodge Committee will have to be formed for the arrangement and management of these exhibitions or a joint Committee of the Educational Institutions and Grand Lodge must be constituted to work out the details, because certain contingencies and consequences are inevitable. If we are to grant exhibitions we must have examinations, a Board of Examiners, a Board of Managers. For to suppose that Grand Lodge will blindly grant a lump-sum to the Schools is, we feel sure, a chimera, which will have to be abandoned when once ventilated before the common sense of Grand Lodge itself. We ourselves do not deny that it would be both feasible and possible to constitute a central Board of Management, which would appoint examiners, but then *all* Masons' sons and daughters, alike in province and metropolis, must be permitted to compete for the scholarships. There could, no doubt, following the arrangements of the Oxford and Cambridge Middle Class Examinations, be "local centres" for examinations for those unable to come to London. But all this requires a vast amount of thoughtful organization and an expensive machinery to work out. But we venture to

doubt whether the Grand Lodge or the Craft is prepared or wishful for so great a change, and we are still more inclined to disbelieve that a majority would welcome this arrangement of the matter. We are afraid, as we said at the outset, that the grave and essential difficulties of any such plan are hardly yet realized even by our distinguished Bro. J. M. Clabon. Any proposal of his will, however, always receive from the Order the respectful attention and consideration which his high position and Masonic services demand, and when his motion comes before us again in tangible form and with practical bearing, we shall be most happy to receive it, and discuss it in that tone and temper which best become Freemasons. But we think it well to sound a note of caution, as a good deal can necessarily be said on both sides of the question.

WIRE PULLING.

The conversation which arose in the last Grand Lodge was both reasonable and noteworthy. We all of us, at least a good many of us, saw or received a certain mysterious list, on whitey-brown paper, before the Quarterly Communication, which was undoubtedly issued by some "Masonic wire puller." Authority knew it not, and the President of the Board of Purposes, "more suo," most eloquently and emphatically repudiated any such proceeding on the part of any supposititious authority. Bro. Monckton stated the fact correctly, when he pointed out, that lists had been issued from time to time at Quarterly Communication, and to such a bonâ fide representation of the liberty of Masonic choice and voting we, ourselves, make no objection. But we do most strongly object, on every principle of legitimate and manly exercise of the voting power, that any brother or brethren, more or less distinguished as the case may be, should circulate surreptitiously and industriously before the meeting of Grand Lodge, and among a "select circle," thus packing Grand Lodge, this distinct appeal to party organization. It is one thing—and very often useful—to circulate lists in the Grand Lodge itself of those whom the brethren are invited in a fraternal spirit to vote for, because then all such lists stand or fall by their own merits, but it is quite another thing to constitute practically a private canvass of members of Grand Lodge some days before its assembly, in order to carry a list recommended by certain brethren. This, in our opinion, is a proceeding alike undignified and undesirable, and more "honoured (Masonically) in the breach than the observance." Because one of two consequences must ensue, either we are dictated to by a "clique"—a "caucus," or we accept the nomination of one or two active and enterprising brethren, who, to use a common saying, put in "two words" for others and "half-a-dozen" for themselves. Strictly speaking, it would be better if we were all content with the official list distributed in Grand Lodge, and did not require to be told how to vote, or whom to vote for. But the lists circulated in Grand Lodge, as we said before, are one thing, the lists circulated before Grand Lodge meets are quite a different thing. There is one consolation, however, in the matter. No "clique" or "caucus," no reign of individualism, can long flourish in English Freemasonry. Were these proceedings to be perpetuated and grow into a nuisance, threatening alike the independence and prestige of Grand Lodge itself, the good sense and united action of independent Masons would speedily sweep away the organization of "wire pullers," and render our elections a dignified representation of the fair play and accurate selection of the brethren of our amiable and excellent Craft, of those whom they deemed the best qualified for the Board of General Purposes.

A DISAGREEABLE SUBJECT.

There are a good many subjects in this queer world of ours about which it is better not to write at all. It is always wiser, in our opinion, to "wash our own dirty linen at home," and it seems very injudicious to communicate to a curious public what properly belongs alone to the domain of private sentiment and personal settle-

ment. But the Editor of a paper like the *Freemason* is not always his own master in this respect. He has public duties to perform in the way of warning or protest as the case may be, which, though they often militate with personal feelings, and seem often to antagonize private sensibility, are, nevertheless, needful courageously to make and to assert in the cause of Masonic progress and the maintenance of Masonic prestige. With this little "caveat" we call attention to a matter which has forced itself disagreeably on our notice, and is a growing scandal and a nuisance to Masonry. We mean the habit of some brethren of making themselves Stewards of our Charitable Anniversaries, and forgetting, despite frequent appeals from the Secretaries, to pay either their Steward's fees or even for the tickets supplied to them and used by them "notâ bene." Were this only an occasional and exceptional case, we should have preferred to have passed over these "spots" on our "feasts" of Charity in silence, but the evil is increasing and is assuming very serious proportions. For not only is this the case in one charity, but Stewards who have forgotten to pay their fees for this charity become Stewards to another festival, leaving the old score still unpaid, and we are not exaggerating when we say that there are Steward's fees in all the Charities, we believe, two and three years in arrear, while those who have not settled with the Secretary of this good charity, despite his earnest appeals, are acting as Stewards for another charity, and probably will repeat the old story. Certain Stewards put down their names, and their fees unpaid have to be cancelled as "leakage," considered as "bad debts." Can anything be a greater discredit to Freemasonry or to charity? Such proceedings are very hard on the Secretaries, very inconsiderate to the Boards of Stewards, and thoroughly derogatory to the honourable name of Masons and the sound cause of Masonic benevolence. We trust we have said enough to remedy an evil and to close a "running sore." We have not wished to exaggerate or sensationalize, we are only desirous for the sake of that charity which we all profess to admire, and those institutions we all desire to uphold, to touch upon, with no unfriendly voice and no heavy hand, a very melancholy forgetfulness by some brethren of ours of those principles they themselves declare, before the Craft and the world, they admire and seek to maintain both in theory and practice. May our words be well taken and result in good.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE COST OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I fancied, the comparison which appears in the *Echo*, on professed Masonic authority, in respect of the expenses of the Girls' School, turns out to be a "mare's nest."

The statement in the *Echo* is as follows:

London Orphan Asylum ...	540 inmates	£17,093
Fatherless Children ...	282 "	8,076
Royal Albert Asylum ...	198 "	5,521
Saint Anne's ...	335 "	12,707
R.M. Institution for Girls ...	195 "	15,317

This statement is said not to speak "favourably for the Girls' School."

In the first place, before this sapient critic can make good his allegation, he has to show: 1. That the other four Institutions are of a similar calibre with the Girls' School, not educating altogether, on a lower level, as well may be; and 2. What is the proportion actually expended on the building, &c., which is passing, and the children, &c., which is permanent expenditure.

It seems from the following analysis of the Girls' School expenditure for 1878, that the whole amount received was £20,202 17s. 10d., the whole amount expended was £20,202 17s. 10d., minus a balance of £885 9s., so that the actual expenditure was £19,317 8s. Of this amount, the purchase of new land essential to the School cost £2316; the new buildings cost £2943 15s. 5d.; furniture, £583 19s. 7d.; and laying out the grounds, &c., £826 17s. 6d. £4000 were repaid to Willis and Co.; £1556 2s. 8d. were expended on special and abnormal items; while the ordinary expenses of the School amounted to £7085 6s. 11d. This amount is made up as follows: Provisions for 195 girls and 24 adults, 210 persons, £2186 14s. 3d.; clothing and boots, £1196 18s. 4d.; Salaries and wages, School, £1053 19s.; office, £663 6s. 8d.; coals, gas, and water, £380; medical attendance, £60; gardener, £84 3s. 11d.; school stationery and

books, £77 1s.; printing, £314 9s. 5d.; house utensils and turnery, £203 13s. 3d.; furniture and house linen, £266 0s. 6d.; painting and general repairs, £204 12s. 7d.; rates and taxes, £203 10s. Some smaller items bring up the amount of the normal expenditure, as I said before, to £7085 6s. 11d. This makes for 195 girls the average of £36 6s. 8d. in round numbers, and of 200 £35 2s. 6d., exclusive altogether, be it noted, of the twenty-four adults. And thus, even supposing you could fairly add the special items, amounting to £1556 2s. 8d., to the regular expenditure, which you cannot do, because many do not occur two years running, and are clearly "abnormal" in every sense, you might slightly raise the average cost per girl, which, considering the education given and the house care afforded, is certainly most moderate and very well expended.

I think we may dismiss at once, then, these idle comparisons—which are often made and always fail—neither true in theory nor of any value in practice, and believe firmly—as we may safely do—that our Girls' School is most economically and efficiently conducted, entirely subserving the great end of its institution, and is a credit to all concerned in its management and direction, and can challenge comparison with any similar existing institution in England or elsewhere.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A FRIEND TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket B.ok," amongst the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," I find the following: "Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathed, amongst other Masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture, 1819." Now, as this lecture has not been delivered for many years, may I be permitted to ask "the reason why," whether any one is to blame, and if so, whom? In former years Bro. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, delivered annually this lecture, the duty having been entrusted to him by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master, and Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and subsequently by Bro. Laurence Thompson, the last surviving pupil of Preston, and its delivery always attracted a great assemblage of members and visitors. I believe that the last time this lecture was delivered the duty devolved upon Bro. Henry George Warren, the former proprietor of the *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror*, and I know from being present that it was most interesting and highly explanatory, and I should really like to know why this important Masonic legacy is never heard of at the present day, and to what purpose, if any, the accruing dividends on the £300 Consols are applied.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, your fraternally,
P.M. 177 and 1158.

June 9th, 1879.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the hope that you may be more charitable than "Lindley Murray" in your estimate of my criticisms, and at the risk of appearing to make too much of a matter which, indeed, scarcely admits of discussion at all, I beg to write a few words in reply to your correspondent.

He originally found fault with the phrase "except in exceptional cases." Now, exceptional is not the word which I should myself have used in the connection in which it occurred; and it is an expression on the defence of which, as used in that connection, I am not now about to enter, neither did I defend it in what I wrote. Your correspondent in his first letter, to which he will, perhaps, refer, clearly stated, or, by what he wrote, undoubtedly implied, that according to Johnson exceptional and exceptional were synonymous words; and although he now informs your readers, and apparently is himself greatly pleased to find, that exceptional is not found in Johnson at all, it was this asserted synonymy which, in the first instance, induced me to write. As I have already pointed out, it is a fact that the words are not synonymous; but it is a fact that, if they were synonymous, as "Lindley Murray" made out, he had not the shadow of a ground for finding fault with the use which was made, in the report, of the word exceptional.

"Lindley Murray" is unwilling to admit that exceptional is a legitimate word at all. He says the expression is only to be found in "slipshod writing and common conversation." I leave to your readers, many of whom are, doubtless, more able to judge of the accuracy of such an assertion than I may be, and, perhaps, than even "Lindley Murray" is; and I hope for the credit of the *Freemason* that, if that should be so, it is a word which it, in particular, has always carefully eschewed. But will "Lindley Murray" deny that many English words have become legitimate simply because they were used in "common conversation?" Common conversation becomes an authority in such a matter. Few expressions, for example, are more forcible than "mob" and "sham," yet it is a fact that at the time of the Revolution these words were considered slang; and, from all that I can see, grave writers, however they have managed hitherto, will ere long be under the necessity of employing another word which is as old as Bonnell Thornton, and which is also very expressive. I mean the word humbug. It is quite amusing to see how determinedly your correspondent sets his face against the adoption of the word exceptional. Certain authorities, whom he quotes, do not recognise it. Nor will he. He does not share the belief of Horace—

"Licuit, semperque licebit
Signatum presente rota procudere nomen."

And such I hold to be the character of the word exceptional. At the same time, I maintain that this word has already, by the sanction and use of many classical writers, been admitted as an expression with which it is useless, not to say presumptuous, to find fault. One has not the time, and, if one had, it were unnecessary, to hunt for evidence in support of a statement which none but "Lindley Murray" will impugn.

I have not consulted the authorities whom your correspondent quotes, and will therefore not dispute his statement that in none of them is the word exceptional found. Were I at all doubtful about the matter, however, I should not dream of looking in some places where he has been agreeably disappointed. Flügel and Velasquez, whatever they may have done for their own languages, can scarcely be regarded as authorities whose opinions would be likely to decide such a question as this; nor can their evidence have the weight of that of the editor of the Imperial Dictionary. It is surprising that this work—I may say the standard work on such questions—should not have been quoted; and, had not your correspondent been a brother Mason, I should have supposed it was because the word is to be found there. He will also find it, however, in the Student's English Dictionary, published by Blackie and Son, where it is said to have the meaning which I gave it, "forming or making an exception." I did not therefore lay this down on what has been called my "ipse dixit."

I am in no doubt as to the word which ought to have been used. I should have written "unless in exceptional cases" in preference to "except in exceptional cases;" but beyond all question the latter phrase is correct. Your correspondent says exceptional and exceptional are synonymous, and therefore I say beyond all question it ought to have appeared to him that he had no business to find fault.

I have seldom come across any one who delighted to be so particular as your correspondent. It may therefore interest him to know that neither he nor myself was strictly accurate in accounting for the origin of the word stickler. A stickler originally was "an officer who cut wood for the Priory of Ederose within the King's parks of Clarendon." Without enquiring now into the age of the word, or the accuracy of what "Lindley Murray" says, I decline to accept his account of this matter—firstly, because it is unsupported by any evidence; secondly, because the Imperial Dictionary distinctly gives the origin of the meaning of the word as I gave it; and lastly, because common sense would lead us to imagine that the seconds in a pugilistic encounter, being armed with sticks, might be in a position to interfere, whereas it would be impossible for them, being so armed, to interrupt swordsmen.

Let me say, in conclusion, that, whatever my letter was, it was not intended to give offence personally to your correspondent, who is unknown to me (except as a Brother Mason writing under an assumed name. But he must be an inconsistent brother, otherwise he could not have charged me with being personal, and then commit the same fault himself in a worse degree. He would appear, too, to be a busybody, a crotchety, disputatious, dogmatical brother, whose time, it is more than likely, lies heavily on his hands. Let me urge him to make a better use of it in the future, and to be especially careful never to forget the proverb: "Ne sutor ultra crepidam." This last advice is not meant to be personally offensive, for although "Lindley Murray" may happen to be a literal "sutor," I employ the word in its metaphorical, and therefore more harmless sense.

Yours fraternally,
T. M. DRON, J.W. 417.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letters on Masonic Grammar which have appeared in the *Freemason* can only raise a smile, and provoke a wish that your space were better used. I do not know who may have assumed the style and title of "Lindley Murray," but it is enough to make that old worthy sit in his grave to read such a sentence as that which closes his modern representative's last letter.

Read it, and say, any who remembers his own early school days, whether a third-form school boy would not treat the English language better:—

"Will Bro. Dron permit me to doubt his right, and certainly his capacity, to set up as either an 'arbiter elegantiarum' or a 'Ductor dubitantium' much less a 'master of the school.' Having read his verbal criticisms, their proper destination appears to me, in all deference to him be it said, the waste paper basket."

For such a writer to talk about capacity, and "waste paper baskets," shows that there is no lack of self-esteem in his composition, whatever there may be of grammar and logic. Such criticism in private would be ludicrous, in public it is mischievous.

Fraternally yours,
June 7th. W. S. M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was not previously aware that Freemasons in any way differed in the construction of the English language to others. Bro. "Lindley Murray" is good enough to call the question "a little question." I think, with all respect to my brother, that the preservation of the English, or any other language "pure and undefiled," is a very great question. It is probable that the languages of Teutonic origin, viz., English and its correlate, German—glorified by Martin Luther—will eventually replace all the southern forms of expression. Tongues spoken below a certain latitude appear to soften and lose much of their expressive forms and force, and hence it is that vituperation and great energy are required to convey meanings which our own language carries with it in a few dignified

phrases. It is not necessary in English, I mean, to use violent gesticulation in order to give emphasis. This is an important point in the Masonic delivery of lectures.

The advice of Hamlet is most apposite in this connection. "Speak the speech," he says, "I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue; but if you mouth it, as many of your players do, I had as lief the town crier had spoke my lines."

Bro. "Lindley Murray" can no doubt pursue the remainder of the passage. He appeals to many dictionaries about "exceptional," "exceptionable," and "stickler." He does not, however, mention a work which I fraternally commend to his notice. Dr. Peter Mark Roget, unhappily passed from among us, wrote a work without which no lover of the English language ought to be, the "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases." In this book Bros. Dron and "Lindley Murray" will find all that can settle their amicable controversy about "exceptional," "exceptionable," and "stickler."

It seems difficult to me to realise (here you have an Anglo-American word) how brethren can fall out, and refer their several letters to the waste paper basket, when with a little forethought (a Saxon word) they might have agreeably met and referred to John Horne Tooke's "Epea Pteroenta," commonly known as the Divisions of Purley.

The two books I have named are "reliable" (Anglo-American) and "trustworthy" (Anglo-Saxon) authorities.

Our greatest writers, such as Shakespeare, Massinger, Ford, Dekker, Spencer, and others, maintained the indissolubility of the English tongue. Milton, whose influence has been great and enduring, perpetuated the traditional love for pure speech; and the "noblest Roman of them all," whose chaste and charming diction is a monument of English philology, was Walter Savage Landor, every one of whose works would by any appreciative prince, if he had tolerated them, have been written in letters of gold.

By referring to Roget, my Bro. "Lindley Murray" will find that this is an "exceptional," not an "exceptionable" letter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX^o.

Hounslow, 7th June, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to a letter in last week's *Freemason*, signed "Lindley Murray," I find the word "exceptional" in the large edition of Webster (1859). It is also in Dr. Ogilvie's Imperial Dictionary, and in the more recent Dictionary by Dr. Latham.

The definition in the latter is "constituting an exception to a rule," and illustrations of its use are given from Erskine May's "Constitutional History of England," and Herbert Spencer's "Inductions of Biology."

The word is in very common use.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. FENN.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased to see that the Alexandra Palace has been again chosen for the Festival of the Boys' School, and I have no doubt that this time Bro. Binckes with his characteristic forethought has arranged that his visitors shall not be mulcted in the additional shilling entrance fee. As they do not go there to see the palace I see no reason why the dinner ticket should not include the entrance fee.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your paper of the 17th May, I see there is a letter from Bro. John Coombe upon the ages of Masons, and names Bro. Norris as the oldest Mason.

I now hold in my hand a certificate of baptism of Bro. R. Knight, born Aug. 8th, 1790, Dover. I have also before me his certificate of Masonry of the Lodge of St. John, No. 15, in Dublin, dated the 11th January, 1811. Bro. Knight was many years Tyler of lodge here, 119, Peace and Harmony, the lodge in which I am a member.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. BEECHING.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly give space to the following for the information of charitable brethren.

A man, giving the name of J. E. Wharton, was relieved on Whit-Monday by St. David's, 384. He stated that he was a member of St. Matthew, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber, and that his certificate was in custody of a Jew in London along with a life policy, in consideration of which he had £5 more on the policy; that he was a landscape painter on his way to Aberystwyth. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and 5ft. 9in., and appeared as if he had been in training by the red's or the invisible greens.

He was very shabbily dressed—a small-brimmed round hat, short coat, trowsers with a large patch on. (Should he see this paragraph I hope he will amend his ways and consider his l—c—, as much as he did the part of his trowsers.)

I wrote for information to one of the officers of St. Matthew, No. 1447, giving a description of the man, and received the following reply:—"There is no person of the name of Wharton, a member of our lodge, or any person answering the description of the "Landscape

Painter," whom you have relieved, neither has there ever been a person of that name a member. He is evidently an impostor, and the sooner he is treated as a common vagrant the better."

There was a caution sent to us from a neighbouring lodge about nine days previous of a "cadging Mason giving the name of S—x—n, dressed superior sailor fashion; had been abroad."

Our old friend Watson, from Perth, made an appearance in his usual vagabondish style with that prominent part of the face being patched up with diachylum. He was this time minus his illuminated parchment.

It seems that there are many who don't deserve the name of brethren "abroad" just now.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ONE THAT RELIEVED.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to correct an error in your impression of last week with regard to the music performed at the Grand Mark Lodge banquet. The four choirister boys are members of Bro. Stedman's choir, and not of Westminster Abbey.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

EDWIN M. LOTT, Grand Organist.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CAGLIOSTRO.

In a book of the well-known Bonneville, published in French, at London, in 1788, called "Mémète," &c., at page 94, appears the following advertisement by Cagliostro, which Bonneville professes to have taken in its "ipsissima verba," from the *Morning Herald*, for Tuesday, November the 2nd, 1786:—

"To all true Masons in the name of
9. 5. 8. 14. 20. 1. 8. 9. 5. 18. 20. 18.
J. E. H. O. V. A. H. J. E. S. U. S.
The time is at hand when the building of the new temple, or new Jerusalem

3. 8. 20. 17. 8.

C. H. U. R. H.

must begin; this is to invite all true Masons in London to join in the name of

9. 5. 18. 20. 18.

J. E. S. U. S.

the only one in whom is a divine

19. 17. 9. 13. 9. 19. 23.

T. R. I. N. I. T. Y.

to meet to-morrow evening, the 3rd instant, 1786, or 1590, at nine o'clock, at Reilly's, Great Queen-street, to lay a place for the laying of the first stone of the true

3. 18. 20. 17. 8.

C. H. U. R. H.

in this visible world, being the national representative temple of the spiritual

9. 5. 17. 20. 18. 1. 11. 5. 12.

J. E. R. U. S. A. L. E. M.

A Mason and member of the new

3. 8. 30. 17. 1.

C. H. U. R. H."

I wish to know whether any other brother has met with this cypher, and can corroborate this decyphering, and also can explain this apparent connection of Cagliostro with Swedenborgianism.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534, (London).

No. 534 was warranted on 28th August, 1846 (then 778), with permission from the M.W.G.M. for its members to wear the Polish White Eagle at all Masonic meetings, and for the Master and the Immediate P.M. to be distinguished by the "Commanders' white Eagle."

The jewel of the snow white Eagle, with wings spread heavenward, represents the national bird of Poland, which is understood to be "The token of honour and of steady resistance unto death to oppressors of liberty;" its wings symbolically reminding the brethren of the undying spirit of freedom and of love and charity to all men, irrespective of their nationality or creed. The Eagle as the kingly-bird, while it is a symbol of power, is intended to incite all who wear the decoration to soar superior to low passions or selfish motives.

The distinctive ribbon is of blue and black; the "Commander's white Eagle" being a similar jewel, only worn attached to a neck ribbon by a "Royal Crown" of gold.

The Master on his installation is invested with one of the latter decorations, on which are engraved the names of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, D.G.M., in appreciation of the favours conferred on the lodge by the former, who granted the warrant, and the latter, who presided at its consecration.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

JUBILEE MEDALS (1868-78).

The medal for No. 356 was issued in 1868 to the Harmonic Lodge, St. Thomas' Island, Jamaica, it having been warranted in 1818 as No. 708. In 1832 the number was altered to 458, and from 1863 it has been 356.

The second jubilee medal was granted in 1878 to the Australian Lodge, No. 390, and held at Sydney, New South Wales, the lodge having been chartered in 1828, and was known as No. 820, until in 1832 it was changed to 548, and in 1863 to its present number.

These are the only two of the kind, and so far such jubilee commemorations have been confined to lodges assembling abroad.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

LODGE JEWELS OF GOLD.

There are but two lodges permitted to have gold (or silver gilt) jewels of office, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, alluded to at page 42, and the British Lodge, No. 8, Freemasons' Hall, London. The latter was chartered 19th January, 1721-2, and was changed from 6 to 5 in 1740, to 4 in 1756, and to 8 after the union of December, 1813, its present number. We are not aware why such a distinction was conferred upon the lodge, and though dating from so early a period it does not appear to have any other special privileges; it being absent from any of the foregoing lists, and is not represented in the roll of twenty-six special centenary jewel warrants granted from 1861 to 1866.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

PRESTON, WILLIAM.—Was born 1742, and died in 1818. He was originally a printer. When he was initiated is not clear; it has been said, at a lodge which met at the White Hart, in the Strand, in 1760, under an Athol warrant. He seems to have belonged to several lodges under the moderns, and at last joined the famous Antiquity Lodge. He was Deputy Grand Secretary under Bro. Heselstine, and is said to have prepared the "History of Remarkable Occurrences." He resigned this office probably in 1779, when an unfortunate dispute arose between Grand Lodge and the Antiquity Lodge. During the next ten years he remained out of the Grand Lodge, and applied to the Grand Lodge of York for a warrant to form a Grand Lodge south of the Trent. Such a warrant was granted, though, of course, "extra vires," and officers were appointed. In 1787, however, a reconciliation was happily made, and Wm. Preston, who had been expelled from Grand Lodge, hastily and unjustly, as we think now, was restored to his former honours, and the Grand Lodge south of the Trent came to an end. In 1787 he founded the Order of Harodim—a somewhat doubtful proceeding. His famous "Illustrations of Masonry" were first published in a modest volume in 1772. The second edition was issued in 1775; and before his death he had seen no less than nine editions, and some say twelve. Several editions of his famous work have been published in America and Germany. He may be fairly called the father of Masonic history, and his work will always be a standard work for Masons. He was a painstaking and accurate writer; and though we have access to MSS. which he never saw, yet on the whole his original view of Masonic history remains correct. It is, in fact, essentially the guild theory of Anderson. He died in 1818, as we said before, and is buried in St. Paul's. The name of Wm. Preston will always be greatly honoured among Freemasons.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, and General Communication of the Freemasons of that province, was held on the 10th inst., at Freetay. The attendance of brethren was very numerous. Among the officers present were R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M.; W. Bros. Colonel Peard, P.P.G.S.W., D.P.G.M., pro tem.; J. F. Penrose, P.G.S.W.; Sir Charles B. G. Sawle, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., P.G.J.W., pro tem.; the Rev. F. J. Winde, rector of Beer Ferris, and the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, rector of Lamorran, P.G. Chaps.; W. Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; T. B. Williams, P.G. Reg.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; John Crang, P.G.S.D.; E. M. Cock, P.G.J.D.; W. Tonkin, P.G.S. Works; J. Hugill, P.G.D.C.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.G.A.D.C.; R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Chirgwin, P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Stephens, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Geach, P.P.G.J.W.; E. D. Anderton, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Kerswill, P.P.G.J.W.; A. A. Davis, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, rector of Mawgan, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. E. J. Treffry, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, vicar of Charlestown, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, vicar of St. Stephens-by-Launceston; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; J. P. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; W. F. Newman, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bickford, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Cardew, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Levin, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bale, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aiken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks. (Devon); R. A. Courtney, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.A.D.C. Devon; J. W. Chegwidan, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Kerswill, P.P.G.D.S.B.; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; R. H. Heath, P.P.G.O.; A. J. White, P.P.G.O.; George Barnes, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Rooks, P.G.A. Purs.; T. Hawken, P.G. St.; John Stephens, P.P.G. St.; W. N. Abbott, P.P.G. St.; R. Coath, P.G. St.; John Dennis, P.P.G. St.; P. Giles, P.P.G. St.; J. Q. James, P.G. St.; W. Lean, P.P.G. Tyler; C. Thore, P.M. 1151; W. Loye, P.M. 496; H. S. Hill, W.M. 223; J. Jeffery, P.M. 318; W. M. Rowe, I.P.M. 330; T. Heath, W.M. 1136; J. W. Collins, W.M. 1136; George Darke, P.M. 1136; J. H. Sampson, W.M. 131; J. Beaglehole, I.P.M. 510; W. Nettle, W.M. 510; E. S. Angove, P.M. 589; H. Tilly, P.M. 75; J. R. Bishop, P.M. 970; F. Parkyn, P.M. 856; T. Hicks, P.M. 1529; J. Creber, P.M. 1164; J. Crossman, P.M. 970; I. Dawe, P.M. 970; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 159; E. Scantlebury, P.M. 856; J. Burt, P.M. 856; T. Michell, P.M. 1006; J. Hooper, P.M. 690; N. H. Laney, P.M. 977; C. Parsons, W.M. 789; W. Mason, P.M. 496; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; C. Stevens, W.M. 1138; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; W. H. L. Clark, W.M. 1071; W. F. Sharp, P.M. 331; R. Adams, W.M. 330; A. C. Sandoe, P.M. 330; W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M. 121; W. Giles, P.M. 496; A. B. Cheves, W.M. 893; W. Cawse, P.M. 893; J. Tregaskis, W.M. 1151; W. Bartlett, P.M. 856; W. J. Harris, P.M. 893; J. T. Brooking, P.M. 1071; F. S. Hawke, W.M. 1164; J. H. Ferris, W.M. 331; A. F. McMath, P.M. 352, Ireland; A. Percy Davis, W.M. 917; W. F. Creber, P.M. 1164; R. H. Shapcott, P.M. 970; H. De Legh, M. 856; J. G. Henwood, W.M. 970;

W. P. Smith, I.P.M. 856; H. H. Trevithick, W.M. 450; A. J. White, P.M. 856; W. H. Collins, P.M. 856; J. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 954; S. Sara, W.M. 967; John Richards, W.M. 557; T. J. Smith, P.M. 496; T. H. Lukes, P.M. 496; E. Edwards, P.M. 131; J. T. Williams, I.P.M. 557; Bros. G. Cassell, S.W. 1136; G. W. Spear, J.W. 1136; W. Stevens, S.D. 1136; O. Colmer, J.W. 510; J. W. Millyard, S.W. 1544; W. Bailey, J.W. 1544; C. Farrell, P.S.W. 496; J. Pryor, J.W. 1006; R. Rodda, J.W. 589; J. Estlick, S.D. 699; W. Andrew, S.D. 789; R. Martyn, S.W. 1538; H. Martin, S.W. 1138; R. Vercoe, J.W. 330; J. G. Vincent, S.W. 330; A. Luke, J.W. 977; A. B. Hutchings, S.W. 893; J. S. Rundle, S.W. 1151; J. Harris, S.W. 510; J. Lovell, jun., J.W. 121; A. O. Michell, S.W. 121; R. Pearce, S.W. 1071; J. Pearce, J.W. 1071; J. Gatty, I.G. 330; R. Q. Betty, I.G. 1164; F. John, S.W. 1164; R. Steer, S.D. 1164; G. Bray, I.G. 1529; W. Quick, P.S.D. 450; Jno. Parkyn, I.G. 1151; Jno. Best, Sec. 1529; T. Crapp, J.D. 1529; C. Kemp, S.D. 1151; J. Bassett, J.W. 116; R. E. Pearce, Sec. 1151; F. Smelling, S.D. 1329; W. Stephens, J.D. 1136; R. Parker, S.W. 557; W. C. Cuddeford, 156; S. R. Hayes, 105.

The Grand Lodge first assembled at Lostwithiel, where a Masonic lodge, the St. Matthew's, was established in 1861. In unison with the general body of the Masonic lodges in England, the St. Matthew's has entertained a desire to possess its own private lodge rooms, and that wish has at length been gratified by obtaining permission to convert part of the old Duchy Palace, recently occupied as Duchy offices, which are now removed elsewhere, into the requisite suite of rooms. The Duchy Palace is a venerable edifice, full of interest to the archaeologist. It is supposed to have been erected about the middle of the thirteenth century as a residence for the earls and dukes of Cornwall, who, for the convenience offered by the river Fowey, then spelt Foy-hud, moved there from Restormel Castle, which had been their previous abode, another interesting ruin, still standing on an adjacent hill. The walls of the part of the palace appropriated have been thoroughly repaired. In places where they were built with earth-mortar the work has been pulled down and rebuilt in blue lias lime. The rest of the exterior has been repointed, and the buttresses, which were much disfigured, repaired, and, in some cases, rebuilt. A porch has been built on the east elevation for the entrance to the rooms. A fine pointed arch of Pentewan stone and its door, that stood on the south end of the palace, have been removed to form part of the entrance porch. A new staircase has been built where the original stone steps stood; but the width of the stairs has been reduced to allow of a candidates' room being built on the north side. The principal apartment obtained by the conversion being a lodge-room of dimensions in excess of the wants of the lodge, it has been divided into two rooms by a moveable partition. The outer apartment thus obtained has been appropriated to the use of country brethren for the writing of letters, &c. Beneath the rooms are large vaults in the basement. The strength of the old building is shown by the footings, which are in courses nine feet wide, and the ground floor is laid on an arch five feet thick at the springing and three feet thick at the corner. In order to get more light one of the old windows, which had been long since blocked up, has been re-opened and glazed with coloured glass in Masonic designs. New principals have been put to the roof. A fine piece of carving, on the north elevation, of the ancient arms of Cornwall in Pentewan stone, has also gone under a process of restoration. The architect of the restorations has been W. Bro. W. P. Smith, P.M. of the St. Matthew's Lodge, who has been ably supported by an efficient Building Committee of the brethren. The dedication of this converted part of the palace to the purposes of Masonry was the cause of the brethren first assembling at Lostwithiel. After a breakfast at the Talbot Hotel, of which over 100 of the brethren partook, the Provincial Grand Lodge walked in procession to the Duchy Palace, where the dedication was very impressively performed by the R.W. Bro. the P.G.M., supported by his officers. The musical portion of the service was rendered by a choir of Bros. Hocking, Kistler, Sims, and Rodda, under the direction of Bro. R. H. Heath, P.P.G.O.

The Secretary of the lodge, in explaining to the P.G.M. the manner in which the lodge had at length obtained the present building the R.W. brother was called upon to dedicate, stated that the minutes of the lodge showed that from the very first meeting of the lodge after its consecration an arrangement with the Duchy had been attempted to be carried out to rent the Duchy Palace. The negotiations had, however, failed until now, when with the generous offer of assistance made by the P.G.M., his earnest appeals at provincial meetings, coupled with the energy and perseverance of the I.P.M., Bro. Smith, the object had been obtained. The gross value of the work was about £600, towards which sixty mortgage debentures of £5 each had been issued; about £260 had been raised by voluntary contributions from the brethren and a few friends, and with a grant from the lodge funds a debt on the building of about £40 had been left. In obtaining that ancient and interesting building the lodge had not practically increased its expenses. The sixty debentures had been taken by the brethren at the low rate of 3 per cent, per annum, and with rent received for the commodious vaults underneath the rooms, the lodge was in about the same position financially as when at the hotel, whilst the fact of having such a noble lodge was inducing many to join the Order who would not have done so had the lodge continued to meet at the hotel. The ultimate trust of the building after the debt was removed was vested in his lordship as P.G.M. for the province.

At the close of the dedication the brethren proceeded in procession to the railway station, and were conveyed by a special train to Fowey.

There the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. the P.G.M. at the Working Men's Institute, a handsome and convenient building, recently erected by the townsfolk on the Town Quay, much to the credit of Fowey.

The arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge were carried out by the local lodge of that port, the Fowey Lodge, No. 977.

The P.G.M. said he felt sure of the sympathy and great regret felt by the brethren with him at the sad loss of their D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, and he suggested that a vote of condolence should be conveyed to Lady Williams at the sad event.

A unanimous expression of the heartfelt approval of the brethren of his lordship's suggestion was exhibited.

The P.G.M. also stated that the portrait of their late P.G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith, presented by them to Mr. Dorrien-Smith as a memorial of the respect in which his uncle had been held by the brethren of the province, had reached that gentleman, and he read two letters from Mr. Dorrien-Smith, acknowledging the kindness and expressing his gratification at the kind remembrance in which the memory of his uncle was held by the brethren.

The P.G. Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £104 10s. 6d., about the same sum as was in hand at the close of the previous year. The Secretary's report stated the number of lodges in the province to be 28. During the past year the number of initiations has been 110, joining members 33, members from previous year 1497, total 1640; against for 1878—number of initiations 149, joining members 47, members 1480, total 1676; decrease during the year 36. During the past year the returns of the attendance of P.M.'s of the various lodges eligible for office had come in much better than heretofore, but three lodges had omitted to fulfil that duty, the performance of which was essential in order to allow the merits of any brethren of the lodges to come before the P.G.M.

Both reports were received and adopted.

The brethren then proceeded in procession, with bands playing and banners displayed, to Fowey Church to attend Divine service. That noble edifice, a fine specimen of the decorated gothic, rebuilt in 1466, and recently restored at an expense of £5000, was crowded. W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen preached from John, chap. 13, v. 35. The discourse was an eloquent dissertation on brotherly love. At the close of the service there was a collection of £13 2s. 4d. From the church the brethren returned in procession to the institute, where business was resumed.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund showed donations and subscriptions for 1879 £149 17s., against £164 4s. 6d. for 1878, a decrease of £14 7s. 6d., which principally arose from the decease of the late D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, who was a liberal contributor. Balance in hand, up to December, 31st, 1878, £165 10s. 9d., receipts from interest on stock and bonds £58 14s. 7d., total £374 5s. 4d.; outlay £208 1s. 3d.; balance in hand £166 4s. 1d. During the past year there had been four annuitants, each receiving £30 a year, and two children in receipt of educational grants of £15 a year each. One of the latter now ceased to be paid, the time for which the payment was voted having expired. Petitions for relief had been received from a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, Truro, and a brother of the Cornubia Lodge, Hayle. Also a petition for an educational grant to a child of Bro. Thomas Barrett, deceased, formerly of the St. Anne Lodge, Looe. The voting on each of those petitions took place that day. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £96 18s. 1d. By the lamented death of the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., the number of trustees was reduced to three, and under Rule 6 of the lodge bye-laws it was necessary to appoint additional trustees at that meeting.

The report was received and adopted, and W. Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., was elected a trustee of the fund.

The annual report from Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. and P.P.G. Sec., respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the province, was read. (Bro. Hughan was unable to attend.) The failure in obtaining the election of the candidate from Fowey to the Girls' School, it stated, had arisen from the boys' votes not been exchangeable on the day of election, an unusual circumstance. It was, however, hoped that the province would be successful in October. It recommended votes of twenty guineas each to the Girls' School, and Aged Freemasons' Institution. Bro. Hughan concluded by submitting the resignation of his office of managing the votes. After services of ten years, he said, he should esteem it a favour to be relieved.

The report was received and adopted. The resignation of Bro. Hughan was unanimously disapproved of, and the matter was left with the P.G.M. to endeavour to reconcile the brother to a further service.

The voting on the proposed grants resulted in a vote of £15 per annum for five years to the son of Bro. Barrett, and £10 to the brother of No. 331.

W. Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward his proposition to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions towards the erection of the proposed Truro Cathedral; Devon to be invited to assist, and the money to be expended in some feature of the cathedral to be a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall. He shewed that similar steps had been carried out by the Freemasons in several other provinces.

W. Bro. John Thomas rose to propose an amendment, and there appearing to be sufficient opposition to the measure to lead to a long discussion, at the recommendation of the P.G.M. the matter was for the present postponed.

Bro. Holmes gave notice that he should revive the proposition at the next annual meeting, and hoped, for the

credit of the province, that it would be continued to be urged until it was carried.

On the proposition of Bro. T. Geach, £50 was voted to the assistance of a worthy brother, a P.P.S.G.W., now nearly eighty years of age, who had been reduced to straitened circumstances. Twenty guineas each were voted to the Masonic Girls' School and to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. Twenty-five guineas were voted to the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and the following officers appointed to the management of the fund for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. W. Tweedy, Treas.; T. Chirgwin, Sec.; J. C. R. Crewes, Asst. Sec.; Wilson L. Fox, No. 75, and G. S. Bray, 599, Auditors.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected as the Prov. G. Treas. The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—R.W. Bro. Col. J. W. Peard, D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. T. Hawken, 330, S.W.; A. Elford, 977, J.W.; the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, 699, and the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, Chaps.; W. Tweedy, 331, Treas.; H. Tilly, 75, Reg.; E. T. Carlyon, 331, Sec.; R. A. Courtney, 510, S.D.; John Dennis, 350, J.D.; W. P. Smith, 856, S. Wks.; W. Rowe, 330, D.C.; J. Jeffery, jun., 318, A.D.C.; T. B. Williams, 977, S.B.; James Lovell, 121, O.; H. Trembath, 318, G. Purs.; W. Rooks, 131, A. Purs.; Stewards: J. Bishop, 970; H. H. Kidd, 856; W. Cawse, 893; E. S. Angove, 129; E. Edwards, 131; and J. Hooper, 699. Bro. Beale, P.G. Tyler. W. Bros. J. F. Childs, T. Chirgwin, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon, and F. Harvey, were appointed the Committee of Relief. The collection at church was distributed, one-fifth to vicar's charities, two-fifths to the Local Cottage Hospital, and two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

A resolution was unanimously carried that "The P.G.L. of Cornwall, at this their first meeting after the death of their respected D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., desire to express their deep regret inspired by that event and their sincere sympathy with Lady Williams in her sad bereavement. The P.G.L. also express a hope that a copy of the resolution may be communicated to her ladyship."

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together at the Town Hall. The P.G.M. presided.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY. (MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.)

We have been requested to publish the following: Illustrious Brethren.—As considerable delay has taken place in the arrangements of the Order, it may be necessary to explain it as arising from the illness of the Treasurer General, (Illustrious Bro. Leather, 33°), and two Principal Officers of the Rite. The Order has to lament the death on the 8th January last, of the worthy and Illustrious Bro. Captain Charles Scott, R.N., J.P., of Strathroy, 33°, Supreme Grand Inspector General, also on the day following, Illustrious Bro. Herbert Irwin, of Bristol, 32°.

Due to these, and other untoward events, the Order has not added very considerably to its members, but has been proceeding slowly in its organisation. With the dues which the Sovereign Sanctuary have obtained, it has printed four volumes of its own, and paid the costs of certificates and similar items; hence the Illustrious Brethren will see that in the hands of our Treasurer General, the Order's Funds have been carefully used. These printed books are:—1, Constitutions—2, Public Ceremonials—3, History, (5s. 6d.), 4, Ritual of Senate (part 2), 5s. Also Chapter, Senate, Council and Mystic Temple Bye-Laws, (6d. each.) Translations have been made of several of the works of the Illustrious Bro. Jacques Et. Marconnis, 33-96°, late Grand Master of the Order; the pressing needs of the Rite are the printing of the remaining rituals in six to eight books, which will be proceeded with as the Sovereign Sanctuary is in possession of funds from the reception of candidates and other sources. The library has also acquired several most valuable additions.

The S.G.M. and Sov. Sanc. have sanctioned the conferment of the corresponding grades of the Rite of Mizraim upon our brothers, and the ritual will form a separate book.

The Mystic Temple, 32°, of Canada, has elected as Sovereign Grand Master, Illustrious Bro. George Canning Longley, 33°, with whom we are in fraternal relations. The opposition which was at one time offered to our Rite by similar associations has been withdrawn by a leading magnates of such opposing Masonic bodies, and notably by Bro. General Albert Pike, who may be considered the leading authority of all the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

On behalf of the Supreme Grand Officers, we avail ourselves of this opportunity of offering our fraternal salutations, and to request that you will furnish us with any information which may aid in the spread of the salutary principles of the Rite and its Degrees, and to beg that you will use your influence on its behalf by the organisation of working bodies, and the introduction of worthy neophytes in conformity with our Constitutions.

Fraternally yours,
BEEBY BOWMAN LABREY, 33-95°,
Grand Chanceller General, Sublime
Dai, and Grand Master of Light for
the Province of Lancashire.

P.S.—If you have any candidates to propose for the Degrees of Rose Croix (11-18°), Knight Grand Inspector (20-33°), or Sub-Master of the G.W. (30-90°), please forward their name, address, and Masonic rank as above, or to the immediate presiding officer of your chapter, senate, or council.

The Ascot Gold Cup was won on Thursday by Isonomy, Insulaire being second, and Touchet third.

New Zealand.

COROMANDEL LODGE (No. 456) I.C.—The annual installation of officers took place on 16th January. The installing Master this (as last) year was Bro. Grand Secretary, W. J. Rees, P.M. 454, I.C., who came from Auckland on the occasion. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The new W.M. Bro. Andrew King, then invested his officers as follows: J. H. Harrison, J.P.M.; J. B. Hannah, S.W.; F. Woodward; J.W.; A. J. Cadman, Sec. and Treas.; W. White, S.D.; J. B. Gatland, J.D.; R. Nazer, I.G.; Charles Coghlan, Tyler. The W.M. thanked the brethren for electing such efficient officers to aid him in the government of the lodge, and sketched a plan to make the monthly meetings attractive to members. As there was, and was likely to be, a lack of new business during the year, he proposed, after the routine business on each regular meeting night was over, to resolve the lodge into a lodge of instruction, and work J. P. and R. lectures on T.B., or to have a reading from some of the numerous Masonic works in their valuable library. After receiving the congratulations of visiting brethren, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in a splendid style. After the usual Masonic toasts, Major Keddell, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters" gave a review of the history of the lodge since the commencement, at which he was one of the founders, and had no doubt when the depression that hung over the district was removed, the prosperity of the lodge would return. A very agreeable evening was spent and enlivened by vocal and instrumental music. Bro. F. Woodward, J.W., ably presided at the piano.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter will be consecrated on Thursday next, at 33, Golden-square. The ceremony will be performed by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.P.S., who will be assisted by Comps. H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Superintendent Bengal, as H.; the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.A.S., as J.; and R. W. H. Giddy, P.Z., as D.C. The Principals nominate are Comps. H. Trueman Wood, M.E.Z.; Charles Cheston, H.; and Peter Lund Simmonds, J. The ceremony will commence at half-past four p.m.

Bro. Albert G. Goodall, on May 20th, delivered a lecture before Holland Lodge, of New York city, which was at once interesting, instructive, and ornate. The subject was, "Bro. Goodall's experience of Masonry in the Orient, and his researches in connection with the Eleusinian mysteries of Ancient Greece."

Miss Marion Beard announces a harp concert to take place on the 23rd inst., at 108, Lancaster-gate (the residence of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., and Mrs. Allcroft). The principal performers, in addition to herself, will be Mrs. Osgood, Mme. Liebhart, Miss Alice Fairman, Signor Urio, Signor Vergara, Herr Ludwig, M. Albert, and Herr Oberthur.

Mr. G. R. Sims (son of Bro. G. Sims, C.C.) has just issued the first number of *Our and All*, a journal of fiction and general literature. Mr. Sims has risen rapidly to his present rank in journalism, and we wish the new venture with which he is associated every success.

Bro. John Sartain, of this city, on April 8th ult., read a curious paper on "The Four Elements" before the Philadelphia College of the Rosicrucian Society, a handsomely printed copy of which paper has been laid upon our table. Ability and originality are apparent throughout this essay, which proposes not a few novel, not to say startling, doctrines; but then we suppose a Rosicrucian is nothing if not a philosopher.—*Keystone*, Philadelphia.

We are glad to announce that Sir Bartle Frere has ordered a cross to be erected in memory of Bros. Melville and Coghill on the spot where the bodies of those brave young officers were found about a week after the Isandhlwana disaster. The monument is in the form of a cross, and bears the following inscription:—In memory of Lieutenant and Adjutant Teignmouth Melville and Lieutenant Nevill J. A. Coghill, 1st Battalion 24th Regiment, who died on this spot, 22nd January, 1879, to save the Queen's colours of their regiment. On the obverse are the words: "For Queen and Country. Jesu Mercy."—*The Whitchall Review*.

On Friday evening, the 30th ult., Miss Helen Hopekirk, niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, who recently made her successful debut at the Crystal Palace, gave a pianoforte recital in the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, in the presence of the pupils and several ladies and gentlemen. The programme comprised a "Nocturne, in A flat (Chopin)," "March from Carnival" (Schumann), "Humoresken" (Grieg), "Gavotte" (Niemann), "Kriesleriana" (Schumann), "Gavotte" (Reinecke), "Finale" (Schumann), "Nocturne in D flat (Chopin)," "Rhapsodie Hongroise" (Liszt), and "Three Mazurkas" (Chopin). Miss Hopekirk used one of Broadwood's fine grand instruments, which was in excellent tone. Her style of playing is that of a modern school, being exquisitely faultless and full of grace, the forte passages being given with considerable force, although without any apparent exertion on the part of the soloist. The beautiful "Rhapsodie," a work of no mean execution, gave a splendid opportunity to the talented artiste to display her fine abilities; and the rich composition was given in such a manner as could only result from years of study. Miss Hopekirk has certainly but few equals, and there is no doubt that during the coming summer she will meet with every possible success as a soloist.—*South London Press*.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place next Wednesday afternoon, at the School House, at Wood Green. Lord Henniker, P.G.S.W. will preside.

At the last meeting of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249 at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. W. Corbett was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Dr. J. Kellert Smith, P.P.G Registrar, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation Ceremony will be performed by Bro. Barnett the retiring W.M., at the next meeting of the Lodge.

The final meeting of the Committee of the Burdett Testimonial Fund is to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday next, at 5 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Sir Charles Bright, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Peicy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 1150, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct H.t.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17.

Board of Gen. Purposes, F.M.H., at 4.
Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 933, Doric, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermy-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, Gerge Hot., Millwall Docks.
Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.
Red Cross Constantine 15, St. Andrew's, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicker Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
K. T. 128, Ox. and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horse, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20.

House Com. Boys' School, F.M.H., at 4.
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Chap. 92, Moira, Mansi in House Restaurant.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Aldersgate-st.
K. T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix 10, Isavia, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermy-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 21, 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boole L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urnston.
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermer, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst., and as the annual election took place on this date there was a large attendance of members. Bro. Frederick Barnett, W.M., opened the lodge about six o'clock, supported by Bros. J. C. Robinson, I.P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M., D.C.; Rev. H. Philip Pinnington, P.M.; W. Corbett, S.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; J. Whalley, S.D.; H. Wynne Parry, J.D.; Wm. H. Vernon, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; J. Jenaway, S.; Morris Davies, S.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Peter Ball, J. P. Jones, M. Parker, Wm. Pye, J. Baines, Walter Lothian, T. Evans, H. J. Pye, B. J. Parry, David W. Cangle, R. Thompson, J. Messenger, J. Molloy, J. Sykes, J. Pye, S. Johnson, A. Samuel, H. Hall, T. Joseph, J. Simpson, A. Barnard, T. Haymans, J. Travis, C. Davis, J. Crebbin, J. Nicholas, J. White, R. G. Bradley, M. Golston, G. C. Beecham, M. Howarth, jun., T. Poyser, J. H. Walker, W. Mooney, F. Cooper, Wm. Gamble, R. Thomas, D. Oliphant, F. J. Porter, J. N. Pendleton, and J. Wood (Freemason). Amongst the visitors to the lodge were Bros. D. Hughes, 241; Alexander Allan, 1609; T. Malcolm, 594; J. W. King, 823; R. B. Burgess, Sec. 1325; W. N. Grundy, 1325; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; A. Hayes, 1250; Hugh Williams, P.G. St.; J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203, &c.; Wm. Leatham, 594; T. Gray, 1325; and S. Prince, 594. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Isaac Wilson and Thomas Grindall, who, being duly elected and in attendance, were subsequently admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, according to ancient custom, by the W.M. The E.A.'s having retired, the lodge was then opened in Fellow Craft Degree, when two brethren were duly passed. After the lodge had been again closed to the First Degree, and Bro. W. Corbett, the S.W., was elected W.M. by acclamation and all but unanimously, Bro. Corbett thanked the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren for having elected him to the proud position of the chair of such an old, honourable, and numerous a lodge as that of the Mariners, and he assured them he would do his best, relying on the support of his brethren, to make his year of office a success. Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer in continuation of a succession of several years' office. Bros. J. Hayes, the Rev. P. Pennington, and Dr. Smith, P.M.'s, were elected trustees for the lodge, and the auditors were afterwards appointed. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, it was resolved, nem. con., that a letter of condolence should be written, in name of the lodge, to the widow of the late Bro. Edwin Hughes, P.M. Several communications having been read by the Secretary, one or two cases of distress relieved, and one proposition made for initiation, the lodge was closed in ample form. The brethren then sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, and during the evening the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Songs and recitations also made the pleasant evening "as merry as a marriage bell."

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athensum, St. Leonardgate, on the 11th inst., the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. Edward Cardwell, the W.M., who was supported by his respective officers; a numerous body of the members and visiting brethren being also present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting afterwards read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Arthur Heath Sykes, and

proving unanimous, he was duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Jowitz, I.P.M., acting as W.M., the working being gone through in a very impressive manner; the working tools being given by Bro. Crockell, the J.W. On the motion of Bro. James Hatch, P.M., seconded by Bro. George Kelland, P.M., a vote of condolence was moved to the family of the late Bro. Wm. Storey, P.M., expressing the regret of the brethren, and sympathising with them in the loss they had sustained by the removal by death from amongst them of one who was a good husband and parent, a kind and generous employer, and a good and worthy member of the Craft. It was resolved that the anniversary of St. John the Baptist should be held at the house of Bro. Wm. Longmire (W.M. 1561), Morecambe, on the 25th inst. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Heartly good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

MALTA.—Lodge of St. John and St. Paul (No. 349, E.C.)—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. There were present the W.M., Bro. Coffey, several Past Masters, and a large number of brethren. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, Bros. Noyes, Chapman, and Freeman were called up to the East, and having been examined, retired to prepare for the Second Degree. Mr. Thomas Steele being in attendance, and duly prepared, was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Steele having retired, the lodge was opened as a Fellow Craft lodge. Bros. Noyes, Chapman, and Freeman having been re-admitted, were passed to the noble degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was closed in this degree and opened in the First Degree. The newly-initiated brother then re-entered. Two brethren having been proposed as joining members and some routine business transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, and truly may we say that never was this beautiful ceremony performed with greater effect than on the occasion referred to. The place, which had been like the palace of a king, the abode of a cardinal (Wolsey, whose portrait still adorns the wall), and in still more ancient times devoted to the austere life of the recluse, gave a charm to that beautiful part of our ritual so ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Gompertz, assisted by the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M., acting as Director of Ceremonies. The above mentioned lodge has been extremely fortunate in securing this fine old baronial hall for its reunions (kindly placed at their disposal by their much respected Chaplain, the Rev. Chas. Erskine Mayo, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Herts), and not only in their place of meeting—for the whole building is equally at their disposal—they are thus enabled to provide for their creature comforts in a manner that would do credit to many a first-class country hotel; thus freed from tavern influence, having their own cuisine and cellar, they are enabled to offer to their visiting brethren a hearty and generous welcome. The present Master, Bro. T. C. Chapman, P.M. of the Connaught Lodge, and M.E.Z. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, was initiated in the Gresham Lodge in 1871, since which time he has filled in succession nearly every office in his mother lodge, culminating in the proud position of W.M. The officers appointed were Bro. T. Perry, S.W.; C. B. Cheese, J.W.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M., Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Mayo, Chap.; Gompertz, jun., S.D.; W. R. Dixon, J.D.; Eugene Benard, I.G.; J. R. Dickie, Organist; J. T. Mabey and A. A. Johnson, Stewards. In presenting the Immediate P.M., Bro. Doctor Pottle, with a P.M.'s jewel, the W.M. expressed the earnest hope that he might live long to enjoy the esteem and affection of the brethren, the jewel which he now placed upon his breast being but a slight mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Several toasts having been proposed, and duly responded to, the W.M. called upon the Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Dr. Iles, to make a few remarks upon the movement now before the public for the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey. In doing so Bro. Iles expressed the hope that the brethren would disabuse their minds of the impression that this was a sectarian movement. He denied that it was anything of the kind. It was purely an endeavour to restore one of our most ancient and grand historical monuments, associated nearly and dearly with the cherished principles of Freemasonry, of which St. Alban was the founder and first exponent in England. Our space will not admit of a further report of the numerous speeches which occupied the remainder of the evening; suffice it to say that the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. C. Cnapman, W. F. Gompertz, P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Copestick, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Bruce, P.P.G.D.; J. Forsyth, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.S.B.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P.G.S.B.; G. E. Pottle, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Perry, C. B. Cheese, W. R. Dixon, J. R. Dickie, Gompertz, jun., J. Rignal, E. Benard, T. S. Holland, J. T. Mabey, H. A. Johnson, Arthur Clegg, Allan Brown, Humphreys, and George. Among the visitors were Bros. Wilson Iles, Prov. Grand Sec. Herts, P.M. 404; Thomas Stephens, I.P.M. 1475; Henry Vickery, W.M. 1475; Thomas Jackson, S.D. 1475; Henry M. Walker, 1475; Henry W. Gompertz, W.M. 1364; Alfred Dotteridge, P.M. 172; C. W. Kent, P.M. 879; George Collier, 1237; E. Tholander, 8, Gothenberg, Sweden; F. Purvis, 1327; W. Bradstock, 1327; A. Andrews, 1604; C. Powler, J.D. 1558.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., paid an official visit to this lodge on Thursday, the 12th inst. He was attended by his Provincial Grand Officers, who arrived shortly before two o'clock. The occasion was the annual installation, Bro. Lambourn, a Past Master of the lodge, being again elevated to that position. The usual banquet took place at the George Hotel. A warrant has been granted for a new lodge of Freemasons at Shoreham, to be named the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829. The first officers will be Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, P.G.M. Co. Down, W.M.; Bro. Capt. C. Raymond Burrell, P.M., S.W.; Bro. W. Tunstall Clarke, J.W. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master has fixed Thursday, July 17th, for the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821. The ceremony will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and be performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. John Henderson Scott). Bro. T. J. Sabine is to be the first W.M.

WARRINGTON.—The Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—On Tuesday last the annual meeting of this flourishing and popular lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, and there was a goodly attendance of brethren present to celebrate the advent of Bro. T. H. Sutton, J.W. and W.M. elect, to the chair. Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, W.M., took the chair shortly after three o'clock, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. H. Sutton, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Knight, J. H. Galloway, Spencer Wallhead, H. Hoult, T. Domville, W. Woods, P.M.; W. Taylor, J. S. Green, P. J. Edelman, P.M.; W. Pellitt, P.M.; W. H. Jenkins, T. O. Speakman, H. Hind, J. Farrington, J. Baird, J. H. Potter, R. Bricley, P.M.; J. Hannah, J. R. Jones, J. Smethurst, G. Cropper, Geo. Fairhurst, J. O'Brien, John Jones, W. Richardson, P.M.; H. Houghton, G. Mackey, W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; A. W. Brundith, W. Bolton, A. G. Webster, J. W. Tonque, A. Potter, jun., D. Hooley, R. Heaton, E. Auckland, J. Currey, W. Reid, and J. Barlow. Visitors: H. S. Alpess, Prov. G. Sec.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Pichall, P.M. 148; A. Crawford, 148; A. E. Ogden, W.M. 680; J. Rymer Young, W.M. 148; J. R. Tomlinson, P.M. 368; E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484, Prov. G.S.B.; T. Jones, 241; W. Bradford, 965; W. Leigh, W.M. 941; and C. E. Hindley, S.W. 148. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of Bro. Sutton was at once proceeded with. At the I.M.'s request, Bros. P.M.'s Bierley, Richardson, and Edelman took the positions of S.W., J.W., and I.G. respectively, and Bro. Sutton was duly presented. Afterwards a Board of I.M.'s was in proper and due course opened, the W.M. elect introduced thereto, and placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, saluted, and greeted. This part of the ceremony being completed, the Board of I.M.'s was closed, and the rest of the brethren admitted by seniority, and saluted the new W.M. in Masonic form. Bro. Sutton then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: viz., Bros. J. H. Galloway, S.W.; S. Wallhead, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M., Treasurer; E. W. Finney, P.M., Sec.; T. Huichinson, S.D.; G. Cropper, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; J. Jones and J. Farrington, Stewards; T. Domville, Tyler. These officers were introduced to their respective positions by the I.M., and suitable advice and admonition delivered to each, after which the annual addresses were delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. At the close of the ceremony Bro. P.M. Richardson rose to propose that the best thanks be given to Bro. Finney for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the installation. The W.M. seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. Bro. Finney made a suitable reply. We should not omit to say also that before the brethren separated a very handsome and chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. for his services and conduct in the chair during the past twelve months. After some further routine business the lodge was duly and solemnly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Lion Hotel. Here Bro. Sutton was supported in the chair by most of the brethren above named. Many good things were provided by the purveyors of the "Lion" for "hungry souls," to which good things we need hardly say ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with fervour and eloquence. In proposing "The Health of Bro. Sutton," the Prov. G. Sec., with unusual warmth, enforced the duty of Masonic charity along with other practical and useful advice, and we trust, and indeed we feel that it will be so, that the good seed thus sown will take root downward and bear fruit upward. After a most successful and happy gathering the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close about ten o'clock, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

PLYMOUTH.—Dundas Lodge (No. 1255).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place. W. Bro. James Hellyer Dawe, the W.M. elect, was installed by W. Bro. Samuel H. Hearle, P.M. 1255, supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bro. C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Smith, William Bell, Samuel B. Harvey, W. H. Triplett, W. G. Ball, P.M.'s 1255; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. F. Hearle, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Browning, W.M. 105; and J. G. Kevern, W.M. 1550. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested the officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. T. J. Smith, I.P.M.; Bros. G. R. Barrett, S.W., and Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., J.W.; W. Bro. William Bell, Treas.; and S. B. Harvey, Sec.; Bros. William Cann, S.D.; R. E. Holmes, J.D.; John Hammond, D.C.; H. C. Jago, I.G. W. Bro. S. B. Harvey was elected the representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and

Bro. G. R. Barrett, the Steward of the lodge, for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. In the evening the brethren of the lodge and visitors dined together at the Globe Hotel. Among the toasts were "The new P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, and might he prove a worthy successor in that office to his grand sire;" "The Past Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A.;" and "The Past Prov. G. Officers." There were hopes, it is said, of Bro. Huyshe returning to an improved state of health, and the wish was expressed that he might yet be spared for some years to adorn the Order, and by his occasional presence among the brethren revive warm reminiscences of his beneficent rule.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Island Hotel, on the 14th inst. There were present Bros. E. W. Devereux, W.M.; T. J. Sabine, I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.M.; A. Loos, S.W.; G. L. Wingate, E. T. Herman, and B. Wright, Sec. The visitors were Bros. W. R. Smith, 1326, and H. Buckley, 1326. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for J. S. Fowler, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour. On the motion of Bro. Baldwin, and seconded by the W.M., it was resolved to request the late Secretary, Bro. Walters, to accept the honorary membership of the lodge, which was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at Bro. Garbett's Hall, on Anglesea Hill, and was well attended by both the brethren of the lodge and visitors. Bro. H. G. Picken, W.M., was in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters and officers: Past Masters Bros. W. Weston and A. Penfold, Bros. H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Welding, S.D.; T. Holleyman, J.D.; and H. Harding, Org. Visitors, Bros. T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; J. G. Holmes, P.M. 407, P.P.G.S.W. Malta; T. Hutton, W.M. elect 13; J. Warren, S.W. 700; E. Knightly, 473; T. Hassell, 13; W. McCoy, 700; G. F. Fraser, 700; H. Grise, 13; W. Hume, 640 (S.C.); A. Archer, 1089, D.C.; E. Clarke, 184; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), 913; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, the Three Degrees were worked by the W.M. in a most reverent and excellent manner. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. Shaw, S.W., was elected unanimously. Bro. Murphy was then re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler was re-elected to that onerous position. It was then proposed by Bro. Weston, and seconded by Bro. Shaw, that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should then be presented to Bro. Picken for his services to the lodge during the past year, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Weston, who is always foremost in the cause of charity, then brought before the lodge the cases of the widows of two brethren who had died abroad, Bros. Cullen and Cook, the latter of whom died at Natal of fever in camp. He said that no doubt one of Bro. Cook's children would be taken up by the province as a candidate for the Masonic Schools, and asked them to unloose their purse strings when the broken column went round. We are pleased to say that Bro. Weston's appeal was effective, for the sum of £2 15s. was at once collected, and placed in the hands of Bro. Watkins for the immediate want of our brothers' widows. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren assembled round the social board, where an hour was spent in Masonic harmony and brotherly love.

STANMORE.—Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yesterday week at the Abercorn Arms. Consecrated on the 19th of October, 1877, this lodge has made excellent progress in Freemasonry, and now holds a very important position among the lodges of the new province of Middlesex. The first Worshipful Master, Bro. Japheth Tickle, has held the office for twenty months, and has conducted the affairs of the lodge with admirable skill. The brethren have passed a most happy time under his rule, and the lodge has fully carried out the intentions of its promoters, that it should be an agreeable summer adjunct of the Urban Lodge, whose members were its founders. The brethren met early in the day, when the lodge was opened, and in the course of the meeting the following brethren were present:—Bros. Japheth Tickle, W.M.; Chas. Hawksley, S.W.; A. F. Roberts, J.W.; Joseph W. S. Wall, Sec.; Wm. Radford, S.D.; J. J. Hepburn, D.C.; W. T. Buck, I.G.; C. Winstanley, Charles Buck, George H. Carter, W. H. Exton, W. R. Shutt, T. Hay Ritchie, C. Veal, P.G.S.D. Middx.; W. C. Maddever, W.M. 804; A. Birch, H. M. Chigwell, Jas. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; J. L. W. Ruff, S.W. 95; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S. Middx.; T. W. Eckstein, J.W. 1196; Dr. J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; J. Pearson, P.M. 1196; Edwin G. Legge, P.M. 1196; W. F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; H. Buck, J.D. 171; T. T. Bell, S.W. 1178; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). After reading of and confirmation of the minutes of last lodge, Mr. Thomas Hay Ritchie and Mr. William Henry Gaskell Exton were initiated in the Order. Bros. Thomas Milbourn, 1196, and Henry Thomas Tiddeman were elected joining members, after which, on the presentation of Bro. James Terry, Bro. A. F. Roberts, W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Tickle as Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Japheth Tickle, I.P.M.; W. Radford, S.W.; J. Wall, J.W.; Japheth Tickle, Treas.; Charles Hawksley, Sec.; W. Buck, S.D.; J. T. Hepburn, J.D.; Chas. Buck, I.G.; C. Winstanley, D.C.; G. H. Carter, Steward; and J. Middleton, Tyler. Bro. Legge delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. James Terry the address to the Wardens; and Bro. Tickle the address to the brethren. Lodge was immediately afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a charming banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro.

Veal. The customary toasts followed. Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G.S. for Middlesex, in replying to the toast of "The Provincial G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," said that all the Provincial Grand Officers were anxious to do everything in their power for the welfare of the province, and, in so saying, he might, perhaps, be allowed, on behalf of himself, to add that they did everything in their power for the province. The present was his first visit to the Sub-Urban Lodge, or to any lodge at Stanmore, and it had given him so much gratification that he looked with pleasure on the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, which was to be held at Stanmore on the 28th of this month. He expected a great and successful gathering on that occasion, and although the Prov. G.M. had not been well lately he hoped to see him then presiding. The Prov. G.M. would be much pleased to be supported by all the brethren in the province. He (Bro. Levander) congratulated the W.M. on being installed that day as the successor to such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Tickle in the Mastership of a lodge which he hoped to see one of the best, if not the best, of the lodges of Middlesex. The W.M. here announced that as this was the proper day to elect a Steward for the province he should propose Bro. Tickle, and Bro. Tickle having signified his willingness to accept the office, the motion was seconded by the S.W., and carried. Bro. Tickle said he felt highly complimented by being recommended to the Prov. G.M. for the office of Prov. G. Steward, and he assured the brethren that the Sub-Urban Lodge should not lose anything by the recommendation. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiates." Bro. Ritchie thanked the brethren for their heartiness in accepting the toast, and hoped to see a great deal more of Freemasonry on future occasions. Bro. Exton in the course of his reply, said, he had long had a desire to be numbered among the members of the Order, and Bro. Buck suggested to him that if he would like to join the Craft he would find the Sub-Urban Lodge a favourable lodge to be initiated in. He had of course heard a great deal outside Freemasonry about it, but he did not believe what he heard or he should not have been present that day. If he was spared he should devote his time, attention, interest, and care to the welfare of this lodge, and to the welfare of the Craft, and he wished the lodge and the Provincial G. Lodge every prosperity, hoping that nothing would happen during the time he belonged to the lodge in any way to interfere with its happiness and prosperity, or the happiness and prosperity of the Craft. His membership of the lodge he hoped would only end with his life. Bro. Tickle, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He ventured to think that there never was a Mason who more deserved his health drunk than the present W.M. of the Sub-Urban Lodge, for if ever there was a brother who made strenuous and genuine efforts to reach that chair, and to justify the confidence reposed in him, it was Bro. Roberts. Unfortunately, Bro. Roberts had been an invalid for about the last six months, and it was only at great personal sacrifice that he was now present. He asked the brethren, therefore, now to drink Bro. Roberts's health. He (Bro. Tickle) had known him a long time as a citizen, a man, and a Mason, and in all three characters he had proved himself worthy of the friendship of all who had come in contact with him. He believed in proposing the health of their present W.M., and a long series of years of prosperity to the Sub-Urban Lodge, there was no member of it who had its success and prosperity more at heart than Bro. Roberts, and that there was no member more willing to make sacrifices on its behalf. The W.M., in reply, said it was true he had not been in good health for a long time, but as regarded the sacrifices Bro. Tickle had spoken of he had only done what he should do again. As long as he was able to get up to Stanmore to take the chair he should be there, and be ready to make double or treble the sacrifices he had made. What he hoped to see consummated in the Sub-Urban Lodge was, that it might be a credit to the Craft. As its members increased it might be noticed more than it was now, although he took it as a very great compliment that it had had such great honour conferred on it that evening by having such distinguished brethren present. It was his intention during his year of office, if he was spared, and blessed with health, to do all he could for the prosperity of 1702, and whatever lay in his power the brethren might depend upon it he would do to carry forward the success of the lodge and the Craft to the very utmost. Bro. Dr. Carpenter, P.M. 1196, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Having buckled fortune on his back, he would endeavour to support it. He felt it a greater honour to be an honorary member of the lodge than he did to be a visitor, and for reasons sufficiently obvious. He was an honorary member under peculiar circumstances. He did not repudiate the title which Bro. Tickle had given him, of being grandfather of the lodge. Being the father of the Urban Lodge, he must be grandfather of the Sub-Urban, which sprang from it. He could only say in this character, "Bless you, my children," and express the great delight he felt at seeing such a lot of his family growing up around him. Travelling out of the record for half a moment, he must be permitted to express the very great satisfaction he felt with the way in which Bro. Tickle performed the elaborate duties of the office of Installing Master. In saying this he was perhaps a little egotistic; but remembering as he did that he (Dr. Carpenter) had the honour and pleasure of installing Bro. Tickle in the chair, when he was made Master of the Urban Lodge, it must be exceedingly gratifying to him to recognise the excellent way in which Bro. Tickle had carried out his duties to the very end. Dr. Carpenter concluded by returning thanks on behalf of himself and all the other visitors. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Tickle, I.P.M.," of whom he might say, having known him many years most intimately, that if the brethren

were to seek the City round they could not find a brother in whom they could repose more confidence. It was therefore a double pleasure to him to have to propose his health, and at the same time to pin to his breast a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren as a mark of the estimation in which he was held by them, and to show their admiration of him as Master of the Sub-Urban Lodge. He sincerely hoped they might have Bro. Tickle with them for many years to come, that their friendship might not slacken, but would be cemented still firmer. Bro. Tickle, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he hardly knew how to find words to respond to the honour conferred on him by presenting him with such a handsome jewel. He well remembered leaving the chair of his mother lodge, and the gratification he felt when the Master of that lodge, his successor in the chair, placed on his breast another handsome jewel he now wore. He did not think at that time he should ever have an additional jewel presented to him, more especially with such high commendations as had been passed on him that evening by the brethren he now saw around him. With regard to the lodge he could assure the brethren it was no easy task to endeavour to establish a new lodge. It was a source of a great deal of anxiety and effort to make the new lodge a success. The Sub-Urban Lodge was now only in its second year. Personal sacrifices had been made in order to insure its success, but he ventured to think that in the second year, on the second installation day, the fact that they had been able to add two initiates was an epoch in the history of the lodge to be remembered, more especially as those initiates were two gentlemen whom they might all be proud of having the pleasure of admitting. It was a great pleasure to the brethren that the lodge was firmly established, and that there were evidences that it would go on and prosper. When the consecration took place he well remembered one of the Consecrating Officers stating, with a very great deal of feeling, that he believed the lodge was composed of men who meant to insure success, and he ventured to think that the forecast by that brother, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Holden, was a true utterance. He (Bro. Tickle) believed that that success was now assured, and that Bro. Roberts, whom he had had the honour and pleasure of installing, would have a prosperous and successful year of office. That was the wish of him (Bro. Tickle) and all the other brethren, and also they wished that he might have health and strength to enjoy his honours, and that when he left the chair he might do so with as much pleasurable regret as he (Bro. Tickle) now did. His period of office had been a year and three-quarters of labour, but that had been a labour of love, and when he saw the lodge in the grand success it had achieved that day, he was fully repaid for any trouble he had taken, and any time he had bestowed upon it. He thanked the brethren warmly for the compliment they had paid him, and for the kindness which he had received from all of them, and he trusted that his successor in the chair, Bro. Roberts, who was a worthy brother indeed, would receive from the members of the lodge all the support and kindness which he (Bro. Tickle) had himself received. He hoped they might all have many, many pleasant days and evenings together. Bro. James Terry, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the W.M., said he trusted that as long as Freemasonry lasted this toast would never cease to be given at Masonic banquets. It was a very comprehensive toast, and one which in the fulness of their hearts they had stated they would to the greatest extent support. To those who knew the Charities he need not speak; but from those who did not know them he asked forbearance while he told what they were. Freemasons had three distinguished Institutions, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Old Men and Women's Institution. The Girls' School was the oldest. It had just celebrated its 91st anniversary, and, notwithstanding the depression of trade, the largest amount ever brought in in one year had been brought in for that Institution, £12,100 had been brought in by the individual efforts of the Stewards who served on that occasion. The Boys' School festival would take place on the 25th inst.; that would be its 81st anniversary, and he hoped and trusted that an equal, if not a larger, sum might be then collected on behalf of the 210 boys, boarded, clothed, and educated in that school. When he spoke of the Educational Institutions of Freemasonry he spoke of magnificent Institutions, which could compare most favourably with any other similar Institutions throughout the length and breadth of the land. Take the result of the last Cambridge examinations for the Boys' School. Out of all the boys sent to that examination from all schools in England fifteen first class prizes were earned, and out of those fifteen, nine were gained by boys from the Masonic Boys' School. Fourteen boys went up from this Institution, and four gained second-class prizes, and one obtained honours. Out of the whole of them only one failed. It was a great thing for Freemasonry. The girls in the Masonic Girls' Schools had been just in the same way successful. Fifteen girls went up for their examination, and eight of them obtained first-class prizes, five took second-class, and one third-class honours. If the brethren considered what this meant, they would see that the system of education pursued in both those Institutions was successful, and it was a proud thing to be able to support such Institutions. For the old people he could not put in any Oxford or Cambridge examinations. He could not put the I.L.D. to their names, but he could place before the brethren the honour which they had obtained of a blameless life. He hoped the I.L.D. might be added to their names by the brethren endeavouring, as far as they could, to Lengthen Life's Days. He knew that although this lodge was a very young lodge, all the members were interested in the Charities, and that when the lodge came into the possession of funds there were willing hearts and just as willing hands to assist the Institutions as were to be found willing to assist any Institution. The three Masonic Institutions had

over 700 persons dependent upon them between the ages of ninety years and eight years. These were supported without show of ostentation, and in spite of the great depression of trade it had been done without difficulty. Instead of the funds decreasing with the badness of the times, they had increased in a larger proportion than in any corresponding previous three years in the history of the Craft, not only because the Grand Master in his wisdom had granted warrants for new lodges, but he believed because the Craft at large were awakening to their duties and supporting their own Charities, knowing that those Charities could not appeal for support to the outer world. There were over £40,000 raised last year for the three Institutions. But at each election a large number of unsuccessful candidates were left over. If, however, every Mason would subscribe five shillings a year to each Institution, they would be able to meet all claims without an election. It mattered not to him which of the Institutions the brethren should think fit to support, but he would remind them that it was fifty years after Masons established the Girls' Schools, and forty years after they had established the Boys' School, that they thought of themselves, and established the Old Men and Women's Institution. He ventured to think that the claims of this Institution would bear comparison with any other Benevolent Institution, and if there was any brother who wished to become a Steward, he would submit to him the claims of the Benevolent Institution. The other toasts were then given, and the brethren returned to town.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday last, the 16th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren, chiefly members of lodges in the vicinity. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, presided, the other offices being filled by Bros. J. J. Hutchings, J.W. 147, S.D. 1531, as S.W.; S. P. Catterson, J.W. 548, as J.W.; W. Fieldson, S.D. 548, as S.D.; Martin, 879, as J.D.; and Price, 1255, as I.G. The lodge having been opened, the Sections appertaining to the First Degree were worked as follows:—The First by Bro. Waterman, W.M. 147; the Second by Bro. Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec. to the lodge of instruction; the Third by the J.W.; the Fourth by the S.W.; the Fifth by the W.M., the questions being put by the S.W.; the Sixth and Seventh by the J.D. After a brief adjournment from labour to refreshment, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Being resumed in the Second Degree, the First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Tuck, 834 and 1531; the Second by the S.W.; the Third by Bro. Waterman; the Fourth by the J.D.; and the Fifth by Bro. Speight, I.P.M., and Sec. 147. On the resumption of the lodge in the Third Degree, the remaining Sections were worked, the First by Bro. Tuck; the Second by Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, P.Z. 933 and 79, J.W. 1531, the Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge of instruction. The labours of the evening being thus terminated, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and in due time closed after an unanimous vote of thanks had been accorded to Bro. Milbourn for his kindness in undertaking to preside, and as an acknowledgment of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. There were present Bros. A. McMillan, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; C. Lorkin, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; C. Olley, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec., and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. T. Slaughter, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. T. Slaughter, assisted by the brethren, worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture. The lodge having been resumed to the degree, Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. C. Lorkin seconded—"That Bro. J. Lorkin be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. Bro. A. R. Olley proposed, and C. Lorkin seconded—"That Bro. Payne, Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1534, be a member of this lodge of instruction." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The closing meeting of the season of this prosperous lodge of instruction was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The brethren present were Bros. J. Robinson, as W.M.; J. Noyes, S.W.; T. Reilly, P.M., as J.W.; A. Malcolm, W.M. of the mother lodge; J. Tydeman, I.P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; F. Drummond, P.M.; W. Bradstock, Preceptor and Sec.; Brewster, Blackmore, Cox, Eversfield, Fisher, Holdsworth, Imrie, Kent, J. Knight, J.W. mother lodge; Lewis, Newman, Rogers, Richardson, Cooke, Walker, Wheeler, and Woollard. Visitors: Bros. Kent, P.M. and Preceptor 879; Beavis, 879; Martin, 879; Plumridge, 879; Osgathorp, 1437; Shepherd, 122; Young, Searl, Norman, Newall, P.M.; Davis, 13; Howlett, Dunan, P.M. The lodge was opened, and the Sections of the First Lecture very ably worked by the following brethren, Bro. John Robinson, as W.M. and Lecture Master, supported by Bro. P.M. Kent, 879, as Preceptor:—

- 1st Section... Bro. Gaskell, P.M. 1076 and 1327.
- 2nd " " " " Martin, 879.
- 3rd " " " " Reilly, P.M. 1327.
- 4th " " " " Beavis, 879.
- 5th " " " " Shepherd, 122.
- 6th " " " " Lewis, 849 and 1327.
- 7th " " " " Noyes, J.D. 1327.

Experienced brethren among the visitors declared they had seldom seen the Sections worked in better form—very great credit was due to Bro. Robinson, who, although a young Mason, had taken a lively interest in the lodge of instruction, and in acquiring the Masonic ceremonies, his proficiency in the latter being evinced by the able manner in which he worked the Sections on this occasion. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had taken part in the Lecture, and especially to Bros. Kent, Beavis, and Martin, 879, whose valuable assistance had greatly contributed to its success. The business of the meeting being concluded, the brethren retired to a dinner provided by the worthy host, Bro. F. E. Cooke. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present a very handsome gold pen and pencil case, subscribed for by the brethren, to P.M. T. Reilly, who had acted as Secretary and Preceptor for some years in the lodge of instruction, as a token of esteem and respect. Bro. Reilly returned thanks in suitable terms for the kindness he had always received from the brethren, and for this handsome mark of their favour. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, and the brethren separated, very pleased with the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Friendship Chapter (No. 100).—The annual convocation of this prosperous chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Crown and Anchor Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. There were present Comps. E. J. Bonfellow, M.E.Z.; R. Martins, H.; R. W. Hubbard, J.; James Bond, I.P.Z.; John Franklin, P.Z.; A. Hanlon, P.Z.; Major W. Dods, E. P. Youell, G. F. Crane, W. J. B. Johnson, J. Wetheridge, J. T. Maybank, E. B. Wright, W. B. Page, J. C. Welham, J. A. Fisk, J. W. Rolfe, O. Moore, C. Fenton, R. Stanier, J. Woolton, E. Sturge, D. R. Fowler, G. S. Gibbs. The visitors were Comps. James Dunsford, I.P.Z. Perseverance Chapter, 213; Edwin Baldwin, M.E.Z. 213; C. H. Capon, H. 213. After the minutes of the last confirmation had been read and confirmed, the companions retired, and the Principals for the ensuing year were installed in their several chairs—Comp. R. Martins, as M.E.Z., by Comp. Dunsford, P.Z.; Comp. R. W. Hubbard, as H., by Comp. Baldwin, M.E.Z. 213; and Major W. Dods, as J., by Comp. C. H. Capon, H. 213. The companions were then readmitted, and Bro. Alexander Mitchell, M.D., whom the companions had unanimously elected, was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Holy Royal Arch by the newly-installed Principals in a very impressive manner. The M.E.Z. invested his officers with their collar and jewel of office as follows:—Comps. Edmund J. Bonfellow, I.P.Z.; A. Hanlon, P.Z., S.E.; E. P. Youell, P.S.; G. F. Crane and W. B. Johnson, Asst. Sojourners; J. Wetheridge, S.N.; F. W. Rolfe, Org.; and J. Holt, Janitor. The business of the evening concluded, the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form. The companions then adjourned to the banquet room, the tables of which were very artistically decorated by Comp. John Franklin, P.Z. After a capital banquet, served in Comp. Franklin's usual unique style, and which, it is needless to say, gave general satisfaction, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by Comp. E. J. Bonfellow, I.P.Z., and which was received with enthusiastic cheering. The M.E.Z., in thanking the companions for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, congratulated them on the continued prosperity of the chapter, and assured them that he would do everything in his power to still further promote the interests and prosperity of the chapter; that he considered it a very great honour to preside over so large and flourishing a chapter, and he hoped that when his year of office expired the companions would have no cause to regret the exalted position in which they had that day placed him. "The Healths of Comps. R. W. Hubbard, H., and Major Wm. Dods, J.," were given and received in a very hearty manner, and both those companions replied in very appropriate speeches. The next toast was that of the companions who had visited the chapter that day and kindly undertaken the duties of installing the Principals, Comps. James Dunsford, P.Z. 213; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 213; C. H. Capon, H. 213. To these companions the M.E.Z. tendered the best thanks of the chapter for their kindness and consideration. Each of the Installing Companions replied, thanking the chapter for the reception given them. "The Health of the I.P.Z." was very heartily received, and responded to in a very earnest speech by Comp. Bonfellow. "The Principal Sojourner's Health" was received with tremendous cheering. The chapter was very fortunate in having a Principal Sojourner so thoroughly efficient as Comp. E. P. Youell; the arduous duties of his office would be discharged in a manner calculated to give the highest satisfaction to the companions of this chapter. Comp. Youell replied, thanking the companions for the very encouraging manner in which his name had been received. He assured the chapter that he would endeavour to the best of his ability to discharge the duties of his office to their entire satisfaction. "The Healths of Comp. Hanlon, P.Z. and S.E., and the rest of the Officers," and "The Newly-Exalted Comp. Alex. Mitchell," were given and responded to. "The Health of Comp. Franklin, P.Z., and Mrs. Franklin, the Host and Hostess," was enthusiastically received, as it well deserved to be, it being a recognised fact throughout the province that the very name of Franklin was a sufficient guarantee that everything would be done, every arrangement made to ensure their comfort and happiness. Comp. Franklin replied, thanking the companions for their expressions of satisfaction.

WIGHTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The quarterly convocation of this old chapter was held at

the Lion and Lamb Inn, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There were present Comps. Jas. Gardiner, M.E.Z.; J. Pearson, H.; W. H. Hoodless, J.; H. Bewes, P.Z., Treas.; J. Lazenby, S.E.; A. Walter, 1st A.S.; J. Harris, 2nd A.S.; T. Richardson, Janitor, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. There being no work on the summons, the S.E. read over the bye-laws, when sundry alterations and improvements therein were made, and ordered to be submitted to next convocation for confirmation, prior to final authorisation by Grand Chapter and the Provincial Grand Superintendent. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, and the Principals of St. John's Chapter expressed their willingness to lend a helping hand to their young sister whenever opportunity offered. The chapter was then closed in solemn form.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—The usual quarterly communication of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Present: Comps. W. Tonkin, M.E.Z.; the Rev. Dr. Treffry, as H.; J. Polkinghorne, J.; Col. Peard, P.G.H.; Emra Holmes, P.Z., P.G. Std. Bearer; J. C. Stephens, P.Z.; H. De Lugh, P.Z.; Col. Bake Rowe, Treas.; and others. The chapter having been opened in ancient form, the minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed. Bros. Dr. Newman and J. T. Baker, of St. Andrew's Lodge, St. Blazey, having been balloted for and accepted, they were duly obligated and exalted to the Degree of Holy Royal Arch, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z. with his customary ability. This being the annual meeting for the installation and investiture of officers, Comp. C. Tonkin duly installed the three Principals into their respective chairs in a very impressive manner—Comps. Emra Holmes, as Z.; J. Polkinghorne, as H.; and W. P. Smith, C.E., as J. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then invested his officers—Comps. N. H. Lamb, Scribe N.; Sylvanus Trevail, Treasurer; Wellington, Scribe E.; Walton, Prim. Soj.; Dr. Newman and J. T. Baker, Asst. Sojs.; Elliott, Janitor. The other business having been concluded the chapter was closed, a vote of thanks having been given to the Treasurer for his valuable services during the past year.

Mark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above influential lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall attached to the Sir Robert Peel, Bro. Garbett's house, on Anglesea Hill. Upwards of fifty brethren assembled to meet the W.M., Bro. Capt. Ritchie, R.A., one of the Grand Officers of England, G.J.M.W. Kent, P.P.G.M.W. Middx. and Surrey, and W.M. of the "Ulrique" Lodge in the Craft. Among them were Bros. C. Coupland, S.W. and W.M. elect, G.M.S.O. Kent, P.P.G.J.W. Kent (Craft); J. Smythe, G.M.J.O. Kent; W. Weston, G.M.J.D. Kent; H. Shaw, G.M.D.C. Kent; H. Pryce, G.M.R.M. Kent; G. Kennedy, G.D.M. Sec. Kent; the Rev. C. A. Solbe, G.M. Chaplain Kent; Eugene Sweny; G.D.A.D.C. Kent; W. Holleyman, G.M. Steward; D. C. Capern, G.M. Steward Kent; H. De Grey, W. Watkins, W. Moulds, G. R. Nicholls, Dr. C. W. Moot-Keys, T. Hnsgood, J. B. Gibson, T. Owen-son, E. Turner, C. Buckland, T. W. Kirkbride, J. Anderson, T. Stevens, J. Percival, E. Wilson, J. Sculley, J. Donolly, and C. Jolly (Freemason). The lodge was opened at about 3 p.m., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and passed, the W.M., Bro. Ritchie, in his inimitable and eloquent style, advanced Bro. John Parnell and Bro. Thomas Stevens, of Craft Lodge, No. 1536. He then, with the usual Mark formalities, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Coupland, into the chair of the lodge, and this most heartfelt and impressive ceremony was splendidly worked by Bro. Ritchie, and created a marked impression upon all present. Bro. Coupland then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Smythe, S.W.; W. Weston, J.W.; Abel Penfold, M.O.; H. Shaw, S.O.; Rev. C. Solbe, Chaplain and J.O.; E. Palmer, R.M.; D. Dreeves, S.D.; Captain Sweny, J.D.; W. Holleyman, I.G.; D. Capon, D.C.; W. Watkins, W.S.; and B. Norman, Tyler. A handsome P.M.M. jewel, of the value of five guineas, was then presented to Bro. Ritchie, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the lodge, and as well of the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of it during the past year. Bro. Ritchie returned thanks in a feeling and suitable speech, and the lodge was then closed in due form. A drive into the country, round Welling, Bexley, and Shooter's Hill, whiled away the time till half-past six, when the brethren sat down to a most enjoyable banquet, prepared by Bro. Garbett. We do not as a rule say much about the Fourth Degree, but, conscientiously, we must give our meed of praise to Bro. Garbett for his perfect service of a most enjoyable repast. The cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and drunk with enthusiasm. That of "Lord Skelmersdale, the G.M.M.," was especially noticeable for its heartiness. In giving the toast of "The R.W. the D.G.M.M., and the rest of Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. drew attention to the honour that had been conferred upon their I.P.M., Bro. Captain Ritchie, who, at the recent Grand Lodge meeting, had received the distinction of being appointed a Grand Officer; he coupled that brother's name with the toast. Bro. Ritchie, who is deservedly popular with the brethren of the Excelsior Lodge, was, on rising to return thanks, met with a round of cheers. He said he thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of the R.W.D.G.M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. Considering the fact that he had only been invested some three or four days since, he trusted they would excuse him saying too much in response to the toast.

He felt very proud of being a member of Grand Lodge, more especially as Mark Masonry was making rapid strides, and becoming a power in the land. At the Grand Mark Lodge, a little while ago, a motion was introduced for the recognition of what he termed outside degrees, but it was not carried, because it was felt that if they once admitted these degrees, Mark Masonry would become so strong and powerful that it would swamp Craft Masonry. It was so progressing that it would take before long a high position, and certainly only second to Craft Masonry in its power and affluence. Therefore he had great pride in occupying the position of a Grand Officer of the Grand Mark Lodge. He attributed the fact of his occupying that position to the office he held in the Excelsior Lodge, and to the influence that lodge had in the Order, for the Grand Master was so satisfied with it, and its position in the Order, that he said he could not pass by such a lodge in the selection of his officers. The next toast was that of "The P.G.M., the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A.," and in giving it the W.M. said they had had the Grand Master present that day last year at the consecration of the lodge, and his presence added a lustre to the proceedings that to those who had the honour and the pleasure of being present would not soon be forgotten. Bro. Ritchie, in response to the toast, said that they of the Excelsior Lodge occupied this position, that the Grand Lodge dues paid by the Excelsior Lodge nearly equalled the whole of the dues paid by the rest of the [Mark] lodges in the district, and it was upon this that they had par excellence a claim upon the province for its Grand Officerships, and he expected to see at the next meeting more of the Excelsior Lodge gain honours at the hands of their esteemed Grand Master, Bro. Sicklemore. He did not believe in expecting nothing. From his knowledge of Bro. Sicklemore he could assure them, that while he desired above all things the success of Mark Masonry in the province of Kent, yet he wished to do and carry out the onerous duties attached to his exalted office to the satisfaction of every one. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was received and responded to with enthusiasm. Bro. Ritchie then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing, said he must confess that he found himself in the position of I.P.M. with some degree of regret. But since he was in that position he knew of no greater pleasure than could befall him than in proposing "The Health of their Newly-installed W.M." No panegyric that he could pass on him would, he felt sure, be equal to his merits, because the most of those present knew the Masonic career of Bro. Coupland as well as he did. He could only speak of him as his S.W., and during the time that he had the pleasure of his service as his S.W., he had found that his characteristics were of so high an order, that he felt to a certain degree that there was a better officer to follow him in the chair than he had been himself. He could however safely say that in placing the power of the Worshipful Mastership in his hands, he was not only securing the position of the Excelsior, but placing in position one who would be an honour to it, and to Mark Masonry at large. Bro. Coupland, in reply, said, he was fully sensible of the praise bestowed upon him by the W.M. so eloquently, and so generously; but he felt that he had no claim to their praises except by their brotherly suffrages. He was very much obliged to the W.M. for the kind and able manner in which he had spoken of him, but he was more than all obliged to Bro. Weston for his kindness in giving way to him in office at the formation of the lodge, when he might have, and fairly, taken the position he, the W.M., now held. That kindness he now acknowledged with gratitude. He had not only received that kindness from Bro. Weston, but many a one that he could not now especially name. So long as he was W.M. of the lodge, and so long as he was able to work in the cause of Mark Masonry, so long would he do all that laid in his power to prove that the suffrages of the brethren had not been misplaced, in seating him in the proud position he occupied that day. The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer." Bro. Ritchie, in the course of a lengthy, pointed, and eloquent speech, reviewed the course of the lodge during the past twelve months, regretted that his many duties had not allowed of his being with them oftener than he had, and in allusion to the handsome jewel they had that day presented him, declared that he should prize it while he lived, and at his death hand it to his children as an heirloom in the family for ever. The newly-advanced brethren were then toasted and suitably replied. "The Health of Bro. De Gray," as one of the oldest Mark Masons, was coupled with that of "The Visitors," and Bro. De Grey responded, saying, that he and the W.M. and Bro. Smythe, were advanced in the Florence Nightingale Mark Lodge twenty years ago. The lodge was held in Woolwich, but since that time he had not known much about Mark Masonry, but was glad of the opportunity of once more making an acquaintance with it, through the Excelsior Lodge. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was coupled with the name of Bro. Smythe, S.W., who returned thanks in an eloquent and at the same time spirited manner; and then, after a cordial vote of thanks to the *Freemason* for its efforts in the cause of Freemasonry generally, and the assistance it had been to the Excelsior in its reports of their meetings, which reports, the W.M. said, went all over the world, and were read by their military brethren in Afghanistan, at Natal, and in fact wherever the English language was spoken, had been given, and our representative had replied, the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the meeting. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Buckland, who was assisted by Bros. G. Smyth and Taylor, and Messrs. Horton and Smith. The party sang a series of glees and part songs excellently, and Mr. Horton's pianoforte recitals were much admired and applauded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

We have received the following additional particulars from an esteemed correspondent:

A small Committee, consisting of the W.M., Bro. Percy Davis, and Bros. F. B. Williams, P.M.; H. W. Durant, I.P.M.; and Emma Holmes, D.C.; undertook the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge, and worked with a will to make it worthy the occasion. In this they were ably seconded by the inhabitants generally, and were greatly indebted to the Divisional Officer of Coastguard, Lieut. Shuckburgh, R.N., for the loan of the whole of the flags in the division; to Miss Cornish, and the young ladies of Osborne Villa School, who prepared the mottoes and devices which decorated the three or four triumphal arches, under which the Masonic procession had to pass in its circuit of the town, and which were very much admired by the brethren and visitors; to the vicar, the Rev. H. M. Purcell, who lent the church for the interesting and most impressive service, and, though not a Mason, kindly co-operated in every way to make the meeting a success; and to the Rev. Dr. Treffry, of Place House. The arrangements generally gave great satisfaction, the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge was considered a very great success, and it would have been very satisfactory to the brethren of Fowey Lodge if the Prov. Grand Master had seen fit to confer office upon the W.M., as we believe is the usual custom in other provinces.

Passing out of the great western door of the church the procession re-formed, and the brethren entering the old doorway into the grounds surrounding Place, a grand battlemented castle of the end of the 14th or 15th centuries, the exterior of which is covered with beautiful carving, armorial bearings, the badge of the King-maker, Warwick, and curious old heads covering the stonework, the towers' and turrets, heavy mullioned windows, and other interesting features of this most interesting palace (place is only another word for palace), and passing slowly through the lovely grounds and castle, which dominates the town, the brethren were afforded an excellent opportunity of admiring the scenery, which is here very pretty, affording many picturesque glimpses of the winding river, the noble harbour, and the quaint little town nestling under the shelter of Place at the foot of the hill. The day being glorious and sunny added much to the picturesqueness of the scene, and the long procession, headed by its two bands, with the banners of the lodges, the pale blue collars and aprons of the Craftsmen, the garter blue and gold of the Provincial Officers, the crimson of the Stewards, looked very well as it wound its way through the green lanes leading from Place grounds and passed under the triumphal arch at the entrance of the town, decorated with greenery in abundance, and having a large panel of scarlet surmounting it with the word welcome in white letters upon it. Another triumphal arch had the Arms of Cornwall and Fowey on white shields on a red ground on one side, and the square and compasses and double triangle on the other in white and red. Another arch had the words "Audi vidi tace," the motto of the Order, in large letters of white on a scarlet ground, which looked very effective half hidden amongst the green boughs and laburnum, which covered the wooden framework of the arch. The streets were decorated profusely with bunting, trees were planted in the streets, which are exceedingly narrow and tortuous, ancient, and somewhat picturesque; and the crowds of people thronging them all day to see the procession testified to the popularity of the meeting, and, it must be owned, to the liberality of the Great Western Railway authorities, whose arrangements as to tickets and trains were eminently satisfactory, and might be imitated with advantage on like occasions by other companies which shall be nameless.

Bro. Emma Holmes rose, and said that, pursuant to notice given last year, he proposed—"That in view of the erection of a Cathedral at Truro, for the diocese of Cornwall, a Committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions, and that the province of Devon be invited to assist, so that a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall may be erected in the new edifice." He said that, bearing in mind his lordship's hint as to the amount of business that had to be gone through, he should not trouble the brethren with a long speech on the subject, but he proposed to treat them to a few facts, which would be more to the point. He had been told that, as there were a large number of Dissenters amongst the Cornish Freemasons, his motion would meet with a good deal of opposition, but he failed to see why they should oppose it, since the end and aim of his motion was simply to collect subscriptions from those who were willing to give, so that a memorial of the Freemasons might appear in the new Cathedral. No one need subscribe who did not wish to do so. As to precedents, there were many, of which, no doubt, they were fully aware. The west front of Bath Abbey was restored by the Freemasons at a cost of £3000. They restored the Lady Chapel of St. Mary, Redcliffe Church, Bristol. They put a beautiful window into Worcester Cathedral, and another into Durham Cathedral. At the present moment a movement was on foot to restore the west front of St. Alban's Cathedral by the Freemasons, and the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and many other leading Freemasons were on the Committee. He (the speaker) thought it would be a noble thing for the Freemasons of Cornwall and Devon to put in, say a magnificent east window, with such a subject as the building of the Temple of King Solomon, or in any other way to identify their Order with the building of the first Cathedral in England since the Reformation.

Bro. Tonkin, P.G. Supt. of Works, warmly seconded the resolution.

Bro. John Thomas, of Redruth, rose to oppose it, speaking, as he said, on behalf of a large number of the brethren, and was proceeding to expound his views when the Prov. Grand Master rose, and said that he had previously talked the matter over with Bro. Holmes, who, at his suggestion, had agreed, if there was any likelihood of a stormy opposition, to withdraw his motion for the present until a more suitable opportunity occurred of bringing it forward. His Lordship said he must observe, however, with reference to Bro. Thomas's remarks, that Bro. Holmes was amply justified in bringing the matter forward, and that he had plenty of precedents for the course he adopted.

Bro. Thomas remarked that, as the Prov. Grand Master had said the motion was to be withdrawn, he was very glad of it, and he had no more to say on the subject.

Bro. Emma Holmes then asked leave to withdraw the motion for a Committee for this meeting, which, on being put to the lodge, was allowed, nem. con., when Bro. Holmes gave notice that he should bring forward the same motion next meeting, and at every future meeting, if necessary, until it was carried. He hoped, for the credit of the Masons of Cornwall, that they would not refuse to assist in so noble an undertaking as the building of the new Cathedral at Truro.

The subject then dropped.

The banquet, which was a cold collation, was excellent, but the paucity of waiters was very much felt, and the dinner was more or less of a scramble, or, as a friend of ours called it, an *amiable pandemonium*.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was supported on his right by Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, Bart., P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G. Chap.; on his left by Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.G. Chap.; Colonel Peard, D.P.G.M.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec., and others. About 120 brethren sat down, the rest of the large numbers who attended lodge finding accommodation at the various hotels and eating houses in the town.

On the removal of the cloth, the P.G.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," the noble Chairman took occasion to dilate upon the genial kindness and urbanity the Prince displayed on every occasion, a charm of manner which not only made him beloved in this country, but which, he felt assured, was not without happy results in our dealings with foreign countries.

Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of their noble Chairman," and the applause was so great and long continued at the mention of the most popular Provincial Grand Master Cornwall (and, probably, any other province in England) ever had, that it was some little time before Lord Mount Edgcumbe could reply.

His Lordship, in the course of his remarks, briefly noticed the fact of his appointment to the office of Lord Chamberlain, to which allusion had been made by Sir Charles, and said that he felt that Her Majesty had done him great honour in appointing him to that office. He had that day made Col. Peard his Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and he hoped the brethren would understand that his own engagements were so many that, although he should always do his utmost to be present when it was absolutely necessary, he hoped they would excuse him sometimes if he instructed his Deputy to represent him, especially when he was so excellent a substitute as Bro. Col. Peard, whose health he would ask them to drink.

The gallant Colonel, who was received with a furore of applause, modestly disclaimed any wish to take his lordship's place.

Bro. Emma Holmes, by desire of the Prov. Grand Master, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and, in doing so, urged the brethren to remember that there was great danger of their forgetting in these days that Masonry was not a benefit society. The Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, and other kindred bodies were very excellent institutions in their way, but Masonry was something higher than a benefit club, such as they were, but he was afraid many people joined for what they could get out of it. At the same time, there was no doubt that the Masonic Charities were excellent institutions, and well deserving of their support. He supposed that no other Charities in the world could show such magnificent results as the Masonic Charities. Certainly, at no public dinners in London were such large sums collected, amounting, as they did, to £10,000, £12,000, and even £15,000, as at the Masonic festivals.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

It has not yet been decided where the next Prov. Grand Lodge will be held, but it is thought Hayle will be selected.

There is a great desire, we believe, on the part of the Looe brethren, to have the Prov. Grand Lodge there, and as they have a beautiful and commodious New Town Hall, in which the lodge might be held, and Looe itself is a lovely place and well worth visiting, no doubt the selection would be very popular.

The building in which the Freemasons of Lostwithiel have located themselves is of some historic interest, and concerning which a member has supplied the following notes:

An interesting set of engravings was published by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck in 1734, of views of Lostwithiel and neighbourhood, and dedicated to the Hon. Richard Edgcumbe. One of the plates shows the Bridge and River Fowey in the foreground, with the Duchy Palace standing in a small park extending from the building to the water's edge; in the back ground stands the grand old Church spire, and Church, and several houses. Messrs. Buck also ingeniously introduced Restormel Castle in the distance. How they could conscientiously bring it in I do not know, but perhaps men had greater powers for looking round

corners in those days than at present. In describing the plate they said, "This was the principal Palace and Exchequer of the Earls and Dukes of Cornwall after removal from Restormel Castle, on ye adjacent hill, were it first was. Mayoralty, markets, fairs, and nominations of burghesses for ye Parliament, it bath in common with ye most covnage of tin only with three others, but ye gave for ye whole Stannary and keeping of ye County Courts alone." Another plate of the set showing Restormel Castle, describes it thus, "Lestormel or Restormel, or as others write, Lestmel Castle, was one of ye most ancient and principal seats of ye British Dukes of Cornwall and others, long before ye conquest. The town of Lestwithiel was anciently on this hill till ye people and their Prince, for convenience of ye River Foy, moved lower down. The Dukes had a park here till it was disparted by King Henry VIII." All records of the Duchy Palace appear to have been destroyed in Cromwell's time.

The portion converted into a Masonic Hall appears by the engraving to have been used as the residence of—shall we say the Earls and Dukes? whilst the adjoining building on the south side was the residence of a less fortunate set of mortals, viz., those who had broken the law, and had to pay the penalty; and there is a story told that it was the custom of the prisoners to solicit alms from passers by, which were conveyed to them by a piece of string and a shoe. There are in addition to the above-named, several large blocks of buildings, in one of which was the Stannaries Court Room.

The part we have purchased had been used for many years past as Duchy Offices, and about sixty years ago the greatest alterations were made to the building. I should think they were as follows:—The first and second, or top storey, were thrown into one by removing the upper floor. The dormers which had lighted the upper storey were removed, all the small granite-dressed square windows were blocked up, and two pointed granite-dressed windows pierced in the east wall. The entrances had originally been by a flight of stone steps under a semi-circular archway on the eastern side, and by a pointed doorway of Pentewan stone on the south side, communicating with the prison. The eastern entrance was blocked up, and the steps removed, two flights of stone steps being formed at the south end of the building, the landing being just outside the south door.

A few years ago, the whole block of buildings was sold by the Prince of Wales to Mr. Mark Thomas, and we have purchased our building of him. We found it in a very dilapidated condition, but the walls being so thick and strengthened by buttresses we saw that it would be possible to restore the building at moderate cost. The roof also was really better than it looked, as the principals were of oak, and were sound everywhere, where free from sap. It was a great pity to see such a very interesting old building, which probably was erected in the thirteenth century, falling so rapidly to ruin, and we are very pleased that we have been enabled, whilst securing such a suitable building for Masonic purposes, to rescue it from ruin.

The interior of the walls has been refaced with good stone in blue lias lime. This was necessary on account of their irregularity, and also to prevent damp coming through to spoil the decorations which we hope in time to be rich enough to do. The walls have been replastered, the roof principals have been strengthened by additional principals, and new purlins put in where necessary. Some of the buttresses had been cut back to allow space for a tram-road, which was laid along the east side of the building, quite spoiling the east elevation. We have rebuilt them to original design, and the whole of the exterior has been carefully repaired and pointed in Aberthaw lime. As there was not sufficient light to the lodge, we opened out and enlarged one of the small windows on the east side, and altered the head to match the larger windows. All these windows have been re-glazed with Cathedral tinted glass, and ventilators inserted in them. The Pentewan stone doorway has been removed from the south end, and now forms the entrance to a porch which has been built on the east side. The porch is coped with granite in Masonic design. A staircase has been formed where the old stone steps originally were, leading from the porch to a room adjoining the lodge-room, and now used as a Tyler's room. The immense thickness of the south wall allowed of a lavatory being formed in it, where the south door stood, whilst the reduced width of the present staircase to the old allowed of a candidate's room being formed by the north side of the staircase. A partition has been erected dividing the large Duchy Office into two rooms, one being used as a lodge and the other as a Committee room. The lodge-room is thirty feet by twenty feet by fourteen feet high, the Committee-room twenty by twelve, and fourteen high. The Tyler's room is twelve feet square and fourteen feet high, and the lavatory is conveniently large. The lodge has been handsomely furnished by the gifts of members of the lodge, assisted by their friends.

The building is freehold, the ultimate trust being vested in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. The total cost has been between £500 and £600. The architect (Bro. Walter P. Smith, P.M.) found a fine old piece of oak in the west wall, out of which he has made a massive frame for the "warrant," and a frame for an address which was presented by the brethren, together with a handsome set of Provincial Grand clothing and a Past Master's jewel in miniature, to Past Master Jonathan Hugill, the energetic and much respected Secretary of the lodge, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The necessary funds for purchasing, restoring, and furnishing the building, were obtained as follows:—£300 by the issue of 60 £5 mortgage debentures, bearing 3 per cent. interest per annum, all of which were taken by brethren of the lodge; and the remainder by gifts of money and furniture by the brethren and their friends, amongst whom were the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, and Bro.

Samuel Roach, P.M., of Plymouth. There is a sitting accommodation in the lodge for thirty. The seats are of oak, with spring-cushions and backs, and covered with American leather. The Master's, Wardens', and Deacons' chairs are carved oak, the former being covered with crimson velvet. The windows are curtained with old English tapestry, the floor is covered with a Masonically-designed linoleum, and the fire-grate is in character with the building, the hearth being laid in Minton tiles, with a handsome white marble fender. The canopy and Tracing Boards are draped in tapestry to match the windows, and surmounted with cornices in gilt.

The work has been carried out by W. Bro. Smith, P.M., the honorary architect, assisted by the following Committee:—Bros. J. Hugill, P.M.; Henry de Legh, P.M. and Treasurer; Frank Parkyn, P.M.; W. Maclean, and H. M. Kidd, W.M. and Secretary. The lodge was opened in May, 1878, the work having been commenced in the February previous. Bro. Joseph Basset, S.W., was the contractor for the masonry; Bro. John Burt, P.M., for the carpentry; and Bro. Richard Whittle, J.W., for the plastering, &c. The windows were supplied by Mr. John Bartlett. All have carried out their contracts in a very satisfactory manner.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A general meeting of the subscribers to this fund was held recently at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of electing four candidates, appointing a patron and patroness, and deciding what proportion of the funds should be invested. The donors and subscribers consist of one vice-patron, six vice-presidents, thirty-three life governors, and 234 subscribers of 5s.—which confers a vote—and upwards. Bro. J. P. Metham, D.P.G.M., was absent owing to severe illness. The meeting was presided over by Bro. R. Los, 159, one of the vice-presidents, and among those present were Bros. the Hon. Walter Hylton-Jolliffe, 1205 and 349; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, vicar of Bucknell, Honiton, 189; the Rev. Wm. Whitley, 156 and 1550; William Brodie, 1254 and 1753; William Derry, 156; Leonard D. Westcott, 70; S. Jew, 105; J. Treeby, 233; Henry Horton, 189; R. E. Holmes, 189; John R. Lord, 1247; Vincent Bird, Hon. Treas., J. B. Gover, 70, Hon. Sec.; Francis Littleton, 159; J. R. H. Harris, 230; Thomas Perry, 1402 and 328; Charles D. Stentford, 159; R. Smith, 1205; Henry Winsor, 797; Samuel Snell, 1205; F. B. Westlake, 70; W. K. Mitchell, 156; John Morris, 53; W. Cann, 223; R. C. Uglow, 1247; R. Caws y, 340; W. J. Stanbury, 1099; Thomas S. May, 1099; W. H. Lister, 1205; and T. E. Peek, 1205.

It was unanimously resolved that, subject to their consent, the Rev. John Huyshe, the late Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, and Mrs. Huyshe should be the patron and patroness of the fund.

Bro. V. Bird, the Treasurer, reported the receipt of the sum of £339 13s., of which £78 3s. was for annual subscriptions. As the donations amounted to about £250, he moved that that sum should be invested, pointing out that the donors would have the right to vote in respect of their contributions either for life or for twenty years, and suggesting that at the death of a Life Governor the amount of his donation should fall into the general fund.

Bro. Hylton-Jolliffe seconded the motion.

Bro. Jew deprecated the investment of the whole amount of the donations.

Bro. Gover proposed that only 25 per cent. of the donations should be invested. He urged that they ought to have faith in the liberality of the brethren, and said he did not see why they should set aside money for children yet unborn.

Bro. Derry opposed the immediate expenditure of a large amount, and, referring to a remark of the previous speaker, said he considered that they ought to do plenty for posterity. In every other relation of life they thought it well to be prepared for a rainy day, and if this rule were more generally observed there would be less suffering, less sorrow, less anxiety than at present. The permanency of the great charities of England was due to the fact that they had invested large portions of their funds, and he held, with regard to this particular charity, that it would be well, whilst spending on the one hand liberally, that on the other hand they should do so with discretion. Bro. Derry asked what sum it was proposed to give each child, and was told about £15 a year.

The Rev. W. Whitley was in favour of investment. He thought that several of the subscribers were doubtful as to what was to be done, and he did not think that any one of them was quite clear on the point. Instead, therefore, of rushing madly into expenditure, it would be well to remain as they were for six months, until they saw what the education of the children cost, and how the subscriptions and donations came in. They would then be in a better position to judge what proportion of the sum should be invested. He thought they should be very cautious as to the extent to which they let their faith go. He proposed that the subject of the investment of funds should be postponed for six months.

Bro. Gover then withdrew his proposition, and seconded the amendment.

Bro. Bird, in answer to an observation, stated that the money he had received was deposited in the Devon and Cornwall Bank.

Bro. Westlake suggested the basis for an accumulating fund.

Bro. Bird, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion, and the amendment for postponement was carried unanimously.

Bro. Gover proposed that there should be another election of four candidates six months hence.

Bro. Brodie seconded, and undertook, if the proposal were carried, to double the subscription of the two lodges, at Exeter and Okehampton, with which he was connected. Bro. Bird supported the motion, which was carried.

The Rev. W. Whitley, Bro. Treeby, and Bro. Derry were appointed Scrutineers of the voting papers, which were examined in another room. At the conclusion they announced that the following had been elected: Herbert Kempe Hambly, aged 12 years, son of the late Bro. J. J. Hambly, of Lodge 70, 121 votes; Minnie Kerswell, 7 years, daughter of the late Bro. Robert Kerswell, Lodge 1247, 94 votes; Ernest Hawke, 9 years, son of the late Bro. E. Hawke, Lodge 159, 59 votes; and Mildred Evens, 9 years, daughter of the late Bro. J. H. Evens, Lodge 189, 58 votes. The unsuccessful candidates were: No. 3 on the voting paper (Foot), 47 votes; No. 4 (Drake), 47; No. 5 (Purse), 23; and No. 8 (Pike), 36. The votes given on behalf of these children will be credited to them at the next election should they be candidates thereat.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President; and Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D., occupied the chairs of President and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents.

Among other brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, W. H. Perryman, Charles Atkins, W. T. Christian, C. F. Hogard, Griffiths Smith, Harry Garrod, W. Hammond, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G. L. Moore, A. Withers, T. Deane, G. T. Britten, H. C. Burt, W. Hamilton, W. A. Dawson, J. R. Matthews, E. M. Haigh, W. Grant, C. Stahn, J. Tanner, T. Edmonds-ton, J. W. Watts, M. S. Larham, John Holden, H. Potter, J. Freeman, F. W. Koch, W. Hilton, M. W. Hobson, E. Squirrell, R. Harman, C. Dairy, T. F. Smith, F. Walters, S. H. Parkhouse, and C. Fountain.

The brethren first confirmed twelve grants amounting to £280, recommended at last meeting of the lodge. They then considered the new list, which comprised thirty cases. Of these six were deferred. The remainder were relieved as follows:—Two for £100 each (£200); two for £50 each (£100); two for £40 each (£80); one for £25 (£25); four for £20 each (£80); six for £15 each (£90); five for £10 each (£50); and two for £5 each (£10); £635.

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed till July 23rd.

FUNERAL OF BRO. J. WADE BENNETT.

On Monday, the 16th inst., at mid-day, the remains of Bro. Bennett were placed in their last earthly resting-place, at the Redcar Cemetery, in the same grave where Mrs. Bennett, mother of the deceased, was interred in January last. A goodly number of friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the departed, including a considerable body of Freemasons, Bro. Bennett being a Past Master of the Order. The mourners were Dr. Bennett, Mr. Percy, and the Misses Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. Bennett (of Dewsbury), and J. K. Wade, Esq. (of Hull). The Rev. William Milburne (vicar), and the Rev. W. Buswell (curate of Redcar, and Chaplain of the Marwood Lodge of Freemasons), both met the procession at the entrance of the Cemetery, the former reading the opening sentences and the service inside the Chapel, and the latter the concluding portion by the grave side. No pall was used, but a profusion of choice flowers adorned the coffin, which was of oak. The scene at the grave side was most impressive, the stillness of the air, the singing of the birds overhead, the flowers, and, above all, the solemn and hope-inspiring words of the service, lifted the thoughts onward to what shall be hereafter "when the dead shall be raised incorruptible and mortality shall be swallowed up of life." The deceased was beloved and esteemed by a large circle of friends, and his amiable and gentle disposition and his truly Christian character will long be a pleasant memory to all who knew him, and though mourning remember that their loss is his gain, who from a life of severe and protracted suffering has been taken to the rest that remaineth to the people of God. Great sympathy is felt for Dr. Bennett and his family. During the last five years he has had three successive bereavements; his second son lost his life on the ice at Hull in 1874, which was the first inroad death made into this hitherto united family; the later bereavements are within memory of all, and we are irresistibly drawn to the words of the poet Longfellow, as expressive of their sorrow:

"He, the young and strong, who cherished
Noble longings for the strife,
By the roadside fell and perished,
Weary with the march of life!
They, the holy ones and weakly,
Who the cross of suffering bore,
Folded their pale hands so meekly,
Spoke with us on earth no more!"
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DOUGLAS.—On the 12th inst., at 9, Portland-terrace, Southsea, the wife of Captain Gordon Douglas, R.M.A., of a daughter.

SCHUMACHER.—On the 14th inst., at 55, Porchester-terrace, Hyde-park, the wife of Mr. Erwin Schumacher, of a son.

WIGGETT.—On the 15th inst., at 6, Earl's-court-square, the wife of Mr. W. M. Wiggett, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

PARTRIDGE—FULLER.—On the 18th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Leicester, Samuel Stead Partridge, of Leicester, Solicitor (Prov. G. Sec., P.P.S.G.W. Leicester and Rutland), to Elizabeth, only surviving daughter of the late James Fuller (P.M. 1867), of Reading.

WEBB—SMITH.—On the 17th inst., at St. John's Church, Deptford, S.E., by the Rev. Canon Money, William Henry, son of Mr. Thomas G. Webb, of Springfield, Byng, New South Wales, to Ellen (Nellie), daughter of Mr. John B. Smith, of Kent Lodge, Lewisham High-road, S.E.

DEATHS.

McDORMOND.—On the 14th inst., at 2, West-end-terrace, Captain Thomas McDormond, late H.E.I.C.S., formerly of Avranches, Normandy, aged 85.

POOLE.—On the 11th inst., at Stainton-place, Blackheath, Mr. John Poole, in the 54th year of his age.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1879.

THE EMPEROR'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

A most distinguished brother of our Order, the great Head and Ruler of the Germanic Empire, whose fidelity to Freemasonry many long and eventful years have proved, and whom, therefore, all true Freemasons honour and revere, has lately celebrated his "golden wedding" amid the enthusiastic loyalty of all classes in Berlin, and Prussia, and Germany. It is a very remarkable sight which the columns of our daily papers and the eloquent words of special correspondents have set before the English public a week or so ago. After the lapse of fifty years of married life, a very protracted period, the stately old Kaiser and his amiable Empress come, as it were, again upon the scene, surrounded with all the memories and associations which hallow common life and render the world in which we live a scene of present happiness, an anticipation of future rest for us all, its passing and dying denizens of today. It is indeed a pleasure for us English people to note how that the German Heimath, from which comes our word Home, is as much endeared to the Teutonic as it is to the Anglo-Saxon mind, as much bound up with their personal and domestic happiness, as much identified with all that constitutes the true grace and strength and glory of nations and of men. We shall all rejoice in England to see the august and chivalrous ruler of a great free people, surrounded by the princes of Germany and his family circle, amid rejoicing subjects, and loyal demonstrations of grateful memory and living interest, proclaim as before the world, that in the home life after all, humble and commonplace as it may seem to be, in the discharge of its duties and the unsensational tenour of its quiet and straightforward path, are to be found the truest hope and prospect of happiness for us all here below, be we who we may, rulers or ruled, princes or people. It is a good old-fashioned, wholesome truth for us all well to digest, in these garish, and unsettled, and excitable days, when we are sometimes tempted to overlook or undervalue it. And thus the English mind, simply practical, turns with great pride and approval to that memorable scene which Berlin has lately witnessed, amid such brilliant representations of heartfelt national rejoicing, and contemplates the good old soldier, Mason, Emperor, erect and stately as ever, in a green and serene old age, surrounded by a loving family, greeted by an admiring people—a representation of old-fashioned virtues, which, amid much that is new and pretentious and grotesque in the highest degree—we may all of us do well to remember, to cherish, and to admire.

GOOD WORKS.

The Consecration of the "Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820," on the 6th inst., while it was most striking, and most interesting to Freemasons from various points of view, suggests to us the theme for a few remarks we are wishful to make to our readers. In the first place let us congratulate all concerned in the Consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge on the complete and most gratifying success which has so fitly marked the foundation of this young but important lodge. We are glad to learn in the next place that it is a "special lodge," as, though some object to this view of lodge-life, we have long felt that is the only practical answer to a growing evil amongst us, hasty and indiscriminate admission of members. But, in the third place, we are much pleased to note what a valuable commentary the proceedings offer on the invaluable, and we will add unequalled, labours of our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey. Those of us who remember olden days and other Secretaries, and with all the respect due to good old Bro. White, and Bro. Gray Clarke, will, we think, feel how won-

drous is the change which has "come o'er" the "spirit of our" Masonic "dream," in these last few years especially. Official work of every kind has increased very nearly a hundredfold within the last decade especially, but for a few years the labour of consecrations has become markedly very great, and fallen heavily on our worthy Grand Secretary. No doubt there is a reason for this. In the first place he is personally most valued and liked, and looked up to, and we will add, loved in the Craft. In the next case he is himself a consummate Ritualist, a ready speaker, and a most sound teacher; and his words, replete with common sense and dignity, always convey information and carry weight for all who have the pleasure to hear them. His speeches on the last occasion were full of interest as well as animation, and were marked by his own pleasing characteristics of friendship and fraternal feeling, good sense and wise caution, which, as we have already remarked, may always be traced in his official or general utterances. And we feel strongly that the thanks of our Fraternity are justly due to one who so zealously and satisfactorily discharges his high duties in the "spirit" as in the "letter," whose words may be read by all alike in attention and reverence, with the deepest benefit to themselves, and who lends to his important functions as Consecrating Officer, a perfect knowledge of the Ritual, as well as that great urbanity and tact, and "savoir faire," which are so important in a Grand Secretary. Many of our readers have known Bro. Hervey long and well, and need not be reminded by us, how that the qualities of his "head" are equalled by those of his "heart," and feel for him, as all do feel who are acquainted with him, the warmth of friends, and the sympathy of Masons. It has struck us, on reading over the proceedings of the Consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, that some of us perhaps hardly realize, though we see it clearly before our eyes, all that we owe to the zeal and labours of Bro. Hervey, in the present wonderful advance of Masonry, and we have, therefore, thought it well to record in this humble weekly paper of ours our honest sense of ceaseless "good work" right admirably performed for Masonry and for Masons.

PERSONALITY IN MASONIC WRITING.

It has often occurred to us, and perhaps to many others of our readers, to ask this question, but for which we have as yet obtained no answer, "why is it that when Freemasons get into print they inevitably become bitter and personal, most un-Masonic, and often not a little vulgar?" In the "press," as a general rule, it has been held, that the "moment a man rushes into print he makes an ass of himself," and hardly a day passes over our heads but we see in our numerous un-Masonic journals egregious proofs of the reality and far extending truth of this proposition. Indeed, it is perhaps not too much to say that as a general rule it is safer not to write than to write to the "papers." "Heat" whispers "write," "caution" suggests "think it over coolly for twenty-four hours," and then the benevolent and healing "morrow," benevolent and healing how often to us all, in the petty and greater affairs of life, closes the discussion with, "better not write at all." That "burning," or "clever," or "scathing" letter as the case may be, does not appear, and yet what has the world or society lost? Nothing! Nay, have they not gained rather a great deal? We think, very respectfully, yes! And yet, some good brother may say, "but some controversies are needful, some correspondence is useful, for discussion is beneficial, we have, thank God, in England liberty of 'prophecy,' and liberty of 'conscience,' and why not use it?" Yes, and it is just because we are not insensible to those great and hard-won blessings, because we feel that if we are to have a Masonic paper, there must be full, free, and fair discussion, within, of course, certain limits of safety, and moderation, and loyalty for us all alike, that the *Freemason* has from the first given week by week so much space to "correspondence." Perhaps, as we look back to day, we might think that some letters had better have been omitted, some ought never to have been

written, but then, remembering the infirmity of men and Masons, as we do not profess to be infallible or impeccable, we are glad to note how few have been our "backslidings," we are proud in realizing how much that is valuable and worth reading is preserved for us and our posterity in the frank and free pages of the *Freemason*. Still we cannot be "insensible if we would, and we ought not if we could," to a certain hasty acrimony and petulant personality of tone, which render the weight of Masonic correspondence the most difficult portion of a Masonic Editor's duty to manage and to accomplish. The discussion may be on some trivial subject, a question of ritual, archæology, grammar, in fact anything at all, it matters not, and, certainly, far too often, the unfortunate wight who commences a discussion is at once overwhelmed with an accusation of personal intentions, and personal objurgations, or his intellectual abilities are doubted, even, sometimes, his moral character is hinted at. It is the old bitter style of controversy, though without excuse in a Masonic paper, because the subject is not worth it, and as Freemasons we profess always to be fair, courteous, considerate to each other. We do not say that in all such foolish correspondence and puerile logomachies there are not faults on both sides, because there undoubtedly are, but what can be the Masonic character or sympathies of that brother who, because he disagrees with another brother, straightway connects a literary question with a purely personal contest, or forgets the "Divisions of Purley," and hints that his adversary—it is lucky if he does not say it right out—is an ass. It is somewhat difficult, no doubt, to limit the fair right of repartee and replication, or to declare what is too acrid and what is too scathing in the "retort courtois," "more Masonic" above all, and hence many expressions are to be found in Masonic correspondence which a sterner critic would have perhaps expunged, a more decided "censor" would have obliterated. But let us rejoice to think that we can speak and write in this good old land of ours as we like, within, as we said before, of course, proper limits, and let us console ourselves with this reflection, most suitable to much passing correspondence of the hour, that after all it matters little whether it is read or unread, that it pleases some and does not injure others; above all, that if "fine words butter no parsnips," equally as surely "hard words break no bones."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is quite refreshing to have to reciprocate Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's fraternal tenour and spirit of correspondence, and Bro. Fenn's clear and courteous note, and to turn away from that ineptitude, and I fear I must add vulgar personality, which my humble communication has evoked. I am very sorry now that I wrote at all, in that the "tone and temper" which mark two of the replies to my letter are as bad as bad can be, in my humble opinion, and quite disheartening, alike Masonically and æsthetically. But let these few words suffice on a very disagreeable and unworthy subject: 1. In reply to my Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie, I beg to say that, following his good advice, I have looked into Peter Roget's Thesaurus, &c., 19th edition, and find, as Bro. Mackenzie has stated, that he recognizes "exceptional." I have not, however, been so fortunate as to find the word in the "Divisions of Purley," though my examination has been, necessarily, cursory, and I may have misunderstood the "drift" of Bro. Mackenzie's remark. As Bro. Mackenzie sees, my only object in writing was a wish to uphold the purity of our English language, according to the standard authorities, but I was quite prepared to admit, as I did all through, the use of "exceptional" as a translation of "exceptionnel," if such use could be validated by authority. I was quite aware, as I said at the outset, that it is used—I have, no doubt, often used it myself—in "common conversation and slipshod writing," but I was dealing with an official document, and not the free and easy utterances written as parole of each passing hour. Bro. Dron has all along been, apparently, incapable of realizing what it was I was "driving at," and as I am not compelled to give other people brains, as well as to furnish grammar for them, in the abnormal case evidently of Bro. Dron, I respectfully beg to decline the herculean labour. Perhaps some of my readers may recall Dryden's lines in "Absalom and Achitophel,"

"The midwife laid her hands on his thick skull
With this prophetic blessing, 'be thou dull.'"

2. Bro. Dron quotes the "Imperial Dictionary" as a "standard authority," to which I most respectfully demur, and I fancy all "bibliophiles" and booksellers will concur with me. It is a modern dictionary, "voilà tout," but is not to be compared, I speak to experts, with Todd's edition of Johnson, or even Bailey or Webster, as a correct authority. So far, however, he is compelled to admit he only knows of one authority for his use of the word, though, thanks to Bro. Mackenzie, and now to Bro. Fenn, he can also claim the aid of Roget's Thesaurus, &c., Latham, and Webster of 1859, and probably more authorities may be found.

I may mention that since I last wrote I have looked into the fine dictionary of the "Académie Française," and find "exceptionnel" is, undoubtedly, both in its use and meaning, the origin of our word "exceptional," and as such I quite accept it, as a word imported into our language. Neither do I deny that by force of habit, or use, words once alien become naturalized, so to say.

No one who has studied, who realizes the richness of the English language, can wish to object to any such proposition. And nothing was further from my intention, but then, as I said before, as the old proverb runs, "you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," you cannot induce a person to understand your words or your meaning if he pertinaciously and perversely will not do so. Perhaps the "harjest lines" connected with all humble little controversies, even like this, are to be found in this fact, that some good folks rejoice in such "bad form," or are so "very thick headed," that, as Bertram puts it in *The Antiquary*, "Deuce take the formal old dunderhead, and his more sly associate, who speaks always under his breath; they cannot understand a plain man's story when it is told them."

With regard to "stickler," I have since found the word in "Crabb's Technological Dictionary," 1802, where it bears the meaning as quoted from the Parliamentary Roll of Henry VI., of an "inferior officer who cuts wood in the king's parks at Clarendon." Blackie puts it in the "Priory of Ederose." As to the real meaning of the word, Bro. Dron was distinctly wrong. Mine may be very bad taste, I may be most ignorant, I may be an uneducated "sutor," as Bro. Dron so elegantly and so Masonically puts it, but I prefer Todd's Johnson to all the "Imperial Dictionaries" in the world, and if Bro. Dron will refer to it he will, I think, be greatly improved, and, perhaps, realize that sentence of the old Latin grammar, which I offer him respectfully and fraternally in return for his "elegant extract," "emollit mores, nec sinit esse ferus." I see that Skinner in his "Etymologicon Linguae Anglicanae," gives "stickle" and "stick" a common origin in "steck" or "stock." But I may remark that Bro. Dron upsets his own magnificent "dictum" on this subject, in that he utterly ignores the common use of "stickler," which, if his theory be correct, I had also a perfect right to employ.

The only mistake I am conscious of is in saying too dogmatically that Johnson held exceptional and exceptional to be "synonymous." I, perhaps, said more than I ought to have said, or wished to say, for all that was in my mind was that as Johnson only recognized exceptional he would hold naturally that any other adjective formed from "exception" must have the same strict meaning.

So "cedit quæstio," as far as I am concerned, unless indeed, I am induced by the fraternal politeness and polished style of Bro. Dron to continue so useless a discussion.

With regard to W. S. M., I think that his Masonic acumen and charity might have led him to see that the "reader" had made a "hash" of the whole two paragraphs properly. As I penned them and corrected them there was no mistake in grammar and no bad English whatever. If Bro. W. S. M. knows anything about "printing" and "chapels," he must know what vagaries printers will fall into, and in his abundant Masonic charity he might have assumed for the nonce that the writer, who is as educated a man as himself, could not have fallen knowingly into such palpable errors. But, alas, for Masonic charity and still more alas for Masonic courtesy!

I note Bro. Fenn's remarks, and can only say that the edition of Webster I saw had the word not, and Latham I do not possess. I have never denied its use, the only question in my mind was its authority as an English word. Surely that was a very fair question of literary discussion, giving offence to none, and by no means justifying Bro. Dron's violent and un-Masonic reply to my first letter.

But I hope you will be troubled no more by

Yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

COUNT CAGLIOSTRO AND SWEDENBORGIAN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The connection of the unfortunate Count Cagliostro with various forms of Freemasonry has been reported in the most diverse ways, and very rarely with that spirit of charity which is supposed to animate the Fraternity. In the "Royal Masonic Cyclopædia" some years ago *sub voce* Cagliostro I tried to put a new light on that career which terminated in the Castle of St. Angelo at Rome. It is impossible to deny that the pretensions of Calsanio or Cagliostro were extravagant, but they were in no way ill founded. Through a youth of misery and squalor, not without stain, he passed into a better period. It is likely that the Grand Master of the Knights of Malta and the Cardinal de Rohan could both have been such absolute idiots as not to detect the base metal in his composition?

Even Monsieur de Surville's attendants of the police could not find him guilty of actual complicity in the affair of the diamond necklace. The great accuser of Cagliostro was the Romish Church, supplemented, I grieve to say, by Mr. Thomas Carlyle. The other side has never been entertained by any section of thinkers, and I believe

that there are very few who regard Cagliostro otherwise than as a swindler.

"Those who know" about him, wish his memory done fair justice, and so far as Masonry is concerned that there should be something better than the caricature in which Bro. Mash appears at the Lodge of Antiquity.

The connection of Cagliostro with Swedenborgian Masonry, to which my brother "Masonic Student" refers, was brief, so far as this country was concerned. There suddenly appeared in London a certain Count Grabiancka, or Prince Sutowski. This person attempted to open negotiations with the existing literary society known in 1786 as the Theosophical Society, established by Mr. Hindmarsh in some chambers in the Temple, Fleet-street, and he spent several evenings with them and disappeared. It is by no means certain that this was Cagliostro. It might have been the Abbé Permetty in disguise, and as Cagliostro was for a short time associated with Permetty, they may have come to this country together. Whoever Grabiancka was, he did not seek to victimise the members of the Theosophical Society, but only mentioned that he was an associate of a society with head-quarters at Avignon. He returned to that place and wrote a letter of thanks to the London society in acknowledgment of their kindly attentions to him.

Is it likely that Grabiancka, or Sutowski, would at the same time publicly advertise for a meeting at O'Reilly's Tavern, when he would be immediately detected? I presume very few people now living knew which was O'Reilly's Tavern. I can enlighten Masonic antiquaries on the subject, as the place exists, and is a licensed house, right opposite Freemasons' Hall, known as the "Hercules Pillars."

I am aware that Tafel in his most valuable "Documents concerning Swedenborg," takes great pains to disavow the connection of Swedenborg with Freemasonry, and I am also aware that Bro. Samuel Beswick as strenuously affirms it. The truth lies between these extremes. Permetty, Chastannier, Nordenskjöld, and others formed a Rite of Freemasonry, based on olden documents, as might be proved, which now exists in England as the Primitive and Original Rite of three Degrees, and no more—offering a truly philosophical explanation of the Accepted English Rite. This is accessible to brethren having received the Degree of Master Mason.

It has nothing in common with illuminism, supports rather than opposes the established creeds of our time, and bears marks of having been known to those "scrupulous brethren" who in 1720 destroyed "valuable manuscripts." True that there are elements introduced of a Swedenborgian kind, but I would recommend brethren to study the works of that great man before they decide upon their opinions regarding him.

In conclusion I refer "Masonic Student" to "Thory's Acta Latomorum" for further particulars about the distinctive characteristics of Egyptian Masonry, of which Cagliostro was the chief advocate.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX,
Supreme Grand Secretary Swedenborgian Rite.
Hounslow, June 14th, 1879.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,—

I think every one who has ever been in a hospital ward will agree with me that hardly a greater boon could be conferred on the suffering inmates than the establishment of a lending library for their use. The gift of a little book to some suffering one has often induced a look of gratitude that has lived in our memory for days afterwards, and it appears to me that the establishment of a series of permanent libraries in our London hospitals should be an easy and a pleasant duty. I will give, as a first donation, a hundred volumes of my own publications, and I have no doubt the London publishers will respond most liberally from their wealth of literature; but my object in writing is to ask those of your readers who have readable books, for which they have no further use, to send them to me, and so form the nucleus of a system that will, I trust, become prodigious in its proportions. Those who cannot send books will, perhaps, help us in pecuniary donations towards the same object, and I shall be happy to receive and acknowledge all such. I shall be glad if donors will kindly send all parcels to my address, carriage paid, advising me by post-card of their despatch. Cheques and P.O.O. should be crossed London and County Bank.

Your kind insertion of this appeal would be greatly esteemed by

Yours very truly,

F. E. LONGLEY.

39, Warwick-lane, London, E.C.

Obituary.

BRO. PAYNE.

It is with unfeigned regret we have to announce the almost sudden death of a very energetic and zealous Mason, Bro. Payne, I.P.M. Royal Sussex Lodge, 342, and also J. in Royal Arch Chapter, 342, and First Assistant Sojourner in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hants, and Senior Overseer Phoenix Mark Lodge, 2, who was only ill three days, and died on Sunday, the 1st inst., and was buried on the 7th inst., deeply regretted by all his brethren. About forty brethren followed his remains to their last resting place, each being supplied with a small white flower, tied to a piece of acacia, which, after the ceremony was finished, they deposited on the coffin. The arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. J. W. Willmott, W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge, 342.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of this Institution took place on Wednesday, at the Schoolhouse, Wood Green. There was a crowded attendance of brethren and ladies, among them being Bros. Lieut.-Col. James Peters, Altman, George R. Soper, Thos. Cusworth, H. Keeble, J. G. Chancellor, J. G. Stevens, W. Stephens, John Constable, F. R. W. Hedges, G. Ward Verry, R. W. H. Gidley, James Kench, Thos. Cubitt, R. B. Webster, Thos. Meggy, W. Paas, R. W. Stewart, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Murray, W. Roebeck, S. Rentzel, Dr. Morris, the Head Master; and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Past Grand Senior Warden, President of the Board of Stewards for the festival of next Wednesday, presided. The following is the programme which was observed:—

Part song, "Spring Song" (Pinsuti), the Choir; Piano Solo, "Contre-Danse" (Corford Dick), W. A. Stansfield; Trio, "Among the Lilies" (Glover), J. T. Swallow, F. Steddy, and F. Allinson.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Table with 3 columns: Class, Prize, and Winner. Includes First Class (Scripture, Classics, Mathematics, French, German, English, General Improvement) and Second Class (Classics, Mathematics, French, German, English).

Table with 3 columns: Class, Prize, and Winner. Includes Third Class (Latin, Mathematics, French, English) and Fourth Class (Latin, Mathematics, French, English).

Part song, "Drops of Rain" (Lemmens), the Choir; Piano Trio "Les Huguenots" (Meyerbeer), Stansfield, Carter, and Dunaway; Duet, "Sweethearts" (Sullivan), J. T. Swallow and F. Steddy.

ENGLISH PLAY.

"The Steeplechase; or, In the Pigskin." An Original Farce, in One Act, by John Maddison Morton.

Characters—Mr. Titmouse, P. Heavyside; Alderman Stowcock, J. Hazeland; Doctor Clipper, H. J. Wellington; Buzzard, H. Taylor; Cummings, E. L. Price; Thomas, T. Harding; Mrs. Clipper, J. L. Roberts; Mrs. Titmouse, C. Sage; Chambermaid, M. B. Ellis. Scene—Southampton.

Song, "Roaming at the Break of Day" (Gatty), J. Swallow; Piano Duet, "Ancienne Danse" (Roeckli), Stansfield and Carter; Part song, "Can-brian Plume" (Richards), the Choir.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Table with 3 columns: Class, Prize, and Winner. Includes Fifth Class (Arithmetic, Latin, French, English) and Sixth Class (Latin, French, English, Arithmetic).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Presented by the House Committee.

Table with 3 columns: Subject, Prize, and Winner. Includes Writing, Dictation, History, Geography, Mental Arithmetic, Genral Attention to Studies, General Proficiency, Efficiency as Monitor, Proficiency in Drill.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

Table with 3 columns: Subject, Prize, and Winner. Includes Proficiency in Studies, Proficiency in French and German, Elocution, Perseverance, Mechanics, Drawing, and Improvement.

By Mr. Holmes, Musical Instructor:— Music (Piano) ... Stansfield, Dunaway, and Carter. ENGLISH PLAY.

"My Turn Next." A Farce by J. T. Williams. Taraxicum Twitters (a Village Apothecary), J. Hazeland; Tim Bolus (his Professional Assistant), P. Heavyside; Tom Trap (Commercial Traveller), H. N. Taylor; Farmer Whatear, H. J. Wellington; Lydia (Twitter's Wife), E. L. Price; Cicely (her Niece) W. Evans; Peggy (Twitter's Maid-servant and Housekeeper), J. L. Roberts. Scene—A County Apothecary's Shop Parlour.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct (Presented by the Institution), Charles Sage.

Canonbury Gold Medal (Presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657), Frank Allinson.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct (Presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a Pupil on leaving the Institution), John Innes Hazeland.

RESULT OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, December, 1878.

The Prizes apportioned from the interest, £21, of the Fund, £525, founded by Bro. W. Winn, P.M. 657, Vice-Patron. Fourteen Candidates entered.

JUNIORS:—Honours—First Class.

- 1. W. Davenport, Distinguished in English and French.
2. J. H. Moon, " Latin.
3. C. Sage, " Latin.
4. E. L. Ralling, " English.
5. J. I. Hazeland.
6. P. K. B. Heavyside.
7. H. E. K. Pinson.
8. H. S. Sargent.
9. H. J. Wellington.

Honours—Second Class.

- 10. W. B. Evans.
11. F. C. Gates.
12. E. L. Price.
13. J. E. Battye.
Certificate in 4th Division.
14. H. M. Fenimore.

National Anthem, "God Save the Queen," the Choir. Lord Henniker, after having distributed the prizes, said he was so pleased with what he had witnessed, and so gratified with the success of the boys at the Cambridge Local Examinations, that he would offer a £5 prize annually to the boy that passed best at the Cambridge Examination. Everything that he had witnessed at the Institution had given him infinite pleasure, and, although he was only a young Mason, he saw every reason for being proud of belonging to the Order. In Masonry there were many privileges, and among those privileges was the intercourse they had one with another. With reference to the Masonic Institutions, he could say that the ancient Craft of Masonry was raised more in the minds of the outside public by these great Institutions than by anything else. These Institutions brought Masons into connection with the outside world with regard to Masonic privileges, and it was the efforts of Masons to support these Institutions that met with the approbation of the outside world and of ladies, many of which sex he was glad to see present. With the approbation of the ladies any matters must go on well; and he was glad to find that the Masonic Institutions were so strongly approved of by the ladies. For the reasons he had mentioned the Masonic Institutions were highly satisfactory. But there was one other reason which, perhaps more than all, satisfied the desire of Masons, and that was to take a high place in a great work, to be able to help the powerless, and give a good education to those who were qualified to profit by a good education, but who but for Masons could not obtain it. After they had educated the boys and the girls, these boys and girls would turn out good men and good women, and take their part in the great world around them. He would not talk to the company of the great advantages of the Institutions more than he had, for there were many present who knew as well as he did what the advantages of the Masonic Institutions were. All the brethren were working for these Institutions, and they knew how successful they were; but he would make a most urgent appeal to the brethren, and through them to the public outside, to give all the support they could to the Institution at the coming festival on Wednesday next. He was President of the Board of Stewards for that festival, and he wanted the brethren to give him every encouragement. He had already a good list, but he wished to double it, and so promote the success of the Institution. He had been very much gratified by what he had seen that day. All the company had been gratified. But, after having seen many schools throughout the country, he had never seen any in his life which gave him more pleasure than the Masonic Boys' School. What had pleased him very much was the practical education which was given to the boys. No doubt he would have shocked his old schoolmaster if he had suggested such a thing, but while not at all underrating the value of a knowledge of Greek and Latin, what he very much approved of was the acquirement of a practical education, and an acquaintance with modern foreign languages. He was also pleased to see that the study of music was not neglected. Music tended to soften all the sorrows of life and drive away its cares. He did not wish to read any of his young friends a lesson, but he wished to tell them something which might be of use to them in their future life. Let them by all means take advantage of the opportunities offered them by the Institution, to appreciate those advantages, and while young to acquire the education that was offered them. It was in youth that education was most easily acquired, and he hoped his young friends would exert themselves while yet young and obtain all the knowledge they could. In after life it was a very exhausting work to learn what should have been learned in youth, and it was then that it was seen what advantages had been lost. He

would leave it to his young friends to work out the proposition, and he only suggested to them that it was one of vast importance, that required working out directly and particularly. He was very glad that prizes were given for those boys held in highest estimation by their schoolfellows; and he was sure all those who had received prizes would not forget this day. For himself, he did not intend to forget it. But he might point out to the boys that there was a great deal in obtaining the applause of their comrades. He quite believed in boys being very just and appreciative of the good qualities of their schoolfellows, and boys would always take the applause of their schoolfellows as a thing very dear to them. This practice should not be discouraged; it was of very great importance. There was one other thing he would point out to the boys. The best and the wisest did not always come to the front at first, but he advised them to persevere. The more they persevered the more good they were likely to do in after life, and the more good they would likely to leave behind them. The practical application of many of the great discoveries perhaps would never have been experienced by the world if the discoverers had merely been contented with their researches and had not attempted to reap the fruits of them. They might depend upon it that if they persevered they would benefit in the long run; they would obtain the comforts of life, which were considered by men most desirable.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Rev. Dr. Morris, whom Lord Henniker congratulated on the position to which he had brought the School as an educational establishment.

Dr. Morris having returned thanks, Lord Henniker awarded the prize for elocution to Hazeland.

The company then adjourned to a cold collation, and the remainder of the day was occupied with the sports of the boys, music by the band of the Institution, and dancing.

CHARITY.

(From the Liberal Freemason.)

A distinguished Masonic writer has very aptly said "We must not fall into the too common error that Charity is only that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations"—and to this he has justly added, "its Masonic as well as its Christian application is more noble and more extensive."

It seems to be now quite generally acquiesced in, which the better and more correct reading of the Apostle's words would be, Faith, Hope, and Love, and this would give increased emphasis to, and a true conception of, the Masonic declaration—that "Charity (Love) extends beyond the grave to the boundless realms of eternity."

In order that we may understand the proper force of this word in Masonry, it is well to enquire how it has been regarded by authorities outside of it.

Webster defines it: 1. "That disposition of heart that inclines men to think favourably of their fellow-men, and to do them good, love; benevolence; good-will;" and he refers to chapter xiii. of I. Corinthians, where a most important lesson on Charity is laid down, and one which is, theoretically at least, thoroughly familiar to Masons; to whom we suggest that it be read for instruction, by substituting Love for Charity, and see if it will not give added interest and impressiveness to the familiar lesson—"and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

The highest conception of Charity, as expressed by the Apostle, and as accepted by the best teachers of the present, therefore, shows that it is love which "suffereth long and is kind," and that it is the inferior quality of that virtue, which bestows alms only—hence, Webster gives his second definition—2. "Liberality to the poor, or to benevolent institutions; generosity."

A man may not always be sure of the motives which induce him to give alms; possibly display, or some element of selfishness may enter into them, but the duty as such should not be avoided, no matter what the motive, and we cannot do better than to cite the words of Stillingfleet, who declares that "a man must have great impudence to profess himself a Christian, and yet to think himself not obliged to do acts of charity."

If the reader will substitute Mason for Christian, he will readily perceive how apt and forcible is the quotation when applied to the Fraternity.

But Charity does not stop at almsgiving; it takes to itself that higher quality of love which finds true delight in what is recognised as "liberality in judging of men and their actions; a disposition which inclines men to put the best construction on words and actions of their fellow men;" or, as is declared by Buckminster, "the highest exercise of charity is charity toward the uncharitable."

It is so common, that our ears are altogether familiar with inuendo, and we may sometimes find ourselves shivering at an ill concealed uncharitableness on the part of Masons who have no better reason for it than prejudice.

Charity is made up of little things as well as of great ones, and "any act of kindness or benevolence" is consistent with its character, which is always to be preferred to that narrowness peculiar to its opposite, or to the lack of it.

Pecuniary gifts may frequently carry sensations of joy with them, and none can know this better than aged or decayed Masons who have outlived their powers of self-support—aged widows similarly situated, and orphan children may also be gladdened by donations from seen or unseen hands, but the gentle word of cheer, the smile of sympathy, and the expression of love which manifests itself in the face carries confidence to the weak, and a feeling of strength to the helpless.

The "tongue of man and of angels" will fail beyond a doubt if we have not charity; faith that could remove moun-

tains becomes as nothing without charity—for "charity (love) envieth not"—"thinketh no evil, but rejoiceth in the truth"—it belongs to Masons, therefore, to so model their own lives by the principles of charity in its entirety, that they may justly be the true exponents of that virtue, for

"The charities that soothe, and heal and bless,
Are scattered at the feet of men like flowers."

ANTIQUITY.

One would think that Masonry, reaching back into the dim past, as it does through its descent from the old guild, might be considered sufficiently venerable without borrowing anything from fancy, but there seems to be an ever freshly-recurring desire to cover its poor old bald pate with antique laurels, and notwithstanding the rude blows which tumbled the venerable and gentle Doctor Oliver off his hobby horse into the ditch as he came gently ambling over the Lincoln-roads, gossiping in his soft hearted way about the lodge which Adam opened in Eden, and the two Masonic pillars which Grand Master Seth built to preserve its secrets through the flood, we find distinguished Masons indulging in equally preposterous talk at the present day. Think of gravely assuming that our Aborigines are the true descendants of the ten lost tribes, and proving it by showing that they possessed several Masonic secrets especially pertaining to the Scottish Rite.

Charles W. Moore once gravely related a visit which he made to a lodge of Indians in Central America, and declared their Masonry to be identical with ours; and, although we know that every lodge now existing in the world is a lineal descendant from the Grand Lodge of England, we occasionally hear of lodges which are said to have existed from time immemorial in Asia. Then we have Pyramid Masonry, which, rather curiously, instead of being the practical rules which governed the Craftsmen who built the Pyramids, is the traditional history of initiation into the ancient religious mysteries. Even Dr. Mackey gravely argues that the Essenes must have been Freemasons for twelve good and cogent reasons, which he enumerates; and some of our Grand Commanders tell what our ancient brethren, the Templars, did in the middle ages. Are we not in danger of having the world's people speak of us as Charles Dudley Warner does of the camel?

"No human royal family fare be uglier than the camel. He is a mass of bones, faded tufts, humps, lumps, and splay joints and callosities. His tail is a ridiculous wisp, and a failure as an ornament or flybrush. His feet are simply big sponges. For skin covering he has patches of old buffalo robes, faded, and with the hair worn off. His voice is more disagreeable than his appearance. With a reputation for patience, he is snappish and vindictive. His endurance is overrated; that is to say, he dies like a sheep if he is not well fed. His gait racks muscles like the ague."

"And yet this ungainly creature curls his head in the air, and regards the world out of his great brown eyes with disdain. The very poise of his head says, 'I have come out of the dim past; the Deluge did not touch me; I helped Shotoo build the Great Pyramid; I knew Egypt when it hadn't an obelisk nor a temple. There are three of us; the date-palm, the Pyramid, and myself. Everything else is modern. Go to! go to!'"—*Taken.*

New Zealand.

NAPIER.—Victoria Lodge (No. 1577).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Munroe-street, Napier, on Tuesday, the 8th April. There were present Bros. De Lisle, W.M., in the chair; Coombs, S.W.; Dagleby, J.W.; Platford, Secretary; Raven, Treasurer; Apchurch, S.D.; Ree, J.D.; Duncan, I.G. Bro. Wundram, a P.M. of the S.C., was on the dais, and later in the evening Bro. Bactram, the I.P.M., took his seat to the left of the W.M. About thirty members as well as several visiting brethren were present. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Chas. Evans, of Maldon Lodge, Victoria, 1047, E.C., and Bro. Henry Charles Pirani, of 364, E.C., as joining brethren, and both were declared elected. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Addison Newbold, who, at the previous regular meeting, had been regularly proposed and seconded as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. Mr. Newbold was declared accepted. Bro. Williams was then examined as to his proficiency, entrusted, and passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hollis was examined, entrusted, and passed. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hollis, who had been regularly prepared, was admitted, and raised to the high and Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bro. Williams admitted, and passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, and Mr. Newbold was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then informed the brethren that, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last regular meeting, and of which they had been informed by circulars, he would send the benevolent box round in aid of the Kailangata sufferers. Twenty-three pounds was collected from the brethren, and ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge in addition. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony at 11 p.m.

Bro. David James will take the chair at the thirty-fourth annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CAGLIOSTRO.

Bro. S. Beswick, in his Swedenborg Rite, and the great Masonic leaders of the eighteenth century (advertised in Bro. Kenning's catalogue), illustrates the connection of Cagliostro with the Masonic "Phileas" of the continent, and informs us that he received the hospitality of the Swedenborgian Society when in London. Cagliostro was very far from being a perfect man, but he had great capacity, and in some respects he was maligned and much misunderstood. Those who know sufficient to have kept them out of the cul-de-sac of the Materialistic Scientist may peruse the account of him which has been left behind by Prince Talleyrand in his recently published "Memoirs." As "Masonic Student" does not belong to the so-called high-grades, I may say that the cypher which he gives is a variation of that of the Kadosh Degree.

JOHN YARKER.

Jews, Exclusion of.—The exclusion of Jews from Freemasonry has always been, in our opinion, a mistake, a folly, and an injustice. It has happily never existed in England, though in some parts of Germany—owing mainly, we believe, to the high grade teaching, and the theories of a mystical Christian school—that exclusivism was maintained in former years, and has not yet altogether ceased. We trust, however, that the true principles of Masonic toleration will yet prevail everywhere, and that this meaningless and unjustifiable exclusion of those who are excellent Masons will soon be a thing of the past. It is impossible, in our opinion, to justify the exclusion of Jews on any ground whatever from Craft Masonry.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

FREDERICK II., THE GREAT.—King of Prussia, born in 1712, died in 1786. Was made a Freemason at Brunswick, secretly, at midnight, on the 14th-15th August, 1738, at the Hotel de Korn. There were assembled three well-known brethren from Hamburg, belonging to the lodge called afterwards "Absalom,"—Baron von Oburg, Master of the lodge; Von Bielfeld, the Secretary; Baron von Löwen; and some brethren from Hanover—Graf von Kilmansegg and F. C. Albedyll. Graf Albert Wolfgang von der Lippe Bucksburg,—who, it is said, had been initiated in England, first defended the Order before the King, then Crown Prince, at the Chateau de Lou, in Holland in the presence of the King of Holland,—was also present as well as Graf von Wartersleben, seeking initiation. Bielfeld is quoted by the "Handbuch" as saying amusingly, in one of his published letters: "Nous ne comptons pas de faire encore un long séjour à Brunswick, parce qu'il y a ici une tête couronnée de trop, qui pourrait découvrir que nous avons reçu le Prince son fils dans l'ordre, et manquer dans sa mauvaise humeur de respect aux Très Vénérables." In consequence of the disapproval of Freemasonry by the Prince's father, King William Frederick I., the reception had to be secret; and Graf von Wartersleben, a Prussian officer and friend of the Crown Prince, was received into Freemasonry at the same time. Baron von Oburg is said to have been Master, Von Bielfeld Orator, and the Tyler was a servant of Von Oburg, of the name of Ration. The work ceased at four in the morning of the 15th, the Prince receiving the Three Degrees. Bielfeld also says distinctly, "Enfin nous le reçûmes dans toutes les formes dues et requises." Frederick the Great took Freemasonry openly under his protection the moment he became King, in 1740, and remained its friend until his death. He opened a lodge at Charlottenburg, over which he presided in person, and in which Bielfeld and Jordan were officers, and his two brothers, Prince William and the Margrave Charles, and the Duke Holstem, Von Beck, were members. His Master's hammer still remains in the Grand Lodge of the Drei Weltkugeln, at Berlin. He was also the founder and the Protector of the Prussian Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, just mentioned. On more than one occasion he spoke warmly of the Order. In 1774 he said: "Elle se fera toujours un plaisir bien sensible de co-opérer pour la puissante protection au but principal de toute vraie Franc-maçonnerie celle de rendre les hommes plus sociables, plus vertueux, et plus bienfaisants." In 1777 he thus expressed himself in a letter to D. Lygaonère, W.M. of the Lodge De la Royale York de l'Amitié, at Berlin, in reply to a congratulatory letter on his birthday: "Une société qui ne travaille qu'à faire germer et fructifier toutes sortes des vertus dans mes États peut toujours compter sur ma protection." In 1777 he also, when his nephew, Prince Frederick of Brunswick, was elected G.M. of the National Mutter Loge at Berlin, thus addressed the G.M. and members: "Je ne puis qu'applaudir infiniment à l'esprit qui anime tous les membres à former de bons patriotes et de fidèles sujets." And in a Cabinet order of February 7th, 1778, we find these words: "Sa Majesté est bien aise de l'assurer à son tour, qu'elle s'intéressera toujours avec plaisir au bonheur et à la prospérité d'une assemblée qui, comme elle, met sa première gloire dans une propagation infatigable et non interrompue de toutes les vertus de l'honnête homme et du vrai patriote." Of Frederick the Great's friendly feeling and protection towards Freemasonry, which lasted until his death, there can be no possible doubt. But a great and serious question has arisen—Did Frederick the Great also protect and reorganise the A. and A. S. Rite, whether in 1762 or in 1786? We fear that, despite the views and statements of some able brethren, we must come to the critical and historical conclusion that the documents relating to this alleged revision are neither authentic nor genuine. The following opening sentence of May, 1786, always has struck us as, so to say, made up, not natural in itself: "Nos Fredericus, Dei Gratia Rex etc., supremus, magnus Protector, magnus Commendator, magnus Magister universalis et Conservator anti-quissimæ et venerabilis societatis, veterum, liberorum, aggregatorum

Structorum et Latomorum Aggregatorum fecerunt," etc. "Structorum" is, no doubt, a clerical error for "structurum," but "structurum," though of a classic use, is not of mediæval use of Masons. The French reading clearly takes us back to Ramsay's theory of knightly and military Freemasonry. Indeed, we are inclined to think that the document dates from the Council of Paris, 1787, and the French high grades. One question occurs—Who has ever seen the original? So far as we are aware, no contemporary witness of it is known to exist, nor is the original producible. The names of the signatories are absolutely unknown, except Stark and Wöllner, and there is every reason to doubt their signatures. And though, as we have said elsewhere, we do not accept the Charleston arrangement theory, as there is evidence of the Thirty-third Degree at Geneva before that time, we yet feel it to be our duty to say, on calm consideration, and in the interests of Masonic truth, that the document professing to be signed by Frederick the Great cannot be upheld as a real and historical document. The documents are French in origin and in manipulation, in our humble opinion, and though not fully developed in 1762, when Stephen Morin received his patent, were known in Europe before the so-called addition of the eight grades in America. That we hold to be an utterly untenable view, and one entirely contradicted by recent evidence that might be adduced, of the existence of the Thirty-third Grade in the last years of the last century.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

Masonic and General Tidings.

At the last meeting of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas Salter, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on Tuesday next, the 24th inst., and the banquet will again be held at Southport in the evening. A report will appear in due course.

The brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, gathered in strong force on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at their head-quarters, 80, North-hill-street, where the W.M., Bro. James W. Williams, presided. After initiation and passing, the brethren unanimously and with great cordiality elected Bro. Alfred Woolwich, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Paull was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Auditors and Committee of the Fund of Benevolence were also subsequently appointed.

At a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of London, held at Burlington House, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Past Grand Dir. of Cer., was elected a Fellow.

A bazaar in aid of the new chapel of the Asylum for Fatherless Children was opened on Tuesday, the 17th inst., by Mrs. Brassey, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Mrs. Brassey, who was accompanied by Sir Charles Reel, spoke a few words in support of the institution, after which the bazaar was declared to be opened. The bazaar is held in the large hall of the hotel, the stalls, which are about twelve in number, being ranged along the sides of the room.

The Marquis of Hartington will preside at the nineteenth anniversary dinner of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, the 30th inst.

On Saturday last the 14th inst., the remains of our esteemed Bro. A. C. Burrell, P.M. 1446, were interred in Paddington Cemetery, Willesden-lane. Amongst those present we noticed the following brethren, viz.: Bros. B. H. Swilow, P.M. 382, 1563; P.P.G. I.W. Middx.; W. Ough, P.M. 1446, P.G.P.; E. Farwig, W.M. 180; W. Maxsted, 180; A. Scuttar; Honeyman, P.M. 1238; F. Pulford, P.M. 1158; C. Rose, 1446; J. Detraz, 145; T. Cull, J.W. 1446; W. T. Morphew, W.M. 1585; T. B. Docker, J.W. 1687; Inlath, 1507; Mucklow; J. A. Hammond, 1563; H. Stewart, 780; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; and others.

A new pier has been opened at Wandsworth, at which the river steamboats call at frequent intervals.

The current number of the *Architect* contains an illustration of the new premises of Mr. Brentini, "The Popinjay," 112, Fleet-street, recently completed from the designs of Mr. Samuel Knight, F.R.S.B.A.

Mr. Brewer's carefully selected library has been this week sold by auction by Messrs. Hodgson, of Chancery-lane, and has realised the sum of nearly £1000.

The Earl of Shaftesbury will preside at the first public meeting on behalf of the Tyndale Memorial, which will be held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster, on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

The consecration of the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, at 33, Golden-square, took place on Thursday, the 19th inst. A full report will appear in our next.

The ceremony of laying the first stone of the new wing of the Royal Hospital for Incurables at West Hill, Putney-heath, by the Prince of Wales, will take place on the 7th July next.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME FOR DESTITUTE GIRLS.—Three new cottage homes were on Wednesday last opened, and the foundation stones of two others, in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Village Home for Orphan, Neglected, and Destitute Girls, Barking-road, Ilford, were laid by the Princess Mary; the foundation stone of a third cottage being laid by the Countess of Aberdeen.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 27, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, Kings Arms Hot., Wood Green End.
" 164, Crichton, S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, JUNE 23.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Harvey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 1269, Sta. hope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.
Mark Lodge, 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T.D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.
R.O.S., Robert Bruce Chapter, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-st., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Boys.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newly-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stone-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Malsome Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-dale-rd, N.W.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Storrs' Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, P.plar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranclagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 28, 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Encamp. William de la More, A.R., Bootle.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the week ending Saturday, June 28, 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
" 999, Robert Burns, F.M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Conclave St. James of Jerusalem, Church I., Bolton.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys, Burnley.
" 1774, Melton, Railway Hot., Guide Bridge.
K.T. Conclave Plains of Tabor, Swan Hot., Colne.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
" 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
" 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch.
" 277, Friendship, F.M.H., Union-st., Oldham.
" 1083, Townley Parker, Mosley Hot., Bewick.
" 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Strangeways.
" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., W. Gorton.
" 1635, Avon, Denmark Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.
" 1775, Leopold, M.R., Church, nr. Accrington.
Chap. 226, Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.
" 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samesbury.
" 348, St. John, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate.
" 350, Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.
" 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
" 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
" 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle.
" 935, Harmony, F.M.H., Islington-sq., Salford.
Chap. 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
Mark Lodge, 34, St. Andrew, F.M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Preceptory, William de la Mole, Assembly Rooms Merton-rd., Bockle.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The eighty-first anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at the Alexandra Palace. The Earl of Roslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, presided, and was supported on his right by Lord Ribblesdale, and on his left by Sir Molyneux Nepean. About 900 ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner. Among those present were Bro. James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Altman, W.M. 1615; Edgar Bowyer, Wm. Ramsey, H. A. Dubois, Hyde Pullen, Donald M. Dewar, J. Farmaner, Thomas, Hainsworth, Charles, Dr. Morris, Abbott, George Kenning, H. C. Levarder, C. Hamerton, F. Adlard, E. B. Grabham, A. E. Gladwell, J. T. Chancellor, W. Poore, Baron de Ferrers, T. C. Walls, H. Smith, W. Winn, Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Sir E. H. Lechmere, James Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, H. G. Buas, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, R. W. H. Giddy, George Penn, P.M. 1642; Charles Lacey, V.P., P.M. 174, P. Prov. G.D. Herts.; R. G. Venables, S.W. 6; S. Pounceby, W.M. 55; G. T. Brown, Sec. and P.M. 65; J. L. Cross, I.G. 90; J. Ramsay, J.D. 162; A. J. Dottridge, P.M. 172; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; T. S. Mordlock, P.M. 186; E. H. Stammwitz, P.M. 435; R. J. Jeffs, J.W. 435; T. W. Cooper, S.W. 538; G. W. Verry, Sec. and P.M. 554; J. Chapman, 657; C. Hubbard, W.M. 820; W. G. Brighton, P.M. 1339; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 1421; W. Stephens, P.M. 1489; E. F. Storr, W.M. 1679; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1686; R. J. Barton, J.D. 771, Bucks and Berks; C. W. Cox, S.W. 1566, Bucks and Berks; J. D. Kay, P.M. 289, West Yorks.; J. J. Berry, Z. Ch. 554; and H. Massey (Freemason).

After dinner, grace having been sung by the boys, the toasts of the evening were proposed.

In giving the toast of "The Queen,"

The Chairman said: Ladies and gentlemen, In every assembly of loyal Englishmen the first toast, and that which is most heartily drunk, is that of her Majesty the Queen. A long, happy, and glorious reign has been hers, and during it she has endeared herself to all classes, particularly to the Society of Freemasons, who look upon charity and kindness of heart as the truest test of loyalty. We have seen within the last few days an evidence of that deep sympathy which is shown by her Majesty for grief and suffering—a sympathy which is shared by every one of you here present this evening.

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, The next toast which I have the honour to call on you to drink is that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons in England, and the President of this Institution. The warm interest which he ever takes in Freemasonry is well known to all of you. During the many years that I have had the honour of enjoying the Masonic friendship of his Royal Highness, I have ever known him willing to take an active interest in Freemasonry; and that that is an incalculable privilege to Freemasonry no one can deny. (Hear, hear.) I may go further, and I may say that the kindness which H.R.H. has shown has been shown in the most courteous and friendly manner. (Renewed cheering.) In works of charity His Royal Highness's purse and good wishes are always to command, and no one will be more happy than H.R.H. to learn of the complete success of this meeting. I give you "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of Masons of England, and the President of this Institution."

Sir Molyneux Nepean, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said: Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, I am unworthily deputed to propose what I consider after Her Majesty's health and that of the Royal Family is the toast of the evening. I am desired to propose "The Health of Lord Roslyn, the Chairman of this Festival." Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, I need not say that, as both an English and a Scotch Mason myself, I am exceedingly proud to see him sitting here as Chairman of an English charity of the first water. I think that in the position that he holds there is no man could have brought together a better assemblage, and a better class of brethren, and a more respectable one for the Institution; and that is a great point to be attained. I look upon it as a glorious thing that we should get a man here who, by position, by birth, and name, is equal to all and inferior to none, whose family has a noble reputation. We welcome him here both as an English and as a Scotch Mason, and I trust you will all drink his health most heartily.

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, I can assure you that this very flattering reception has almost deprived me of my powers of speech. I can assure you that I can attribute it to nothing else but to your Masonic kindness, for personally, I believe, I am unknown to almost every person in this room. (No, no.) I have heard that good wine needs no bush. A little bush hung up this evening has given me the great honour that has been done me this evening. It is a great honour to preside here; it is a great honour to succeed, as Chairman, to that illustrious personage who has presided here on a former occasion. But, if you will allow me, I claim to be quite as much an English Mason as a Scotch Mason. I am an English Mason of five and twenty years' standing, for I was affiliated to an English lodge at Malta previous to the Crimean war, and during the two months I was there I had the honour to make almost every member of the Brigade Guard Masons. Some of those went forth to death and glory, but many of them returned, and are still among us. I have also another claim to urge. I had the honour to affiliate the late Lord Zetland to a lodge of Scotch Freemasons, and it was a proud moment for me when I performed that office for the late earl. It is not for me, however, to talk of English and Scotch Masons, because we are all one, we are united by the same ties, and we have all one common object, the good and happiness of all mankind. I can assure you that I shall always regard this evening as one of the proudest in my life on account of the honour which has been conferred upon me (hear, hear), and that honour has been, if possible, increased by the honour and kindness with which you have received the toast of my health. The honour altogether is one which I shall never forget to thank my brother Masons for. (Applause.)

The Chairman: The next toast I have to ask you to drink is "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, W.M., Pro Grand Master." (Cheers.) It is impossible to mistake the significance of your applause, and I know that his lordship has earned it well, for he has often done duty for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and he has continually acted on the throne in Grand Lodge. Personally I have had his acquaintance for many years. We were boys together at Eton, afterwards we were together at Oxford, and I have known him in later years, and I know that no man has acted a more honourable public part than the Earl of Carnarvon. (Applause.) I have also the honour to propose "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Dep. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, the Vice-Presidents, and the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers of this Institution." In giving this toast in this form I am sure that Lord Skelmersdale's health and the health of the Grand Officers will be well received by you. They have one and all done their duty and earned your gratitude. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale, as we all know, is a most indefatigable Mason. He told me in his place in the House of Lords to express his regret that he was unable to be present this evening. (Applause.) I call upon Sir Edward Lechmere, P.G.M. of Worcestershire, to respond to this toast. (Cheers.)

Sir E. Lechmere, in reply, said: My lords, ladies, and gentlemen, I have been called upon very unexpectedly to have the honour of responding for this very important toast. I must say I thoroughly appreciate the consideration of Bro. Binckes in sparing us those disagreeable anticipations which we sometimes have to encounter when we find a slip of paper upon our plates—(no, no)—and we feel at once that all the enjoyment of our dinner is entirely spoiled. I may also say that by this admirable arrangement brevity of speech is assured, and I can say that I shall not detain you long. The toast I have been called upon to respond to is one of importance, inasmuch as you have heard, in terms so well expressed by the Chairman, the great meed of gratitude which we owe to those distinguished nobleman who assist our Royal Grand Master in the administration of Masonry in this kingdom, and also to those other gentlemen of various positions, whether as Vice-Presidents of this Institution or Grand Officers, present and past, who have so many years taken a great interest in this and the kindred Institution, the Girls' School, and who are so ready in their attendance in order to support this noble Charity. I assure you I feel great pride and pleasure in being present here to-night, the first occasion I have been able to attend these Charities since my installation as Grand Master of the province of Worcester. I can look back with pleasure to the day, long distant, for although I am recently appointed a Grand Master, I am a Mason of long standing. I was a Steward of the Girls' School, and I looked with admiration and impatience to the gallery where the ladies were placed—I rejoice now the ladies are placed by our side—an arrangement which, I need scarcely say, conduces very much to our enjoyment on these occasions, but, I believe, directly and indirectly it conduces very much to the support of our noble Charities. I am happy to say on this occasion the province of Worcester is represented, and I am further happy to say there are two Stewards on this occasion who have not come empty handed, but have brought up 522 guineas, to show that we country Masons, although we have our shortcomings, still are quite ready to aid our metropolitan brethren as far as we can. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, in proposing what I justly called the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," with the health of Bro. Plucknett, the Treasurer, I am almost overpowered by the difficulty and magnitude of the task which has been set me. I came here, as I have said before, representing Scotch Masonry at the Grand Lodge of England, and I look to Scotland and find no charity of the kind. I come to England, and I see the most splendid, munificent, and magnificent charities that the world can produce. I confess to you that for 20 years I took the model of your Charities as an example to be followed by the Freemasons of Scotland. I toiled in vain,

but still hoping against hope. My successor first followed in the same path which I had marked out myself, and, with your Charities for our guide we hope in Scotland some day, if not to rival you, at least to imitate you. In proposing prosperity to this magnificent Charity, so far as I am myself concerned, I can tell you I have visited it in every department to-day, and I have found it not only perfect in all appliances and admirably suited for its purposes, but reflecting such credit on those engaged in its management and administration, that I should defy the most captious critic to find fault with it. The good that it must do is incalculable, training up the young, fitting them hereafter to serve their country, and training them up in the way they should go, bending the young twig in the way it is certain to form stately timber which may be the pride of Old England. And, ladies and gentlemen, I have in my hand a report, from which I might tell you of the antiquity of the Institution, but you know that as well as I do. I might tell you of its usefulness, but you know that as well as I do. Still, when we come to read of such figures as £15,000 a year devoted to this Charity we must all think how liberal and how charitable are the Freemasons of England. Taking into consideration that this great Charity that I am now asking your aid for—although I think it almost unnecessary to ask in such an assemblage as this, for I see the desire of giving depicted on every countenance; and if the brethren did not intend to give those ladies by their side would certainly enforce them—taking into consideration, I say, that this Institution has not been without its troubles, which it has suffered from circumstances over which it has had no control—the result of such a sum as this is perfectly marvellous and wonderful. I hope we shall hear it announced presently that the money collected to-night is at least as much as has been previously collected. And now, before I sit down, I should like, if it would not trouble you, to give you two or three statements as to the result of the education in this Institution. The result is simply wonderful. I can vouch for its accuracy. Fourteen boys were presented at the last Cambridge Local Examination, and thirteen of them passed out in honours. (Great cheering.) What institution, or college, or school can rival that? And I will tell you something more, that there were only fifteen first-class honours given away at all, and out of those fifteen nine fell to your Institution. One of your pupils passed first class in the London Matriculation, who had no other teaching whatever than what he had received from your own Institution. And one other lad, who received some very slight assistance, gained an open exhibition at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where some of the most able of his contemporaries competed, but he distanced them all. If these are not good results of good teaching, I would ask you what you could expect. These are tangible results, and show you what your Institution can do. But before I sit down it is customary, I believe, to find some little fault, particularly from those who come from the north of the Tweed, and they are apt to be a little captious. I should like to find a little fault. I think I have given you all so much praise that it is not wholesome. It is not good for you to be too much praised. (Laughter.) I will tell you a little fault, and I am sure I need only mention it to find it immediately corrected; and the fault that I am going to find is this—that it is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys may leave the School homeless and in need. It may be that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career, but it may also be that the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period. It may be that having derived all the advantage that they could from their study, and from their religious training in your Institution, they may leave it to fall into evil courses and evil ways, or even to suffer penury and poverty. I would appeal to you once more, as that is the only blot I can find in your excellent Institution, to try and amend it, that the pupils may derive the full benefit of your bounty and your charity. I hope I have not said too much. I feel, as a comparative stranger, I ought hardly to have made the suggestion, but if the suggestion has fallen on willing ears, I hope it will bear fruit. I have only now to say before sitting down I received a telegram yesterday from the Secretary of the Supreme Council in Scotland. I may mention here between ourselves that when I tell you these things I do not want them to be repeated, that there has been a little misunderstanding between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland; they were not Masonically good friends. I regret it; nobody regrets it more than I do, but I think I see a little break in the cloud, which will lead to bringing about that amity and affectionate regard which we all desire. In order to pave the way the Supreme Council of Scotland begs me to offer a contribution of 50 guineas to this Institution. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Geo. Plucknett, V. Pres. and Treas., in reply, said: My lords, ladies, and gentlemen, there can be no doubt that the greatest possible confidence may be felt that the objects of this great Institution are most fully carried out. The boys are well taught and well cared for, and every comfort is afforded them, by means of the munificent contributions which you, ladies and gentlemen, have provided, and by the able management of Bro. Binckes and the other brethren who have the immediate conduct of the Schools in their hands. I thank you for the very liberal contributions which you have made to enable us to carry on the Institution.

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s.	d.
1	Bro. F. Binckes ...	249	18	0
2	" F. I. Hartridge, I. W. Sewell ...	22	1	0
3	" S. G. Turner ...	42	0	0
4	" J. A. Batley ...	10	10	0
5	" F. West ...	21	0	0
6	" W. H. Clarke ...	36	4	0
7	" Rowland G. Venables ...	22	1	0
8	" F. Adlard ...	24	13	6

8	T. Smith ...	...	...	...	...
10	Rev. J. Robbins ...	...	23	2	0
11	Wm. Abbotts, M.D. ...	...	31	10	0
14	C. H. Turner ...	...	10	10	0
15	J. H. Cambridge ...	...	40	19	0
12	E. B. Grubham ...	...	51	10	0
21	R. P. Spice... ..	...	43	1	0
22	G. Waterall... ..	...	44	2	0
25	G. R. Shervill ...	...	128	2	0
26	W. C. Beaumont ...	...	29	8	0
28	James Hainsworth ...	...	44	2	0
29	James Fisher ...	...	58	16	0
30	A. E. Gladwell ...	...	10	10	0
33	T. W. Traill ...	...	47	5	0
55	Samuel Pownceby ...	...	81	18	0
60	J. Thornton Chancellor ...	...	13	13	0
65	G. T. Brown ...	...	100	0	0
73	Henry Keeble ...	...	25	0	0
79	Henry Workman Partridge ...	...	31	10	0
90	J. L. Cross ...	...	48	6	0
91	W. G. Logan ...	...	22	1	0
96	W. Vaughan Morgan ...	...	103	19	0
108	C. W. Taylor ...	...	45	3	0
143	H. J. Matthews ...	...	...	...	...
145	John Henry Leggott... ..	...	21	0	0
162	John Ramsay ...	...	44	12	6
172	Alfred James Doutridge ...	...	78	15	0
174	Charles Lacey ...	...	135	0	0
177	Wm. John Ferguson ...	...	42	0	0
179	Leonard Benet ...	...	26	3	6
185	David Posner ...	...	21	0	0
186	Thomas S. Mortlock ...	...	87	0	0
197	Henry Luke Hansard ...	...	11	11	0
198	James Tovey Rowe ...	...	21	0	0
235	Walter Webb ...	...	15	15	0
256	J. A. Farnfield ...	...	91	17	6
259	Herbert Addington ...	...	81	18	0
263	Walter Spencer ...	...	38	17	0
435	Ernest H. Stammwitz ...	...	10	10	0
435	Richard Jeffs ...	...	22	11	6
511	Samuel Elborn ...	...	39	7	6
538	Thomas Cooper ...	...	73	10	0
554	G. Ward Verry ...	...	68	5	0
569	John Cornelius Sanderson ...	...	60	18	0
657	James Chapman ...	...	84	0	0
715	James C. Howell ...	...	35	14	0
754	David Roberts ...	...	52	10	0
820	Charles Hubbard ...	...	115	10	0
822	Alfred Trower ...	...	34	13	0
898	Henry Rogers ...	...	78	15	0
907	Francis Alfred White ...	...	28	17	6
1159	J. H. Wood ...	...	30	9	0
1185	Rev. Richard Morris... ..	...	56	14	0
1216	T. Woodledge Carnell ...	...	76	18	0
1329	R. J. Voisey ...	...	43	1	0
1339	W. G. Brighten ...	...	77	13	0
1349	John Mason ...	...	...	...	...
1365	J. Longman Cogan ...	...	54	12	0
1383	R. W. H. Giddy ...	...	207	2	0
1420	Arthur Southam ...	...	65	2	0
1421	T. S. Taylor ...	...	42	0	0
1475	Thomas Stephens ...	...	128	2	6
1507	Richard Thomas Kingham ...	...	75	3	6
1537	Ralph Clutton ...	...	143	10	0
1540	William Klingenstein ...	...	21	0	0
1541	Morris L. Dight ...	...	...	...	...
1386	George Manners ...	...	26	15	6
1608	Charles Brewer ...	...	118	12	6
1615	Frank Richardson ...	...	70	7	0
1623	Thos. W. Adams ...	...	21	0	0
1627	Donald Dewar ...	...	55	3	0
1641	Thomas Griffiths ...	...	...	...	...
1642	George Penn ...	...	525	0	0
1657	Albert J. Altman ...	...	31	10	0
1662	Thomas Franklin ...	...	42	0	0
1979	Edward Francis Storr ...	...	25	4	0
1686	J. M. Klenck ...	...	...	...	...
1687	Frank Kirk ...	...	49	7	0
1695	William Earl ...	...	19	10	0
1706	J. Joyce Murray ...	...	10	10	0
1716	John Kemp Coleman... ..	...	50	8	0
1745	W. Ramsey ...	...	10	10	0
1766	C. F. Barham ...	...	...	...	...
1767	George Read ...	...	39	18	0
1777	Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C.,... ..	...	105	0	0
1805	R. J. Fennell ...	...	73	10	0
UNATTACHED.					
Bro.	Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.	...	10	10	0
"	Edgar Bowyer, V.P. ...	...	31	10	0
"	George Kenning, V.P. ...	...	10	10	0
"	Edwin Cornelius Woodward ...	...	...	...	...
"	William Poore, P.M. 1306 ...	...	10	10	0
"	Abner Torkington, 60 ...	...	30	0	0
LONDON CHAPTERS.					
Chapter.	554 Comp. John James Berry... ..	...	63	0	0
1216	" Alfred Cooper Bradley ...	...	23	2	0
BEDFORDSHIRE.					
Lodge	540 Bro. Robert Boughton Smith ...	...	38	17	0
BERKS AND BUCKS.					
209	" Dick Radclyffe ...	...	131	16	0
771	" Richard George Barton ...	...	32	11	0
945	" Edward Leader Shepherd ...	...	42	0	0
1566	" Charles William Cox ...	...	67	1	0
1639	" John Reeve, Samuel Page ...	...	21	16	0
DERBYSHIRE.					
353	" W. J. Booth ...	...	52	10	0
353	" G. T. Wright ...	...	161	12	0
802	" W. L. Ball... ..	...	42	0	0
508	" Percy Wallis ...	...	21	0	0
DEVONSHIRE.					
189	" Edward J. Curtels ...	...	68	5	0

974	William Firth ...	...	...	...	...
974	Thos. Wainman Holmes ...	...	...	...	...
1019	Capt. Jno. Wordsworth ...	...	...	...	...
1019	William Clayton ...	...	...	...	...
1042	W.M.'s Chair ...	...	...	...	...
1221	Major R. W. Moore
1462	J.D.'s Chair
1462	Zaccheus Hinchliffe
1513	John Bustard
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NORTH WALES AND SALOP.					
1124	Alfred C. Spaul	51	9	0
1124	W. H. Spaul	78	10	0
1143	Robt. Jas. Sissons
1336	J. O. Bury ...	...	10	10	0
1674	Thomas Coxhead ...	...	10	10	0

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.					
MARK DEGREE.					
144	H. C. Levander ...	...	52	10	0
The number of Stewards who brought in lists of over £100 each were 14.					
105	London Stewards	£5345	1	6
117	Provincial	5189	1	6
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London lists to come in	8
Provincial	4

The Chairman: We must not forget those who serve us, and must drink "The Health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of Committees," and I have the honour to couple their names with the name—a name well known to you—of Bro. Wm. Winn.

Bro. W. Winn: I have great pleasure in rising to respond to the toast to the health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and members of the Committees. On their behalf I thank you for the cordiality with which the toast has been received, and I add my personal acknowledgments for the honour of having my name coupled with it.

The Chairman: The toast which I now bring to your notice is placed somewhat too low on the list; it is "Success to the other Masonic Institutions." They are both charities of the grandest description, and they have this advantage over the Institution for Boys, that they have great funded property; they have about three times the amount of funded property which this Institution possesses. With this toast I couple the name of Bro. Terry, the Secretary for the Boys' Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Terry, in response, said: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, permit me to thank your lordship very heartily for the kind manner in which you have proposed the toast which you have kindly coupled with my name; to thank you on behalf of the sister Institutions for the reception with which the toast has been met. My lord, on reading through a few of your figures, you stated that you had been struck with surprise that a sum of £15,000 had been brought into the "Boys'" account for the last year. May I be allowed to say that the sister Institutions have accumulated the sum of about £37,000. We can all remember the time when £5000 was considered a magnificent result of a Festival, and I have not the slightest doubt that when the end of the year comes we shall be able to announce a sum of about £44,000 as the result of Masonic benevolence during the year. I congratulate Bro. Binckes upon having succeeded in obtaining your lordship's presidency, and I hope that it will not be long before the sister Institutions are similarly honoured. I venture to hope that this may be an incentive to the Brethren north of the Tweed, and that English Masons may have an opportunity of reciprocating your kindness, and may support Masonic Benevolent Institutions when these are inaugurated in Scotland.

The Chairman: I now rise to propose "The Health of Lord Henniker, P.G. W., and also the Health of the Board of Stewards." Lord Henniker is prevented from being present this evening, and I shall, therefore, couple with the toast the name of Bro. R. H. Giddy, District G.M. of Griqualand.

Bro. R. H. Giddy: I regret very much that it should fall to my lot to have to reply to this toast. I regret the absence of Lord Henniker, who, if present, would have been able to reply much more ably than I can. I thank you very heartily for the manner in which you have responded to the toast proposed by the noble Chairman, but I beg to take exception to the statement made by Bro. Binckes that you have contributed to a gigantic failure. Under all the circumstances mentioned by him I think it is a very good result indeed. In the name of the Stewards I beg to thank you for the hearty manner in which you have responded to this toast.

The Chairman: I am very much afraid that you must be tired of hearing my voice, but I am sure you will assist me to drink a bumper to those ladies who have honoured us with their presence. There are two Masonic festivals at which we have the pleasure of seeing ladies, and I am you will agree with me that the pleasure of these meetings is enhanced by their presence. I believe that ladies attend these festivals in order to see how admirably (though not at this moment) large bodies of Masons can conduct themselves. Before I sit down I must apologise to every lady present that this toast should come so late on the list of toasts, and I hope that on future occasions it will be proposed at an earlier period of the evening. With this toast I couple the name of Lord Ribblesdale.

Lord Ribblesdale: My lord and gentlemen, I rise to return thanks for the ladies, and I appreciate the honour of the position I have been called upon to take. I echo the sentiments our noble Chairman has expressed, and I feel

much more inclined to thank the ladies for honouring us with their presence than to thank you for drinking their health. However, on their behalf it is my duty to thank you. I think, perhaps, that they are pleased to be here, feeling it as in some degree making up to them for those secrets from which they are debarred by cruel tradition.

The company then adjourned to the gardens, and concert, and coffee rooms, and afterwards returned to town. The music during the evening was performed chiefly by the pupils of the Institution in a highly creditable manner.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—This famous and ancient lodge assembled in unnumbered numbers on Wednesday last, at its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of initiating a candidate for Freemasonry in the first place, and then of installing H.R.H. Prince Leopold as W.M. The lodge opened at four, and Mr. Frederick Lassiter being in attendance, was balloted for, accepted, and was initiated into Masonry by Bro. W. Hope, W.D.M. With that great and customary virtue of punctuality (not a Masonic virtue, by the way) for which our Royal Family are so distinguished, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, attended by Bro. the Hon. Alexander Yorke, was announced soon after five. At this moment the lodge room presented a very striking and pleasant "coup d'œil," the numerous "red collars" contrasting agreeably and effectively with the dark blue of Grand Lodge, and the light blue of the Craft. H.R.H. having been presented by Bro. Col. Creaton, and Sampson Pierce, Past Masters, Bro. Colonel Stuart the oldest Past Master of the lodge, proceeded to install H.R.H. in the chair of King Solomon! The ceremony, which followed the old ritual of the Lodge of Antiquity, and which slightly differs from the form in customary use, was most ably rendered by Bro. Colonel Stuart. After Prince Leopold had been installed and received the due "Honours," the Past Masters of the lodge first of all, and then the members of the lodge, were presented to His Royal Highness. The W.M. then proceeded to close the lodge in a very workmanlike style. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the Ladies' Drawing Room, Freemasons' Tavern, under the distinguished presidency of their Royal Master. He gave, after grace was said by the Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable clearness and forcible brevity, and responded to the toast of "The W.M.," most ably proposed by the Installing Master, Bro. Col. Stuart, in most feeling and eloquent words. He also proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," alluding, both warmly and humorously, to the services of the past Grand Officers, members of the lodge, Bro. Col. Stuart, Col. Creaton, the Grand Treas., the I.P.M., and Erasmus Wilson, who had so patriotically brought Cleopatra's Needle to this country, and the members of the medical and legal profession present. Bro. Woodford returned thanks for the Past Masters, and remarked that H.R.H. that evening was installed W.M. of one of the oldest lodges in the world, and which, in one sense, might not unfairly be termed the mother lodge of Masonry, as far as England, and all lodges hailing from England, were concerned. After the retirement of His Royal Highness, the other toasts were proposed, concluding with the Tyler's toast. The brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a most enjoyable and unforgettable evening, to be carefully noted as an "alba dies" by the excellent Secretary, Bro. Barron, in the imperishable records of "Old Antiquity." We may observe that the arrangement of the tables was most artistic, reflecting the highest credit on Bro. Best, and the banquet was one which called for all praise as regards all concerned, whether as to the careful skill which planned it, or the "cuisine" which produced it. Among those present we observed Bro. P.M.'s Col. Stuart, Creaton, Swinburn, Bar, Sampson Pierce, Master of Ceremonies; Erasmus Wilson, Holmes, Philbrick, Barron, Wharton, Hood, Woodford; the D.M., Bro. Hope; P. Deacon and Greetham, Senior and Junior Wardens; Pontifex and Twynam, Senior and Junior Deacons; Stephen Pearce, Letchworth, Moore, Hilary, Skinner, Taggar, Jolliffe, Organist; Lassiter, and Splight, Tyler, P.G. Tyler for Surrey. Several of the brethren were abroad, and were unavoidably absent. There were no visitors except Bro. the Hon. A. Yorke.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. Thomas N. Kirkham, W.M.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.M.; John Aird, S.W.; Wm. Sugg, J.W.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, Sec.; Thomas A. Greene, Wm. Winn, Arthur Mead, Samuel Cutler, F. W. Hartley, D. W. Sugg, M. Mildred, J. W. Sugg, W. Liddall, James Lawrie, G. C. Trewby, E. Hyde, Alfred Lass, T. H. Martin, B. P. Ellis, J. F. Porter, F. Davies; and visitors Bro. S. Peirce, P.M. Britannic, 33; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1223; J. Methven, J.D. Fredk. of Amity, 452; W. R. Jones, Maryhill, Soxland, 510; J. Aird, Britannic, 33; R. Harris, Robt. Burns, 25; Garman, Canonbury, 657; E. Wharton, Orpheus, 1906; Morgan, Sec. St. Michael's, 211; O. Vincent, P.M. Abercorn, 549; C. Ohren, Fredk. of Amity,

452; Phelps, St. John Baptist Lodge; Phillips, P.M. 475; Wilkins, St. George's, 140; E. Moss, Orpheus, 1706; F. Mead, Euphrates, 212; Henri de Solla, Montefiore, 1017; W. H. Bale, Vituvian, 87; and H. Massey, P.M. Beadon, 619 (Freemason). After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Ohren, Secretary, announced the resignation of two of its members, and the balance sheet and report were read and adopted. Bro. J. W. Sugg, D.C., then installed Bro. John Aird as Worshipful Master, and the following brethren were appointed to office and invested:—Bro. Wm. Sugg, S.W.; T. A. Greene, J.W.; James Glaisher, Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, Secretary; James Glaisher, S.D.; Magnus Ohren, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, I.G. and D.C.; G. C. Trewby, 1st Steward; Edward Hyde, 2nd Steward; and Charles T. Speight, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Sugg, D.C., seconded by Bro. Aird, W.M., a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of £10, was voted to Bro. Kirkham, P.M., on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members. The W.M. presented the jewel in a complimentary speech, to which Bro. Kirkham made a feeling reply. Three new members were proposed, Mr. Walter King for initiation, and Bro. A. Valon and McMillan. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, to a choice banquet. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were honoured. Bro. Filer, P.G.S.E., responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the W.M. had only done justice to the exertions of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, in giving them credit for looking with anxious solicitude after the interests of the Craft. The adherents to Masonry of late years had been very numerous, and the fear of the Grand Officers was that this great accession might bring many persons into the Order who ought not to belong to it. In the Evening Star Lodge, however, there was no fear that this would ever be the case. It was a class lodge of which it might be predicted that under the auspices of its members brethren of the proper Masonic stamp would be secured. He looked upon Masonry as a great pleasure and luxury, and, therefore, a person ought not to enter into it unless he could afford it. In the course of affairs some people rose while others went down, from circumstances which they could not control, and it was in such circumstances of misfortune that Masonry might be looked to for assistance. They must not come into Masonry if in bad circumstances, and if known to be in bad circumstances they should not be admitted. He knew that all the brethren of the Evening Star Lodge were imbued with these principles, and with the true spirit of Masonry, and the more these principles were impressed upon Masons in general the more benefited would Masonry be by it. Bro. Kirkham, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had known him many years as a good man and a good friend. He had also known him in Masonry, but not to the extent that he had as a personal friend; but still what he had known of him in Masonry had proved that both in Masonry and out of Masonry he was a thorough good man and good Mason. He was sure the W.M. would do his best to make his year of office a pleasurable and happy one for the brethren; it was always his wish to make everybody and everything happy around him. He had always done so, and he would not fail to continue to do so. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Kirkham had anticipated, and he should have withheld these observations until he had seen something more of him as a W.M. Nevertheless, he accepted the kind expressions with gratitude, and was extremely obliged to Bro. Kirkham for what he had said, and to the brethren for endorsing it. He would now pass to a topic more agreeable to him and to the members of the Evening Star Lodge, and propose "The Health of the Visitors," to whom he felt very much indebted for attending on the occasion of his installation. He took it as a very great compliment to himself, and he hoped the visit had been as agreeable to the visitors as the brethren of the lodge had endeavoured to make it. Bro. S. Peirce, P.M. 33, in reply, said it was very seldom that he had to return thanks for such a distinguished body of visitors, although he frequently had to reply for visitors. He hailed it with a great deal of pleasure, because the lodge had for him a great attraction. Whatever lodge had an attraction most have something inherent in it. The Evening Star Lodge was a young lodge, but it was evidently a successful one. It had afforded him, and when he looked around the table he was sure the visitors would not deny him the privilege of saying for them, that it had afforded them a great deal of pleasure to be present, first in the lodge, because the work done there was so admirable. The Installing Officer had done his work so well that, although he (Bro. Peirce) had been in Masonry a quarter of a century, he had never seen the work better done. His style commended itself as a great Masonic example, and he was sure it must have impressed the junior members of the lodge with a great deal of respect for Masonry, and taught them what they were to anticipate from it. He sincerely hoped that among the younger members of the Evening Star Lodge a great part of the ceremony struck deep into their minds, and taught them that they must always pay that implicit respect to their W.M., which was the great essence and grand standpoint of Masonry. There might be among the visitors, and doubtless there were, those who knew the W.M., who had had the honour conferred on him that day of being installed in the chair of the Evening Star Lodge. It had been his (Bro. Peirce's) happy fortune to know the W.M. for a considerable time, and he cordially re-echoed the sentiment which fell from Bro. Kirkham, that whether in his social position, in the outer world, or as a Mason, they would find a great man in the W.M. He did not occupy in the outer world merely the position of a cypher; he was a man in command of a great many men; he was respected by a great many men, by a great many acquaintances, by a numerous body of friends; and where a man in the outer world could command that

respect from friends and acquaintances, he must inevitably have the lasting regard of his brother Masons. It had been the greatest possible pleasure to him to see the W.M. placed in the chair of what they would now begin to call this distinguished lodge, and he hoped Almighty God had not been invoked in vain that the W.M. might have plenty of health and strength to carry out all those principles that were inculcated in the Grand and Glorious Craft, and that the W.M.'s year of office might go on, not only with comfort to himself, but, as he (Bro. Peirce) felt assured it must, with great pride to the Evening Star Lodge. The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Kirkham," to whom all the brethren owed their sincere thanks. There had been an earnest desire on the part of all the founders to set a good example, and he trusted they would succeed. The two Past Masters had done their duty well, and they had won the greatest possible esteem. Their merits were known to very many lodges outside. The brethren had already heard this. Their merits were valued wherever they went, and particularly so in the other lodges to which they belonged. The feeling throughout the Craft in their favour was universal, and their efforts on behalf of everything associated with Freemasonry were highly appreciated. Bro. Kirkham replied, and, after thanking the W.M. and brethren very sincerely, expressed the hope that the lodge would prosper. Of course, in the beginning of a lodge there were difficulties, but in the Evening Star Lodge there had been none that they had not been able to overcome. He thought the brethren were happy in the choice of their first W.M. Of their second he would not say much. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and, in the high encomiums he passed on Bro. J. W. Sugg's working, reiterated what had been said by Bro. Peirce. He was sure that all the brethren must have been deeply impressed with the delivery of the ceremony, and, for himself, said he felt deeply grateful to Bro. Sugg for the impressiveness and fluency which had characterised his performance. Bro. J. W. Sugg replied in verse, in which he assumed the character of "Sairey Gamp," and took an obituary view of the ceremony he had performed, to the great amusement of the brethren, who cheered him heartily when he resumed his seat. The W.M. then proposed "The Charities," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. W. Winn, who had done so much for the Masonic and all charitable institutions. Bro. Wm. Winn replied. He had hoped as a new member it would not have been his painful duty to remind the W.M. not to inflict upon him the necessity of returning thanks for the Charities, when it was not only the duty, but the privilege of other members to do so. He was afraid the Charities would suffer by the response being placed in his hands; but still the brethren must not think he was ungrateful for what had been done for the Charities. It was some ninety or more years since the first of those Charities was started, and the eminence they had attained was most encouraging to the contributors to them. They were very successful. Many of the girls educated in the Girls' School had attained to excellent positions in society. Some of them were driving in their carriages, having been married to merchants, and had become patrons of the Institution. Many of them were now Life Governors, and were grateful for the benefits they had received in the Institution. The Boys' School was also satisfactory, and Lord Henniker, who presided at the distribution of prizes on the 18th inst., was so pleased with the progress which had been made under Dr. Morris that he volunteered to give a £5 prize annually for the encouragement of the boys. The children educated at these schools were the children of Masons like ourselves, but who from some unforeseen circumstances had been reduced in life. The education given was a good sound education, to fit the children for any position in life, and deserved every encouragement and support. As long as God blessed us with means we should support those Institutions, and give to them out of the superfluities the Almighty had bestowed upon us. Something might happen to alter our circumstances in life, and then we might be grateful to those who would bestow their bounty upon ourselves. Bro. James Glaisher, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Wm. Sugg to that of "The Officers." The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. A musical entertainment was given in the course of the evening by Bro. Wharton, Moss, Charles Ohren, and Coventry, and Miss Belville and Miss Coventry.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 8 o'clock. Present: Bro. A. Tucker, W.M., in the chair; H. C. Card, S.W.; T. S. Futcher, P.M., as J.W.; J. Rumbold, Sec.; Thos. Norwood, I.P.M.; J. Folliott, as S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; Buttant, I.G.; Silverthorn, Tyler. Members: Bro. J. H. Dear, R. Dear, T. Harwood, and others. The lodge having been opened in ancient and solemn form, and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Slader as a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Card, then delivered the Entered Apprentice Charge to Bro. Larkam and Main, who were afterwards examined as to the progress they had made in Masonry, which proving satisfactory, they were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Larkam and Main were re-admitted, and duly passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. The charge of this degree was given by the S.W., and the lecture on the Tracing Board by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The name of a candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, and adjourned.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall,

William-street, Bro. Woodley, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters and officers:—Past Masters G. Crawford, F. J. Dawson, E. Bowles, S. Goddard, and C. Hobson; Bros. J. Warren, S.W.; J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver, I.G.; J. H. Roberts, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors comprised Bros. A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. Hutton, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The only business before the lodge was the election of W.M., Treas. and Tyler for the ensuing year, and Bro. Warren, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Butt, Treas.; and Bro. Norman, Tyler. Each of the chosen returned thanks suitably. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was then voted to Bro. Woodley for the care he had taken of the interests of the lodge during the past year, and as well to mark the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. Hobson, P.M., then spoke of the gratifying success that had attended his application to the Lodge of Benevolence on behalf of the widow of their deceased brother, C. Morton, late Sergeant-Major, A.S.C., a sum of twenty guineas having been voted her that day, and he received the thanks of the lodge for his efforts on her behalf. The W.M. notified that a very handsome sum had been gathered among the members of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, for the same purpose, and handed to him by Bro. Hayes, the W.M. of that lodge. The Nelson Lodge had voted ten guineas to her, and altogether, he trusted, she would be enabled to enter in some little business for herself. The lodge was then closed in due form, and after partaking of a cold collation, prepared in an adjoining room by Bro. R. Beaver, the brethren assembled round the social board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with the heartiness that at all times characterises the brethren of the Nelson Lodge. It was mentioned to the W.M. that a P.M. belonging to the lodge was on a bed of sickness, and in distress, and the broken column, which the W.M. devoted to the immediate needs of the brother, produced £2 15s. 6d., which was handed to him the next day. In giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. drew attention to the fact of Bro. McCoy, who had just received the warrant of a "conductor" in the army under the new regulations, being about to leave them and proceed to Malta on service, and, after passing a high eulogium upon his energy and attention in and to the offices he had filled in the lodge, regretted with the brethren that the exigencies of the service called their Bro. McCoy away. He wished him success, and still further advancement, and a safe journey to his destination. Bro. McCoy's health was received with a Nelson "fire," and, in returning thanks, he said he regretted only one thing, and that was his severance with the lodge. So far as office was concerned, he had hoped to go on till he reached the chair, but that hope was now over, and he gave it up with regret. He should, however, remain a member of the lodge as long as he lived, and hoped to return to it some day. The proceedings were supplemented by some excellent harmony, and after the Tyler's toast had been honoured, the brethren separated.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square. The W.M., Bro. J. A. Salkeld, opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, there being also a good muster of the members present, including Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, and senior Past Master of 962, P.G. Sec.; G. Brooker, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. Pur.; Jos. Wood, P.M.; G. T. Archibald, P.M.; T. Dixon, P.M. 1400; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 1002, Chaplain; H. Irving, W.M. elect; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., and Org. 1002, P.P.G. Org.; J. Haswell, W.M. 1532; J. T. Ray, W.M. 872; W. Carlyle, W.M. 1400; T. Bird, S.W. 1002; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; J. W. Miles, Sec. 119; R. W. Robinson, J.D. 1002; J. Quay, I.G. 371; W. Rice, Lodge 79, Annan, N.B.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason); and others. Bro. Gibson, the senior P.M., occupied his old post, and installed Bro. H. Irving into the chair. The following were the new officers: Bros. J. O. Salkeld, I.P.M.; J. J. Coverdale, S.W.; D. Reece, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 1002, Chaplain; G. Brooker, P.M., Treas. (fourth time); J. Winstone, Sec.; J. Jackson, S.D.; W. Whitehead, J.D.; S. W. Bradbury, I.G.; J. J. Little, Org.; I. Evening, D.C.; A. Osbaldestone and J. Burnett, Stewards; J. Trougher, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, P.M. 119. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms for dinner. Bro. Irving, W.M., presided, supported right and left by the Past Masters of his own and other lodges, whilst Bros. Coverdale, S.W., and Reece, J.W., were Vice-Chairmen. After dinner the customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings, also, Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M., was presented with his portrait, on canvas, which he handed over to the keeping of the lodge. Bro. Salkeld, the I.P.M., was likewise presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in accordance with annual custom. Altogether those present passed a pleasant time, and the musical efforts of several brethren were much appreciated. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Org., presiding at the pianoforte. We should not omit to add that Sun and Sector Lodge has, during the past year, added the sum of thirty-five guineas to its voting strength for the Charities, which has been accomplished by means of the excellent system adopted some years back, and which is not confined to the members alone, but participated in by their wives, sisters, daughters, and the lewises. Were this simple plan of creating votes more generally adopted, our noble Charities would be immensely benefited.

SALFORD.—Richmond Lodge (No. 1011).—The annual festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street. The lodge was opened at 2.30 by the W.M. (Bro. Hudson Lister), who was supported by a large gathering of officers, members, and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. B. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; Edwin Brookes, P.G.S.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G. D. of C.; John Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C.; A. Middleton, S.W. 645; J. Brandon, W.M. 1219; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; H. Miller, Sec. 1357, and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Heber Chase Miller, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., who proceeded to install him as his successor. The ceremony was most ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Lister, who received from all present hearty congratulations. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested by Bros. Robert Caldwell, P.M., P.G. Sword Bearer; Sillitoe, and Taylor:—Bros. G. Ormerod, S.W.; J. Nettleton, J.W.; T. Sykes, Treas.; T. Mottershead, Sec.; R. Vickers, S.D.; A. Prestwich, J.D.; R. Caldwell, P.G. Swd. Br. D. of C.; B. Howarth, I.G.; W. Dumville, P.M., Org.; Schofield, Swire, Brooke, and Conlan, Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. W. Dumville, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. Caldwell, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. Lister, I.P.M. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. Miller), and this being justly termed "the musical lodge," a most enjoyable evening was spent. The following toasts were given:—"The Queen," proposed by the W.M.; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Masons, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed by the W.M.; "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master;" "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, V.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire;" "Geo. Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Lister, I.P.M.; "The I.P.M.," proposed by the W.M., during which he presented Bro. Lister with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel; "The Newly-Invested Officers of the Lodge;" "The Visiting Brethren;" and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

Mark Masonry.

YEOVIL.—William de Irwin Lodge (No. 162).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Choughs Hotel, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. There were present Bros. Dr. Wynn Westcott, W.M.; George Summers, S.W.; Dr. P. Colmer, J.W.; John Chaffin, P.M., Treas.; W. Nosworthy, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Gillard, P.M., Registrar of Marks; and the other officers. Bro. J. Chaffin, P.M., installed W. Bro. Dr. Westcott in the chair of A. for the second time; and subsequently the W.M. advanced Bros. W. H. Hunt, of 1168, Sherborne, and J. George Hill, also of 1168. Bro. W. S. Gillard, P.M., then explained to the newly advanced brethren the remaining mysteries of a Mark Master. A banquet followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 34, MANCHESTER.

This lodge was consecrated on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, by R.W. Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., who had been specially appointed by the M.W.G.M.M.M. to perform the ceremony. A lodge was opened at three p.m., by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as N.; W. Bro. W. Rome, P.G.J.D., as J.; Thos. Entwistle, P., Deputy Prov. G.M. of Lancashire, as S.; Bros. J. L. Hine, as Warden; and A. Middleton, W.M. 34, as Director of Ceremonies.

The following brethren, who were duly qualified, were introduced and elevated to the Ancient Degree, viz., Bros. J. Arensberg, P.M. 34; J. G. Jones, H. C. Miller, Murray Thompson, T. H. Glendinning, Amos Stott, P.P.G.D. of C. Lancashire; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D. of C. Durham and Northumberland; T. J. Hooper, Thos. Chorlton; E. Steinert, W. D. Waddell, W. Nicholl, W. Greatorex, H. T. Robberds, T. Mather, and J. F. Kirk. After which Bro. Matier proceeded to consecrate the new lodge, and addressed the brethren on the subject. The oration was delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.

A procession consisting of Bros. Hine, bearing corn, Entwistle, wine, Robberds, oil, and Rome, salt, with the aid of which the lodge was consecrated and dedicated by Bro. Matier.

W. Bro. Rome was presented as N. designate, and the brethren not qualified to remain retired, when Bro. Rome was duly installed as Commander N.

The brethren being re-admitted, and the newly-installed N. properly proclaimed and saluted, Bro. J. Arensberg was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. A. Middleton, J.; J. L. Hine, S.; A. Stott, D. of C.; H. T. Robberds, Org.; J. Arensberg, Treas.; W. Nicholl, Sec.; T. H. Glendinning, S.D.; T. J. Hooper, J.D.; W. D. Waddell, W.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler.

Bros. Matier, Entwistle, and Brockbank were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, in recognition of their valuable services and assistance in the formation and consecration of the lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" were cordially expressed by the visitors, and the lodge closed with solemn prayer at 5 p.m.

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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

On Wednesday next, the 2nd July, Lord Tenderden will be installed Grand Master of the province of Essex, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Rob. John Byslaw, who had filled that important office with great credit to himself and considerable advantage to the Craft generally for a period not far short of a quarter of a century. The occasion is one which may justly be taken advantage of, in order to place before our readers a review of the career of Freemasonry in this home county, not merely during the reign of its late respected Prov. Grand Master, but from the day when first a lodge of Freemasons was established within its boundaries; and we have reason to hope that the particulars we have collected from various sources, dry as they must be to a certain extent, will prove interesting, not only to our worthy brethren of Essex, but also to the general body of our readers. Including two which have been warranted this year, the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-Naze, and the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness, there are no less than nineteen lodges on the roll of this Prov. Grand Lodge, so that whether we have regard to mere numerical strength or to the early association of the county with our beloved Craft this sketch of Freemasonry in Essex will hardly fail to be appreciated.

We have said there are nineteen lodges on the roll in this province. Four only of them date their existence to periods anterior to the Union, though, at the time that auspicious event took place, there were several others in good working order, which have since passed away, and there have been yet again others which were struck off the roll or ceased to be after a brief or precarious existence. Of this, however, we shall have occasion to speak anon. Of the four ante-Union lodges the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, is the oldest, its warrant of Constitution having been granted in the year 1735, during the Grand Mastership of Thomas Thyane, Viscount Weymouth. Though many years later a still older lodge, dating from 1730, migrated into Essex from the metropolis, and during the rest of its existence of necessity ranked as the premier lodge of the province. The present Angel Lodge, No. 57, of Colchester, must always be looked upon as the oldest Essex lodge. Its warrant, as we have stated, was granted in 1735. In the 1736 list of lodges—see appendix to Bro. Gould's recently published "Four Old Lodges"—it ranks as No. 141, and was held at the Three Cups, Colchester. As regards date of Constitution, it is placed between two 1736 lodges, dated 1st March and 8th March of that year respectively. At the closing up of lodges in 1740 it became No. 126, remaining at the same quarters, but figuring among the 1735 lodges. In the list for 1756 it is given as No. 76, at the Angel, Colchester, and as a 1735 lodge. In 1770 it became No. 64; in 1781 No. 57; and in 1792 No. 47, being held throughout at the Angel, and being designated as a 1735 lodge. On the re-ordering of numbers after the Union it became, in 1814, No. 67; in 1832 No. 59; and in 1863 No. 51. It is now held at the Three Cups Inn, the very identical hostelry at which the earliest meetings took place. The second lodge in order of seniority is the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160, held at the Old Ship, Rochford. This is not a purely Essex lodge in the same sense as the Angel. It first appears in the list for 1769 as having been constituted on 4th December, 1766. It was then held at the Crown and Thistle, near Tower Hill. In 1770 it became No. 315. In the 1781 list it is No. 250, and is described as the Lodge of True Fellowship, Seven Stars, Bromley. In 1792, though retaining the same designation, it had become by the closing up of numbers, No. 210. Some time between this date and the Union in 1813 it migrated into Essex and changed its title for True Friendship from True Fellowship. At last, in Bro. Hughan's "List of Lodges, on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, A.D. 1814," it is described as Lodge of True Friendship, Rochford, No. 210, on the list of "Moderns," in 1813; No. 264 in 1814, after the Union; No. 186 in 1832; and No. 160 since 1863.

Both the above lodges were on the roll of what was known as the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," No. 214, now designated the "Hope and Unity," and held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, was on the roll of the so-called "Ancients," and according to the dates affixed to these lodges in Bro. Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," was warranted in the year 1796. At the time of the Union it was, so Bro. Hughan tells us, No. 294, and was held at the Windmill and Bell Tavern, Romford. In 1814 it became No. 375, in 1832 No. 259, and in 1863 No. 214. It was still at Romford when the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1877 was issued, but in the course of that year it appears to have migrated to its present quarters at Brentwood.

The last of the four Ante-Union lodges is the lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 270, held at the White Hart, Chelmsford. It dates from the year 1789, when the then Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, granted a dispensation under which it continued working till the 16th August, 1793, when it was formally consecrated at the Saracen's Head, Chelmsford, by the late R.W. Brother Thomas Dunckerley, the then Grand Master of the Province of Essex. The day chosen was the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., according to the account furnished in Vol. II of the "Freemason's Magazine" for the year in question; the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened immediately on the arrival of Bro. Dunckerley, when the Prov. G. Officers, including Deputy Prov. G. Master Cork, who was W. Master of the new lodge, were appointed. The brethren then went in procession to church, a "band of martial music" leading the way, followed by two Tylers and members of visiting lodges, and then two more Tylers; after them came the Masters, officers, and brethren of the Essex lodges, namely:—Good Fellowship, No. 463 (prior to 1792 No. 533); Goodwill, Braintree, No. 401 (deceased between 1814 and 1832); Friendship, Ilford, No. 217

(deceased between 1814 and 1832); Colchester, No. 47 (now Angel, No. 51); Well Disposed, Waltham Abbey, No. 21 (deceased between 1814 and 1832). Following these came, first, the Royal Arch Masons, then the Knights Templars, and then the Grand Officers of the Province, Bro. Dunckerley, Prov. G.M., preceded by the Prov. G. Swordbearer, and supported on his right by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, and on his left by Capt. Sir W. Hannam, "Acting Grand Master of England, of K.T.," bringing up the rear. On returning from church the brethren dined, after which the Lodge of Good Fellowship was constituted in due form. Bro. Dunckerley, we are then told, delivered a most excellent address, in which he impressed on those present the duties of cultivating those moral and social virtues which so pre-eminently distinguish the principles and groundwork of Masonry. He then recommended to their consideration that most excellent charity, the Royal Cumberland and Freemasons' School, for clothing and educating the daughters of poor Freemasons, in order that that precept might be enforced by example, and that the Grand Lodge of Essex might be distinguished as well-wishers to the Institution. He began a subscription by twenty guineas from his own purse; this was followed by every member contributing what suited his convenience, to which was added a benefaction from the newly-constituted lodge, the whole amounting to a very considerable sum. This lodge which, as we have already mentioned, was No. 553 before 1732, and became No. 462 in that year; was altered to No. 518 after the Union; to No. 343 in 1832, and in 1863 became, and is now, No. 276.

The fifteen post Union Lodges are as follows, namely:—The Hope, No. 433, Brightingsea, founded in 1736, and the Chigwell, No. 453, in 1838. Both these came into being in the Grand Mastership of the late Duke of Sussex. Then in order of seniority we have Star in the East, No. 650, founded in 1855; United, No. 697, Colchester in 1858; Priory, No. 1000, Southend; and St. Peter, No. 1024, Maldon, both in 1864; and the Walden, No. 1281, Saffron Walden, in 1869. These date from the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland. Lodges St. Mary, No. 1312, Bocking, and St. John, No. 1312, of Grays, both constituted in 1873; and Liberty of Havering, No. 1437, of Romford, with Bagshaw, No. 1457, of Buckhurst hill, both warranted in 1877, belonged to the Grand Mastership of the Marquis of Ripon. The remaining four lodges have been warranted since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ascended the Masonic throne, namely, Roslyn, No. 1543, of Dunmow (1875); Trinity, No. 1734, Rayburgh (1877); Arnold, No. 1799, Walton-on-Naze (1879); and St. Andrews, No. 1817, Shoeburyness (1879). These lodges, it is well-known, are generally speaking, in a prosperous condition, and there is strong reason to hope that under the auspices of their new Grand Master, the Prince, will show themselves still more worthy of their old associations and the high reputation they have so long and so deservedly enjoyed. On one point we may take upon ourselves to speak with something approaching to certainty. We feel that Essex will be as liberal and as constant in its support of our Institutions as we have shown that it was on the day the Lodge of Good Fellowship was constituted, and Bro. Dunckerley commended to the brethren present, and especially to the members of the new lodge, the importance of upholding the Royal Cumberland Freemasons' School, or as it is now known, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In fact its contributions at the anniversary festivals of our several institutions during the past five years have fallen little short of £1000. We are justified, therefore, in our anticipations that Essex will be as liberal in the future as she has been in the past in her support of our charities.

A sketch of Freemasonry in this county would, however, be very incomplete which did not include at least a brief enumeration and description of those lodges which from various causes have passed away. Foremost among those lodges is what, according to Bro. Gould, was known at the Union as the Well Disposed Lodge, No. 28, of Waltham Abbey, which would seem to have died out between 1814 and 1832. This was originally a Metropolitan, not an Essex lodge. Taking the series of lists appended to the same brother's History of "The Emerald Lodges," we find that in 1732 it was No. 76, and was held at the "White Bear, King Street, Covent Garden." It retained the same number in 1736, but is described as having its quarters at the "Queen's Head, Old Bailey," and as being a "Masters' Lodge." In 1740 it became No. 673; in 1756 No. 41, its locality having in the interim been changed to "Castle-street, Southwark;" in 1770 it became No. 24, and was held at the Old Magpie, Bishopgate-street. Some time between this year, and the year 1781, it migrated into Essex, for in the 1781 list it is described as No. 30, the Well-Disposed Lodge, at the Cock, Waltham Abbey. It retained this designation in 1792-1813, but by the closing up of numbers it became No. 28 in the former year. It died, as we have said, between 1814-1832—a circumstance to be regretted, seeing that it was founded in 1730, and must, therefore, have enjoyed an existence not far short of a century.*

* There is a discrepancy in Bro. Gould and Hughan's description of this lodge, which we shall leave it to those worthy brothers to settle between themselves. We have used the former's account in tracing the Well-Disposed through the several lists from 1732 to 1792-1813. According to Bro. Hughan's "List of Lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, A.D. 1814," No. 28 of Moderns, in 1813 is given as "Alpha Lodge, Kensington Palace," and constituted in 1730, while Lodge No. 29, of date 1730, is an Essex lodge, but is described as "the Lodge of Fortitude, Burnham, Essex," which became No. 45 in 1814, and died between that date and 1732. Bro. Gould has no "Alpha Lodge, Kensington Palace," while his No. 29, "Lodge of Fortitude" is set down as being held at the Hamburg Arms, East Smithfield. Moreover, he traces this regularly back through all his lists to No. 79 of 1732.

The next in order of these defunct lodges appears No. 156 in the list for 1739, and was held at the Hova, Braintree, Essex. Its date of constitution is given as 17th March, 1736. In 1740 it became No. 141, but the date of constitution is stated as May 3rd, 1738. Bro. Gould, however, has himself pointed out that the 1740 list is full of errors, and as this lodge figures above a number of 1736 lodges, we should incline to regard the former date as the correct one. However, the point is immaterial as the lodge was erased on 29th November, 1754.

Next in order is Lodge No. 182 in the 1739 list, its description being "K. C. and Figure, Rumford in Essex" and its date of constitution "March 13, 1738." In 1740 it ranks as No. 169, in 1756, when it was held at the Red Lion, Hornechurch in Essex, as No. 103. It must have died between this year and the year 1770, as it is not included in the list for the latter.

No. 308 of 1769, founded January 18th, 1764, and held at the Saracen's Head, Chelmsford, became No. 250 in 1770, and No. 200 in 1781. It was erased in 1782.

No. 317 of 1769 founded August 9th, 1764, and held at the Half Moon, Harwich, became No. 257 in 1770, and No. 205 in 1781. When it was designated the St. Nicholas Lodge, and had its quarters at The Swan, Harwich. It became No. 174 in 1792, and so remained till the Union.* It died before 1832.

** According to Bro. Hughan's "List of Lodges, A.D. 1814, there was no Lodge No. 174 at the Union. There is, however, a Lodge No. 186, warranted 1745, and described as the Gothic Lodge, Harwich, Essex, which became No. 227 in 1814, and died between 1814 and 1832. Bro. Gould's No. 186 is "Gothic Lodge, Foot Guards, Suttling House, Whitehall," which was No. 218 in 1781; "Gothic Lodge, Crown, Tufton Street, Westminster;" No. 274 in 1770, held at the Black Horse, in Shug Lane; and No. 336 in 1769, when it was held at the same place. Its date of constitution is given in the last named list as "March 22, 1765."

No. 411 of 1769 list was constituted December 15, 1797 and held in "Long Alley, Moorfields." In 1770 it became No. 346, and is described as "the Lodge of Liberty, River Lee Tavern, Limehouse Bridge." In 1781 it is described as "the Lodge of Friendship, No. 270, held at the Angel, Ilford, Essex." In 1792 it became No. 227, and, as we have already seen, was present, with other Essex lodges, on 16th August, 1793, when the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 462, of Chelmsford, was constituted. According to Bro. Hughan, its designation at the time of the Union was "Lodge of Friendship, Barking, Essex." It became No. 285 in 1814, and was defunct some time before 1832.

No. 430 of 1775 list was constituted June 4th, 1772, and is described as "Lodge of Freedom, King's Head, Malden, Essex." In 1781 it became No. 339, and was held at the Bull Inn or Tavern. It was struck off the roll in 1785.

No. 496 of 1778 list "Lodge of Unity, King's Head, Colchester," was constituted June 11th, 1766. In 1781 it became No. 402, and was held at the Red Lion. It ceased to be before 1792, as it does not figure in the list for that year.

No. 505 of the 1778 list is included in the 1777 lodges, and is described as the "Social Lodge, Horn Braintree." In 1781 it became No. 411, and was held at the "White Hart, Bocking, Essex." In 1792 it became No. 332. According to Bro. Hughan it was held at Malden at the time of the Union, and became No. 425 in 1814, and died between that year and 1832.

No. 491, anterior to the change of number in 1792, was founded in the year 1786 as the "Lodge of Goodwill," and was held in a private room in Braintree. It became No. 401 in 1792, and No. 485 in 1814. Its death occurred between that year and 1832.

No. 560 in 1813, the "Prestonian Lodge of Perfect Friendship, Grey's Thurnock, Essex," was founded in the year 1797. It became No. 582 in 1814, and died before 1832.

All the above lodges were on the roll of the Grand Lodges "Moderns." There were also at the period of the Union two lodges holding under the "Ancients," namely, No. 41 of 1813, held at the Windmill Inn, Chelmsford, which became No. 60 in 1814, and died before 1832; and No. 156, "Royal Horse Artillery, Colchester," which became No. 189 in 1814, and passed away between that year and 1832.

Thus there are no less than thirteen lodges which have been constituted in, or migrated to, the Province of Essex, and though, perhaps, on official documents they may have left no trace behind, we are not stretching our imagination too far when we suggest that they have probably left their mark in connection with other lodges. It is our firm belief that once the seed of Masonry has been sown, it is sure to bring forth fruit. Though misadventure may befal the place when it is first cast by the sower, some of it will in all probability be carried elsewhere and prosper. At all events Masonry continues to flourish in the places where the different defunct lodges enumerated above were established, and who knows but many of the members of these old lodges may have played their part in raising Freemasonry in Essex to its present condition of Freemasonry.

Next week we propose giving, in brief the career of Lord Tenterden, the Grand Master nominate of the province.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CAGLIOSTRO.

I did not propose to raise a question as to Cagliostro's character, about which I have a very strong opinion, but simply as to what he had to do with "Swendenborgianism," so called. Bro. Mackenzie has not answered my query. Can any other brother?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

LA CHAINE D'UNION. Hubert, Paris.

This useful French Masonic monthly pursues its onward course, under Bro. Hubert's able pilotage, and we trust successfully to himself. Like every one else, he has, however, we fear, to suffer from oblivious subscribers and apathetic readers.

LA MONDE MACONNIQUE. Caubet, Paris.

Well edited, and full of French Masonic information, which, however, interesting, as no doubt it is, to Bro. Caubet's readers, is simply too Frenchly-Masonic just now for our Anglican Masons.

THE CONQUEROR'S DREAM, AND OTHER POEMS

By Wm. Sharp, M.D. Hardwicke and Bogue, 192, Piccadilly.

This poem, which has reached a second edition, has undubtedly a considerable claim on our attention, as despite the monotony often of blank verse, its thoughts and its language are alike intelligent and interesting. We have found in it considerable poetic power, and the promise of future achievements in the same peaceful arena. Some of the other poems are not without merit, as "The Soldier's Cemetery;" "The Palm Groves;" and "The Heights of Khandulla." We can quite understand why it is that the author has found readers, and we are glad to note and mention approvingly the little book.

THE COACH HORN. By an Old Guard. Köhler and Son, 35, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

It seems that this gay little pamphlet owes its appearance in the world to the calm suggestion of a subaltern in the iGuards, and, therefore, the Old Guard set to work to initiate the world into the mysteries of a Coach Horn, "What to blow," and "How to blow it." And in order to be fully up to the scientific views and fashion of the hour generally, and of our young men in particular, the writer gives us, "Secundum artem," the various important sounds, such as a "start, clear the road, off side, slacken pace, pull up, change horses, the post horse call (not gallop), higher up (whatever that may mean), a rustic call (on a good looking young woman), steady, home," in musical notation, with a clearness and precision which would even edify our worthy and distinguished P.G.C., Sir W. G. Ouseley. Well, we have been, we confess, sensibly affected by this little brochure, and we will tell our readers why. In the first place, it recalls old days and old friends, long journeys and pleasant visits, it takes us back to those early hours of life which to-day loom upon us from a long, long distance, and we have forgotten for the nonce the cold, dull present, the "ansers" and the "bores" with whom we daily have to converse, and find ourselves once again amid a gay circle of the pleasant and the pleasing, the witty and the gay, the kind, the gentle, and, above all, the true. Yes, time takes many things away from us all here, gifts and graces, hope and trust, joy and strength, health and happiness; but it cannot, no, it cannot, rob us of memories which are imperishable, and associations which will go with us to the grave. This little book puts us in mind of old coaching days, of goodly teams, and a steady old friend of ours, the typical coachman of the time, who knew all about us, and was as much interested in us as if he had been a familiar friend. We can see his merry face, hear his laugh and his joke, and even listen to his cheery "Woh-hoh!" And then, in the next place we are struck, deeply struck, with the fact that in 1879 our young men, burning to acquire knowledge, are going back to such old world habits, and are even ready to master the mysteries of the coach horn notes. Where will this all lead to, my masters? It is not too much to say that if they go on in this way much further there will be no holding them in, and this important advance in important branches of knowledge, such scientific study, will greatly affect, we have reason to believe, the whole system of competitive examination, and may, perhaps beneficently re-act on the noble process of "cram." Never let it be said that our young men are above learning. But we must not say more. We hail this gay and little "Bantling," cheerfully and gratefully, and we trust that unlike "Baron Munchausen," such notes as the Old Guard's pupils will blow will be both harmonious and musical, clear and correct.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., presided. There were also present Bro. H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Griffiths Smith, R.B. Webster, Col. James Peters, Edward Cox, H. Potter, J. J. Cany, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Five petitions were placed on the list for the October election. The list for that election was then settled, when there appeared forty-eight candidates and eleven vacancies.

The Chairman, on behalf of Col. Creton, gave the following notice of motion:—"That seven additional girls be elected at the quarterly Court in October next, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 200, making a total of 207 in all, seven of those now in the school having been admitted by purchase."

The Committee then adjourned.

Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M. Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, and M.E.Z. elect Joppa Chapter, No. 188, will instal Bro. James Ellershaw as W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353, on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., at the Athenæum, Leonard Gate, Lancaster. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.—The Times of the 26th inst. contains an able leader on Freemasonry, which we shall reprint in the next number of the Freemason.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Masonic Grammar.—T. M. Dron and "Obstupi" in our next—crowded out.

The following stand over:—

Decoration of the Liverpool Masonic Hall.

Gateshead Lodge, No. 48.

Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401.

Elias de Derham, No. 586.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.

Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874.

Abbey Lodge, No. 1184.

Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Oratory and Orators," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Hull Packet," "Alliance Weekly News," "Grand Master's Address, Iowa," "Broad Arrow," "Corner Stone," "Portland Daily Press," "Voice of Masonry," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Der Triangel," "Caygill's Tourist Chronicle," "Greenhouse Plants," "Freemasons' Monthly," "Masonic Eclectic," "Spalding Free Press," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island," "One and All, No. 1 and 2."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

KNOX.—On the 21st inst., at Park-villa, Shooter's-hill, the wife of Captain F. B. Knox, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BOND.—On the 20th inst., at Cumberland-terrace, Finsbury-park, N., Hannah Sarah, wife of Mr. James Bond, aged 54.

NORRIS.—On the 20th inst., at Brinkley, Southwell, Notts, Mr. George Goodwin Norris, Major 2nd Warwickshire Militia, aged 52 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1879.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Prince Leopold was, on Wednesday last, installed W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, amid a goodly gathering of its members, and the manifest rejoicing of all present. That most ancient and distinguished lodge has a history, alike unique and remarkable, and it is very fitting that it should be presided over by one so qualified to adorn the Master's chair as H.R.H. Prince Leopold. He is well known to Englishmen and to Masons by his artistic taste and aesthetic culture, and his zealous desire to extend the great blessings of scientific study and sound education. He is a student, and a successful student, moreover, of more than one branch of general and special knowledge, and his public utterances have been warmly hailed and heartily appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of listening to them. There is also a special interest in the fact to "Old Antiquity," as its members like to term it, that Prince Leopold succeeded H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, thirty-four years Master of the lodge. It is this historic connection of the Lodge of Antiquity with the annals of our Order, and above all with the Royal Family, which renders it so desirable that so distinguished a lodge should claim as its head a member of that Royal House, ever ready to take its share of the burdens of benevolent labour and of social amenities which devolve upon them, as citizens of the greatest monarchy the world has ever seen. The history of the Lodge of Antiquity has yet to be written, and its many documents are still to be collated. It cherishes the tradition that King William III. was initiated among its members at Hampton Court Palace, and certain it seems to be that it was in existence in 1691, and, probably, very much earlier as a purely operative lodge. Indeed, it stands without a rival, the head of English Freemasonry, and though now No. 2 by the fraternal arrangements of the Union of 1812, under the great-uncle and grandfather of Prince Leopold, it is, strictly speaking, the real and original No. 1 of English Freemasonry. Let us hope that the union begun on Wednesday last between the Lodge of Antiquity and Prince Leopold may long be cemented and preserved, and that under his distinguished presidency it may long retain its high character and its distinctive system, its prestige at home and its popularity abroad.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School took place on Wednesday, though in unfavourable weather, at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., 900 ladies and gentlemen being present. Bro. Binckes announced £10,500. We shall recur to the subject in our next.

THE SCOTCH RITE IN FRANCE.

We regret that a fresh conflict has arisen in France, namely in this influential body, and sincerely sympathizing as we do with those many excellent French Freemasons who deplore the present deplorable condition of French Freemasonry, we trust that means may be adopted to "still the tempest," and to "guide the storm." So far, it appears to us, from our more serene and philosophical attitude, as the French have it, a "tempest in a glass of water," or, as we less elegantly say, a "storm in a tea-pot." But then we are not on the spot, and we forbear alike to criticize, much more to condemn. All we can wish for the much tried and ill used Freemasons of France is that they may have peace and rest, that they may be let alone by intriguers, and emancipated from "intrigues," and that those brethren who seem like "stormy petrels" to foster differences, and revel in agitation, may alike be dis-

appointed in their handiwork and follies, nay crimes. What French Freemasonry wants is repose—immunity from the turbulence, the silliness, the violence, the wildness, the anarchy which has disgraced and marked its latest episodes, as there is, perhaps, a hope, faint though it be, that "Philip drunk" may yet yield to "Philip sober," and that the good sense of the majority of French Freemasons will lead them, despite a busy and bitter faction, to retrace their steps and to restore peace, and goodwill, and unity, and fraternal relations in the Masonic family. Otherwise, we confess, all these little episodes are to us but evidences of that restless and uneasy condition of French Freemasonry, which, dating from the mischievous manoeuvres of Massol, has not yet, apparently, culminated in its most destructive and revolutionary projects. We trust that the Ancient and Accepted Rite in France may be preserved from intestine strife and unseemly complications, and we feel sure that, if need be, some of the distinguished English members of the Rite will be rejoiced to act in the interests of peace and reconciliation. So far, we think it right to say, as far as we can profess to understand the merits of the case, both the law and common sense of the matter are with the authorities; as we all of us know that the principle of obedience must be upheld if organizations are to be kept together, and resistance to lawful authority and violation of distinct statutes can never properly be overlooked or sanctioned by Freemasons.

IN MEMORIAM.

Since last we met our readers a sad incident connected with the Zulu War has given intense grief to all in England. We allude to the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Prince Imperial. He fell, as our readers know, in a little skirmish or surprize of a reconnoitring party, of which he was seemingly in command, and his body, happily recovered by our cavalry patrols, and bearing seventeen assegai wounds, is now on its way to England. Sad ending, indeed, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., to the undoubted promise of a gallant career, premature close, according to our mortal calculations, of a bright intelligence and noble aspirations for the welfare of humanity. We can all enter into the feelings of the widowed mother, now left alone in the world, though in truth it is really not in the power of language or the sympathy of the best intentioned to measure the full depth of this irreparable blow to a fond, proud mother's heart. But as Freemasons we should be little deserving the name if we hesitated, on any petty considerations whatever, to express our heartfelt sorrow at these most unexpected and most mournful tidings. Though Freemasons we are always patriots, and we may well always remember that the lamented Prince was educated at Woolwich, was pleased always to consider himself a "gunner," and died most chivalrously identifying himself with his English comrades in the hard services of a most serious campaign. Gifted with no ordinary capacities, and placed in a most difficult situation, he had won for himself the esteem, and respect, and affection of all his comrades, and the mourning in the entire English army for his regrettable death is deep, and true, and universal. He has, however, in this, as in other matters, set an example to young men which it is worthy to note and, above all, to admire. "Taught to command by learning to obey," he "volunteered" most nobly to share in the dangers and difficulties of a very deadly war, and "setting at nought self-interest and ease," he sought manfully to learn in that rough, good school of military service, the commendable qualities of endurance, hardness, and self-development. And though, humanly speaking, his end seems to us to-day a sad close to bright hopes and glowing anticipations, there is, after all, no better death for any one, be he who he may, to die here below, than that of the "poor soldier," in the "path of honour," in the "field of duty." As Englishmen and Freemasons, we shall all long remember with regretful pride, that he died "with harness on his back," a true soldier, sharing the "rations," wearing the "uniform" of the English army, and that he cheerfully bore with courage and animation the

hardships and experience which are the lot of our gallant soldiers in South Africa. In the words of our exalted Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, we shall never forget one who was a "kind friend, a true gentleman, and a brave soldier." We may indeed deplore that this ill-fated Zulu War shall have claimed such a victim, one who has fallen from a sense of duty and love of a soldier's career, but we shall say with simple faith, "L'homme propose, Dieu dispose." We were among those who lamented deeply the death of his remarkable father, and did not hesitate to avow our loyal sympathy with his altered fortunes and our own sincere regret for his premature death. To day, when the last hope of that widowed and gracious lady is buried in the grave, under circumstances even more sudden and affecting, we are glad to be permitted in these humble pages to avow our unchanged respect for her, our unchanged admiration of the courage and dignity with which she has borne overwhelming trials, and to offer our respectful, but most sincere, condolence with her in this supreme sad hour of her affliction and bereavement.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A WARNING.

Dear Brother Kenning,—
As I was going to the Lodge of Antiquity on Wednesday last, I was accosted on the stairs of Freemasons' Masonic Hall by a foreigner (not over cleanly), who said in broken English, whether actual or put on, "You are a Mason; I am a Mason; I am going to your lodge; I want charity." I said, "No, you cannot come to-night, as we have a private and special meeting." Without a word the alleged brother wheeled round and "skedaddled," and as it is just possible he may have paid some other lodge a visit, I put in this note of warning and enquiry.
I object to this system altogether, and think it well just to mention the fact.
Yours fraternally,
A. F. A. W.

CAGLIOSTRO.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
In your *Cyclopaedia*, of which I was the Editor, your readers will find, under the heading "Cagliostro," a full account of that great charlatan. After studying all available sources of information respecting him, I came to the conclusion there carefully indicated, that he was a "supreme impostor," and deserving neither of the admiration or remembrance of Freemasons in any way whatever. Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie takes quite the opposite view of Cagliostro, and "constat" he has as much right to his opinion as I have to mine, and ingeniously seeks by an amusing and clever paradox, in my humble opinion, to invest him with the "gracious attributes" of a true Mason. I think well to record my fraternal protest against any attempt to represent Cagliostro either as a Masonic hero, or a man of enlarged mind or liberal sympathies, because I venture to think such an attempt most mistaken sentiment in the first place, and utterly unwarranted by the facts of history in the next.
With regard to "Egyptian Masonry" itself, with the exception of some confused notices respecting it, nothing that I can anywhere find, is known about it, except that it was "Androgyne," and said to have had 90 degrees. No known authentic ritual of it exists, unless in the Vatican library, though some writers have said that the "Rite of Misraim" is a continuation or adaptation of it. We may thus dismiss contemptuously any alleged expositions either of its "mystic ceremonial" or "sublime teaching" as belonging to the pure realm of "Muthos."
If Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie knows of any alleged ritual of Cagliostro's Masonry which will bear investigation, I shall be most happy to consider it rationally and amicably with him. I have never yet, as I said before, been able to find one. Thory's authority is only hearsay.
Bro. Mackenzie mentions the Cardinal Prince of Rohan as a friend of Cagliostro, as if that friendship was a "feather in Cagliostro's cap." To my mind, that he was the "protégé" of such a person is fatal to any theory of his honourable motives, his candour, or his reliability.
The Cardinal Prince Louis de Rohan was confessedly, as all contemporary French writers agree, the vainest and weakest of mortals. He was given up to the absurdities of alchemists and a prey to every impostor. His degraded life, his hopeless profligacy, his wasteful expenditure plunged him into disreputable coteries of all kinds, and, as all know, he was mixed up with Boehmer, Madame De la Motte, and Cagliostro in that shameful conspiracy of the diamond necklace, and he died after an ill-pent life, amid universal neglect, contempt, and in utter ignominy. If the pretension of Cardinal Rohan is the only argument in favour of Cagliostro it is as weak and as fatal a one as well can be. But history, which rejects paradoxes and exalts "in truth and honest criticism," has long since condemned Cagliostro.
His whole cause is a career of imposture and fraud from first to last, and I, for one, venture to think

that if we will only learn to leave him in his happy obscurity and forbear to "rake up the ashes of his sinful dust" we shall do a good work for Freemasonry and morality. I should not speak so strongly did I not feel so, and as nothing is so bad in my opinion when we are affecting to write history as to relapse into untenable and paradoxical traditions, I enter my " caveat " as to Bro. Mackenzie's estimate of Cagliostro's real character in the *Freemason*, with all possible respect to Bro. Mackenzie's talents and opinions.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning,
THE EDITOR OF YOUR "MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA."
P.S.—Has Bro. Mackenzie read the article Cagliostro in the "Allgemeines Handbuch?"

STEWARDS' UNPAID FEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
No true Mason could read your leader in June 14th *Freemason* without a feeling of humiliation, that such a state of chronic indebtedness could exist amongst those whose actions are said to be "regulated by Divine precepts," one of which plainly says, "Owe no man anything."

As no suggestion or remedy appeared in this week's paper with reference to this "disagreeable subject," I would suggest that certificate of Stewardship for charity jewel, illuminated testimonial, and clasps for two Stewardships be withheld from brethren who have not paid all the requisite fees.

The two first are at present attainable by the Secretary's signature, testifying that the applicant has so served, but with no reference to *paid up fees*—let this condition in future be included; then, as to the third, that coveted array of clasps is to be had by merely applying and paying for it at a jeweller's.

Payment of fees should also be a condition without which no clasp could be obtainable.

I remain, yours fraternally,
VICE-PRES. & STEWARD TO BOYS' FESTIVAL, 1879.
June 21st.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to Bro. Coombe's letter in your paper of May 17th, I think he will admit that Bro. Norris, born in 1788 and initiated in 1812, is not the oldest Mason. James Racleff, of Portland, Maine, was born in Bristol, Maine, November 9, 1779, and will, therefore, be a century old next November. He was initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge, in this city, in 1808, four years before Bro. Norris. He was a master mason until he retired with a competence, is now in excellent health and spirits, and reads Masonic papers with interest. But there are five older Masons than he in this country, unless some of them have died since I have heard from them, viz.,
Bro. Capt. John Knight, Manchester, Mass., initiated 1801.
" Marcus Richardson, Bangor, Me., initiated 1802.
" Col. A. Stone Harmer, Marietta, Ohio, initiated 1803.
" Col. Nathan Huntson, Unity, N.H., initiated 1803.
" James Franklin, Chase, Nantucket, initiated 1807.
The list given by Bro. Coombe of American Masons would none of them be classed among the "Fathers," as we could make up a list of hundreds ranging from 1812 to 1817.

Our really old Mason was Bro. Peter Hammond, of Geneseo, Illinois, who died April 9th, 1878, on his 102nd birthday. He was born in 1776 and initiated in 1799.
Fraternally yours,
STEPHEN BERRY.

Portland, Maine, U.S.A.,
June 6th, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will be glad to hear the enclosed motions of mine were proposed by me at the Prov. Grand Lodge yesterday, and carried unanimously.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
R. THORPE, I.P.M. 588, P.G. Pursuivant.
30th June, 1879.

BENEVOLENT FUND RULES.

1. That in order to extend the operations of the Prov. Benevolent Fund in a more specific manner than at present particularised, the following be inserted in Rule 1 of the Benevolent Fund Rules after the word "children:"

Rule 1. This fund shall be called "The Masonic Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, established for granting temporary relief to aged, distressed or necessitous brethren of this province or their indigent widows and children, as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children if considered requisite, and shall be restricted to purposes of Masonic benevolence either of a 'local' character or in connection with the general Charities of the Order."

PROVINCIAL GRAND BYE LAWS.

Rule XV. Every lodge in the province shall pay to the Provincial Grand Lodge the sum of one shilling per annum for each contributing member, and a further sum of three-pence per quarter to the Benevolent Fund.

QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to solicit opinions on the following subject, viz., what should be the correct costume of the P.G.C. when preaching before the Provincial Grand Lodge?

It seems to me that (apart from his Masonic clothing) he ought to preach in his full dress academical robes, i.e., cassock (bands if an M.A.) and the gown and hood of his

degree. I think this the most dignified and correct costume.

Let us remember that he is preaching, not as a mere rector, or vicar in his parish church, but as a Mason to Masons, and this at the Provincial Grand Lodge, which, opened in due form prior to adjourning to church, is not yet closed.

The sermon then may be considered a part of the lodge business, and the P.G.C. should consider himself as still in lodge, in which he and all of us can be admitted only when "properly clothed." Now the P.G.C. cannot be said to be properly clothed if he conceals his apron under a surplice.

Yours fraternally,

TASTE AND DISCIPLINE.

[We agree with our correspondent in general, but where the rule of the Church is to preach in a surplice, as in a cathedral, he must do so.—Ed.]

CONSECRATION OF THE CLAPHAM LODGE, NO. 1818.

The Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, by Bro. James Terry, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, who was assisted by Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain; William Clarke, Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk, as D.C.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec., as S.W.; J. Morrell, P.P.G. Sup. of Works Durham, as J.W.; A. R. Cranch, 1216, as I.G.; W. Worrell, P.M. 766, as Secretary. The complete list of brethren present on the occasion comprised the following names: Bros. Louis Hirsch, Dr. C. T. Pearce, A. Fairlie, R. A. Fairlie, W. Worrell, A. Pocock, Wm. Carlton Hale, R. Clay Sudlow, J. Morrell, P.M. 111, P.P.G.S. of Works Durham; A. R. Cranch, 1216; F. H. Cozens, 1216; A. Hubbard, 813; G. J. Wright, 1236; W. Clarke, 114, P.G.D.C. Suffolk; H. Ashton, 1185; R. J. Simpson, 10, P.G. Chaplain; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; F. Mead, P.M. Ionic; J. H. Watts, P.M. 1201; John Dixon, P.M. 87; G. E. Gooding, 171; A. G. Taylor, P.M. 1201; L. D. Berry, P.M. 179; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1285; E. J. Hart, P.M. 1201; G. Gordon Johnston, P.M. 1402; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Terry announced the granting of the warrant for the lodge by the Prince of Wales, and the appointment of himself (Bro. Terry) as the Consecrating Officer, and directed Bro. Worrell to read the petition and warrant. This having been done, and the other preliminaries having been observed, Bro. Terry called upon Bro. Simpson to deliver the oration.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.D., in delivering the oration, said: Worshipful acting Master and Brethren, I have accepted the very high and honourable position which Bro. Worrell and the Worshipful Master designate of this lodge invited me to take, but I have felt conscious of having very little time or thought at my disposal to lay before you anything worthy of such an occasion as this. At the same time, such remarks as may occur to me I am sure you will receive with that indulgence common among Masons. On several occasions when it has been my good fortune to stand in a similar position the name of a lodge has usually formed a very happy suggestive idea of the line of thought which I have ventured to lay before the brethren. On the present occasion, however, we have but the name of a very old and well known suburb of London and I was a little at a loss at first to know on what subject I should base my few remarks to the brethren. I remember about this place are associated many of those of old time who valued that volume of the Sacred Law which we look upon as the foundation stone of our great building, and I considered whether we could not find in that great repertory of truth some few lines of thought which might indicate good lessons for you and for myself, and I reviewed this morning as I was coming along to those ideas that are put forward by one of the minor prophets which seem to me to indicate very remarkably the three great lines on which Masonry rests—"to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly in our God." Brethren, I need scarcely say to you that in ancient times among the pagan nations of Greece and Rome the virtue of justice was held up in high esteem, as, perhaps, the highest quality and characteristic of reasonable men; and it has lost none of its lustre under late dispensations and in more modern times. There cannot be a doubt, whether in our homes, in Masonry, or in the world in general, that cultivation of certain habits of thought, which shall enable us to adjust rightly and equally all matters, great or trivial, that may be brought before us, is not only a virtue of high regard, but also tends most materially to bring about that peace and goodwill among men which we Masons profess to admire and observe. In the present day, among especially those from whom probably a large number of my brethren present are to be found, I mean the great commercial land of England, that virtue holds a very high place; and it is a sad reflection that, amidst all the education of the present day, amidst the great amount of culture in the higher lines of thought which have been introduced in modern times, we should find an absence of that good old principle of justice and truth which distinguished men in former days with much less light than we possess, and which, unhappily, has brought about in the present day not only much misery upon homes, but has brought much shame upon many men whose reputation stood high among their fellows. As Masons, therefore, as well as men, as those who preside over homes or are members of homes, I would say that there is scarcely any quality, perhaps, except those that shall presently allude to, which is so valuable in commerce in family, and in Masonic life as a sense of justice, or, other words, of practising that good old rule, which we

can never hear too often or practise too much—I mean “to do to others as we should wish to be done by.” But though the heathen philosophers of ancient times knew much about justice, and practised it too, they knew comparatively little of that heavenly, that Divine virtue, which the prophet alludes to in the next passage—“to love mercy.” It was reserved for another era and a brighter time to have that sweet angel from heaven revealed to men; from the cold and stern precepts of a dry philosophy, man was enabled to proceed to that most glorious attribute of Divinity—I mean mercy or charity; and I need scarcely here dilate, to use the words of our ritual, upon that virtue. Brethren, we are quite assured of this, that there is nothing that can more tend to cement men, whether differing in political or religious life, together in the bonds of common brotherhood than that charity, or mercy, or brotherly love, which is, as you know, foremost upon all the pages of our history as Masons, and I hope written upon our hearts as men. Our noble and glorious Charities stand out in broad relief as showing that we Masons wish to practise the virtue we profess to admire, and though there be, as I hold there are, many opportunities still of making those Charities still grander as Masonic landmarks than they are, and practising justice, and still adding mercy, still I can never reflect upon those Charities or speak of them in the outer world without a flow of conscious satisfaction and thankfulness, and I will not add pride, that the Freemasons of England have Charities which can bear comparison with any in this great country, so celebrated for similar institutions, and that the amount of money raised by those indefatigable men who are especially interested in those Charities, so well backed up as their efforts are by the liberality of true hearts among our brethren—that those Charities, I say, are at once an ornament to our Order and a blessing to many a poor distressed Mason. But, brethren, if justice and mercy alone were to be looked upon as the landmarks of a Mason, we should be but “poor indeed,” nay, we should seem to lack that motive power, that great centre from which these blessings proceed; for I hold it that, as we must gather our ideas of a Supreme Being from His glorious works, and from our own inner consciousness, we must conclude because we admire and love what is just, admire and love what is charitable, therefore the Great Being from whom we proceeded must himself be the fountain of all justice, the fount of all benevolence; so we make a way for ourselves up the ladder till we reach God himself; and God is love, and God is justice; and it is clear that with such a God, so just, so good, so holy, so powerful, it is at once our duty, and I may say our very instinct, to “walk humbly with Him.” The pride of man too often raises up barriers against his better feelings finding their way to God. The world that we are engaged in, so full of complex matters of various kinds, in business and in pleasure, too often intercepts our clear vision in looking upon our God, and often men are tempted, by reason of their intellect and the education with which God has been pleased to bless them, to throw out doubts even as to His existence, to say nothing of those Divine attributes which He has planted even in their own hearts; and, therefore, it grieves us, as Masons, when we find that, whether in other nations or even among ourselves, there may be found perverse men who will raise puny hands against the Great Architect of their own being. Let us cultivate, brethren, especially in the present day, a pious spirit, one deeply submissive to the true God who made all, and thus, brethren, shall we be led more and more along the pathway of safety till we reach the Grand Lodge above. Certain I am that Freemasonry does give us between our home and the world a very happy resting place to consider these blessed truths, for when we come from our homes into the world we know that there are many things which lead us away from such thoughts. If, therefore, we made a good use of our Masonry—if we make a good use of our glorious ritual, if we make a good use of the noblest sentiments that man can feel, either to his fellows or to his God—then I say Masonry may be instrumental in doing us a great deal of good, in making us happier men, and of imprinting upon our hearts those three great truths—that we should do justly, that we should love mercy, and that we should walk humbly with our God. I humbly pray that these three great truths may be implanted upon your hearts and mine, and may help the Clapham Lodge to be illustrious among its fellows, of leading now the Masons of this district to that high eminence in our Order to which many of our recent lodges have attained; and, above all, that it may lead us to be ready for our departure from these tents of time until we shall land on the shores of an eternal future.

The lodge was then formally consecrated, Bros. F. H. Cozens, H. Ashton, A. Hubbard, and G. T. Carter performing the musical portion of the ceremony. When the lodge had been dedicated Bro. Terry installed Bro. Louis Hirsch as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Dr. Charles T. Pearce, S.W.; Archibald Fairlie, J.W.; Robert F. Fairlie, Treasurer; William Worrell, Secretary; Alfred Pocock, S.D.; Wm. Carlton Hale, J.D.; R. Clay Sudlow, I.G.; and Reinhardt, Tyler.

Bro. Terry delivered the address to the Master; Bro. Clarke addressed the Wardens; and Dr. Dixon, the brethren of the lodge. In a very complimentary speech Bro. Louis Hirsch proposed the thanks of the lodge to the Consecrating Officers, and the honour of membership. The S.W. seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried, and Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment. A long list of intending initiates and joining members was read by Bro. Worrell, after which lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The first toast given by the W.M. was that of “The Queen and the Craft.” No body of Englishmen welcomed this toast with more loyalty and greater warmth than our ancient and honourable fraternity, and he, therefore, called

upon the brethren to drink to the long life and happiness of Her Majesty in a bumper. This was followed by the National Anthem. In giving “The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,” Bro. Hirsch alluded to the excellences of that brother, and pointed out the benefits derived by Masons in having him at the head of affairs. The period during which His Royal Highness had ruled over the Craft had been one of continued progress, and he trusted that such might long continue. With the toast the W.M. coupled that of “The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family.” The toast of “The Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon,” was always received in Masonic assemblies with great favour. The earl is well known as one of the most energetic Freemasons in England. That of “Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,” followed. The W.M. said the Freemasons of this country have every reason to be thankful to the Grand Officers for the great interest they take in promoting the welfare of the Craft. With this toast were coupled the names of Bros. Simpson and Buss. Bro. Simpson tendered the thanks of the Grand Officers for the honour that had been paid them. For himself he was extremely gratified at the way in which he had been received. Masonic lodges owed, as did most other things in this life, much of their prosperity to a good start. He could compliment the brethren on the beginning they had made in choosing Bro. Louis Hirsch as their first Master, and felt sure it could have but one result. He then proceeded to dilate on what he was pleased to term his hobby—the Charities. Our reverend brother’s peculiar ideas on this subject are well known, and it is equally well known that they are antagonistic to the views of the Craft at large; it will not, therefore, be surprising to know that the brethren did not express concurrence therewith. In fact, some disapprobation was expressed in consequence of our brother advocating the attendance of members at the u-Masonic meeting of the Charity Organisation Society at the very hour that a really Masonic gathering was to take place at the Alexandra Palace in aid of the funds of our Boys’ School.

Bro. Buss followed, and paid a compliment to the brethren now at the head of Masonic affairs. He expressed the pleasure he felt at having been able to take a part in the consecration of the lodge, which he hoped would have a prosperous career.

Bro. James Terry, in the absence of any Past Master, proposed “The Health of the W.M.,” detailing his varied labours on behalf of the Craft and its members, but particularly in the cause of Charity. He had for some time past given a prize to the Girls’ School for the best knowledge of the German language, and in other ways supported our Institutions. His position as first W.M. of the lodge was far from easy. It was necessary for him to consolidate the interests of all the brethren who had united with him in the foundation of the lodge and generally lay down plans of operation for the future. He felt assured that every duty would be discharged in the most satisfactory manner, and that the heads of our Order would never have occasion to regret having granted a warrant to Bro. Hirsch and his colleagues.

The W.M. having thanked those present for their hearty reception, assured them that no effort on his part should be spared to ensure the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to him. It would ever be his endeavour to promote the happiness and interests of the members, and he trusted that, at the expiration of his year of office, he might hand the warrant of the lodge to his successor pure and unsullied. He next called upon the brethren to honour the toast of “The Consecrating Officers.” The members of the Clapham Lodge had, he considered, every reason to be deeply grateful to Bro. Terry, and those who had assisted him in the ceremony of the day. He felt personally greatly indebted to them for their kind advice, generous expressions, and hearty co-operation.

Bro. Terry replied. He was pleased to learn that in the discharge of their duties the Consecrating Officers had given satisfaction. They were amply repaid for the little trouble they had gone to by receiving such hearty thanks as had been accorded both in lodge and at the banquet table. If at any future time there was anything they could do to further the interests of the lodge, they would be only too pleased to do it.

The toast of “The Visitors” followed.

The Master was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren present, but most sincerely regretted that no member of the Royal Leopold Lodge, which had so kindly recommended the warrant for their own, were among them. He felt he need hardly assure the guests that they were most heartily welcome, nor that it would give the members great pleasure to see them again at one or the other of their meetings, when they might have an opportunity of judging how the members were able to perform the work of a lodge.

Bro. J. Morrell replied.

The W.M. now proposed “Prosperity to the Masonic Charities,” advising those who had never visited our institutions to go and see for themselves what good was being done. He trusted the Masonic Charitable Institutions would long be considered worthy of the support of the Order, and was sure that the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would make every effort to promote their interests. As a substantial proof of this he was pleased to announce that it was the wish of the lodge that he should represent them as a Steward at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, on which occasion he hoped to take up a substantial amount.

Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. In the course of his speech he referred to the remarks made by Rev. Bro. Simpson. He assured the brethren that very much was required of the Craft, more, in fact, than they had done in the past. He hoped that the exertions of the W.M. would be the

means of adding considerably to the fund next year, and that on many occasions the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would show the true Masonic spirit of Charity.

With great pleasure the W.M. rose to propose “The Health of the Officers.” Not the least part of the satisfaction he felt at the day’s proceedings was the knowledge that he was supported by earnest and zealous officers, brethren who had undertaken, with himself, the arduous duties and great responsibilities of bringing the lodge into life. He felt assured the officers would do all in their power to cement the ties of brotherhood by their good working and understanding of our beautiful rites and ceremonies, and thereby promulgate the great truths of Freemasonry, to the glory of God and benefit of our fellow creatures. For the assistance he had received from each of the founders he desired to tender his best thanks. He specially referred to the way in which Bro. Worrell had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and hoped the lodge would have his assistance for many years.

Bro. S.W. replied, tendering the thanks of his fellows for the reception that had been accorded them. He was a young Mason, but hoped that he should prove himself efficient in the duties required of him.

Bro. J.W. followed. He felt that he could not have done better than join the brethren who had laid the foundation of this lodge, and hoped he might be spared to prove that he was worthy of the position that had been accorded him.

Bro. Worrell assured the brethren that he should endeavour to carry out the business of his office in such a way as would ensure their approval. He complimented the Master and his assistants on the way in which the duties had been performed. One would have thought that all the officers were Past Masters, or, at least, brethren who had served their respective offices before, but when they came to know that they were all new to the work he considered that especial praise was due. He referred to the many previous applications which had been made for a lodge for the district, all of which, he said, had been refused, so that he considered Grand Lodge must have a good opinion of the petitioners to whom they had granted the warrant under which the meeting of the day had been held.

Bro. Sudlow also replied.

The W.M. was about to rise and pay the honours of a special toast to the originator of the Clapham Lodge (Bro. Alfred Pocock), who is highly esteemed by the founders, and greatly valued by the W.M., but the exigencies of the train service precluded the possibility of the visitors remaining, consequently Bro. Reinhardt, the Tyler, was summoned, and gave the usual closing toast.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE CHAPTER, No. 1159.

The new chapter attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, was consecrated on the 19th inst. at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Past Grand Principal Sojourner, who was assisted by Comp. H. D. Sandeman, Past Grand Superintendent Bengal, as H.; Comp. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Assistant Sojourner, as J.; Comp. R. W. H. Giddy, Grand Superintendent Griqualand, as Director of Ceremonies; and Comp. John Read, as Organist.

The other companions present on the occasion were Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N.; S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; Hyde Clarke, Hyde Pullen, Thomas Fenn, J. M. P. Montagu, G. Simmonds, Lord Alfred Churchill, S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.S.S.; Randolph Glover, W. M. Venn, and Octavius Hansard.

After the chapter had been opened, and the petition and charter had been read by Comp. Giddy, Col. Shadwell Clerke called upon the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg to deliver the oration, whereupon

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg said: Companions, Masonry is a progressive science. Is this, companions, a truth to which we hold fast? Do we understand and accept it in its only true meaning? We must advance in Masonic knowledge—and Masonry itself, our Craft, must not stand still, but must be always advancing into truer and fuller light. As the operative Mason of old was not content with the flint axe, but accepted and used the square, the level, and the plumb rule, when those implements of labour came to his hand; and as also the operative Mason of the present day uses with advantage to his work every means that the inventions of a high civilisation put within his reach—so must we as speculative Masons be ready to use means, and to do work, suitable and useful to the times in which we live. But do not mistake me here. I am in no way advocating any abandonment of our ancient landmarks, or any disturbance of our old foundations, but I am urging a constant progression in the science of which those landmarks are the safeguard. I am urging the erection of a fair structure upon those old foundations. It is our duty not merely to keep our Craft as it was but also to make it useful for the present time. If Masonry is not practically useful for the present time it is a mere relic of a bygone age—an archaeological curiosity—interesting and harmless, but useless. Companions, I claim for Masonry a higher position. I hold that the Craft is and ought to be a practical living influence for good, and not a mere lifeless memory of the past. Our chapters and our lodges ought to be something more than meetings for the careful and accurate rendering of impressive ceremonies. We must in the time present leave our mark on the outside world, as our ancient brethren left theirs in the time past. They lived and worked not merely for themselves and their own Craft, but for all whom they could influence for good. Within the limits of the time allowed me I cannot treat fully this important aspect of our duties. I can only offer one or two practical ways in which we may try humbly to

do some useful work. We profess "brotherly love." Might we not, as a body, do something towards teaching forbearance? We live in times when men feel strongly and deeply, and these strong and deep feelings lead them to speak and act strongly. Any man who is worth anything is sure to have strong and deep feelings, which will bring him into antagonism with his fellow men. Does "brotherly love" mean the sacrifice of these feelings, the purchase of peace at the cost of principle? Surely not! Within the lodge or chapter even the discussion of heating subjects is forbidden, but when we pass the Janitor's sword and return to the outside world, we return to the heat and clamour of conflicting opinions on many vital subjects. May we not then remember that within our Masonic walls we have learnt to know and honour some who, on most vital and important subjects, are entirely at variance with us? and may we not so learn to give our adversaries credit for the same honesty of purpose which we so hotly claim for ourselves? If Masonry will do something to soothe the unwholesome heat of our daily differences of opinion it will, indeed, leave its mark for good on time present. We profess to practise "relief." Are our Charities to be merely selfish? I would not say one word to hinder any Masonic body from giving the most liberal support to our Masonic Charities. Give a liberal and give an intelligent support to every Masonic charity; give your means, and you who can spare it, your time also. Do what you can towards making them practically useful. Take an interest in the management of your Charities, and do not delegate to the few what is the duty of all. But, further, remember that true charity, if it begins, does not stop at home: be ready and forward to advance any good work. I rejoice to think of those two life boats, which so long as the waves beat against the English shore will be monuments of the unselfishness of the thanksgiving of the English Grand Lodge. I rejoice to think that in the restoration of one of our finest old English churches, St. Alban's Abbey, many Masonic bodies are now taking their proper part. It would, I think, be an excellent plan for every lodge and chapter to make for itself a rule to support yearly at least one good work, which was not distinctly a Masonic work. We profess "truth." Truth is the opposite of all evil and vice. Are there no vices and evils of the present day against which as Masons we may set our faces? Let me give you one as an instance of what we might do. Might not every lodge and chapter make it clearly understood that not merely during labour, but also at refreshment, the conversation of a Mason should be pure and holy? I confess that I do think it a scandal that after the most solemn ceremony, impressively delivered, and listened to with appreciation in lodge or chapter, the same lips, at the banquet table half an hour later, should be ready to tell, and the same ears so ready to listen, to either an impure story or song. I hope you will not think (though I am never ashamed of my profession) that I am speaking merely as a clergyman. I am speaking as a Mason who desires a greater consistency between the words at labour and the conversation and songs which sometimes take place at refreshment. Pardon me if I have spoken strongly on a delicate question. Companions, I have embarked upon an aspect of our Craft which I cannot treat properly in a short oration. I could multiply indefinitely examples of means whereby Masonry might be ever finding new opportunities of usefulness in the time present. I shall have answered my purpose if I have confirmed any companion in the conviction that Masonry may be a living and not a dead power. When those secrets which we sometimes seek for darkly, which we sometimes reverence as we gaze on them surrounded by mystic symbols, which at the best we adore from afar—when those secrets shall have their end in the unveiled presence of our God—then it will be a very high honour if our Craft is known to be one, not the only one, not even the principal one, but one of the scaffoldings, whereby some useful work has been done for the Great Architect of the Universe.

The ritual for the consecration of a chapter was then most impressively observed, and the chapter was formally dedicated to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. H. Trueman Wood was installed by Col. Shadwell Clerke in the chairs of J., H., and Z.; Comp. Cheston was installed as J. and H.; and Comp. Peter Lund Simmonds, being already an installed Third Principal, was placed in the chair of J. The office of S.E. was conferred on Comp. Read; the office of S.N. on Comp. Moxon; and the office of P.S. on Comp. Venn.

The M.E.Z., before the chapter was closed, proposed that the chapter should record on its minutes the feeling of gratification at the way in which the chapter had been started, on what they hoped would prove a prosperous career. He was sure it would be impossible for any chapter to have begun its career under more favourable circumstances than had the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, owing to the kindly help of those three companions, Col. Shadwell Clerke, H. D. Sandeman, and Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. Speaking for himself and Comps. Cheston and Simmonds, H. and J., he could assure the Consecrating Officers that the companions who were present had been deeply impressed, as they had rarely been before during the whole of their Masonic career, with the beautiful way in which the ceremony had been rendered. It was due to those companions that he should mention that other companions would have been present who were petitioners for the charter, but one was compelled to be absent on account of illness, another by a family affliction, and another through a very pressing emergency. Those, however, who were present would record their feelings of obligation to the Consecrating Officers for the treat which had been given that evening.

Comp. Cheston, H., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, in acknowledging the vote, said, on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers, that it had given them all great pleasure to have

had the opportunity of assisting in the establishment of the new chapter, to which they all wished every possible success.

After a long list of brethren intending to be exalted in the chapter, and of companions who were candidates for joining, had been read, the three Principals and two Scribes were appointed a Committee to frame the bye-laws, and the chapter was then closed. The companions then had an opportunity of inspecting the valuable library and collection of curiosities in the possession of the Supreme Council. Afterwards they proceeded to the Café Royal, where a choice banquet was provided. The usual Royal Arch toasts followed.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" having been proposed and honoured, the M.E.Z. gave that of "The G.Z. of the Order, the Pro. Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers." In doing so he said all the companions knew how well the Prince of Wales devoted himself to the duties of his office, and how well he was supported by the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley. He could not commend this toast better to the attention of the companions than by coupling with it the name of one who was not only the senior member of Grand Chapter present, but also a great friend of his own, Comp. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Superintendent of China. There were other distinguished members of Grand Chapter present; indeed, the chapter had been singularly fortunate in having the assistance of so many members of Grand Chapter in its consecration. Besides Comps. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Sandeman, Brownrigg, and Giddy, there were Comp. Tomkins, and another personal friend, Comp. Hyde Clarke, and Comp. Thomas Fenn, who was the first to place him (the M.E.Z.) in the chair of a lodge. Then there was Comp. Hyde Pullen, who was well-known to all Masons who belonged to what were called "the higher degrees."

Comp. S. Rawson replied by saying that it was not often he rose with pleasure to return thanks, because he always felt that he failed in eloquence, and therefore he wished to shirk the responsibility as much as he could. Still on the present occasion it was a great pleasure to return thanks. He cordially thanked the companions for the compliment paid to the Grand Principals, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and, perhaps, he ought to sit down having said this; but he could not do so without expressing the wish, which he was sure was heartily participated in by those who surrounded him, for the success of the Dalhousie Chapter and its Principals. He cordially wished them a long career of happiness as the founders of this chapter, to which he wished the greatest prosperity.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers." He did not like to assume to himself any great Masonic experience, but he must say that among the ceremonies which it had been his pleasure or his duty to attend during his Masonic career, he did not think there were any he was so impressed with as he had been with that he had witnessed that day. He was afraid that too great a task had been imposed on the Consecrating Officers of a chapter, because every one of the three Principals had to be installed. Referring to the installation of the First Principal he said that all the companions who were privileged to witness that ceremony would agree that it was difficult for any one to have performed it better than Col. Clerke had performed it. He was ably assisted to by Comps. Sandeman and Brownrigg. Many of the companions had had experience of the way in which Comp. Sandeman did his work. It had never been his (the M.E.Z.'s) good fortune to see Comp. Brownrigg perform Masonic work before, but he had been much delighted with it, and it had never been his lot to hear so perfect a piece of Masonic eloquence as the oration he delivered. He could not impose on all these companions the task of responding to the toast, and so he thought it would be best to call on their old friend Col. Clerke to answer on the part of all. It would be improper if he were to omit to mention the name of Comp. Giddy as a Consecrating Officer, for he hardly knew how they would have got on if they had not had him to perform the duties of D.C. It seemed to him, watching the ceremony as well as he could, that he was largely indebted to Comp. Giddy for the kind way in which he put each one of the Three Principals through their work, and prompted them through the parts, which till then they knew nothing of, in the impressive and elaborate ceremony they had to go through. The chapter would not forget the very beautiful way in which it had that day started on its career.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said he thanked the companions, both in his own name and in the names of his colleagues, for the kind and complimentary way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was sorry the lot had fallen on him to respond for his companions, because he was surrounded by many more eloquent companions, and the gift of oratory was not his, which was the misfortune of those who had drunk the toast. For the kind expressions used he could but thank the M.E.Z. He (Col. Shadwell Clerke) and Comps. Sandeman, Brownrigg, and Giddy were both pleased and gratified at being permitted to take part in the consecration and installation ceremonies that day in the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter. He could truly say that he could have done very little indeed without the help of the distinguished companions who had assisted him, and more especially that of the Rev. the Third Principal, Comp. Brownrigg. The companions would all agree that his address was of the most charming nature; it impressed them very deeply, and they were greatly indebted to him for having contributed so materially to the ceremony over which he (Comp. Shadwell Clerke) was presiding for the time being. He and Comps. Sandeman, Brownrigg, and Giddy were very proud of having been the surgeons-acoucheur at the birth of the new chapter. They hoped that the baby would be a thriving one, and would grow up a good child, and when it had passed the days of wet-nursing they would be happy to look on at the fountain,

and to celebrate its coming of age. Having said this much, he would ask the companions to direct their attention to another subject, and drink the First Principal's health. Comp. Wood was a companion who stood on his intrinsic merits. All the companions knew his Masonic career, and knew that the chapter could not have been entrusted to the keeping of better or abler hands. He believed the chapter would go on and prosper. Of course, some time must elapse before a chapter could attain to any position in the Order; but he was sure that in due time the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter would get into that position which it would fully deserve. As for the Second and Third Principals, he had not met them before, but the tongue of good report had been spoken in their favour, and if they had not been good men and good Masons they would not have been selected to fill the high offices they now occupied. Col. Clerke concluded by proposing "The Three Principals, and Success to the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, No. 1159."

The M.E.Z., responding, said he ought not to be without some feelings of pride that he had ventured on the task of establishing a new chapter. They had been fortunate in the lodge with which this chapter was connected. It had worked up from a somewhat feeble and weak position into such a state that it could now run alone, and it would before long take a respectable position in the Craft. After some thought and consideration, many of the brethren, who were young and eager Masons, anxious to take part in the higher degrees of the Order, expressed their wish that a chapter should be founded, and after some careful deliberation it was determined that they might venture on this experiment. They had ventured on it, and he thought as far as it had gone they had reason to anticipate a bright and prosperous future. It, unfortunately, had happened that some companions had not been able to be present, one of them from a misfortune, which they all deeply deplored. It was but due at the present moment that they should express their thanks for the kindly way in which they had been received, not only by those members of the Supreme Council who had been so good as to assist in consecrating the chapter and start it on its career, but also to the Supreme Council themselves, for the ready way in which they accepted the proposal that the chapter should meet at Golden-square. Knowing what little he did of the way in which those higher degrees were worked, and the influence they had on Masonry generally, he thought it was a very fortunate thing for such a chapter as the Marquis of Dalhousie to be permitted to start in some degree under the wing of this, almost the greatest of all Masonic associations; and he thought it augured most favourably for this chapter that it had been supported by these distinguished Masons, and that so many of them should have come down to assist at the beginning. He sincerely trusted that wishes so kindly expressed by Col. Clerke should be fulfilled, and for himself and his companions he could say that nothing should be wanting on their part to make the chapter worthy of the distinguished way in which it had been consecrated.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors." He had named so many in previous toasts that he had almost taken all those who were present, but he thought he should do right in coupling with this toast the name of Lord Alfred Churchill, whom he had had the honour of being associated with outside the Craft; but it was only recently he had found that his merits were added to by his being not only a Mason, but a Royal Arch Mason. There were also two other old friends present whom he was very happy to see, Comps. Glover and Octavius Hansard.

Lord Alfred Churchill, in reply, said he felt very deeply the kind expressions which had fallen from the M.E.Z. Although he could claim some years' standing in the Craft and Arch, it had been his misfortune, not his fault, to have neglected following up the noble Craft as he ought. He must admit he was rather rusty in the mysteries. It was now some thirty-one years since he took the Royal Arch Degree in Ireland. He was quartered at that time with his regiment in Kilkenny, and from that time to this, with one exception in Washington, four years ago, he had not entered a lodge. He had, however, much enjoyed and been deeply interested in the ceremonies that day. The admirable manner in which everything had been conducted had been a lesson to him which he should never forget. He felt very much edified indeed by what he had seen and what he had participated in. The companions were singularly fortunate in having for the First Principal of their chapter Excellent Comp. Wood. It was his (Lord Churchill's) peculiar good fortune to have been associated with him for some years in another sphere, and everything he had seen of his conduct had shown that he managed affairs with great ability and propriety. In what had been said by other companions in wishing success and prosperity to the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter he heartily concurred.

This was the last speech of the evening, and the companions thereupon separated.

The annual summer entertainment of the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Croydon on Tuesday next. The South Eastern Railway will attach a special second-class carriage to the ordinary 3.28 (Charing Cross), 3.38 (Cannon-street) train, for the convenience of the brethren and ladies who will visit the Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature every one is more or less liable to internal and external disease. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, anyone who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Spalding, on the invitation of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, supported by W. Bros. E. Locock, D.P.G.M.; Wm. Kingston, R.W.D.G.M. of Malta; the officers of the Province, and a large gathering of W. Masters, Past Masters, and others, among whom we noticed Bros. D. Hansen, 792, P.G.S.W.; T. Coates, 1294, P.G.J.W.; Jas. Fowler, 712, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Radley, 838, P.G.J.W., P.G. Charity Sec.; W. Clegg, 272, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Pocklington, 272, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Thomas, 272, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Sharp, 1304, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Bates, 469, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Smart, 272, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272, P.G. Chap.; Rev. D. Ace, D.D., 1232, P.P.G.C.; Rev. C. Sumner, 809, P.G.C. Cambridge; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, 1286, P.P.G.C.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, 114 and 462, P.P.G. Chap., Suffolk; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treas.; H. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg.; F. D. Marsden, 712, P.G. Sec.; T. H. Dodds, 426, P.G.S.D.; Jack Sutcliffe, 1294, P.P.G.S.D.; Jas. Robinson, 469, P.G.J.D.; C. F. Bonner, W.M. 469; W. Stringer, W.M. 588; W. H. J. Wood, 838; J. Hodgins, 985; W. Finlay, 1232; A. L. Peacock, 1386; T. C. Johnson, 1600; Rev. T. P. Holdick, P.M. 1286; J. S. Lynes, S.W. 469; J. Laming, J.W. 469; J. Benner, S.D. 469; T. Harrison, I.P.M. 1232; T. M. Ashton, P.M. 469; J. J. Barram, P.M., 985; R. Garfit, P.M. 1600; J. Ferguson, P.M. 838; J. W. Palmer, I.P.M. 838; W. Marshall, P.M. 792; R. McSheen, P.M. 792; R. Sharpe, I.P.M. 588; W. R. Sissons, P.M. 1477; O. T. Judd, P.M. 469; W. Long, P.M. 467; J. Chapman, P.M. 1294; J. Allen, P.M. 835; J. H. Burg, 835; A. W. Lambert, 588; J. R. Capps, 469; J. Cook, 792; R. T. Pocklington, 469; E. G. B. Lucas, 712; C. Z. Liversidge, 422; J. Thomas, 274; W. H. Kirby, 838; J. E. Mason, 1600; H. J. Seebis, 426; J. Eby, 272; J. L. Rayner, 297; and many other distinguished brethren.

Among the visiting brethren not mentioned above were Bros. E. Gilbert, 173; J. P. S. Walker, 318 (Scotch); Rev. B. Matthews, 683; J. A. Cramer, 793; T. Phillips, 809; W. Puppleton, 809; D. S. Fox, 809; and W. Rose, 1645.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. E. Scorer, 297, P.G.S.B.; C. A. Kirby, 712, P.G.S.W.; J. Marrer, W.M. 712; W. Waddingham, W.M. 1447; F. R. Sutton, W.M. 1282; J. Cleugh, 1282, P.G.S.; M. Woodalls, 1447, P.G.S.; F. Higgins, I.P.M. 1600; and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.

Every lodge in the province save one, Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, Epworth, was represented, 197 brethren having signed the attendance sheets.

The proceedings of the day commenced as early as 9.30 a.m., when the P.G. Charity Committee met for the purpose of selecting the most eligible candidate out of four boys to receive the support of the province during the ensuing year. A very large majority of the Committee were in favour of William Black, of Grimsby, who was vigorously supported by Bros. Sutcliffe and Robinson, his proposers, who was consequently declared elected to receive the full benefit of the voting power of the province, and a strong desire was shown to obtain the admission of two other boys by purchase.

Some fear having been expressed by the supporters of little Black that in the event of the other boys obtaining their admission by purchase their candidate would be in a worse position than he would have been without the voting power of the province, Bro. Robinson, 792, P.P.G.J.D., asked what would be the result if Black were not elected next October.

The reply of Bro. Radley, 838, the esteemed Secretary of the P.G. Charity Committee, was characteristic of his determination and devotion to Freemasonry, and was acknowledged by the brethren with the warmest applause. He said, "If I say Black goes in next October, he will go in."

The report of the last year showed that the Province of Lincolnshire had a fair share of the benefits arising out of the three central Charities, the reports from both Boys' and Girls' Schools being very satisfactory, one boy, Wellington, having taken honours last December at the Cambridge Middle Class Examination, while the Committee were glad to say that at the last election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Henry Wardale, 792, Tyler, had been successful in gaining admission.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be presented to Provincial Grand Lodge for confirmation.

At 10.30 the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence were called together, Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M., in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting held at Grimsby, the 11th July, 1878, were then read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts showed a sum of £600 now invested on freehold security, and a balance in hand of £166 18s.

On the proposition of Bro. E. Locock, W.D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. H. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg., the accounts were adopted. A petition was presented by the Lindsey Lodge, 712, on behalf of Bro. Wm. Somerton, who for many years had been in a very weak state of health, and often incapacitated for business. On the proposition of Bro. Radley, 838, P.G. Charity Sec., seconded by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas., the sum of £20 was unanimously awarded.

Proposed from the chair at the instigation of Bro. R. Thorpe, I.P.M. 588, "That in order to extend the operations of Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence in a more specific manner than at present particularised, the following words be inserted in Rule 1, after children, 'as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children, if considered requisite.'"

The proposition was seconded by Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.G. Charity Sec., and supported by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treas., and carried unanimously.

A proposition that the quarterly fees of the brethren to this fund be increased from threepence to sixpence met with no seconder, and was withdrawn.

Bro. H. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg., proposed, and Bro. Locock, 712, D.P.G.M., seconded, "That a special meeting of this Committee be summoned for the purpose of making the necessary alterations of or additions to the present bye-laws of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund for the due regulation and distribution of the 'Oliver Memorial Fund.'" Carried unanimously.

Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas., read the accounts of the "Oliver Memorial Fund," showing a sum of £1050 invested on freehold security, and a balance in hand of £220s. 5d., with half a year's interest falling due almost immediately.

It was proposed by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe that the sum of £100 from the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, and the accumulated interest of the "Oliver Memorial Fund," be devoted towards the purchase of a vacancy for one or more of the candidates now on the list for admission into the R.M.I.B., but owing to the want of time, after an animated discussion, the matter was referred to the special meeting of this Committee before mentioned.

At 11.30 the brethren in full Masonic costume, each lodge being distinguished by its banner, went in procession to the parish church, which had been kindly lent by the Rev. Canon Moore for the occasion. Prayers were read by Bros. the Rev. B. Matthews, 683, and the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, 114 and 469, P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. G. M. Lowe, 272 and 469, P.G. Chap., from Luke, ch. ii, ver. 14. On the return of the procession to the Corn Exchange, Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. H. Smyth, assisted by his officers.

The roll of lodges and P.G. Officers having been called, W. Bro. E. Locock, D.P.G.M., proposed, and W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace, P.P.G.C., seconded—"That the minutes of the P.G. Lodge, held at Grimsby, July, 11th, 1878, be taken as read." Carried unanimously.

Bro. H. Watson, P.G. Reg., proposed, and Bro. D. Hansen, P.G.S.W., seconded—"That the minutes be confirmed." Carried unanimously.

W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treas., presented his financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £221 11s. 5d.

On the proposition of W. Bro. H. Watson, P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. D. Hansen, P.G.S.W., the statement was adopted.

W. Bro. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg., presented the returns of the various lodges in the province, showing a total of 879 subscribing members, or an increase of five in the year.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the report of the Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, with abstract of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £166 18s. 1d., also the accounts of the "Oliver Memorial Fund," which, on the proposition of Bro. C. F. Bonner, W.M. 469, seconded by Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, were accepted, and ordered to be printed.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.P.G.J.W., read the report of the P.G. Charity Committee, shewing a balance in hand of £222 2s. 5d., with £5 dues.

W. Bro. R. Thorpe, I.P.M. 588, rose to urge the advisability of extending the operations of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, by assisting in the education of the children of Freemasons in the province, by making grants of money for that purpose, in which he was supported by W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace, P.P.G. Chap.

The question met with the hearty approval of the brethren, whom the R.W.G.M. informed that it had already been discussed in committee, where it had received unanimous support; the minutes of which Committee having since been confirmed by this P.G. Lodge. On the proposition of W. Bro. E. Locock, D.P.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. T. Fowler, P.P.G.S.W., it was resolved that Bros. Jas. Hodgins, W.M. 985, and Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, P.M. 1294, be appointed joint Stewards, for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money (supplemented by grants from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and the "Ohren Member Fund") to obtain the admission by purchase of one or more of the candidates now on the list of the province, into the R.M.I.B.

Proposed by Bro. J. Robinson, 792, P.P.G.J.D., and seconded by W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace, 1232, P.P.G. Chap., "That a grant of £50 be made from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence towards such object." Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Bro. H. Watson, P.G. Reg., and seconded by Bro. A. Bates, P.P.G.D. of C., "That Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, be re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer." Carried unanimously.

Proposed by W. Bro. Locock, D.P.G.M., and seconded by Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.G. Chap., "That Bro. J. Fowler, 712, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. W. Griffin, 712, P.P.G.D. of C., be elected Auditors of the P.G. Lodge accounts for the ensuing year." Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Rev. Canon Moore for the use of the parish church, and also to Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.G. Chap., for his excellent sermon, with a request that he would have it printed.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. C. F. Bonner, W.M. ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. H. Sissons, P.M. ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. P. Holdich, P.M. ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" * C. M. Nesbitt, P.M. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" * H. Watson, P.M. ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" * J. D. Marsden, P.M. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Finlay, W.M. ...	Prov. G.S.D.

Bro. James Hojgins, W.M. ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Jos. Chapman, P.M. ...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" * W. H. Roberts, W.M. ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" B. Vickers, P.M. ...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" R. Garfit, P.M. ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. C. Lazenby, W.M. ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. W. Lambert ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Robt. Thorpe, I.P.M. ...	Prov. G. Purs.
Bros. James Eley, Sec.; J. M. Wilkinson, S.W.; * J. Woodward, P.M.; J. W. Richardson, Treas.; E. Wilson, S.W.; and A. L. Peacock, W.M. ...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. Benj. Box* ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

* These six brethren were re-appointed.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Harper, of the White Hart Hotel, Spalding, in a marquee erected in the spacious grounds of Ayscoughgate Hall, which had been kindly thrown open to the brethren on this occasion by W. Bro. C. F. Bonner, W.M. 469, the generous proprietor.

The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bro. Kingston, R.W. District G.M. of Malta; W. Bro. E. Locock, D.P.G.M.; Bros. W. H. Radley, J. Fowler, W. Clegg, C. Pocklington, A. Bates, D. Coates, T. A. Thomas, Rev. G. W. Lowe, Rev. Cecil Sumner, Rev. A. W. G. Moore, Rev. B. Matthews, C. M. Nesbitt, H. Watson, J. Sutcliffe, and others.

The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. C. F. Bonner, W.M. 469, who throughout the day was most earnest in his endeavours to promote the comfort and happiness of the brethren.

The musical arrangements at the banquet were in the hands of Bros. Montem Smith, T. G. Carter, and Seymour Smith, and gave unlimited satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the visiting brethren departed for their homes by special train, most kindly arranged for their benefit, as this enabled the majority to enjoy the most pleasurable day almost three hours longer than would otherwise have been the case.

Indeed, too much praise cannot be given to the Committee of Management (under the able leadership of Bro. E. T. Barrell, P.M. and Sec. 469, P.G.A.D. of C.) for their excellent arrangements throughout, which were simply perfect, and well deserving of imitation elsewhere.

Vouchers were given to each brother who signed the attendance sheet, and no one was allowed in lodge or could obtain a ticket for the banquet without producing it.

The member's card was a curiosity of the Chauceria in age, and we trust that "ye maniple," who catered so well for the enjoyment of his guests, was well rewarded for his trouble.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ST. MATTHEW'S LODGE, No. 856, LOSTWITHIEL.—The part of the old Duchy Palace purchased of Mr. Mark Thomas was conveyed to Henry de Lugh, Henry Hann Kidd, and George Buckthought, members of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 856, in trust, and by a resolution of the lodge they are elected trustees for life, with ample powers to sell should the debtors holders demand payment of their bonds within ten years, and the lodge unable to pay them off from annual income. The ultimate trust of the building, should St. Matthew's Lodge cease to exist, is vested to the P.G.M. of the province of Cornwall for the time being. The members are much indebted to Bro. Whitefield, Solicitor, of St. Columb, who did all the legal business free of cost.

The brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks held their P.G.L. at Abingdon, on Thursday, the 26th inst., the R.W. the P.G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presiding. The agenda included the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., subscribed for by the lodges and the brethren in recognition of his valuable services as Provincial Grand Secretary, which office he relinquished some time since on account of advancing years. A full report will appear in our next.

A combined summer festival of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, will be held under the joint presidency of the Worshipful Masters, Bros. J. Douglass and J. Willing, on Thursday, July 24th, at the Rye House. The large grounds facing the house will be entirely reserved for the festival by Bro. R. Teale, the proprietor. There will be a good band for dancing, &c., after the banquet, which will take place at 3.30. The indefatigable exertions of Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is the Secretary to both lodges, and W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge, together with the popularity of the Worshipful Masters, will render this meeting a very enjoyable one. Special arrangements will be made with the Great Eastern Railway.

We are informed that on Monday, the 23rd inst., on the arrival of the train at Bath, by which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and suite were journeying, en route to London, at 3.17 p.m., a goodly assemblage of citizens attended to greet them, and a hearty round of cheers was given, to which H.R.H. graciously bowed his acknowledgements. We suppose there are few towns in the kingdom where the Prince and all the Royal Family are more loyally respected, and where more thoughtful consideration is bestowed upon him and them than in the fair "Star of the West," as the ancient city of Bath has been justly called. Our correspondent noticed amongst those assembled many distinguished brethren of the Craft, who heartily wished H.R.H. God speed.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Seven Sisters, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Bro. Stephens, the W.M., presided, and, after the usual routine business, proceeded (after the ballot had been taken) to initiate Mr. H. Cooper into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The bye-laws of the lodge were read, and the name of a gentleman for initiation having been given, the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which having been partaken of the usual toasts were given. In introducing that of "The Queen," the W.M. referred to the kind sympathy that Her Majesty had shown the ex-Empress of France in her recent bereavement. The toast was heartily received, and was followed by that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master." With this the W.M. coupled "The Healths of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," paying a great compliment to their exertions on behalf of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Wells, P.M., assumed the gavel, and had great pleasure in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," whom he complimented for his kind and affable manner and his general ability in conducting the affairs of the lodge. He was, Bro. Wells observed, very near the end of his term of office, and he hoped that whoever might be appointed as his successor would, if possible, be a better man, but he was afraid few could give greater satisfaction than their present Master. After a song the W.M. rose to reply. He tendered his heartiest thanks for the kindness at all times extended towards him, and hoped to merit a continuance of the favours of the brethren. He had done his best in the past, and was only too pleased to find that it had met the approval of the members. His next duty was a most pleasing one, and one that he felt would meet the heartiest reception from all assembled. It was "The Health of the Initiator, Bro. Cooper." It was a great episode in the career of a lodge to receive a new member among them, and he trusted that the brother who had been initiated this evening would show that he had been impressed with the ceremony performed on his behalf. He could assure him that the more he looked into Freemasonry the more he would find that the brethren were anxious for the welfare of their fellows. Bro. Cooper, in his reply, thanked the brethren for the reception that had been accorded him. At present he was not in a position to say much for Freemasonry, but he trusted that the more he saw of it the better he should like it, and finally prove himself worthy of the position that had been accorded him. The next toast the W.M. had proposed was that of "The Visitors." He considered this a most pleasing part of his duty, as he felt assured that each member was gratified at seeing the guests who had honoured them with their presence. They were not so numerous supported by visitors as they were at their last meeting, but they somewhat made up for quantity in quality. He referred to the exertions the press were making to advance the cause of Freemasonry by reporting the various meetings, that took place, and thereby giving brethren who were unable to be present an idea of what was taking place. Bros. G. C. Young, 820, J. B. Reid, 946, and W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385, responded to the toast. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of the Past Masters." He thanked them for the assistance they at all times rendered the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the lodge, and hoped they would be among those present at many future meetings. Bro. Wells returned thanks. He considered it the duty of every Past Master to support the Master, and regretted that the present Master had not been better supported than he had. "The Health of the Officers" was next drunk. Without them the W.M. felt he should have been unable to carry on the affairs of the lodge; he hoped he should always have them to assist him. Bro. S.W. replied, after which the Tyler was called, and gave the concluding toast of the evening. Among those present were Bros. H. Stephens, W.M.; J. W. Wells, W. Dance, J. Linzell, C. F. Barham, J. Maller, Past Masters; G. Burford, S.W.; J. Farrer, J.W.; T. Cunningham, Sec.; J. H. Thompson, J.D.; J. Garrod, D.C.; J. V. S. Tyler, A. G. Fidler, A. Bridgman, W. T. Turner, W. S. Cooper, W. F. Stevenson, A. W. Hackett, H. Cooper, and others.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of the premier lodge in the Province of Durham was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, assisted by the following officers, viz.: Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Eledon, Treas.; E. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemist, S.D.; W. Whitfield, acting J.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddell, S.S.; Jas. Macintyre, J.S.; J. W. A. Boyatt, A.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The other members present were: Bros. David Sinclair, P.M.; B. P. Ord, I.P.M. 1427; Michael J. Wheatley, T. E. Brigham, T. P. Reay, A. Bbagg, G. G. Davidson, and John Wallace. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. P. Jann, P.M. 424; Jesse Marchant, W.M. 424; Jos. Probert, P.M. 424; T. Tyrrell, 424; John Page, W.M. 406; Henry Usher, J.D. 541; G. S. Sims, 1342; J. Duckitt, jun., S.D. 481; H. Kamp, 240. The first business was the confirmation of the minutes of last regular meeting, after which Bro. M. Corbitt, I.P.M., was unanimously elected for the second time to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee for the Province of Durham. At the urgent request of the W.M. of the Borough Lodge, No. 424, the W.M. was asked to give Bro. T. Tyrrell (who had been regularly initiated in that lodge) his Second Degree. Bros. T. P. Reay, M. J. Wheatley, and T. Tyrrell having shown their proficiency in the First Degree retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when the candidates just named were admitted as Fellow Craftsmen by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. Bro. Jacob Matthews received the test of merit and retired, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree by the W.M., when Bro. Matthews was re-admitted and passed to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. M. Corbitt, I.P.M., who also explained the Tracing Board. The working tools were given by the S.W. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. M. Corbitt, I.P.M., in the names of himself and the officers, presented Bro. D. Sinclair, P.M., and W.M. of the lodge from March 1877, to March 1878, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their high esteem and for his services to the lodge. P.M. Sinclair thanked the I.P.M. and the officers for the token of regard, which was quite unexpected, and in a short but unique speech expressed the pleasure he would have in wearing the jewel as a memento of his year of office, and trusted that the day would be far distant when his connection with the old lodge would cease. The following gentlemen were proposed for initiation, Mr. Matthew Swinburne and Mr. Jas. John Thompson, after which the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M., and then the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when the usual Masonic toasts were responded to and several brethren enlivened the proceedings with their harmony. In connection with this lodge there is a untine or benevolent fund for the Masonic Charities, and it is very pleasing to find that the twelfth ballot took place on the meeting night.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—Amongst the numerous Midsummer installations in Liverpool none possess any greater interest than that which attaches to the annual gathering of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, with which many illustrious Masonic names have been associated during its century's existence. There was consequently a large gathering of visitors and brethren at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at noon on Tuesday, the 24th ult., and even a larger array of Masonic notables at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, where the brethren dined in the afternoon. The lodge was opened by Bro. Jas. Winsor, W.M., P.M. 203, assisted by Bros. Councillor Geo. Peet, P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Salter, J.W.; Jas. Pendleton, I.G.; Solomon Jacob, acting Secretary; and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., and Bro. G. Peet, P.M., and installed in a very impressive manner by Bro. J. Winsor, the retiring W.M., who also delivered the lectures at the close of the ceremony in a faultless manner. The W.M. was saluted with all the honours, and he then proceeded to invest the following officers: Bros. Thos. H. Sheen (by proxy), S.W.; John Latta, J.W.; Jas. Winsor, I.P.M.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, Treasurer (re-elected); Geo. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); Jas. Pendleton, S.D.; J. R. Duggas, J.D.; Thos. Whitehead, Secretary (by proxy); John Brotherton, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Organist. Peter Ball was re-elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren proceeded to Southport, where a recherche dinner was served up at the Prince of Wales Hotel, when about ninety sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master," the W.M. spoke of the respect and esteem in which he was held, and expressed a hope that his health might soon be restored, when he would again be able to render that assistance he had always so cheerfully afforded. The S.W. proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and other Provincial Grand Officers," and stated that the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, their Deputy Grand Master, was second only to the P.G.M. in his devotion to the Craft, and spoke highly of the assiduity of the other P.G.O.'s, especially Bro. Alpass, P.G. Secretary. Bro. Alpass responded, and said he was sure all who took an interest in the affairs of the country—ust sympathise with Bro. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley in his onerous duties connected with the army of this country. For himself he had the greatest pleasure in seeing the day installed such a worthy and efficient Mason as the W.M. He also called attention to their Masonic Charities, and bore testimony to the efforts of 241, headed by its W.M., to

promote the metropolitan funds, and especially that of the Girls' School. He could congratulate the lodge on all grounds on its continuing in the fore-front of Freemasonry in this province, and more especially on the fact that, without spending money at haphazard or without due investigation, they gave such a large sum to laudable objects. Bro. Latta, S.W., proposed "The Masonic Charities," warmly advocating their claims, more especially that of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, with which Bro. R. Brown was so honourably associated.—Bro. Brown and Broadbridge responded, and the latter proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M."—which was most cordially received—stating that they respected him not only as a hard-working Mason but as a man who set an example to all of them. The W.M. replied in feeling terms, and referred to the fact that the lodge was now 100 years old and still prospering. A most interesting portion of the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. James Winsor, I.P.M., of a handsome gold watch and chain, and a tea and coffee service for Mrs. Winsor, on behalf of the lodge by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., and after a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out by the hon. Organist, Bro. Ewart.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—There was a large muster of the brethren at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 18th ult., that being the closing meeting of the present season, the attendance, which included eight Past Masters, being testimony alike to the harmony and cordiality with which the lodge is always conducted, and of the high esteem in which the W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams, is held by the brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. P. Salk, P.M. 1536; Fielden, P.M. 1032; J. P. Knox, 32, Madrid; Caldwell, 1619; T. Griffiths, 1619; Abrey, 1678; and G. Glasville, 1549. The other officers present besides the W.M. were Bros. W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; J. Burton, J.W.; J. Duncley, S.D.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; W. F. Elers, Treas.; R. W. Delves, D.C.; C. Graham, A.D.C.; J. Boorman, Org.; Chesle, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; and P.M.'s Beckley, Roper, and Reed; Bros. A. D. Beecting, B. Buss, W. C. Cripps, E. Durrant, D. R. Everest, G. Farrer, W. Langridge, K. Pain, Rankin, Ramsbotham, Rule, Satchell, Simpson, W. T. Wrighton, M. Williams, and others. The lodge having been regularly opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the last lodge, which were unanimously confirmed. The Rev. Lewen S. Tugwell and Mr. D. R. Everest, having been regularly balloted for, and approved as candidates, were separately admitted and initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom. Ballot was also taken for Bro. W. T. Wrighton, Globe Lodge, No. 23, and Bro. H. S. Goodall, Lodge No. 65, which was unanimous in their favour. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lansdel questioned as to the progress he had made in the science, and the answers being satisfactory, he withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when he was impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a manner that fully keeps up the prestige of the lodge for the excellence of its working. On the notice of motion being brought forward that Bro. P.M. C. Marsh be elected an honorary member of the lodge, the notice was withdrawn agreeably to Bro. Marsh's wish. Several small matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kentish Hotel to banquet, which reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Rule. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. W. B. Bacon responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., Bro. Williams, thanked the brethren for the compliment, and rejoiced to see such a pleasant gathering of the brethren. The Tyler's toast at eleven o'clock terminated the proceedings. Some pleasant ballads were given during the evening by Bros. Wrighton, Boorman, and Bates.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th ult., a more than usually large number of brethren being present, including Bros. the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell; John Henderson Scott, D.P.G.M.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; C. Tomkinson, P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Kidd, P.G.D. of C.; J. Farncombe, P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.G.O.; W. T. Neel, P.G.P.; A. J. Hawkes, J. Rubie, and S. B. McWhinnie, P.G. Stewards; W. Glenister, W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40; G. Weller, P.M., and a strong contingent of the brethren from Hastings; T. Milson, W.M. of 341; W. Dawes, P.M., and a number of brethren from Kye, as well as a strong contingent of Past Masters and brethren from Brighton, and other parts of the province. The lodge having been opened in the usual manner by Bro. C. D. Jones, W.M., the minutes confirmed, and other business transacted, the Prov. G.M. was reported as seeking admission. On the order being given, Sir W. W. Burrell was received in due form, and saluted with the usual honours. The W.M. then announced that the period had arrived for the installation of his successor, and he vacated the chair in favour of the Dep. P.G.M. (Bro. J. H. Scott), who, in a very able and impressive manner installed Bro. W. Lamborn, P.M. and P.P.G.P., as W.M. of the Abbey Lodge for the next twelve months, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, numbering nearly thirty. The brethren having been re-admitted, and the new W.M. regularly proclaimed and saluted, the following were appointed the officers of the lodge for the year:—Bros. C. D. Jones, I.P.M.; E. R. Clarke, S.W.; J. B. Sargent, J.W.; J. H. Wells, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Duke, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Chandler, P.M., M. of C.; J. Fielding, Org.; A. D. Womersley, S.D.; R. H. Kedy, J.D.; J. Fisher, I.G.; F. Jesson, Tyler. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and an adjournment was made to the George Hotel, where the banquet

was held, the W.M. (Bro. Lamborn) in the chair, supported by Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Prov. G.M., John Henderson, D.P.G.M., a number of Provincial Grand Officers, and others. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. B. H. Thorpe, P.M., acting J.W.; and full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. opened the business by giving the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," speaking of her Majesty as the daughter and the mother of a Freemason. In proposing "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master of English Freemasons, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Lamborn remarked that it was not necessary in a gathering like the present to occupy time by making a long speech in support of it. The virtues of the Grand Master were well known to all Freemasons, and the Prince of Wales's name was a household word among the brethren. Full honour having been paid to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, the Very Worshipful D.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," the Worshipful Master, in a short but happy speech, proposed "The Health of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex," welcoming him to the Abbey Lodge with the greatest cordiality, and speaking in high terms of him as a Mason. Sir W. W. Burrell thanked the brethren for the very hearty reception they had given him on the occasion of his first visit to the Abbey Lodge. They met that day on what might be termed sacred ground—on ground where a crown had been lost and a kingdom had been won. On this historical ground the Abbey Lodge was consecrated, and held its peaceable meetings, and he hoped and trusted that they would never again in England witness a struggle for a kingdom and a crown. The great feature of Masonry, however, was not a struggle for a kingdom here, but for the kingdom to be hereafter established. Masonic lodges should be the embodiment of all that was good in charity and morality. He believed that Masonry was one of the most widely spread institutions in the globe. Even in such little known countries as Arabia and Abyssinia Masonry existed, and had existed for centuries. A brother-in-law of his had seen Arabs meeting on horseback in the desert and exchanging signs, while any Mason who had paid a visit to the South Kensington Museum could not fail to have been struck with the emblems and signs on the ornaments which the King of Abyssinia wore. Masonry was introduced into this country early in the present era, it having been introduced, according to the most reliable authorities, by St. Alban, who was murdered by Diocletian on account of his being a Mason. Freemasons were now raising a subscription for the purpose of putting the cathedral at the town named after him into repair. The Provincial Grand Master next referred to the increase of Masonry in the Province of Sussex, remarking that, in a month or two, he had to consecrate a new lodge at Brighton, and a warrant had also been granted for another new lodge (No. 1889), and when the brethren remembered that the number of the Ockenden Lodge was 1465, they would see how Masonic principles had spread since the desertion of the Marquis of Ripon, and since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy P.G.M.," remarking that he remembered that distinguished brother being present as P.S.G.W. when the lodge was consecrated in the Great Hall of Battle Abbey. Bro. Lamborn also spoke very highly of the D.G. Master's attention to Masonry, and of his skill as a worker. Bro. Scott thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to accompany so worthy a brother as the Provincial Grand Master in his visits, and to find him so well received. Sir Walter Burrell was well and deservedly respected. That worshipful brother intended to visit every lodge in the province. He had already visited most of the older ones, but brethren must not expect these visits to be often repeated. He (the D.P.G.M.) had visited the Abbey Lodge in 1873, and was pleased to note the improved and improving position of Masonry in Battle, and he looked upon their present W.M. (Bro. Lamborn) as the backbone of Masonry in the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Jones, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke of the assistance Bro. Lamborn had been to the Abbey Lodge. He and two or three others had been the mainstay of the lodge. If Bro. Lamborn loved one thing more than another it was Masonry. He was a good and true brother, and devoted his spare time to Masonic objects, more particularly to instructing his younger brethren in the science. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had for a second time conferred upon him; and if the brethren thought he had done his duty, he was well repaid. He asked the officers to give him all the assistance and all the attention they could, and he was ready at all times to give them all the instruction in his power, and would endeavour to drill them all well. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," making special reference to the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Worshipful Master of the Derwent, No. 40—Bro. W. Glenister—and the brethren from Hastings. He could assure the visitors that the members of the Abbey Lodge fully appreciated the courtesy shown them. Bro. Glenister complimented his worshipful brother on the position he had again attained, and was glad to show the respect in which he held Bro. Lamborn as a man and as a Mason. He trusted that in years to come the same good feeling would continue to exist, and that the Masonic courtesies would continue to be exchanged between the Abbey and the Derwent Lodges. "The Health of the Past Masters" was next duly honoured, the remark being made that if the W.M. was the backbone of the lodge, the Past Masters might be considered the ribs. The different Past Masters responded, and made felicitous speeches. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. B. H. Thorpe, P.M., in an eloquent speech, and full honour having also been done to the toasts of "The Treasurer," "The

Officers," and "The Stewards," the Tyler was called up and his toast given. Several brethren contributed their quota to the enjoyment, and many good songs were sung. It is, in fact, some time since a more pleasant Masonic reunion took place in this part of Sussex.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF ESSEX.

The installation of the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden as Provincial Grand Master of Essex took place on Wednesday last, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. There was a numerous attendance of the members of the various lodges in the county, as well as several visitors. The newly-appointed Grand Master was admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry on the 22nd of January, 1856, in the Lodge of Harmony, meeting at Richmond, Surrey. He was twice elected to preside over this lodge in the capacity of Worshipful Master, in the years 1859 and 1864, and in that capacity gave proof of the Masonic ability he has since shown. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden of England in 1872, by the Marquis of Ripon, then Grand Master, and has, since that time, been a frequent attendant at Grand Lodge, on several occasions having filled the chair of Senior Warden, as well as taking other positions whenever called upon. He succeeds in his present position of Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw, who presided over the province from 5th December, 1854, until the time of his death, 14th August, 1878. The present Provincial Grand Master, strange to say, was installed into his position in the same town as was the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bagshaw having been installed on the 17th of May, 1855, by the Earl of Yarborough, then Deputy Grand Master of England. On Wednesday the ceremony was performed by the Earl of Carnarvon, the present Pro Grand Master of England, and in every detail was carried out most efficiently.

Among those who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England; Lord Tenterden, Prov. G.M. Essex; Lord Ebrington, Prov. G.M. designate of Devon; Albert W. Woods, P.G.W. and G.D.C.; Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., D. Prov. G.M. Suffolk; R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, S. Africa; Ernest Emil Wendt, G.S. (G. Cor.); Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. and D. Prov. G.M. Surrey; J. Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President Board of Benevolence; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; Gordon W. Clark, P.M. 255; Thomas Cochrane, Provincial S.G.W.; George Corble, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Bridge, P.G. Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; D. Reed, P.J.G.D.; A. Lucking, P.G.D. of C.; J. A. Wardell, P.G.A.D. of C.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.G.S.B.; W. W. Brown, P.G. Org.; W. F. Francis, P.G.I.G.; Thos. S. Sarel, P.G. Tyler; Richd. W. Motion, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Portway, P.P. G.P.; E. Juda, P.P.G.R.; F. Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Allen, P.P.G.S.B.; F. G. Green, P.P.S.G.W.; Alfred Wright, P.P. G.D.; D. Arthur Goodchild, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Humphreys, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Harris, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Arthur J. Manning, P.P.G.S.; F. B. Shepherd, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C.; J. Durrant, P.P.J.G.D.; H. John Hatch, P.P.G.C.; F. Adlard, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Wm. Bashar, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Pipey, P.P.J.G.W.; A. K. Clench, P.P.S.G.W.; W. P. Lewis, P.P. S.G.D.; D. B. Groat, P.P.S.G.D.; W. O. Ward, P.P.G.P.; J. E. Wiseman, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; G. P. Jay, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Rix, P.P.G.S.B.; A. C. Veky, P.P.G.S., P.P.G.W.; Joseph Tanner, P.P.G.D.; E. West, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; George Cooper, P.M. 108 and 214; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.J.W.; Robt. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Sarel, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Patmore, P.P.G.S.; Arthur Perkin, P.P.G.C.; J. L. Bold, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Welch, P.P.J.G.W.; Charles Cobb, P.P.G.S. of W.; Henry Rowley, P.P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Cole, P.P.G.D.; G. Gard Pye, P.P.G.S. of W.; B. S. Barnes, P.P.G.C.; Thos. Smece, P.P.G.D.; James Nicholls, P.P.G.J.W.; Edward E. Phillips, P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. H. Jennings, J.W. 650; James Goodwin, W.M. 1343; Alfred Sturgeon, P.M. 1343; Edwin H. Inman, J.W. 1213; G. R. Durrant, 950; T. R. Moore, J. H. Crowther, J.W. 1457; J. Egan, P.M. 423; W. H. Norman, 1000; W. Cearcy, P.M. 433; W. D. Merritt, J.D. 1000; H. York, P.M. 433; W. Sheppard, 1734; F. Wiseman, J.W. 1734; S. Murphy, J.W. 214; T. King, W.M. 160; H. Harper, J.D. 160; G. Goodman, 1734; J. Allen, 1734; W. Whitechurch, W.M. 1280; W. Kilpin, I.G. 160; Joseph Earle, S.D. 160, W.M. 1734; Alfred W. Wallis, 214; G. Greyscock, 1000; G. H. Josing, 160; F. Howell, 1000; G. S. Edwards, S.W. 1457; A. Broadberry, S.D. 650; W. H. Kent, 453; A. Buck, I.G. 453; T. F. Woodard, 276; W. H. Glass, W.M. 453; F. C. Smith, 1457; J. Gosling, 1000; H. R. Heasman, W.M. 1437; C. Mansfield, 1421; C. Blyth, P.M. 453; R. J. Hendrie, 241; T. H. Reed, P.M. 276; T. Nicholson, P.M. 1457; Geo. Berry, J.W. 1000; Henry Beecher, 1000; G. J. Jones, S.W. 1000; W. Doyley, 1457; A. F. Heaton, 1734; F. P. Sutthery, 276; E. H. Florence, S.W. 24; G. F. Skill, 276; W. J. Chignell, 1000; Nicholas Miller, 1000; W. Langham, 276; C. Field, 1347; T. Simpson, 1280; W. Holloway, 1452; J. Freeman, 1024; Thos. Aldham, 1024; A. G. Maskell, 276; Robert Smith, 697; C. Salter, 650; T. E. Bland, J.D. 1024; Bruce Johnston, 1000; C. Warner, 1437; John Betts, 1024; G. Hawes, P.M. 697; A. T. Chambers, 650; J. Child, 453; 1579; J. H. Boulton, 697; T. G. Mills, Sec. 697; J. C. Turner, J.W. 51; D. M. B. Wheeler, P.M. 276; W. Pullen, P.M. 276; W. Wood, 276; A. F. Stuart, 276; 1437; T. F. Barrett, S.D. 1000; H. J. Lever, 697; G. D. Clapham, 1543; 1312; T. J. D. Crumphorn, 1024; H. J. Sansom, W.M. 1024; W. A. Donaldson, 1024; H. Saunders, S.D. 1437; S. J. Newton, 650; J. C. Johnstone, W.M. 1000; J. White, 1437; M. Roberts, 214; W. Wallis, 1000; J. M. Eagles, 433; J. P. Britton; J. R. Parker, 1280; A. C. Durrant, 276; W. Wright, 1024; R. D. Poppleton, 433; A. Mead, 276; J. Gooch, 433; A. F. Green, W.M. 276; J. S. Brown,

S.W. 276; J. W. Hair, 276, P.P.G.R.; W. Bright, 1312; Jas. Ralling; W. J. Upton, 276; G. Shedd, 276; E. D. Cockayne, 1543; W. J. Skelton, 1543; John Hutley, 1312; J. C. Newman; John Hulley, 1024; R. C. A. White, W.M. 344; F. W. Warner, 1543; H. W. Madeley, 1543; T. Williams, S.W. 1543; R. Huckleby; J. P. Lewins, J.W. 276; F. J. Snell, W.M. 1543; Walter C. Bell, P.M. 1024; F. Hurrell, 276; A. R. Staines, 51; H. Bowlet, 276; David J. Wright, 1024; O. Batt, 1543; J. Hanly, 51; A. W. Ralling, 51; A. Gosling, J.W. 697; W. R. Bloom, J.D. 1799; H. Hayes, 1000; S. J. Weston, 1000; A. Martin, 1000; Charles Gurner, 51; E. Gowers, Org. 1024; F. Bird, J.D. 1024; J. C. Earle, S.D. 214; R. Martin, S.W. 453; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 1312, P.G.S.W.; T. Warner, 697. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Clark, W.M. 3; G. Hall, 1205; C. T. Speight, P.M. 27; B. Hutchinson, J.D. 650; J. M. Farr, 1536; W. S. Harvey, 1658; C. G. Lambert, 1460; J. P. May, P.M. 15; E. Robbins, P.M. 193, 276; R. Williams, 1056; H. W. Madeley, 1543; E. J. Biggs, 1472; E. Ayres, 742; W. Chinty, 1781; A. H. Orpen, 216; F. Wright, 1500; W. H. Payne, 1472; W. J. Lennox, 123; G. W. Clark, P.M. 255; E. H. Wolton, 90; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; A. Wolton, 1704; L. C. H. Mensing, 959; T. Noton, 1309; V. Buehley, R. B. Dashwood, A. Trueman, W. Rockley, 51 and 701; H. W. Wynne, 255; A. Haulray, 255; H. N. Dering; J. A. Bennett, P.M. 4, 44, 62, 320, 321, &c.; H. W. Strange, P.M. 10, P.P.G.W. Norfolk; Jas. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the Earl of Carnarvon was saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and the roll of the lodges of the province were called over. The announcement of the contributions of the lodges of the province was made, and the Auditor's report was read.

The Earl of Carnarvon then said: I now will inform the Provincial Grand Lodge of the occasion which has called the brethren together. Brethren, you are aware that since the lamented death of your late Provincial Grand Master this province has been without its head, and it has pleased His Royal Highness the Grand Master to appoint our Bro. Lord Tenterden to fill this high office. (Applause.) I am quite satisfied from the way in which his name is received how popular that appointment will be with you. (Applause.) In some respects it is easier to pronounce praise upon a man in his absence than in his presence, but I think the few remarks which I need make in this Grand Lodge it will be better that Lord Tenterden himself should be here and should bear what I have to say, after the obligation has been administered to him, and, therefore, I shall now desire that the deputation formed in the usual fashion should proceed to introduce our Bro. Lord Tenterden to this Grand Lodge.

Lord Tenterden was then introduced to the Prov. Grand Lodge, and formally installed as Prov. Grand Master.

The Earl of Carnarvon, after having installed Lord Tenterden, said: Right Worshipful Sir, my noble brother, it has been my duty, and a most grateful duty it is to me, to place you in this chair. Very little, indeed, is needed now for me to add to the ceremony in which we have both taken this part. At the same time, it has always been held, I believe, customary that the Installing Master should at least tender his congratulations and good wishes, first of all to the Provincial Grand Master who henceforth is to rule the province, and next to the province that will be under his sway. I can, with a most sincere conscience, offer alike my congratulations and my good wishes to you and to the province on this fortunate occasion, and I trust that this bright ray of physical sunshine which is, after the long wet and storms of the last few days, coming in at these windows is an augury, after the depression which this province has undergone since the death of your late lamented Prov. Grand Master—is a fitting augury of that which is in store for the province. But, Worshipful Sir, you are no novice in the duties of the Craft, and it would be utterly unnecessary for me to remind you of the duties and obligations which you have to-day undertaken. You know them well, and I am satisfied that you will fulfil them with all the conscientiousness and zeal and energy of character which have distinguished the other actions of your public life (applause); and I rejoice to think that under your sway this province will take as it were a new start in its Masonic life and career, and I hope thrive and grow in the exercise of all those Masonic virtues and duties without which our internal procedure, our form, our ceremonies, and our symbols are all but naught. Brethren, some of you may have noticed only a few days ago a very remarkable article in one of our leading newspapers upon the present position of the Craft in England. It was a high encomium pronounced upon the Craft, though apparently written by one who had little real knowledge of our internal life and actions, but it was true in this, that it pointed out that, under the veil of symbolism, and under the external forms of rites and ceremonies, which had descended to us through successive generations, and from a very remote antiquity, there was a real active life and vigour enshrined, and that the Craft lived—lived, indeed, in the goodwill of the outside world; lived in the respect of men; lived in the honour and the regard which the people of this country pay it, because of the belief that it lived for active good, and in the exercise of active virtues. Brethren, that was a tribute offered to the Craft by one who was not familiar with its inner meaning and its inner life; but we may well lay that tribute to heart, and each and all of us, whether we be acting collectively in our several lodges, or whether we be acting separately and singly as individual Masons, endeavour to make the light of Masonry so shine forth in our whole lives collectively and individually that we may reflect honour and credit upon that body to which we all belong. Brethren, I have now only as I began so to end, by wish

ing your new Provincial Grand Master every good fortune in the chair which he fills. I need not wish him ability, I need not wish him tact, and conciliation, and firmness all combined, because I know he possesses those qualities, and I know that he will exercise them for the good of you all. Nor need I, I think, in conclusion, remind you that you have also duties to him, and that it is by obedience to rule, by loyalty to the commands of your Provincial Grand Master, by rendering him every assistance, both in your lodges and individually as Masons, that you can not only lighten the burden which, from time to time, will rest upon his shoulders, but also promote the cause of Masonry in this Masonic Province of Essex.

Lord Tenterden then rose and said, after the cheering with which he was greeted had ceased: Brethren, before we proceed with the business of the day, I cannot refrain from saying a few words of very earnest thanks to our Pro Grand Master for the kind manner in which he has spoken of me to you, and I also thank you, brethren of the Province of Essex, for the welcome you have been good enough to accord to me.

The Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C., was then appointed by his lordship D.P.G.M., and the following brethren were appointed to the other offices in the province:—

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| Bro. J. Earle, W.M. 214 | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " D. M. B. Wheeler, W.M. 276 | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Rev. H. F. Heaton, 1734 | ... | Prov. G.Chap. |
| " Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276 | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " T. J. Ralling, I.P.M. 51 | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " G. D. Clapham, P.M. 1543 | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " S. Leverett, P.M. 1280 | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " A. Sturgeon, P.M. 1343 | ... | |
| " H. J. Sansom, W.M. 1024 | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " G. W. Patmore, W.M. 1437 | ... | |
| " T. Nicholson, P.M. 1457 | ... | Prov. G. S. of W. |
| " Albert Lucking, P.M. 1000 | ... | Prov. G. D. of C. |
| " J. A. Wardell, P.M. 1000 | ... | Prov. G.A.D. of C. |
| " J. J. C. Turner, J.W. 51 | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " A. F. Ginn, W.M. 276 | ... | Prov. G. Sd. B. |
| " T. King, W.M. 160 | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " C. Blyth, P.M. 433 | ... | Prov. G. A. Parst. |
| " T. S. Sarel, 276 | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " J. S. Brown, 276; A. Mead, 276; F. M. Williams, 1543; W. Whitechurch, 1280; G. Harvey, 697 | ... | Stewards. |

Lord Tenterden afterwards said he thought it would not be fitting or becoming of him if he allowed Grand Lodge to depart without saying a few words to the memory of their departed Bro. Bagshaw. He had had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Bagshaw, and he knew how zealous he was on behalf of Freemasonry, and when he was racked with the disease of which he died he attended Grand Lodge regularly, rather than the province of Essex should not be represented. He, therefore, moved a vote of the deep regret of the province at the loss of their late Grand Master.

The vote having been seconded, was put to Grand Lodge, and carried unanimously, and Bro. Matthew Clarke, Past Deputy Grand Master of the province, was entrusted to convey it to the family of the late Bro. Bagshaw.

Lord Tenterden then proposed a vote of thanks to the Earl of Carnarvon for performing the ceremony of installation.

Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said it would be very wrong if, after having already engaged so much of the time of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he were to make anything of a reply to the words which had fallen from the chair, and from the excellent brother who had seconded them. He simply said that it had been a double pleasure to be there, from his personal friendship for him and from his knowledge of him as a Mason.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Matthew Clarke, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master, for the way in which he conducted the business of the province during the absence of the late Bro. Bagshaw.

Bro. Ernest Emil Wender, representative of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin, presented the congratulations of those lodges to Lord Tenterden on his installation as Prov. Grand Master for Essex.

On the motion of the Rev. S. R. Wigram, a vote of thanks was passed to the magistrates of the district for allowing the use of the Shire Hall for the purposes of the Prov. Grand Lodge on this installation of Lord Tenterden.

Ten guineas was voted to the local dispensary, and Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Corn Exchange to banquet, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," Lord Tenterden said: Brethren, there is an old saying that short reckonings make long friends. I think that expression may be supplemented by a further adage, that short speeches make pleasant meetings. The first toast on our list needs no comment, the mere mention of it ensures a hearty welcome in this loyal Province of Essex. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

After the National Anthem, the Provincial G. Master again rose and said: Brethren, when this Provincial G. Lodge was last commenced, it was for the purpose of placing on the shore of Essex one of those life boats that had been launched by the Craft, as a thankoffering for the safe return of their Grand Master from his Indian tour. A more fitting memorial could not have been selected than that which was decided on by the Grand Lodge, when we remember that during the time our Craft was left without a head the Prince of Wales was found ready and willing to take the helm of the boat and labour for our rescue. I say the helm of the life boat, for I am able to say, having been amongst the Masonic advisers of H.R.H. for some years

past, that H.R.H. does personally administer and govern the Craft to our great advantage. We have in the Prince of Wales no mere gilded figurehead at the top of the Craft, but we have instead the good head of an excellent man of business. The fact of the Prince of Wales being an admirable man of business has been testified on several occasions to the world at large, but more especially at the Exhibition last year at Paris, when he acted as President of the British section. The success of the English portion of the Exhibition was almost entirely owing to his exertions and his desire that there should be an adequate representation of the arts, products, and manufactures of the United Kingdom. I feel that I utter an expression gratifying to all of those present when I offer you an opportunity of shewing in Essex your appreciation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Brethren, I give you the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England."

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master." It was only those, he said, who knew how many and how various were the engagements of a man in Lord Carnarvon's position who could really appreciate how truly fraternal an act this was on his part. When he (Lord Tenterden) first went to the University of Oxford, the name which was the pride of the college, as the first classman of his year, was that of the Earl of Carnarvon. (Applause.) Since then, when maturer years had verified the promise of the schools, they still found the noble Earl in the first-class in life, first-class as a statesman, as a classical scholar, and as an orator, and as a Freemason (cheers), and he had recently added to his other honours that of poetry. (Applause.) There was one measure which, as it met with universal assent, he might here mention without hesitation, which showed how the Earl of Carnarvon had made his mark on the world—an achievement indeed which deserved to be even emblazoned on the time-honoured escutcheon of the Herberts. He referred to the great work of the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada. The Earl of Carnarvon found the British North-American Provinces scattered, weak, and disunited across the great breadth of the American Continent; he left them a consolidated dominion, the very jewel of our Colonial Empire. (Cheers.) Many of them were aware how genially, with what courtesy and ability, their most distinguished brother presided in Grand Lodge (hear, hear); they had all of them seen that day how he could preside in a Provincial Grand Lodge, and he was sure that he need say no more to commend the toast of his health to their most hearty welcome. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said he was afraid the Provincial Grand Master had very greatly exaggerated his poor merits in every single case to which he had been pleased to allude. He could not accept the flattering compliments his lordship had been pleased to pay him in that difficult sphere of politics where men much oftener reaped censure and abuse than they did praise, and he doubted how far he could venture to appropriate to himself even those compliments which had been paid him in the quieter, the serene, the more domestic sphere of other matters. But one thing he could say—that it was with infinite satisfaction and pleasure that he was asked to take the part of Installing Master there that day. He came with the greatest satisfaction to himself to discharge a duty in which his sympathies were so strongly, so personally enlisted, and independently of the satisfaction he felt at having placed Lord Tenterden in the chair, and having offered to him the sincere homage of his good wishes in the task which he was henceforth undertaking in this province, he also had received with infinite pleasure and satisfaction the kindly, and the more than kindly, welcome which the Province of Essex had been good enough to give him. (Cheers.) It had been his fortune to attend many provincial meetings in many parts of England, but this, at least, he would say, he had never attended any where he had been received more kindly and cordially than he had there that day, and when he left them he should carry away the recollection of the heartiness with which an Essex body of Freemasons could make their brother Mason welcome. (Loud cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that it was not a mere idle compliment that they paid this mark of respect, for Lord Skelmersdale was an earnest Mason, and was actually suffering his present illness through having come down to Walton-on-the-Naze to inaugurate a new lodge. Lord Skelmersdale regretted very much that he was not present this day, but he was compelled to be absent through having Her Majesty's commands to attend upon her on her visit to the Agricultural Show. Lord Kensington and others had also expressed their regret at their absence. The Grand Officers well manned the Craft, and he did not know how the Freemasons would get on without such brethren as Sir Albert Woods, Thomas Fenn, and Bro. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain. He would particularly mention with regard to this toast, Bro. Alston, Past Grand Warden, whose father before him was, as he was, a worthy President over the Craft. Bro. Alston was one of the oldest Grand Officers, and the oldest living Grand Officer in the Province of Essex, and it was his name he would couple with this toast.

Bro. Alston, in reply, said: the Grand Officers present have felt it a pleasure as well as a duty to support the chair on this auspicious occasion. To myself, personally, I may say that it has been a matter of intense interest to see placed in the chair of this province a brother whom I have known so long, whose friendship I so value, and whose career I have so much admired, and we one and all of us feel most grateful to you for the hearty welcome which you have accorded us, and for the excellent cheer with which you have provided us. Your Provincial Grand Master has referred in terms which demand my warmest acknowledgments to one inexpressibly dear to me who once occupied his chair. I will only say that if he

could be present to-day he would fully ratify and confirm and approve the choice which His Royal Highness had made. For myself I will say that though I stand before you now as one, I believe, of the oldest members of the Grand Lodge of England and for some years before that I was a member, and a working member, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex. In coming before you to-day I have ventured to put on some of the clothing which belong to me in Grand Lodge, and I trust you will accept it as a compliment from me that I should have done so. I can truly say that to my Masonic connection with this province, and it is not my only connection with this county, I owe some of the happiest recollections and experiences of my life; and time, which tries and proves all things, has only added to the halo with which those recollections are surrounded. I know the province of Essex of old. It is a glorious Masonic province; Masonic virtues shone always bright here, and they will continue to do so, and for the comfort of your excellent Prov. Grand Master I will say that in no respect were the Masonic virtues more conspicuous than in the loyalty and the devotion which you were always ready to show to your Prov. Grand Master. In coming among you again to-day I miss many old accustomed faces, but others have taken their place, and are now engaged in spreading the tenets of Masonry throughout the province; but I rejoice to find many of the old lodges which I knew of old. I have been glad to see that grand old lodge, the Angel Lodge, at Colchester, so well represented. I rejoice to find that the lodge at Chelmsford has been deemed worthy of being associated with the interesting ceremony of this day, and many other lodges which I could name are still working with great advantage to themselves and to the Craft throughout the province. When I first knew the province there were but seven lodges; I believe there are now seventeen. I need not refer to anything as better proving the success of the efforts made by your late most excellent Prov. Grand Master to spread Masonry throughout the province. You have now had placed in your chair a brother who is destined to inaugurate an era of new prosperity; his untiring energy, his zeal for Masonry, and his excellent social qualities will be sure to attract to Masonry many others who have not yet joined you, and I feel certain that under his fostering care a great future is in store for Masonry throughout the province. Brethren, I will detain you no longer, but assure you that I wish and pray that there may be a bright future for your Prov. Grand Master, and that Masonry under his beneficent presidency may prosper yet more than it ever has done in the province of Essex.

The Earl of Carnarvon then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." He said: Brethren, I have had a toast placed in my hands, for which I thank those who have arranged the procedure of to-day. No toast could be more grateful to me to propose; no toast I am satisfied could meet with a greater enthusiasm on your part. Brethren, we can none of us forget the cause which has called us together to-day; we can none of us forget who now occupies the chair of this province. I have already had occasion more than once within the last few hours to offer the expression of my own hearty good wishes for the success of my noble friend in the new duty that he has undertaken. I am very sanguine as to the mode in which he will discharge those duties. He has the guarantee, so to speak, of his whole past in his favour. My noble friend succeeded to a title and an already distinguished name. He was not a man to rest idle upon hereditary honours. His life has been, emphatically I should say, a life of hard, unsparring, laborious work. The frivolities, even the lighter pleasures in life, which form so large a portion of the existence of other men, have passed comparatively by him; he has scorned a life of inglorious ease, and he has devoted time and thought and the energy both of mind and body to the service of the State. This has not been all. Step by step, patiently and by solid work, my noble friend has risen in the profession that he adorns, till at last he has arrived at the highest point of all—the highest post which I conceive any one in that profession can hold in England—the position of permanent Under Secretary at the Foreign Office. Brethren, none but those who have had some experience as Ministers in a large department can tell how deeply indebted the country is to the permanent civil officers who practically manage and administer those departments. But if there be one officer in a great department upon whom hinges, so to speak, the whole administration of that department, and all abroad that that administration involves and carries with it, it is the permanent Under Secretary. All day, every day, day and night I may say, the State has calls upon him. He is the adviser of his political and parliamentary chief; he is the hinge upon which all of that great office, and with the office that great service, in a great measure turns; and this I may truly say from experience, that among all that band of highly-educated, able, laborious men to carry on the work of our public offices, whose merits receive far less recognition when sometimes contrasted by the showy and the tawdry qualities of those who are so deeply indebted to them—I speak it in all humility, because I have had the benefit of similar advice as my noble friend has given to a succession of Foreign Secretaries. I say nothing about those who have served in a great department, as a parliamentary head can be aware how deeply indebted the Crown and the country are to those who fill such a situation as my noble friend now fills. And therefore, brethren, I say that a great Masonic province like this may gratefully and well appreciate when it can command the services of such a Provincial Grand Master. I know how heavy the claims of public business are upon any one in my noble friend's position, but I have always found this in life, that those who are really the busiest find the greatest amount of time to give to other persons. I remember hearing a story of Count

Cavour when he was at the head of the Foreign Department in Italy, which was a very stormy time. A friend visited him one morning early, and after talking five minutes, proposed to hurry away, apologising for having detained him so long from public business. Count Cavour said "Why, I have plenty of time; there are twenty-four hours in the day, and they surely are enough for all purposes." And I believe my noble friend here is of the same opinion, when he could take himself away from the dispatches of the Foreign Office to devote himself body and mind to such an occasion as the present. I hardly know, when I see such a meeting as this, on what Masonic text to preach. It has been my duty so often to inculcate Masonic principles or duties, that I feel almost afraid of repeating what I have said. There are no doubt particular duties which are specially applicable to particular times and seasons. The duty of our Masonic Charity is one; the world-wide brotherhood which unites us in so many climates and countries is another great feature; the code of morals, so to speak, which lies enshrined in the old charges of the Order which is concealed, veiled in the ritual and symbolism, such as that to which I alluded in the Grand Lodge of to-day—these are all distinctive features of the Craft; they may all be dwelt upon with advantage at different times and under different circumstances; but the one word that I would take the liberty of saying to-day is perhaps of a somewhat different subject: it is to ask you to bear in mind, as it suggests itself to me to-day, that our Masonic organisation and the duties of loyal provincial obedience to those who are placed high in authority lie at the very root of all our Masonic system in England. Brethren, the administration of a great Masonic province like this depends first of all upon the tact, the management, and the administrative ability of the Provincial Grand Master. It depends in the next place upon the zeal and the intelligence of those Grand Officers whom he appoints; and lastly it depends upon the hearty zeal and the loyal obedience of the whole body of Masons scattered throughout the province, and by that I mean the loyal obedience, not merely of individual Masons, but of lodges acting collectively together as a part of the Masonic organisation; and let me say that just as this is true of the Provincial Grand Lodge, so also is it true of the organisation of each individual lodge. The Master there is elected to his high office; he is bound to exercise the functions and duties of that office with the same qualities as the Provincial Grand Master brings to bear; he looks to his officers to give him their hearty support in the work of the lodge, and he looks again to the individual members of the lodge to support him in a way that no written rules and no precise laws can possibly give. But, brethren, this is not, perhaps, all. It might seem to some that the great powers which are lodged in the hands of the Prov. Grand Master, as they are lodged in the hands of the Grand Master of the Craft, would make our ancient and venerable body despotic and absolute in its character and working. That is not at all the case. Our body seems to me to be happily blended together of the two great principles of rule, of obedience, of loyalty, and yet also of great freedom. Freedom of election lies at the very root of the whole matter, and confidence the offspring of that freedom of choice on the one hand, and of that considerate and temperate rule on the other. In this it has often occurred to me that there is a strong resemblance between Freemasonry—English Freemasonry—and the English Constitution. You have large powers, great authority, great responsibility, great freedom, and if the whole machine is to work together harmoniously and satisfactorily, great confidence on the part of those who are governed in those who govern. (Cheers.) That is, in fact, what, I believe, the English Constitution gives you, roughly speaking; that is what we look for, and what we have found, I believe, in our Masonic system. And, perhaps, this is, among other causes, one of the reasons, and one of the principal reasons, why Freemasonry in England has united itself in such harmonious bonds with all the great institutions of the country. I know, indeed, nothing more remarkable than the contrast which exists now, and which still more existed a few years ago, between English Freemasonry and foreign. Here in England the great institutions of the country are more or less connected with Freemasonry. There has never been any jealousy of Freemasonry here. Parliament, even in its most jealous moods, always made exceptions in favour of English lodges. There was no suspicion, no jealousy, no ill-will, and, as my noble friend, I think, also pointed out in one of his speeches to-day, it has been our special characteristic and pleasure, that in this country we have had a succession of Royal Princes at the head of our Masonic system. (Loud cheers.) Formerly, indeed, abroad Freemasonry was bound up with many of those secret bodies which could certainly not be said to be allied to the State—which were at enmity with the State—and it brought on foreign Freemasonry often much doubt, sometimes discredit. We, I am thankful to say, have ever been spared from this, and I trust that through the long course of English Freemasonry which is yet in store, we shall always maintain the same even, temperate way which we have maintained in times past—that we shall still feel that with the laws, the institutions, the authorities of this country we are closely allied; that whilst we are Masons we are equally Englishmen—Englishmen in all the spirit of the laws, in all the spirit of the constitution—and then we shall carry on, I doubt not, Freemasonry, if possible, even one step lighter, and one step further than it has already achieved; we shall be able to hand down to those who come after us quite as great and fine a heritage as we have received from our forefathers. (Cheers.) Brethren, in every province it is necessary to have a high standard before us. In this province you have had good traditions, and you now have at your head one who is fully competent to give those traditions practical life and effect. Let me congratulate him upon being placed in this chair; let me congratulate you upon having so good a

Provincial Grand Master ruling over you. I beg to propose his health. Let me wish to him long life and success in the devotion of the same qualities to this province that he has already given to his country, and let me wish for you all the happiness and all the good fortune, and all the success that can flow from the wise, and temperate, and kindly, and conciliatory rule of your present Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said: Brethren, I have to thank our Pro Grand Master for the too flattering and complimentary terms in which he has been good enough to propose my health to your notice, and I have to thank you, brethren of the Province of Essex, for the welcome you have been good enough to accord to me on this occasion. Our Pro-Grand Master has spoken of the organisation of Freemasonry. I am pretty confident that I am not wrong in supposing that in this town of Chelmsford, at this very moment, there are numbers of people who are asking the question—"What is it that all these gentlemen, wearing white ties and evening coats in the day-time, have invaded our quiet neighbourhood for, with their little black bags and their tin boxes?" (Laughter.) And, brethren, I do not doubt that to many the question has been put which has on this and on other occasions, been very frequently addressed to myself—"What is it that all you people are about? If you want to subscribe to schools and to asylums, why don't you send your Post Office orders and your cheques without all this fuss and paraphernalia?" (Laughter.) Now, a lady told me the other day that she had discovered the secret. (Loud laughter.) She said, "The fact is, you men are so vain. You love to dress yourselves up; that is why the soldiers all wear red coats, and now the Volunteers are going to wear red coats; and as for you people with the blue aprons, why, you are no better." (Laughter.) Other people say we are mere knife-and-fork philanthropists. (Loud laughter.) Others, again, say, "The real fact is, there is nothing in it at all." Now, that reminds me of the story with regard to the Druses on Mount Lebanon. His lordship then proceeded to relate the story of one of a number of peeping busybodies who went into the Temple of the Druses, and finding it empty returned and reported that there was "nothing in it," whereupon he was told that his story was disbelieved, and was ignominiously kicked out of the village. (Laughter.) His lordship proceeded: Now, brethren, it cannot be said that there is nothing in our lodges, for there is something in our lodges, something which constitutes the very basis of our Masonic structure, and that is the volume of the Sacred Law. Although with universal toleration we admit men of all creeds to the Craft, provided they are good men—I have myself initiated Persians, Parsees, Musselmans, and Hindoos—yet all our work is begun, continued, and completed in the name of him whom we address in the spirit of that universal prayer written by our great poet Pope, a Roman Catholic—

"Father of all in every age,
In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, and Lord.
To him whose temple is all space,
Whose altar—earth, sea, skies,
One chorus let all beings raise,
All nature's incense rise."

(Applause.) It is, brethren, this spirit of toleration, this feeling of universal brotherhood under one great heavenly Father, which constitutes, as I deem it, the true object, the true principle of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) It was for this object that Freemasonry was founded, and it is for this that it now claims to be maintained. Without going too far into the uncertainties of tradition, we are, at all events, sure of this—that the original object of Freemasonry was to provide a home amongst their fellow brethren and Masons, where those skilled Craftsmen who wandered in the pursuit of their craft might find in their travels a ready welcome. It was thus, brethren, that Freemasonry in former ages was the first to break down that barrier of distrust and exclusiveness which severed countries and provinces, and even towns. (Hear, hear.) It is now of equal use, for Freemasonry, excluding as it does subjects of political and religious controversy, forms a neutral ground on which men of all classes, countries, and creeds may meet on the level and part upon the square. (Cheers.) Brethren, that exclusiveness of which I have spoken has to some extent penetrated even to the present day. Most of you, I dare say, recollect the drawing of poor John Leech's, of two navvies, one of whom says to the other, "Who be that, Bill?" and upon the other replying, "A stranger," he says, "Eave 'alf a brick at him." (Laughter.) Well, brethren, that spirit was at one time very common amongst us. The other day I was reading the biography of one of our great naval heroes at the commencement of the present century. His creed was, "Fear God, honour the King, and hate the French." (Laughter.) No brethren, we do, I hope, the two former, but the days for hatred of the French are happily passed away, and I trust may never come again. (Cheers.) How little we now hate the French is shown in the chord of sympathy which has been touched in every English heart, in every English home, for that unhappy lady who is now mourning for her gallant son, slain in the English cause in South Africa. (Cheers.) This spirit of universal brotherhood may, perhaps, by some be considered no longer of any moment in this country, but this is not so. Although political and religious rancour is happily no longer rife amongst us, there are many subjects upon which all men must differ, and by excluding those questions, upon which men too frequently do differ, we are doing that which, I am sure, is of great good to this country, and I have seen myself a very remarkable instance of that in the United States of America, where civil war had done its worst to scathe the land. Yet, the brethren from the North could meet the brethren from the South after the

war, and clasp the hands of Freemasonry in brotherhood, which had so recently been raised to shed each other's blood. (Cheers.) I feel with our Pro Grand Master that Freemasonry has a great future before it—a great future, I venture to say, in this feeling of universal toleration and brotherhood—a great future, not only in this country but in all countries in pacifying hostilities, in creating friendship, in linking together men of all countries, of all classes, of all religions, all races, and all creeds. (Cheers.) And, brethren, we cannot do better than take the advice of our Pro Grand Master as to how we should best extend and promote this, which I venture to say is a noble object, of which Freemasons in this province and all over the world may be justly proud. The way to promote it, brethren, is to use an expression familiar to all of us, that we should show ourselves to be good Masons and good men, not only in our words and in our emblems, but in our acts—that we should, in truth, show ourselves to be men to whom the afflicted may pour forth their sorrows, and find consolation; to whom the distressed may pour forth their suit and find relief; whose hands are guided by justice, and whose hearts are expanded by benevolence. (Cheers.) I once more thank you most cordially for the kind welcome which has been given to me in this province. I always felt that although I was not known to many amongst you, it would be so that one whose heart was in Freemasonry would never fail a warm welcome at the hands of Freemasons. (Loud cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master then said: The Pro Grand Master has desired me to express his extreme regret that he has been obliged to leave before the end of our festivities. I have now devolving on me the very agreeable task of proposing "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." I have for a long time had the pleasure of knowing our Bro. Wigram as distinguished in the Craft, distinguished as one of the Grand Chaplains, and distinguished, as I also know he has been, by his working at the Priory Lodge, Southend; and it is with extreme gratification to me that he has accepted the position to which he has this day been appointed. You must all know that very much of the success of a province depends upon the Deputy of the Province. As the Prov. G. Master has told you in the most flattering terms, I am engaged the bulk of my time, and must therefore leave the great part of my duties to the brother who has this day been appointed as my Deputy. We have among us in our lodge the Past D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Matthew Clark, and I am especially pleased to see him. I feel sure that you also appreciate his services from the satisfaction with which you all agreed to the vote of thanks which has been passed on him in lodge. He is with me a P.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, at Richmond, and has for many years past shared with me the duties of Secretary of that lodge. I know from my personal experience that he is a good man, and you all know that he is a good Mason. We have to-day also invested several others who are worthy of the position to which they have been appointed. It was at the Lodge of Hope and Unity, at Romford, that I first received my early Masonic instruction. A friend of mine used to belong to that lodge, and I was frequently present there as a visitor, and have on several occasions acted as one of its officers; it is, therefore, with extreme pleasure that I have this day placed the W.M. of that lodge in the chair of Senior Warden of the province. The other Prov. Grand Officers are, I believe, equally well known to the Craft of Essex. I have done my best that the honours should be distributed to every point of our provincial compass, and I hope that the various appointments will give satisfaction. I have pleasure in coupling with the toast the names of Bro. S. R. Wigram, D.P.G.M., and Matthew Clark, P.P.D.G.M.

Bro. Wigram, in reply, said: I have to thank you both on my own behalf and on behalf of the other Provincial Grand Officers. The honour I have received this day has come to me most acceptably. I am an Essex man, son of an Essex man, received the Masonic light in an Essex lodge, and am a Past Master of two Essex lodges. If we are spared to meet again at the end of twelve months, I hope you will receive this toast with as great cordiality as it has met to-night. We ask you to be to our virtues very kind, and to our follies ever blind. I feel that every Grand Officer of the province will do his duty, and feel assured that I shall be obliged to do so myself in consequence of the splendid example set by my predecessor. I trust that when our terms of office may expire, we shall be greeted with the sentence of your approval as heartily as we have to-day received that of your congratulation.

Bro. Clarke followed. He desired to add to the remarks of the last speaker but a few words. Bro. Wigram has, he said, succeeded to an organisation that is in every way perfect, and that he will do all that is required of him in the firm conviction of all present. I thank you for the kind way in which I was always received while in occupation of the my office.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. stated that the Prov. Grand Master had entrusted to him the proposal of the next toast. He said: I could at this moment express two wishes, one that the toast had fallen into better hands, and another that it had been placed earlier on the list, so that it might have been given before those numerous visitors who have honoured us with their presence had been obliged to leave us. We have to-day been honoured with Masons conversant with the Craft, I may say in every part of the world. We are always proud to see our brethren among us, and tend them a hearty welcome. All we can do is to honour those brethren who have to-day visited us by drinking heartily to the toast.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, in his reply, tendered his thanks for the hearty reception accorded the toast. He hoped that he should have the pleasure of seeing several of the Essex brethren at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk on Monday next. He expressed the regret of the

Master of his province that he was unable to attend the meeting of that day.

The Provincial Grand Master gave "The Health of the Officers of the Province," which was acknowledged by Bro. Rev. F. Shepherd, P.M. 276.

Bro. Verey proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A just compliment was paid by the Prov. Grand Master to the Committee of the Chelmsford Lodge who had been entrusted with the arrangements of the day, and on the W.M. of the lodge being called upon to respond, he expressed the thanks of his lodge to those Prov. Grand Officers who had assisted him. More especially he wished to thank Bro. Ralling, the Prov. G. Sec., who, he said, had been present at every meeting of the Committee.

Bro. Speight acted as toastmaster. During the evening a selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, by Bros. John Hodges, Faulkner Leigh, C. Beckett, and Thurley Beale.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The eleventh annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, was held on Wednesday last, the 2nd inst., at the Alexandra Palace, on which occasion W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 164, P.G.S.W. Sussex, presided, supported by Baron de Ferrieres, Captain Hunter, and a numerous company, among whom were Bros. F. Davison, H. C. Levander, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Wynne, T. J. Pulley, J. H. Hale, W. Williams, E. W. Ansell, E. C. Milligan, T. Cubitt, G. W. Verry, Dr. Ace, E. Margrett, W. B. Date, H. Hopkinson, R. Berridge, W. Stephens, H. H. Swallow, Dr. Passawer, L.L.D., Rice, R. W. Philpott, J. L. C. Hunter Little, F. Binckes, and Massey (Freemason).

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, Grand Mark Organist, assisted by Bros. Hodges, Stedman, Egbert Roberts, and Bro. Stedman's choir boys.

Fifty-seven brethren and ladies sat down to dinner, which was admirably served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the lessees of the Palace.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Chairman rose and said,

Ladies and gentlemen, the first toast on the list is one which I know will be received in the most hearty and most cordial manner. The health to which I refer is that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry." Ever since Her Most Gracious Majesty has reigned over this country she has ruled it with a kind, a liberal, and a just hand; she has been more kind, more amiable, to her subjects than I can possibly find words to express, and she has especially extended that kindness to Mark Masonry. I give you with very great pleasure "The Health of the Queen and Mark Masonry."

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, you must excuse my hurrying on from one toast to another, and not making many remarks upon each, as our time is short, and we have many toasts to consider. The next toast is "The Health of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale." I feel convinced that, to those who have the pleasure of Lord Skelmersdale's acquaintance, it is needless to say anything about the very able way in which he carries out the duties of his very high position in Mark Masonry. Of those who have not the pleasure of knowing him there must be few among the present company who have not had the opportunity at some time or other of seeing him when he has been called upon to preside, and they must be well aware of the courtesy he exercises towards every one, and the perfect manner in which he carries on the duties of Grand Mark Master of England. I give you "The Health of the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, Lord Skelmersdale."

The Chairman: The next toast is that of "The M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.; W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A.; the Right Hon. the Earl Percy; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick," and with that I shall couple the toast of "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, and the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Really I don't think that any words are necessary from me to recommend this toast to your notice. I think that all of us here have had the pleasure of meeting one or the other of these brethren, and therefore I don't think it is necessary to say anything, but to ask you to drink with great cordiality the health of the brethren whose names I have just mentioned.

Bro. F. Davison: Brethren and sisters, on behalf of the Grand Officers Past and Present, I beg to thank you for the manner in which you have drunk their health. About the Past Masters I shall say little, because it is well known how well they have done their work; but about the present I beg to say that they all carry on the duties of their respective offices with ability and zeal to the best of their powers; and on behalf of the Grand Officers, both Past and Present, I beg to thank you. Our time is necessarily short, and I feel sure that the music is so far better than anything I can say, that I shall say no more on the subject.

The Chairman: The next toast on the list I think I may call the toast of the evening. It is "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Institutions." I think I may say a few words about the way in which the Mark Benevolent Fund has prospered and increased, and it has certainly increased very considerably. The first anniversary took place eleven years ago, and the amount of contributions that year was

£97 2s. 8d.; that was in 1869. That amount I am happy to be able to tell you has increased year by year, until last year it amounted to £370 4s. I am more pleased than I can express to be able to tell you that this year the subscriptions amount altogether to £526. Since the commencement of this Fund, thirty-six cases have been relieved in grants varying from £1 to £50 each. The amount of that was £433. Then £1000 is invested in Colonial Securities, £1000 is transferred to the Education Fund, and the expenses since 1869 have only amounted to £39—about £3 10s. a year; that left a credit at the bank of £106. In December, 1878, a vote was passed at Grand Lodge to this effect, that a portion of all sums paid to the Benevolent Fund shall go to the Education Fund, of which the bye-laws are on the table now. This year one boy has been elected and sent to the Manchester Grammar School, at an annual expense of twelve guineas. This is a very important thing. The boy is sent to Manchester to school, and this Institution is kept advised as to how he is going on. A quarterly report is sent to us from the Head Master of the Grammar School, giving the Court a report of the progress which the boy has made, as to his general behaviour, and as to the state of his health; and this report is forwarded by the Court to the boy's parents, should he have any. I do not think that any thing else particularly calls for attention except the list of Stewards and the sums collected by them on this occasion, which Bro. Dewar will read to you. I now have much pleasure in asking you to drink to "The prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Institutions."

The subscription list was then read by Bro. Dewar, and was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. S. Gillard, P.G.S., P.M. Science Lodge, 128, Dorset	50	0	0
" Rev. Danl. Ace, D.D., G. Chap., W.M. Hereford Lodge, 127, Lanc. ...	16	16	0
" Baron de Ferrieres, Gloucestershire ...	34	12	0
" G. F. Lancaster, Isle of Wight, Hants	17	0	0
" Walter Spencer, P.G. Asst. D.C., W.M. Bou Accord Lodge, T.I.	14	3	6
" Charles Jacques, G.J.D., P.M. Old Kent Lodge, T.I.	24	1	0
" Thomas Cooper, P.M. York Lodge, T.I.			
" T. D. Bolton, P.G. Steward, Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7	38	17	0
" B. H. Swallow, S.W. Thistle Lodge, No. 8	20	0	0
" E. B. Bright, I.G. Hiram Lodge, No. 13	18	18	0
" E. C. Milligan, P.M. St. Andrews Lodge, No. 34	30	5	0
" Capt. C. Hunter, P.G.S. Br., P.M. St. David's Lodge, No. 38	18	17	0
" T. J. Pulley, G. Stwd., P.M. Aldershot Military Lodge, No. 54	15	15	0
" E. Diggle, G.A.G., P.M. Temperance Lodge, No. 86	5	5	0
" Bro. R. L. Loveland, St. Andrews Lodge, No. 63	9	19	6
" W. T. Clarke, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 78 ...	30	19	0
" Robt. Berridge, G. Dir. Cer., P.M. Macdonald Lodge, 104	21	0	0
" G. M. Lowe, M.D., P.M. Remigius Lodge, 117	10	10	0
" R. W. Philpott, Dever-Cinqe Ports Lodge, 152	10	10	0
" A. Hopkinson, County Palatine Lodge, 156	15	15	0
" Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. Grand Master Gloucestershire	5	5	0
" R. Boggott, P.M. Humber Lodge, 182	10	10	0
" J. L. C. Hunter Little, P.M. St. John's Lodge, 214	17	11	6
" Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, 216	20	4	0
" W. Ballard, W.M. Abbey Lodge, 225			
" E. Margrett, G. Steward, W.M. Looquold Lodge, 235	15	15	0
" W. Stephens, W.M. Clapton Lodge, 236			
" Capt. Geo. Watson, P.G.J.D., W.M. St. Andrew's, 237			
" T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.J.W., W.M. Watford, 242	7	7	0
" Dr. E. Passawer, W.M. Trinity College Lodge, 244	15	14	6
" J. H. Hale, W.M. Simon de Liz Lodge, 245	10	0	0
" F. W. Ansell, W.M. Alfred Lodge, 247	17	11	0
" J. Clark, Britannia Lodge, 53 ...	5	5	0
" John Spencer, Britannia Lodge, 53 ...	5	5	0
" S. B. Ellis, Britannia Lodge, 53 ...	5	5	0
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The toast was responded to by Bro. Binckes, the Grand Mark Secretary, who remarked that the Fund had received a very large amount of support, which was increasing every year of its existence; and as regards the Masonic Institutions generally this had been the case, the three great Masonic Charities having this year secured the large sum of £38,000 amongst them—the largest sum that had ever been collected in any one year. He said that he looked with confidence to see a steady and large increase in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and reminded the company that it was not many years ago that the Boys' School Festival realised only a similar sum to that which had been announced to them this evening.

Bro. Binckes then proceeded to propose the next toast, viz., "The Health of the Chairman, the W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill," a nobleman young in the Order perhaps, but entirely imbued with an admiration for Freemasonry, and an ardent lover of Mark Masonry, and who would, no doubt, shortly be placed in a high position in the chief council of the Order. He trusted that whatever distinguished honours might await his Lordship in years to come he would look back to this evening, not only without regret but with a large amount of gratification, as the evening of the most successful festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Chairman: Ladies and brethren, I am sure I do not know how to respond to Bro. Binckes's most liberal and most kind remarks. I am afraid that Bro. Binckes rather exaggerated. ("No, no.") Really it is very kind of you to say "no, no." I assure you that it is no trouble for me to come here, and I give way to none in the interest in Mark Masonry, and it, therefore, gives me pleasure to come here. And I can only say that as I have presided over you on the occasion of your having had—up to the present time—your most satisfactory festival, as far as the amounts are concerned, so do I hope that my successor, next year, will be presiding at a still more successful festival than this has been. I thank you all very much for the manner in which the toast, proposed by Bro. Binckes, was responded to.

Bro. Davison: In assuming the President's chair, I am sure I am expressing the sentiments of all present in saying that we regret that Lord Arthur Hill has been obliged to leave us. Ladies and brethren, the toast that I have to offer to your notice now is "The Health of the Board of Stewards." I am sure, from the account we have heard of their Stewardship, we owe them a great deal of gratitude for their exertions. You have heard that from very small beginnings we have arrived at a considerable amount, and, as our Grand Secretary has told us some facts about the early stages of a similarly constituted institution, there is no knowing what may happen in the future. But I am sure that a debt of gratitude and our best thanks are due to that Board of Stewards, and, if you will allow me, I will couple with that toast the name of Bro. Baron de Ferrieres.

Baron de Ferrieres: Mr. Chairman, ladies, and brethren, I feel bound to respond to the call of our esteemed Chairman, although I feel that there are many brethren who have served as Stewards many times and ought to have been called upon in preference to myself. It must be most gratifying to us all as members of the large body of Craft Masonry to hear of the large sum of £38,000 collected in a single year by the three great Masonic Charities, and I think as members of the small body of Mark Masons, it is equally gratifying to have heard of the collection of such an amount as has been announced this evening. I think that the educational feature of this Institution—that plan of sending boys to grammar schools near their own homes—is one deserving of the attention of the larger institutions with a view to its adoption by themselves. There is no doubt that, beyond a certain point, it is not desirable to associate children together in one body, and it might be considered with advantage, whether what is done by this Institution might not be adopted by the other Charities. It must be gratifying to us to feel that our labours have not been thrown away, but I think it is hardly fair to appraise a Steward's services by the amount he brings up. I feel that in many instances a brother who brings up a small sum has worked harder than some who have laboured in more favourable districts. I beg to thank you for the manner in which you have received this toast.

Bro. Binckes explained that when the fund, which resulted in the establishment of the Boys' School, was first instituted, and before they possessed a building, the boys were put out to school; and the results were unsatisfactory, and besides the Mark Masons' Educational Scheme was not exactly similar to the Boys' School. It was not an institution for boys who were orphans, or whose surviving parent was unable to educate him at all; it was rather intended as a sort of "grant in aid" to brethren who from the largeness of their family, or from other circumstances required some assistance in educating their children.

Bro. Capt. Hunter: Mr. Chairman and brethren, I am about to ask you to drink to "The Health of the Ladies," who have graced this social gathering with their presence. It is the duty, as I am sure it is the pleasure, of Freemasons throughout the country, nay throughout the world, to look in the first place to their wives and families. The brethren meet in social gatherings, and they probably, as we certainly do, have very festive evenings, but on every occasion I am sure the feeling is of the homes of the brethren, for Freemasonry is a great charity. It is useless for me to do more than ask you to drink the health of the ladies who have graced our table this evening. I am sure you will do so sincerely. I trust they have not passed an unpleasant evening, though it is to be regretted that the ungenial weather has prevented their visiting the beautiful grounds of the palace as they might desire. I can only thank the ladies very much for their presence, and assure them that the opportunity of meeting the brethren's gentler belongings tends to make brethren think better of each other. I will couple this toast with the name of Bro. Rushworth, that he may return thanks on their behalf.

Bro. Rushworth having briefly responded, The Chairman said, Brethren and Ladies, I am sure that the music we have had this evening has been eminently satisfactory, and I feel personally very much obliged to Bro. Lott, the Grand Organist, for giving us such music, and I think I cannot do better than propose his health, together with the health of those gentlemen who assisted him, and the members of the choir.

Bro. Lott having said a few words in acknowledgment, the company separated.

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Answers to Correspondents.

W.D.—Each lodge has the undoubted right to accept or reject candidates for admission, either as initiates or joining members.

Two communications on Masonic Grammar stand over until next week, with which the discussion must close.

The following stand over owing to an unusual demand upon our space this week:—

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge; Royal Cumberland Lodge; Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich; Derby Lodge, 724; St. Luke's R.A. Chapter; Falcon Lodge, 1416; John of Gaunt, Leicester, 523; The Urban Club; Paxton Lodge, 1686; Notices and Queries, F.M. in Essex; Kenlis Lodge, Egremont; Florence Nightingale Lodge, 706; Manchester Lodge of Integrity; Leopold Lodge of Mark Masters, 238; St. Andrew's Mark, 34; Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction Pic-nic; St. Aubyn Lodge, Devonport, 954; Meridian Lodge, 893; Millbrook; Tyrrion Lodge, 1110, Eastbourne; Duke of Connaught Instruction; Lebanon Lodge, 1326; Royal Forest Lodge, 401, Slaidburn; Stanley Lodge, Liverpool, 1325; Downshire Lodge, 594, Liverpool.

Owing to pressure of matter in the *Freemason* the article in the *Times* announced to appear this week will be reprinted in the *Masonic Magazine* for August.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Darlington Herald," "Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance Weekly News," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Die Baubütte," "Broad Arrow," "Hull Packet," "Prize Paper," "Proceedings G. L. New Brunswick," "History of Protestantism, Part 1."

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BIRTH.

RIGG.—On the 29th ult., at 3, St. Mary's-terrace, Scarborough, the wife of the Rev. W. H. Rigg, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

DOHERTY.—On the 27th ult., at Belfast, Ireland, Captain C. W. Onslow Doherty, Royal Scots Greys, suddenly of heart complaint. Aged 28. Son of General H. E. Doherty, C.B., Vernon House, Weston-park, Bath.

PHYTHIAN.—On the 30th ult., Bro. George Phythian, of 432, West Strand.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1879.

THE PAST OF FREEMASONRY.

In a very able leader, mainly with respect to the Lodge of Antiquity, the *Times*, on Thursday week, gave us a very remarkable and readable "leader" on Freemasonry. Not that the article professed to be very antiquarian, or very profound, or even, perhaps, very critical, but it skimmed over the ground easily and pleasantly, and laid before a very large circle of readers a well-written and philosophically conceived essay on certain features, salient and significant, which Freemasonry presented to the mind of the writer, and which deserves, therefore, respectful attention, and, above all, fraternal criticism. In a great deal which the writer there affirms we agree most heartily, in some points, however, we are compelled honestly to dissent from his views, most conscientious, no doubt, as they are, and certainly lucidly and eloquently expressed. We quite agree with the writer that in dealing with the antiquity of Freemasonry we must always carefully distinguish between the "legends of guilds," and the "facts of history." But then our good friend and probably brother, who is so clear a writer and so keen a critic himself, falls amusingly enough into the same very error he has just so characteristically reproved. Whatever may be the real antiquity of Masonry it is probably coeval with the Masonic guilds or sodalities, and hence no doubt much of the doubt and obscurity, and the incorrect assertions and exaggerated claims which have arisen and which marked most undoubtedly the lucubrations of many Masonic writers, ancient and modern. But, as we said, if the writer of this interesting article complains of undue acceptance of "legends," why has he fallen into the same mistake by treating the so-called Locke MS., and the alleged endorsement or transcript of Henry VI. as a reality, when that so-called MS. has long been abandoned by experts as a "pious fraud"? And why above all does he suggest the absorption of the speculative element into the operative guilds as "possible" in the 15th century, when it is clear from countless evidences which might be adduced, that such transformation could not and did not take place until about the middle of the 17th century? We are not quite sure either whether we can accept, as indisputable facts, one or two statements in respect of the Lodge of Antiquity itself, with all due submission to the writer. There is in existence no evidence that King Charles II. laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's; all existing available evidence declares that Sir Christopher Wren laid it himself. But it is just possible that the tradition may allude to some special ceremony at St. Paul's with which King Charles II. was connected, and we do not know, except for historical truth's sake, that it matters much one way or the other. The gavel was undoubtedly given to the lodge by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren. The statement of the initiation of King William III. is also only a "tradition," and we are not aware of any document in the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity which mentions the fact as a fact. We venture to say all this in order to point out that even in 1879 how difficult it is to separate "tradition" from "history," and how that, as it has been said, how true it still is—

"Tradition, oh, tradition, thou of the seraph tongue,
The ark which binds two ages, the ancient and the young."
We thence learn a lesson of caution as to blaming older writers. We do not agree with the writer when he seems to contend that there is some truth after all in the favourite Ultramontane complaint, that the "French lodges were instrumental in fostering the French Revolution." We do not think that any evidence of such a tendency really exists, but much, very much, to the contrary may be adduced. That in some of the lodges extreme views of politics may have prevailed is not unreasonable or impossible to suppose, but all the lodges, both under the old "Grande Loge de la France" and the "Grand Orient," were plunged

into "sommeil" or inactivity by the Revolution, and only emerged from torpor and silence after the "reign of terror" was over. That one or two bodies, quasi-Masonic, like those of the "Philosophic Scottish Rite" and the "Philaletes," and, above all, the "Illumines," may have encouraged the revolutionary movement, is, we think, proveable, but the pure Masonic Craft lodges in Paris and the departments, to their honour, be it said, did not sympathize either with the principles or proceedings of the French Revolution. The writer unconsciously and unintentionally exaggerates on imperfect data, the number of Masons in the world, which instead of six millions may be reduced to the more modest tottle of 1,500,000, and he hardly, in our opinion, does justice to the 600,000 Craft Masons in the United States, inasmuch as the Templar body, popular and numerous as it is, is only after all about one twenty-fourth part of Craft Masonry and of Master Masons. But having said all this, which we feel it our duty, as the *Freemason*, to say, we beg to remark that we are greatly pleased and flattered to think that, in such marked contrast with much we have to wade through about Freemasonry, the *Times* has favoured us with an article, alike so able and so interesting, so favourable, and so fair to our Order. It is, we venture to think, a sign of the times in which we live, alike suggestive and satisfactory, and we can only commend the article to the notice of all our readers in both hemispheres, as, despite a few, perhaps, unavoidable errors, slight after all, in theory and assertion, it will alike repay careful perusal by the Masonic student and archæologist, by all who love Freemasonry, by all who are proud to claim the name of Freemasons.

THE LAST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Stewards' returns, which our readers have perused, are both interesting and suggestive in the highest degree, inasmuch as they prove we think, beyond possibility of cavil, that the charity of Freemasonry is still a living truth, and that the warm hands and hearts of Masons are neither cold nor slack, neither "weary in well-doing" nor retrograde in the best of all causes—Masonic benevolence. Under the peculiar circumstances of the times, under the present condition of commerce and agriculture, under that tendency to panic, apprehension, and hopeless despondency which sometimes seems to afflict some of us, the return is a good one, though, of course, it might have been much better. This is an obvious truism which it is needless to dilate upon and useless to ignore. At the same time it is, in our opinion, most unwise to preach or to blame, to complain or find fault. Another year Bro. Binckes will, let us all hope, announce a fuller return, and let us note this great fact per se, to which Bro. Terry has properly called attention, that the English Freemasons have sent up already £37,000 to the three festivals, and that probably before the end of the year £44,000 will be realized, an amount unprecedentedly large, and, in our opinion, most creditable to our zealous and large-hearted Fraternity. Indeed, under such circumstances, to talk of a "magnificent failure" is a monomania, to blame brethren or lodges unfair. The Boys' School has done very well considering all things, and we see no reason to grumble or complain. On the present occasion the Metropolitan lodges have returned £5345 1s. 6d., the Provincial £5189 1s. 6d.; there are eight London lists to come in and four Provincial, in all twelve. We fear we cannot put the possible addition to the list at above £200, though we should be greatly pleased if we could hope that before 1879 is over the returns may be yet largely increased. Of the London lodges, the first and foremost is No. 1642, Steward Bro. George Penn, who brings up the noble amount of £525. We congratulate Bro. Penn and Lodge 1642. The next is Grand Stewards Lodge, Bro. Binckes, with £249 18s.; and the third is 1383, Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, £207 2s.; No. 1537, Bro. Ralph Clutton, with £143 10s., fourth; No. 174, Bro. C. Lacey, is fifth in order, with £135; and No. 25, Bro. G. R. Sherrill, is sixth with £128 2s.; No. 1608, Bro. Charles Brewer, is seventh, with £118

12s. 6d.; and No. 820, Bro. Charles Hubbard, is eighth, with £115 10s.; No. 1777, Bro. H. B. Marshall, is ninth, with £105; No. 96, Bro. V. V. Morgan, is tenth, with £103 19s.; and No. 65, Bro. G. T. Brown, is eleventh, with £100. The remaining lodges vary from £91 17s. 6d., the highest, to £10 10s., the lowest. We regret to notice so few lodges from 1600 to 1800, and that only nineteen lodges are represented in the Metropolis and eight in the Provinces, in all twenty-seven. This is all wrong, and is a point to which we ought to pay attention at once, because it is indicative of coming evil to the Craft. In the provinces Kent heads the list with £604 13s. 6d., and is followed by Worcestershire, with £580 10s.; W. Yorkshire succeeds, with £400; and Gloucestershire is not far off, with £378. Berks and Bucks next draw near with £295 4s., of which Bro. Dick Radclyffe brings up £131 16s., and is succeeded by Dorsetshire, very close at hand indeed, with £295 2s., while Derbyshire comes next, with £277 2s.; Sussex is not far off with £275 11s., and Staffordshire succeeds, with £216 6s. The Grand Lodge of Scotland remits £204 15s. After an interval, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight appear, with £173 5s.; Somersetshire forwards £134 8s.; Durham brings £130 4s.; Middlesex is next, with £122 7s.; Suffolk has collected £112 7s.; and Essex is credited with £103 7s. 6d. The remaining amounts vary from £97 2s. 6d., in the highest, to £25, the lowest. We do not deny that we could have wished the returns larger, but under the circumstances we have, we think, no right to complain, but rather much to be thankful for. We are aware that a large margin still remains of general lodge and chapter support of the Charities, and of more earnest efforts for charity by some lodges, where a good deal is spent on "creature comforts," more than perhaps ought to be spent. But, on the whole, we do not believe in lachrymose tones or a deprecatory spirit, and "content with honest efforts" we think it well always to take a hopeful and manly view of things in this world in general, and in Masonic affairs in particular. One fact is indeed indisputable, that we may all be proud of our Charities, and we are bound, above all, to thank those worthy brethren of ours, who, year after year, "in season and out of season," give most liberal and valuable support to our great Charities. If any of our readers are cold or apathetic, doubting or languid in this good cause, we simply say "remember what others have done, go and do thou likewise."

DUTCH FREEMASONRY.

According to our old antagonist and able Bro. Adrien Grimaux, that, of course, being only his "nom de plume," in the *Monde Maconique*, our good brethren in Holland are about to commit the same great "betise," and the moral wrong which the French Grand Orient has committed, and are now plunged into the midst of a dubious contest for the revision of rituals. According to Bro. Grimaux's intelligent correspondent from Amsterdam, in this revision no mention is henceforth to be made of T.G.A.O.T.U., but then, the correspondent goes on to add, this dubious and remarkable qualification of the proceeding, "Mais d'autre cote, ou ne consentera jamais a donner entree aux athees," but on the other side, they will never consent to grant admission to atheists. Why not? when the formula of avowal of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is suppressed. We do not profess to understand this statement, or is it only, as the French say, "encore du jesuitisme?" more Jesuitry. It seems that the Grand Orient of Holland wishes to retain the ascription to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U., and has sent a circular to its lodges asking them to join in a declaration calling on the Grand Orient of France not to persist in this step of erasure, as threatened by the movement party, and the ritual revision on hand in the French Grand Orient. Bro. Grimaux's correspondent thinks that many of the Dutch lodges will not sign this declaration. We are very sorry for the Dutch Freemasons, and lament much to think of them playing "second fiddle" to an assembly like the Grand Orient of France, which has

now lost its "prestige" and its authority Masonically, and which it is doubtful if it has any Maconic "status." Such a fact is more than saddening—it is humiliating. Like the Grand Lodges of America and Canada, we cannot recognize that to be a legal Maconic authority, or those to be lawfully received Masons, by which and by whom the great foundation truth of cosmopolitan Masonry is openly disavowed, or rigidly excluded from ritual and from teaching. Neither can we admit Masons into our lodges initiated under such a Régime. Such a body is simply an unbelieving secret society, prejudicial to morals and good government, to the interests of society, and the welfare of Freemasonry.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in the spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE REPORT OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CLAPHAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I must respectfully but earnestly demur to the running commentary introduced by your reporter into the few remarks I made at the consecration of the Clapham Lodge in returning thanks for the Officers of Grand Lodge.

In the first place I hold that it is scarcely becoming in a reporter to take such a self-sufficient line, on whatever side of a question his sympathies may lie.

In the second place I dispute the accuracy of almost every statement he has been pleased to make.

It is in my humble opinion the province of a reporter to report what has been said, or if he thinks it worthless to omit it altogether, but it is not his function to suppress what has been said, and give instead thereof his own personal commentary, thus taking the place of judge, jury, and witness.

Now, as to his statements:—

1. With all due deference to him I contend my views on charity voting are not "peculiar," but held by three men out of every four who have no "vested interests" to serve, and have not been involved in the haphazard jobbery which the present system so manifestly fosters.

2. I deny that these views are even "antagonistic to the Craft at large;" on the contrary, I assert that if Masons were polled to-morrow, three-fourths would be found on the side of enquiry, justice, and mercy, and, therefore, opposed to the abuses of the present system. To one thing I can speak without hesitation that I know of dozens of influential Masons, holding high rank in the Craft, who have denounced these abuses in no measured terms, and who will before long speak out (as I have dared to) their minds upon this subject.

3. Though the brethren present did not express any "concurrence" in the views put forth, I have yet to learn that such silence meant dissent, and as to "disapprobation," I certainly did not catch the faintest sound of it. I may add that in far the larger proportion of Masonic meetings at which I have named the subject, the views I have ventured to express have been received with loud concurrence and approval.

4. I never even named the "Charity Organisation Society," but simply stated that if any of the brethren happened to have opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the "Charity Voting Reform Association" next day they would hear from Lord Derby some instructive statements on a subject, so deeply interesting to Masons.

The "Alexandra Palace meeting" was not in my mind when I named this, nor shall I stop to show which of the two meetings was likely to confer more dignity and real profit on Masonry. But I think I could do this, and easily too.

And now, Dear sir and Brother, permit me to say that I shall always feel myself perfectly at liberty to express my opinions in every assembly of Masons on any subject that is "good for Masonry in general," or for the "lodge in particular" of which I may be a member, and no amount of sneer or perverse comment, either on the part of Secretaries or reporters, shall deter me from having the honesty of my convictions, and expressing them too. Plain truth must be evil spoken of, at least for a time, and reform must ever encounter much opposition and obloquy, but both will, and must, eventually triumph, as in the case of the Royal Medical Benevolent College it has recently done, wherein 2770 as against 364 Governors endorsed our views, which were carried by resolution at the annual meeting by five to one in the face of the Council, the majority of whom were hostile to reform; and so, please God, we shall have it in Masonry soon, and, while our votes remain, they will be stripped of those unjust, undignified, wasteful, and cruel accompaniments—polling days, exchanges, trafficking, and wholesale canvassing, which are "spots on our feasts of charity," and on our charity itself.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
R. J. SIMPSON.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Permit me to call attention to a matter which I think will prove of great importance to the Craft generally, viz., the suggestion of the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, as to the advisability of establishing a fund for the assistance of boys and girls after leaving our Institutions.

This is not a new topic, as it has often been discussed by me, and, no doubt, many brethren. It has at last happily been brought prominently and gracefully before the brethren by the M.W.P.G.M. of Scotland, the Earl of Rosslyn, in his speech at the Boys' Festival. As Chairman of the festival he remarked, "I will tell you a little fault, and am sure I have only to mention it to find it immediately corrected. It is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys may leave the school homeless and in need. It may be said that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career, but it may also be said the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period. It may be that they leave the Institution to fall into evil courses and evil ways, and even to suffer penury and poverty. This is the only blot I can find in your excellent Institution." I think another blot his lordship has overlooked is the desirability of providing a sinking fund for the Institution, that they might be more independent of individual exertions, and not suffer from the vicissitudes of trade, hard times, &c. However, this is digressing. To return to the subject of his lordship's remarks. I think he has struck a happy chord. There can be no doubt the children receive splendid educations, and are thoroughly cared for whilst in the Institutions, but is it not proved that the comfort and ease the children experience in their early years make it doubly hard to bear privations when they have to face the stern fight of life? How often is it found that they are discouraged and give up, where others who from children have been nursed in the rough school of life are not so sensitive, plod on, and succeed? A little assistance in such critical moments might be the means of laying the foundation of a life's success.

I feel I am not able to plead the children's cause as ably as I would like, and can only hope these remarks may strike the heart of some able writer who will take up the cause. I shall, therefore, content myself by stating a remedy. The M.W. and noble Chairman expressed his willingness to subscribe to such a fund started for the purpose of assisting the children. I would propose, therefore, that on the next Stewards' papers a column is left for subscriptions and donations to the "Assistance Fund." This would save expense of collecting, and, as an inducement to the brethren and Stewards to collect for the fund, to allow, say, one vote for every twenty pounds collected for this purpose. There need be no special banquet or festival, simply let it be recognised as a special fund, and Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' Festival invited to solicit subscriptions. As such a fund only wants a start to be a reality I would propose that 200 brethren volunteer to raise subscriptions, and guarantee, say within two years, to collect at least £100 each, and if our M.W. Chairman heads the list as he has promised, I have no doubt a good round sum would be soon forthcoming—this, invested in the names of Trustees in Consols or other good security, would form the nucleus of a great Charity Fund.

As deeds are better than words, I shall have much pleasure in offering my services as one Steward, and guarantee no less than £100 within two years.

Having called attention to what I think is a want, may I hope you will give publicity to it, in the hope that the brethren will freely discuss the pros and cons with a view to find out if the suggestion made by our illustrious Chairman will prove as acceptable to the brethren at large as it does to

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
DICK RADCLYFFE.

129, High Holborn, June 28.

P.S.—There are, say, 1800 lodges; if each M.W. for the year 1880 instead of a jewel were to propose the cost be placed to the fund, no less than, say, £6000 would be raised. I mention this to show how easy it would be in small matters to raise a large sum. To forego one banquet in each lodge would treble this sum. Should we ever regret such privations?

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In writing what I hope may be my last letter on this subject I desire to resent the charge which "Lindley Murray" has brought against me—that of having descended to "vulgar personality." The adjective is a very offensive one, and, on reflection, your correspondent will, I doubt not, be willing to admit that he had no sufficient ground for its use. Should he be unwilling to make this admission, it will be only just on his part, since I do not screen myself under an assumed name, to show from anything I have written that his charge was not unwarranted. He speaks, too, of ineptitude, from which, he says, it is quite refreshing to turn away, but to which, as your readers observe, he immediately, and apparently not without some pleasure, returns. Indeed, he harps on this point all through his letter; and that without any show of reason whatever. I not only did not fail to understand what he meant in the first instance, but I have said nothing from which he could justly infer that I was, to use an expression which he himself has culled, "pettiniously thick-headed." The appositeness of the lines from Dryden is not, therefore, very apparent. Indeed, I consider "Lindley Murray" singularly (or plurally) unhappy in his quotations; for neither is the sentence from Scott appropriate to the case of which he was writing. Surely "Lindley Murray," a brother who can "speak to experts," might have chosen from the wide field of English literature—if he had the desire to quote—passages which would have been far more applicable. But now with regard to the more serious charge of "vulgar personality."

I own that my last letter contained personalities. It is difficult to avoid them in answering a brother who is himself very personal. But I have asserted nothing which I could not substantiate. I said "Lindley Murray" was disputatious. Why did he begin this controversy? From

time to time we see in the pages of the *Freemason* that it has readers far more competent than "Lindley Murray" to deal with a question of this kind, who must have seen the word which offended his hypercritical eye, and who yet allowed it to pass. Your crotchety correspondent could not.

I said he was inconsistent, and I feel sure you have not one reader (except himself—he likes people to be particular) who will deny that, while "Lindley Murray" has charged me with being personal, he has been far more personal in his own remarks. Is it not personal to say a brother is deficient in capacity, and to apply to him the lines which were written by Dryden of Shadwell? More virulent (I do not say vulgar) personality cannot be conceived, and could not be exemplified even by "Lindley Murray." There is a predisposition in some people to be personal. "Lindley Murray" himself esteems it a blemish in human character; let me assure him it is one which is likely to be much aggravated in those who admire the style in which "Absalom and Achitophel" is written.

I said that "Lindley Murray" was inaccurate in his statements, and this controversy, whatever else it does, clearly shows the truth of my remark. He has had to own that he was wrong in saying (1) that exceptional was in Johnson; (2) that exceptional and exceptional were synonymous; and (3) that the use of the word exceptional was not warranted by any authority but mine. He cannot be accurate even in smaller matters. He imputes to me ignorance of the common use of the word stickler without the least ground for so doing; and I notice, as all readers of Scott will have noticed, that he speaks of a Bertram in the "Antiquary," whereas in that novel there is no such character. Of course "Lindley Murray" may reply that it was very pardonable to forget that Bertram is found in "Guy Mannering." I do not say it matters much; and, since the words of the quotation are given as in the original, I mention the circumstance, in addition to these other four instances, only to show with what caution the statements of "Lindley Murray" must be received. Strange that those who are inaccurate themselves should be so ready to see the fault in others! "Lindley Murray" seems to know Dryden. Can he not admire this passage:—

"The soul, shut up in her dark room,
Viewing so clear abroad, at home sees nothing;
But, like a mole in earth, busy and blind,
Works all her folly up, and casts it outward
To the world's open view."

Lastly, I said that, to judge from "Lindley Murray's" letters, there was little to show that he had any qualification which decidedly entitled him to assume the office of a censor in a matter of this kind. It was the remark of a great critic, speaking of literary work:—

"Sunt delicta tamen quibus ignovisse velimus;" but will you allow me to say—I do not say it harshly—that, after making every allowance for your correspondent, the more I have seen of his productions, the more confirmed has my opinion become? He has already disputed my capacity; and, therefore, I could not possibly hope to persuade him that his style is not good, or that, in the case of every letter which he has written on this subject, it is marked by many inelegancies. This is a question on which many of your readers who have seen these letters will have already formed their opinion, and it is one to do justice to which would require too much of your space, and too much of my time, even if "Lindley Murray" were likely to be influenced by what I might write.

"Lindley Murray" has advised me to refer to Todd's Johnson's Dictionary, for he says "Emollit rores, nec sinit esse feros." The circumstances of the case do not allow this to appeal to me as a powerful argument, but I shall get the book. Let me also advise your correspondent, not in the words of the midwife in the passage (from which he quoted), to

"Do anything but write;" for I say what is said a few lines further on—
"I see, I see, 'tis counsel given in vain;"
but let me advise him, in the words which Polonius addressed to Laertes—

Beware

Of entrance into quarrel but, being in,
Bear it that the opposer may beware of thee."
I hope there is nothing in this letter which will wound the feelings of "Lindley Murray," or confirm in him the idea that I am "vulgarily personal." I have read the article on "Personality in Masonic writing," suggested, no doubt, by this controversy. Its impartiality, its tolerant spirit, its gentle rebuke, and, above all, its strong common sense invest it with a power by which it is impossible that our minds should not be affected. In a discussion of this kind one is so easily led from the "retort courteous" (as *Touchstone* has shown) to the "quip modest," "the reply churlish," "the reproof valiant," and so on even, except in the case of Masons, to the "lie direct." I cannot conscientiously plead guilty to the charges made against me by "Lindley Murray;" but we are brethren, and ought to part, since we are about to part, on fraternal terms. Let me therefore retract anything I may have written which seemed to him a "vulgar personality," and let me assure your correspondent that I never supposed any remark of mine could have been so characterised.

Yours fraternally,
T. M. DRON, J.W. 417.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have been much surprised at the rather hair-splitting—if not head-splitting—controversy lately going on in your columns on English grammar, as I think, with one of old, how delightful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, and that they, especially, ought to do so; in fact, to use a very common, but very ungrammatical—

or rather absurd—phrase, that, of all others, they ought to be the last to fall out, especially about trifles.

I was equally pleased with your very sensible and well-written article upon the subject. May those whom it concerns profit by it. I, too, might have written to say that I was no aware that Masonic grammar differed from that of other people, as I really thought; but I cannot help saying that in reading the letter of one of your correspondents (I think Bro. Mackenzie's) one would be led to infer that such was the case, as he begins with this astonishing sentence: "I was not previously aware that Freemasons in any way differed in the construction of the English language to others." Now for a person to rush, uncalled, into a controversy on rather a nice point in the English language, and to commence his letter with such a sentence as that, does certainly seem extraordinary, and shows the truth of what you say, that people ought to consider before they do anything of the kind.

Yours, &c.,
OBSTUPUI.
MASONIC LITERATURE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Referring to your journal of the 19th of April, and your remarks under the above heading, I note your remark that the "Masonic public wants educating" as to the high importance and value and light "imparted by 'Masonic literature.' And as a rule you fear the less profound artistic and aesthetic level of Masonic literature is preferred, which deals with the 'menu' and the 'songs,' which sets up elaborate 'summonses' and deftly decorated invitations as the 'summum bonum' of Masonic literary taste and power, and that you fear the majority of our Order remain perpetually indifferent to the lucubrations of the Masonic antiquarian, or the pages of the Masonic historian." Now Sir, while agreeing with you as to the importance, and value, and light imparted by "Masonic literature," and while not differing with you to some extent in your latter remarks—that is as to the existence of those practices—I yet must, in all due deference, submit that the sense in which you have connected them, as "their being preferred, &c.," is unjust and uncharitable. I claim for myself every desire to study Masonic literature, but while the "price" of such stands at the exorbitant rate as at present, you must not be surprised at that apparent want of interest in Masonic literature which, as your remarks would seem to point out, exists. If you can be the means of causing "Masonic literature" to be put within the reach of the brethren, the same as other valuable literature, I think you would find no cause to draw any future comparisons, which as some one remarked are "odorous," but would deserve the thanks of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,
CHEAP LITERATURE.
AN ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
There is an error in your list of contributions to the Girls' School, which please correct. It should be No. 1 Lodge, I. W. Sewell, £22 1s.

Yours fraternally,
ISAAC WILLIAM SEWELL.
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held last Saturday at the Memorial Hall, Great Stanmore. Col. Burdett, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, presided. Sir Charles T. Bright, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec.; Louis Beck, Prov. G. Org.; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler; and the following brethren were also present: Bro. John Hammond, G. Steward; R. Hilsdon, P.P.G.P.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.R.; Randolph G. Glover, P.G.D.; Thos. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.D.; B. H. Swallow, P.P.G.J.D.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.S.D.; C. J. Rushworth, P.G.R.; George Kenning, P.P.G.J.D.; Frederic Davison, P.G.S.W.; R. W. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R.; J. B. Shackleton, P.P.G.P.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, P.G.S.W.; Charles Veal, P.G.S.D. Surrey; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Reg.; W. Hammond, P.G.D.; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415; Cecil Thompson, W.M. 1237; E. B. Bright, P.M. 778; John Hunt, P.M. 1512; Henry Lovegrove, S.W. 1779; H. Mead, P.M. 788; John Verity, S.W. 1194; C. J. W. Davis, P.M. 382; W. Grist, J.W. 1637; W. Stephens, W.M. 1637; W. Radford, S.W. 1702; T. Keene, P.M. 1415; Henry C. Finch, P.M. 708; J. Wall, J.W. 1702; J. R. Nichols, W.M. 1367; W. W. Stevens, I.P.M. 1733; T. W. Clarke, J.W. 1567; J. W. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1685; George Penn, P.M. 1642; J. L. Coulton, P.M. 382; German Febrnback, P.M. 382; Fred W. Dougal, P.M. 755; Fred H. Varley, P.M. 1637; George Harrison, 1326; T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512; W. S. Marshall, J.W. 1549; C. Harding, P.M. 778; W. H. Paul, J.D. 778; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1626; T. J. Maidwell, I.P.M. 27; Francis Buckland, P.M. 205 and 889, W.M. 1638; T. J. V. Honeywell, I.P.M. 889; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. Handel, 1656; G. H. Mead, 34; G. H. Hunt, 1194; Charles Hawksley, Sec. 1702; W. T. Buck, S.D. 1702; F. W. Greenwood, James W. Lambert, S.D. 1285; R. Farquharson, 2; Fredk. H. Cozens, Org. 907; Robert P. Paton, 1549; John Middleton, 834; John Green, P.M. 27; George J. Fox, 1239; Charles Graham, 1326, 1540; F. H. Wilson Iles, P.P.G.S.W., G. Sec. Herts; W. Johnson, 1549; Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Steward of England; John E. Dawson, P.G.J.W. Herts.; Thos. Massa, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Middleton assisted Bro. Gilbert, the Prov. Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes read, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, on the motion of Bro. Davison, seconded by Bro. Sabine, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treas.; for which mark of confidence and esteem Bro. Buss returned his sincere thanks.

It was then arranged that the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge should take place annually on the fourth Saturday in June.

The following brethren were then invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Sir C. T. Bright...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" T. J. Sabine ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. A. Dubois ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. John Robbins ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. G. Buss ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thomas Keene ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. C. Levander ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. S. Knyvett ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John Hammond ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" John Verity ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Stephens ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. H. Mead ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. C. Walls ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. B. Shackleton ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Hurst ...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" John Gilbert ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bro. Davis, F. W. Levander, E. } Bright, Tidcomb, W. H. Stevens, } and Japheth Tickle ... }		Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. G. Master in proposing that £10 10s. be granted from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, said it required very few words from him to induce the brethren to assist the Charities in the way they had done in former years, and were very happy to do. The province had had rather an uphill work in its younger days, but it had reduced its difficulties now to an infinitesimal measure, and he hoped that by next year, even after assisting the Charities, there would be a balance altogether in favour of the Prov. G. Lodge. The Masonic Institutions told their own tale, and there was hardly any necessity to say anything in their favour. By the exertions made on behalf of those Institutions very large sums had been raised, £10,000 to one, £11,000 to another, and £12,000 to another in one year, but there were very heavy calls on them, and it was the duty of Masons to place those Institutions in a proud position, not only before Masons but before the world. Other Charities thought themselves very fortunate if they collected £5000, but the Masonic Institutions had no difficulty in doubling that amount. He hoped it always would be so, and that by the benefits the Institutions afforded they would prove themselves worthy of such generous support.

Sir Charles Bright, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried by acclamation.

The sum of £10 was granted to a provincial brother in distress, and ordered to be paid immediately.

Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G. Secretary, read the letter he had been directed, by the vote of last Grand Lodge, to write to the widow of the late Bro. R. W. Little, and Grand Lodge was thereupon closed. The brethren afterwards attended the parish church, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge by the rector, the Rev. L. J. Bernays, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. John Robbins, Prov. G. Chaplain. After church the rector invited the brethren to the rectory house and grounds, after inspecting which a banquet, admirably supplied by Bro. Veal, of the Abercorn Arms, was partaken of. The customary toasts were afterwards honoured.

The Prov. G.M., in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that Lord Carnarvon was always ready to perform his duties, and when he was at the Colonial Office put himself to considerable inconvenience in order to preside at Grand Lodge. So much was this the case that it frequently kept him up till one o'clock in the morning discharging his secretarial duties. Lord Skelmersdale was also very energetic as Deputy Grand Master, as were also other Grand Officers. Some of these were present, and, while not forgetting Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, he wished to mention Bro. Richard Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, where, under his rule, Masonry was now in a very flourishing condition, although the country, unhappily, was at present in a disturbed state.

Bro. R. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. of Griqualand, replied. He felt a difficulty, he said, on such an occasion as that in replying to a toast so wide in its application, because, coming as he did a comparative stranger to England, he could not be supposed just yet to know the merits of the Grand Officers. He could, however, testify to the merits of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale. As far as he had seen, all the Grand Officers were worthy of the position they occupied, and he was very glad to find they were so highly appreciated by the brethren in general.

Bro. Giddy, in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," said it had given him great pleasure to see the Grand Master conduct the business of Grand Lodge so admirably. Although liberalism of ideas was growing very extensively, Masons confessed that there must be a head to everything. It was necessary there should be a head of Grand Lodge, of Provincial Grand Lodges, and of private lodges. It was also necessary that there should be a head in business life. While Masons had such a head as the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, who ruled with courtesy and gentleness, as the brethren must confess he had ruled that evening, such a Provincial Grand Lodge as that of Middlesex must prosper.

The Prov. Grand Master, in response, said he felt con-

siderable pride in having ruled over this province now within a few days of ten years. It gratified him very much, and he believed it would gratify every brother present, to hear the progress the province had made. If it had not been for the assistance of the officers of the province he should not have stood in the proud position he now did. He had had great kindness shown to him by all the brethren. He had not only the assistance of the brethren of Grand Lodge and the officers, but also the exertions of all the officers who presided over private lodges, and it was to them they had to look for assistance in Grand Lodge. They presided so well over private lodges that they brought those lodges up to a high condition. When this was the case they might be certain that the lodges would be creditable to the Craft in general. He was now getting an old Provincial Grand Master, and though some brethren might consider that he had ruled with a rod of iron, his heart had been in his work, and he was happy to say he had had no occasion to be severe. He had done his best to carry on his work in a gentle manner. He had found the duties of all the officers had been performed satisfactorily to everybody. He could not sit down without mentioning his pleasure at the kind reception given to Grand Lodge by the vicar of Great Stanmore, and he would read a letter he had just received from that gentleman, who was not a Mason. "My dear sir, I am much flattered by your invitation to join your banquet, especially as I understand it is not your rule to admit others than Masons. It is unfortunately not in my power to leave home this evening at all, as I am very specially engaged, otherwise I need not say how gladly I should express to you all the pleasure with which I welcome so excellent a Craft to my church and parish. I have to thank you for the contribution of £3 17s. to the use of our parish schools. We are sadly in want of additional funds for two additional desks, with one of which your liberality will provide me, and which shall be known as the Freemasons' desk. Will you be so good as to say for me that I hope it will not be the last time that you will visit the place, when you will as long as I am here always find a hearty welcome. Forgive me if I am unable to give you your due title. Yours, very truly, L. J. Bernays." That was a very kind and flattering letter indeed from a gentleman who was not a Mason. Every brother must have been gratified with what he had seen on visiting the parish church of Stanmore, and the vicar's house and grounds. He thought after they had been so liberally treated by having the church and the Memorial Hall placed at their disposal that Grand Treasurer might be authorised to add two guineas to the amount collected in the church, which two guineas would go towards buying the other desk.

To this there was a general exclamation of "Buy both desks," and the Provincial Grand Master concurring in the expression, it was resolved that both desks should be bought.

Bro. H. A. Dubois, Prov. G.J.W., in replying to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," said those brethren had the interests of the province at heart, and it was their special interest to serve the Prov. Grand Master. He believed they did good service to Masonry in general. He had done his little to serve Freemasonry, more particularly in that province, and he should stick to the ship as long as he lived, which he hoped would be for many years to come. The endurance of the province he trusted would be for long after he was gone; but while he was alive he should give his adherence to the province of Middlesex. He believed the other Grand Officers would do the same. Under the able rule of the present Prov. Grand Master he was sure the province would flourish.

The Prov. G. Master, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Col. Shadwell Clarke, said that that brother was an old friend of his, and had greatly assisted him ever since he had been in Masonry. There was no more able supporter of the principles of Masonry than Col. Shadwell Clarke, or one better qualified to conduct all the rituals. From the Entered Apprentice's Degree to the Thirty-Third, Col. Shadwell Clarke could give them all with the greatest fluency and impressiveness.

Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., in reply, said, Col. Burdet had in the kindness of his heart spoken of him in connection with this toast in such very flattering terms, altogether undeserved by him, that he should feel quite unequal to returning thanks, did he not remember there were many other distinguished Masons present, whom he was deputed to represent. They all thanked the Prov. Grand Master very much for what he had said, and they also thanked the Grand Lodge for the hearty reception they had had. They agreed with all that had been said with regard to the merits of the province, especially with what Bro. Ciddy had said of the charming manner in which Col. Burdett had presided over the Prov. G. Lodge. The Prov. G.M. had pictured a very gloomy representation of his rule when he likened it to ruling with a rod of iron; but the brethren must acknowledge he had covered the rod with a glove of silk. He must congratulate him, not only upon the success of that day, when the visitors had been privileged to witness the continued success of the province since it had been established ten years ago. He had watched its progress with the greatest admiration, and must congratulate the Prov. G.M. on the position which the Prov. G. Lodge had taken. The success of the lodges in the province he attributed very much to the Prov. G. Master's ruling. It seemed to him that the Prov. G. Master went into every detail, and he was not sure that he had not found out that the clerk of the weather was a Mason, and had squared him, for after all the bad weather we have had lately he had secured a fine day for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Binckes replied to the toast of "The Charities," shortly after which the brethren returned to town.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Berks and Bucks, presided over by Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., was held at Abingdon, on Thursday, the 26th ult., as briefly reported in our journal of last week, when the attendance was larger than might have been expected, the weather being unfavourable, and Abingdon being situated at one extremity of the province. As on the occasion of the last meeting of the Craft in this town, seven years since, Bro. E. J. Trendell, Past Master of the Abbey Lodge, kindly invited the brethren to his residence, Abbey House, where luncheon was provided in elegant style, and the brethren afterwards enjoyed a stroll through the grounds of their worthy host, which are laid out with excellent taste. After spending an hour or so most agreeably as Bro. Trendell's guests, the brethren proceeded to the County Hall, and, at about two o'clock, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W., the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by many of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past.

The attendance numbered upwards of 100, and included Bros. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; James W. McCubbin, P.G.J.W.; C. R. Honey, P.G.C.; C. Stephens, P.G.T.; R. Bradley, P.G. Sec.; W. W. Bingham, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Cantrell, P.G.J.D.; E. L. Shepherd, P.G.S.B.; E. Revill, P.G.P.; Dick Radclyffe, P.G.S.; F. J. Ferguson, P.G.S.; A. H. Simpson, P.G.S.; H. G. Layton, P.P.G.C. Gloucestershire; G. W. Dixon, 209, P.P.G.D.C.; H. F. Turner, W.M. 1556, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. B. Farr, P.G.D.S.W. Beagat; J. W. Tilly, 209, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Biggs, P.P.G.S.; H. D'Almaine, P.G.S.W.; J. Morland, P.M. 945, P.P.G.R.; W. Belcher, P.P.G.W. Oxon; William King; J. H. Clark, P.G.R.; H. Poynter; J. Blandy Jenkins, W.M. 1770; H. H. Hedges, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Weightman, P.P.G.J.W.; Joseph Morris, J. G. Brown; G. Morland, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. Carter, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. D. Gooch, R. Roberts, W.M. Etonian, 209; J. Ellis, B. W. Fountain, E. J. Shrewsbury, 1566; J. Wilson, W. H. Commins, W. H. Trendell, J. Saxby, J. Tomkins, 945; W. Hedges, T. Hyde, S.D. 945; S. J. Baker, W.M. 945; W. Ballard, J. H. Daly, A. B. Buck, A. Tound, 1566; W. Legge, 1566; C. W. Cox, 1566; C. A. Vardy, 1566; W. G. Flanagan, W.M. 1101; H. H. Mason, 1501; W. Morris, 1566; S. Bradley, 414; M. Cuffala, 209; E. J. Blackwell, 1101; T. Westfield, 1501; A. Long, P.M. 209; W. Cordry, 1101; B. Challoner, jun., R. Silver, 1566; J. Stevens, 771; G. Blizard, 209; D. Webb, 414; J. J. Button, P.M. 1566; E. Ayres, Crystal Palace, 742; E. J. Biggs, Henley, H. Tombs, P.G.D., P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. Grand Sec. (Wilts); H. Plumridge, 1399; E. Daveys, 1566; J. Rutland, 1566; W. Hemmings, J. Watts, R. Ravenor, P.M. 574; J. Walter Graham, 574; S. Knight, 574; M. Wheeler, 1370; W. Jackson, 1770; W. Jackson, 1770; E. G. Bruton, P.M. 340; J. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. Elmes, W.M. 1639; J. Fumbs, 1770; J. Thickens, 1770; J. Adams, P.M. 591; J. W. Dover, 591; G. Adams, 1770; G. French, 591; G. Wade, 1770; E. Baker, P.M. 414; E. Margrett, P.M. 1011; W. Ravenscroft, 1101; H. A. Smith, 1560; M. J. Withers, 414; R. Nicholson, 1566; C. F. Huzard, P.M. 205; S. B. Merriman, W.M. 631; R. Illsley, C. P. Smith, W. Hinckley, A. C. Hewitt, 1366; W. Crowhurst, 209; C. Wheeler, C. E. Belcher, 1770; W. J. Bacon, 1770; Herbert Reece, 1770; G. Fairant, 1770; R. Pullick, 820; W. Ballard; G. J. Cusburn, 574 (Freemason), and others.

The minutes of the previous P.G. Lodge having been confirmed, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Robert Bradley, of Reading) read the various reports, and mentioned the constitution of a new lodge (the Vale of White Horse Lodge), held at the Savings' Bank, Faringdon.

The general account showed a balance in hand of £158 11s. 2d., which was in excess of that of last year. The Charity Fund account was also read.

The P.G. Master referred to the reports read as showing Masonry to have made satisfactory progress in this province during the past year. The only matter for regret was that there were still some lodges that did not support the Charity Fund. He hoped the lodges alluded to would consider the question, and join the other lodges in exhibiting a hearty zeal in the cause of the several Charities of the Order. In all other respects matters were satisfactory, and he hoped that each succeeding year would find Masonry in Berks and Bucks flourishing more than in the previous one. (Applause.) Their next annual meeting would be held at about this time of the year at Maidenhead, which was a central place, and would, he thought, be found convenient for all the brethren. They had a strong muster that day considering that Abingdon was at the extreme end of the province, and he hoped that at Maidenhead they would have a still larger gathering.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of the Prov. Grand Treas., when, on the motion of the P.G. Master, seconded by Bro. E. J. Trendell, P.M., Bro. Chas. Stephens, banker, of Reading, was unanimously re-appointed to fill that office.

The P.G. Master then invested the following brethren with the Prov. Charity jewel:—Bros. Robert Roberts, W.M. 209; Robert Bradley, P.M. 414, Prov. Grand Secretary; and W. J. Goddard, 771.

The following brethren having been appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were severally invested by Sir Daniel with the regalia of their respective offices:—

- Bro. J. Blandy Jenkins, P.M. 945, and W.M. 1770 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " H. Poynter, P.M. 948... ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. C. R. Honey, 1101 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. E. De Ewer, 1566 ... Prov. G.A. Chap.
- " Charles Stephens Prov. G. Treas.

- " J. J. Britton, P.M. 1566 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec.
- " Jabez Adams, W.M. 591 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " Robert Roberts, W.M. 209 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Edwd. Baker, P.M. 414 ... Prov. G. S. of Wks
- " R. Ravenor, P.M. 574... ... Prov. G. D. of C.
- " Joseph Elms, P.M. 1639, and W. Biggs, P.M. ... Prov. G.A.Ds. of C
- " J. Baker, W.M. 945 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " James Rutland, 1566 Prov. G. Org.
- " W. Flanagan, 1101 Prov. G. S. Purs.
- " C. Nowell Prov. G. A. Purs.
- " C. W. Cox, 1566 Prov. G. S. Stwd.
- " W. J. Legge, 1566, R. Illsley, C.A. Vardy, 1566, E. Davey, 1566, and E. J. Shrewsbury, 1566 ... Prov. G. Stewart.
- " W. Hemmings... ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master said the next duty he had to perform was one of a very pleasing nature, namely, to present on behalf of the brethren of this province a testimonial to their late Secretary, Bro. Biggs, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered. (Applause.) He wished, however, that the task had devolved upon some one more capable than himself of expressing the deep debt of gratitude they owed to Bro. Biggs. When he (Sir Daniel) had the honour of first being appointed to preside over the province, which had not had a Provincial Grand Master for some time previously, he found the province in a state of disorganisation and confusion. Bro. Biggs, however, took office as Provincial Grand Secretary at the commencement, and he (Sir Daniel) need not point out the excellent organisation and position of Masonry in this province at the present time. To Bro. Biggs' energy and tact he mainly attributed the success that had been achieved. He (Sir Daniel) did not claim any credit himself, as the labour fell upon Bro. Biggs, he (Sir Daniel) being the nominal instrument for carrying out the work which Bro. Biggs laid out for him to do, and for which they were really indebted to him. He could never forget the debt of gratitude he owed to Bro. Biggs, and he hoped God would be pleased to spare him for many years to give them his assistance, and also to enjoy the use of what they had now the pleasure of presenting to him as a slight recognition of his services. (Applause.)

The testimonial, which had been subscribed for by the Provincial Grand Lodge, the different lodges in the province, and also by individual members, consisted of a purse containing a cheque for one hundred guineas, the purse itself being lettered as follows:—

"To Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c., containing 100 guineas, by the brethren of Berks and Bucks, on his retirement from the office of Grand Secretary, with their fraternal regards, June 26th, 1879."

A handsome timepiece, with plate affixed, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. William Biggs, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. S.G.W., Wilts, &c., by the brethren of the Province of Berks and Bucks, together with a purse of 100 guineas, in recognition of his valuable services as Provincial Grand Secretary from 1869 to 1877. This presentation was made by Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, 26th June, 1879."

Also a silver snuff-box, beautifully engraved with the emblems of the principal offices Bro. Biggs had held in the provinces of Wilts and Berks and Bucks, the following being inscribed in the centre:—"Presented to Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., P.Z., &c., by the brethren of the province of Berks and Bucks, together with a purse of 100 guineas, on his retirement from the office of Prov. Grand Sec., 26th June, 1879."

Bro. Biggs, in reply, said that no words he could utter could sufficiently express his gratitude to the brethren for their handsome presentation, or his sense of the kindness and courtesy he had always received from Sir Daniel, and the ready access to him which it had been his privilege to enjoy at all times during the period he held the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary. That it was an important office he did not for one moment deny, and he felt much gratified in having received this testimonial from the hands of Sir Daniel, and in knowing that during the time he held the office he had discharged its duties in a manner that had met with his approval. He desired to fulfil the duties satisfactorily from the first moment he took office until his resignation, and this testimonial gave proof that he had succeeded in doing so to the satisfaction of the brethren at large. (Hear, hear.) He thanked them all most sincerely for this very great mark of their esteem. He never, in the slightest degree, anticipated any such result as this. He took the office, having known Sir Daniel for so many years previously in the adjoining province of Wilts, and being desirous of helping him as much as he possibly could. He thanked the brethren of the province generally for the able assistance they had invariably given him in carrying out his duties. They could all appreciate the high position which this province now occupied. From the date it was first formed, in 1791—eighty-five years ago—it had only had six Prov. Grand Masters to preside over it, but never during the whole of that period had Masonry flourished or been in such favour as at the present time. (Applause.) It was certainly a most fortunate selection when Sir Daniel was placed at the head of affairs in this province, and he was sure they all entertained an earnest hope that their worthy Grand Master might be spared many years to preside over them. (Hear, and applause.) When he came into office the number of Masons in the province was not over 400, but that day they had heard that the number was 751, or nearly double, while the number of lodges at the present time was seventeen, as against ten when he took office. (Applause.) Those facts showed that what Sir Daniel had done had been thoroughly appreciated, and met with the approval of the brethren, and that many had been induced

to join the Order. Sir Daniel had always been careful to make an equal distribution of appointments in Berks and Bucks, so that one part of the province could not complain of any preference being shown to the other, and he was confident that no appointment made had given greater satisfaction to the brethren generally than that of his successor, Bro. Robert Bradley. (Applause.) He was glad the collar which he wore for some years had fallen upon the shoulders of one well able to sustain the work, one who was always to the fore in any good work connected with Masonry. (Applause.) Bro. Bradley's time was very valuable, holding as he did several important offices, but still he gladly gave up a large portion of it to the duties of his office, and he felt sure Bro. Bradley's appointment would prove to the advantage, not only of Masonry in general but to this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Biggs again expressed his warmest thanks to Sir Daniel and the brethren, and concluded with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would continue to prosper all the lodges, and every member composing them.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed shortly afterwards, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in the Council Chamber.

The tables were adorned with beautiful flowers, arranged in the form of Masonic devices, liberally supplied by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, Provincial Grand Steward, and the banquet was admirably provided by Mr. Pilgrim, of the Queen's Hotel.

The Provincial Grand Master presided, and letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (the Ven. Archdeacon Cust), Lord Harry Thynne, M.P., and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and Bro. Tombs, G.D., P.G.S. for Wilts, responded on behalf of the Grand Officers of England.

Bro. Trendall, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and the toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, Sir Daniel responded, and proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Past D.P.G. Masters, and the Past Grand Officers," for whom Bro. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W., returned thanks.

Bro. Stephens, P.G. Treasurer, gave "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. Bruton replied.

Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey proposed "The Masonic Charities," referring with pleasure to the fact of the different lodges in the province having last year contributed £700 to the Masonic Charities. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who, in the course of an able speech, said that last night witnessed the completion of what might be called the Masonic year as regards the Charitable Institutions of the Order. At the festival held the following sums have been raised, viz., £14,300 for the Benevolent Institution, £12,200 for the Girls' School, and £10,500 for the Boys' School, or in round numbers nearly £37,000, which was in excess of any amount contributed in any one year. Still he hoped that before the year had expired there would have been contributed for the three Institutions a total sum of something like £44,000. (Cheers.) He referred to the marked success achieved by the pupils at both the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, in the Oxford and Cambridge local examinations, and alluding to the Benevolent Institution, said that the annuities granted this year to aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons—the amount of each voted to the former being £40, and to the latter £30—represented a total of £10,700, which was a great work for one Institution to accomplish. (Cheers.) He concluded with an earnest appeal on behalf of the Charitable Institutions of the Order.

The P.G. Master proposed "The Health of Bro. Trendall," thanking him on behalf of the brethren for the very handsome reception he had given them that day. (Cheers.)

Bro. Trendall assured the brethren that if they felt half the pleasure in visiting him that he had experienced in entertaining them, he was more than repaid for anything that he had done. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers appointed that day" was then drunk, and Bro. Blandy Jenkins, P.G. S.W., returned thanks.

The P.G. Master then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Abbey Lodge," thanking them for the manner in which they had received the Prov. Grand Officers that day.

Bro. Shepherd responded.

The P.G. Master then gave "The Health of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Stephens, and the P.G. Secretary, Bro. R. Bradley," who severally returned thanks.

The P.G. Master then proposed "The Health of the P.G. Stewards," coupling with it the name of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and thanking him for his floral contribution and also for his spirited efforts on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Radclyffe replied, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the company rose.

During the evening an excellent selection of songs and glees were rendered by Bros. Rowley, Shepherd, Plumridge, and Clarke.

FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE. NO. 177.

This famous old lodge held its summer festival on Friday, the 27th ult., and, fortunately for the members and their friends, there was on that day a great improvement in the weather. The scene fixed upon for the festivities was beautiful Richmond, and the hostelry where the banquet was provided was the renowned Star and Garter, where, it is needless to add, this portion of the entertainment, under the management of Bro. Hunt, was all that could be desired. One good result of the backward season is that the foliage in the park has now all the fresh beauty of

springtime, and many of the visitors who came early employed their time in taking pleasant walks or drives about the park and neighbourhood.

There was a larger gathering than had been anticipated, one hundred and twenty-one sitting down to the banquet, at which Bro. Edward White, W.M. of the lodge, presided. Among those present were Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. George Everett, Mr. G. L. Everett and Miss Fisher, Mr. W. K. Everett and Miss Della Everett, Miss Alice Tidd, Capt. Jaques and Mrs. Jaques, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hugall, Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Foulger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. R. Rose and Miss Brinlaw, Mr. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hill and Miss Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Spink and Miss Young, Mr. Buscall, Mr. Herbage, Mr. T. W. Armstrong, Mr. J. Abrams, Mr. A. R. Abrams, Mr. W. M. Foxcroft, Mr. D. J. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bennett, Mr. W. Miller and friend, Mr. R. W. Crane, Mr. H. Ralph, Mrs. Ralph and Mr. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Turner, Mr. C. A. Smith, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. F. C. Moutlet, and Mr. J. H. Owen.

The Stewards on the occasion were Bros. Buscall, I.P.M.; Spink, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; McLean, S.D.; Herbage, J.D.; Kent, I.G.; Foxcroft, D.C.; Pierpoint, W.S.; A. Scard, Ralph, J. Jones, G. J. Potter, and E. Sano.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the Chairman said that he had one or two toasts to propose, but he should make his remarks as brief as possible, in order that those present might the sooner proceed to other amusements. The first toast was that which was always welcomed by the loyal body of Freemasons, viz., "The Queen and the Craft." This toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," the Prince of Wales being, as they were aware, the M.W.G.M. of Freemasons, and two of his brothers also occupying high positions in the Craft. It is needless to say that this toast was heartily responded to.

Bro. Buscall: Ladies and gentlemen, I have a very important toast to propose; it refers to no less than "The W.M." When the brethren of the Domatic Lodge decided to have a summer festival many of them exerted themselves to make it a success, but none more so than the W.M. I am sure that you will agree with me that we have had a very pleasant day, and for that we are indebted to our W.M. I, therefore, ask you to be upstanding, and join with me in drinking his health.

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, I feel highly flattered. We have had so little sunshine during the last few days that we have had many doubts whether we should be able to make this meeting a success. Fortunately it has turned out to be a fine day, and we are honoured by a much larger company than we expected. I have felt some difficulty in regard to this festival, and was anxious it should succeed. As Master of an old lodge of high position, which I felt was somewhat on its trial to-day, I have been anxious, as upon our success on this occasion may depend whether we shall continue summer banquets or not. I am now truly pleased that it has turned out a success. I am glad to see so many happy faces round me, and I thank you for the honour which you have done me in drinking my health.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. C. A. Smith.

This was followed by "The Health of the Stewards and Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. Spink, S.W., and Bro. Kent, I.G., the latter of whom tried to persuade the ladies that when their husbands were out later than usual at Masonic meetings the time had been occupied in debating what they could do to please their wives, and that festivals of this kind were some of the things decided upon for the purpose.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, the last toast that I have the pleasure to propose is one that will meet with unanimous approval. It is "The Health of the Ladies." I feel some difficulty in dealing with it, especially after my friend's speech. I am glad to see that so many of my friends have brought more than one, and have thus added the greater lustre to our festival. I shall couple with this toast the name of my esteemed Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge.

Bro. Everett: Worshipful Master and gentlemen, I feel very much flattered and honoured at having the privilege of responding to this very important toast, which I consider the toast of the evening. You know the song says that when a lady's in the case all other things give place, and I, therefore, think this the most important toast. But to thank you on behalf of the ladies I must speak as a lady. "Worshipful Master, we thank the gentlemen for the very kind things they have said of us, but with our characteristic modesty, we desire them to understand that they have said no more than we deserve. We know that they could not have got on without us, as we know what lost, forlorn creatures they are if they have not us to guide them on their way, and, therefore, I say that the way they have spoken is handsome, it is not less than we deserve." Some ladies that I am acquainted with have been trying to enlighten themselves as to the secrets of Freemasonry—I believe they tried to form a lodge for themselves; but when they heard that

"We meet like spirits in the land of dreams,
And speak not but by signs,"

their natural communicativeness by word of mouth upset all their calculations, and the scheme for feminine Freemasonry fell to the ground. My friend has told the ladies that when their husbands are out at their lodges late at night they are consulting what they can do to please their wives. Well, in a sense, he is right, because we know that what we do in lodge ought to please our wives, and would please them if they knew what it is. But that is the secret, and they must not know it. But they may know, and do know, that Freemasonry does a great deal of good, and that three of the grandest Charities in the country, the

Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution, have been founded by Freemasons, who continue to support them in a manner that is an enduring honour to Freemasonry.

After an interval spent in the pretty grounds of the hotel, the company returned to the banquet-room, which had, in the meantime, been cleared, when dancing was commenced, and was kept up with great spirit for some time.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The summer entertainment to the old people at the Benevolent Institution at Croydon took place on Tuesday evening. The company who attended included the names of the following brethren and ladies:—Charles G. Hill, P.M., 1366; John Constable, Vice-Patron; Charles John Perceval, jun.; James E. Terry; George Knill; Mrs. Terry; Miss Terry; W. Hick, P.M., 483, 77; C. J. Hicks; C. M. Finch; Annie Collins; E. H. Bowyer; Mrs. Bowyer; Edwin G. Legge, I.P.M. 1196, Treasurer 1607; Mrs. Legge; Francis Breuer; Mrs. Breuer; Miss Breuer; Miss A. M. Terry; John Newton; Robert H. Halford; Mrs. Halford; Thomas Cubitt; Raynham W. Stewart; Lena Hill; Anne Stephens; James Terry; Miss Constable; E. E. Gold; William Stephens; Mrs. Newton; J. J. Berry; G. S. Becknell; Mrs. Hill; Charles John Perceval, jun.; G. Ward Verry; Mrs. G. Ford; Mrs. Constable; Dr. H. J. Strong; Mrs. Strong; W. W. Morgan; Augustus Trewinnard; and Mrs. Trewinnard, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Before partaking of tea the visitors went round the buildings and called in on the old ladies and brethren, and spent a considerable time with them in cheerful conversation. When tea was over the visits were renewed, and the gardens, which were in beautiful order, notwithstanding the long succession of bad weather, were inspected. At seven o'clock the annuitants were summoned to the hall, where the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers gave their admirable entertainment on 120 silver-toned bells. It is almost needless to say that these performances were highly appreciated, and gave general satisfaction. Miss Terry and Miss Constable also added some vocal and instrumental selections, and in their performances merited the greatest praise. The proceedings were interspersed with the serving of an abundance of refreshments, in serving which the visitors exhibited the most earnest desire to conduce to the comforts of the old people. Before separating votes of thanks were passed to the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers, to Mrs. Terry, to the Supreme Council, who annually contribute largely to this entertainment, to Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, and J. J. Berry for the magnificent flag, which floats on a flagstaff at the Institution, on which flag is inscribed the name of the Institution. Bro. Berry returned thanks for this last vote. Bro. Terry expressed the great pleasure he felt at being able to contribute to the enjoyment of the annuitants, and also added that he was much indebted for what he had done to the great assistance he derived from the Supreme Council. Capt. Phillips and other brethren, who earnestly desired to promote the cause of Masonic charity. The party having bid all the inmates of the Institution, a hearty good night, returned to town in special saloon carriages provided by the South Eastern Railway.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A cricket match was played on the College House Ground, on Wednesday the 14th May, in wretched weather—play being stopped several times—between the M.C.C. and College House, which resulted in an easy win for the Masonic boys by 137 to 29; Mr. Gardner and Donovan playing the highest scores for the M.C.C. of 47 and 38 runs respectively.

A match was played on the 17th May, on the School ground, between the M.C.C. and the Grocers' Company, when victory visited the M.C.C. by 21 runs, the scores being—M.C.C. 59, Grocers' Company 38; Hanson and Sergeant making the highest figures of 24 and 19.

In the return match, M.C.C. v Grocer's Company, played at the Alexandra Palace, the Grocer's Company were defeated a second time, the match resulting as follows: M.C.C. 74; Grocer's Company, 32.

The return match M.C.C. v College House, took place on the 23rd ult., at the College House Ground, when the Masonic team succeeded in beating their opponents by an innings and 23 runs. Scores: M.C.C. 53; College House 15-15, total 30.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales has appointed the 17th inst., as the day on which His Royal Highness will lay the foundation stone of the new building now being erected as an extension of the Hospital for Consumption, at Brompton.

Lord Roseberry, President of the Greek Committee, has accepted an invitation to attend a meeting at Manchester on the 22nd inst.

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., has placed books to the value of £4000, in the Claremont Institute Free Library at Hastings, of which building he is the owner.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Advt.

per sum had been paid by them to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He did not know what they had done for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, or for the Hamer Benevolent Fund, but he would tell them what they had given for other charities—the paltry sum of £20, and his belief was that during the six years he had referred to they had bestowed about £123 in private charity and relief, while from the initiation fees they must have spent something like £700 or £800 during those six years for their own entertainment. He would ask, was that creditable to them or to any other lodge? Bro. Alpass then referred at some length to the leading article on Masonic Charity in that day's *Times* in connection with the installation of Prince Leopold, and said that unless a lodge could show some good work in the direction of charity it had better not have an existence. The members of the Downshire met there once a month and enjoyed each other's society, and, no doubt, the working of the ritual was very satisfactory and correct; but if they did nothing more for the Order than this it would just have been as well if the warrant of constitution had never been granted. Bro. Alpass then went on to say that their small annual subscription could never prove sufficient to carry out the system of picnics, one of which they were again going to have the following week. These picnics were never contemplated when the amount of subscription was fixed, and the result was that their initiation fees had to be entrenched upon—a thing which they had no right to do, and a system which he could not too strongly condemn. If picnics were to be held, let them be paid for out of the members' pockets. Looking at what had been done by the lodge, he would ask what there was in connection which could possibly induce him to recommend any one in connection with it to the P.G.M. for any honour which he had to bestow? He trusted the lodge would take these remarks to heart, as they were made out of sincere kindness, and strive in the future to do more in the cause of charity than it had done in the past. These remarks were made by him with an earnest zeal for Masonry, and with an anxious wish that the lodge should take its proper position in regard to Freemasonry, so that from time to time the members, by their liberal donations, might secure a life governorship for the W.M. in one of the charities. Bro. R. P. France, P.M., said that while he agreed to some extent with Bro. Alpass in what he had said with reference to the charities, he certainly felt that he had been unduly hard on their lodge with regard to its funds. Retrenchment had been seriously resolved upon, and it had also been resolved by the committee that £25 should be voted towards the decoration of that hall. As they were at present constituted, they did not see their way to grant more at present, but probably they would do so at some future time; and, with regard to the pic-nic, he might state that they meant to charge each member for his ticket, voting only a small sum from the funds of the lodge for a portion of the expenses. As the lodge had resolved to retrench, he thought that the P. Grand Secretary should have passed over the matter and not have uttered the severe censure which he had thought fit to pass upon them. He thought the Downshire Lodge would compare most favourably with many of the lodges in the province, and he did not think he was saying too much when he stated that he thought they had done quite as much as many of them. (Hear, hear.) He felt as if Bro. Alpass had picked the Downshire Lodge out for particular censure, and he did not think this should have been done. Bro. Houghton, I.P.M., also referred to the course of economy which had been resolved upon, and the P.G. Sec. would not have required to make the rather hard remarks which he had done if he had stayed away for another year. After a few remarks from Bro. Dilcock, P.M., to the same effect, Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., strongly protested against Bro. Alpass coming there and criticising their balance, which, as an outside member, he had no right to do. They were very glad to see him as the P.G. Sec., and ready to listen to him on points upon which he had a right to address them, but he (Bro. Ibbs) did not think the private accounts of a lodge came within his province. He quite agreed with Bro. France that the Downshire Lodge would compare favourably with many others in the province, and during the past year they had given a large amount away in private relief. He was sorry to hear the remarks which Bro. Alpass had thought fit to make, and must again protest against his right to make them with regard to their balance sheet. After a few remarks from Bro. Larsen, P.M., Bro. Alpass said he did not intend to offend any one in the remarks he had made, and assured the brethren that it would give him infinitely greater pleasure to come and bestow praise than to find fault. The subject then dropped, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In the course of the evening, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Houghton, I.P.M., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The picnic in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the members left the landing station, or Chester, via Birkenhead. They dined at the Grosvenor Hotel at noon, after which they proceeded to Eaton Hall, returning to tea at the Grosvenor Hotel at seven m., and left Chester about 8.40 p.m.

WOOLWICH.—*Florence Nightingale Lodge* (No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult. (St. John's Day), at the Masonic Hall, William-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Scott Mutch, at about 5 p.m., and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. P.M. Gamble, in a few appropriate words, presented Bro. J. J. Donolly, W.M. elect, to Bro. Mutch, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony then proceeded, and after a Board of Installed Masters had been formed, Bro. Donolly was, with the usual formalities, placed in the

chair of K.S. and saluted in the various degrees. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Eugene Sweny, S.W.; J. Black, J.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. Hirsch, Chap.; Major Gordon, R.A., S.D.; G. C. Mathams, J.D.; Qr.-Master Scully, R.H.A., I.G.; and Everett, Tyler. The charges were then splendidly recited by Bro. Mutch, and the ceremony was concluded. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Mutch, for his services to the lodge during the past year as W.M., and it was unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks should be tendered him and entered upon the minutes of the lodge, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master that day. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Gray's hotel, the Freemasons' Arms, where an elegantly served and appointed banquet awaited them, Bro. De Gray bringing into play all his taste and large experience for the occasion. Among the company present were—besides those officers and brethren above enumerated—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P.J.W. Kent; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; W. Butter, P.M. 913; R. W. Jones, W.M. 146; W. St. Aubyn, P.M. 281; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. elect 913; T. Hutton, W.M. elect 13; J. Chapman, J.W. 913; W. Watts, 913; S. Fry, J.D. 969; G. Hunter, 20 (I.C.); R. S. Garrett, 209; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in excellent style, and they were cordially responded to. Bro. Mutch then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said the W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel for a purpose they all knew the tenour of. It was to propose that brother's health, and it was a matter that gave him unfeigned pleasure to have the honour and the opportunity of so doing. They all knew that he was initiated in the lodge, and had fairly and honourably worked his way through the various minor offices to the distinguished position he occupied that moment. He would not take up their time by dilating upon his many excellent qualities, but felt sure they, with him, looked forward to a pleasant, harmonious, and successful year under his rule. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, and Bro. Donolly in reply thanked them for their good wishes to him personally, and as well for placing him in his present position with the unanimous vote of the lodge. He had not sufficient command of words to thank them so eloquently as he should wish, but would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who in the chair had so well and worthily upheld the honour of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Mutch," and the W.M., in giving it, said they had heard and seen that brother perform the beautiful and impressive ceremony so well and so eloquently that he was fully entitled to their heartiest gratitude. He was quite sure that few of them had ever heard it better done. It was not only without a single hitch, but as if it was from the heart. For himself he was deeply impressed, and asked them to show their appreciation of their brother by a good hearty fire. Bro. Mutch, who was received most warmly, in reply, said he could assure them he had always endeavoured to do his best for the prosperity of the lodge. In it there were a great many military men, and having had an experience of the first 22 years of his life in a marching regiment, he knew something of discipline, and to the excellent discipline of its members he attributed its and his success during the last year, and, indeed, from the first day he became acquainted with it, for in it he was initiated. He thanked the officers under him for their great and valuable assistance, and invariable courtesy to him while in the chair, and for the manner in which they had carried out their duties, and was sure that they would as they came to the head of it sustain and uphold the dignity of the lodge as he and his predecessors had endeavoured to do. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," which was coupled with the name of Bro. Sydney Clarke, who, as the W.M. said, was perhaps the most important of them all, for he held their money and brought them up short when they were going ahead too fast. Bro. Clarke, in reply, said the office of the Past Master during the past year had been an easy one, in fact there had been little or nothing for them to do; the W.M. was so efficient in his work, and so punctual in his attendance, that the office had been a perfect sinecure. He felt sure it would be the same under the present Master. If there had been, or at any time should be, anything for them to do, the P.M.'s of the Florence Nightingale would at all times do it with pleasure, because it would not only be a duty but a labour of love. He thanked them from the heart. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, of the Pattison Lodge, and Bro. St. Aubyn, of 281. These brethren responded briefly, as did also Bros. Hayes, Lloyd, Hutton, and Watts. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Sweny, Hirsch, and others. The last toast was that of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who responded, and then the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—*Derby Lodge* (No. 724).—The annual installation of this well-known lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 25th ult. As the work of the evening was rather heavy, the W.M. called the lodge for five o'clock. The officers present were Bros. Asher Hart, W.M.; R. Crispe, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Trevitt, J.W.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., D.C.; Maurice Hart, P.M., D.C. 1592, Hon. Sec.; G. Gorton, I.G.; Cousins and Pendleton, Stewards. Members: Bros. Cain, P.M.; Vaughan, P.M.; Davison, P.M.; Beeken, I.P.M.; J. Jacobs, Humphries, J. D. Griffith, K. Griffith, E. Gadd, R. Hoblyn, Erskine, Sharples, Grieve, Hawksworth, E. Ellis, and others. The visitors included Bros. Shepherd, P.M. 1035; H. Ellis, 1021; Hartwell, 1264; Brassey, I.G. 823; and others.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass to the Second Degree a brother who was initiated nine years ago, he being away in foreign climes ever since, after which Bro. Ballard, P.M., took the chair, and raised Bro. Jardine to the Sublime Degree; after closing to the Second Degree, Bro. Asher Hart, W.M., resumed the place of Installing Master, and regularly placed Bro. Crispe in the chair in the East, according to ancient custom, Bro. Hart working the whole of the ceremony with very great taste and effect. The officers appointed were Bros. Asher Hart, I.P.M.; Ballard, P.M., D.C.; Trevitt, S.W.; Maurice Hart, P.M. 1502, J.W.; Chersworth, P.M., Treas. (tenth time), invested by proxy on account of absence through illness; Gordon, Sec.; Pendleton, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; J. D. Griffith, S.S.; Humphries, J.S.; Erskine, A.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. After a gentleman had been proposed for initiation, the W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Asher Hart, I.P.M., a very handsome Past Master's jewel, for his ability in conducting the lodge for eighteen months. Bro. Hart suitably responded. The lodge was then closed. There was no banquet in consequence of it having been decided to hold a pic-nic instead. On Thursday morning the members assembled at Lime-street Station for the purpose of proceeding to Overton Hills. They were accompanied by a goodly sprinkling of the gentler sex, although the rain gave very slight hopes of a pleasant day, but still in this variable climate it does sometimes become fine after a soaker. When the pic-nickers arrived at Frodsham umbrellas were not the order of the day, as the weather had somewhat cleared, which turned to very fine during the latter part of the day. A variety of games were extemporised by the indefatigable Committee and a genial body of Stewards, headed by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Gordon; and the beauty of the scene, the excellency of the catering of Mr. Rigby, of the Bellemont Hotel, Overton, all altogether made the day pass in an extremely pleasant manner.

DEVONPORT.—*St. Aubyn Lodge* (No. 954).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult. at the Masonic Rooms, Morice Town. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. James R. Dugdale, was installed by W. Bro. C. Watson, 954, assisted by W. Bros. T. Goddall, 954; W. Foxwell, P.M. 1071, P.P.G. St. Cornwall; and supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. A. Stephens, John Baxter, John Normans, P.M.'s 954; T. Hatherly, P.M. 1071; Jno. W. Collins, 1136. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. J. R. W. Quinn, I.P.M.; Bros. Jas. Osborne, S.W.; Jno. Thos. Crossley, J.W.; W. Bros. C. Watson, Treas.; Jno. Baxter, Sec.; Bros. J. Sturgeon, S.D.; Jno. Weary, J.D.; D. R. Waigh, D.C.; Jno. Watts, A.D.C.; George Hickey, I.G. Jno. Smith, George Pomeroy, Thomas D. Pengelley, F. R. B. Rockett were appointed the Stewards. A resolution was adopted to move the lodge from its present rooms at Christmas next. In the evening the brethren dined together at the rooms.

EASTBOURNE.—*Tyrian Lodge* (No. 1110).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Gildridge Hotel, on Monday, the 30th ult. Bro. W. Kirkland, a Past Master of the lodge, was again elected and installed in that position, the ceremony being performed in a very admirable manner by Bro. Adamson, P.M. Additional interest was centred in the proceedings by the presence of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart.) and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. John Henderson Scott), as well as several other present and past Prov. Officers. The following brethren were invested as the officers of the Tyrian Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Taylor, I.P.M.; B. Perry, S.W.; C. W. Tomes, J.W.; T. S. Gowland, Sec.; C. Tomes, Treas.; A. Lye, S.D.; A. Newman, J.D.; C. H. Haines, I.G.; H. Sutton and T. W. Dean, Stewards; E. Goldring, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. Taylor, the retiring Master, as a token of respect from the brethren of the lodge for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past twelve months. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, provided in Bro. Sutton's best style. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocalisation of Bro. Plant, P.M., and Bros. Moulding and Higgins, of the Cathedral Choir, Canterbury. The company present included Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex; John Henderson Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; A. King, Prov. G. Org.; Jos. Farncombe, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. Tomkinson, Prov. G.S. of W.; F. G. Parnell, P.P.G.S.W. of Kent; T. S. Woolmong, 1382; J. Plant, P.M. 31; S. Tanner, W.M. 311; A. Moulding, 972; E. C. Weeden, 916; F. Miskin, W.M. 972; G. Down, 972; J. H. Higgins, 972; R. Pierpoint, 177; C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315; F. Milrom, W.M. 341; and the following members:—Bros. E. Adamson, P.M.; J. Head, P.M.; W. Kirkland, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.M.; G. Perry, C. W. Tomes, A. Lye, A. G. Newman, H. Sutton, T. S. Gowland, C. H. Haine, Rev. R. C. Wilson, J. Ellis, C. Young, S. Holder, J. Newman, J. Hood, T. W. Dean, Wiunder, T. Brown, C. Crisp, S. D. Sanby, and others. The toasts of "Her Majesty" and "The Rulers of the Craft" having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Health of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. of Sussex." Throughout the province he was not only greatly esteemed, but his name was revered as one well worthy to be a ruler in the Craft. His visit to the Tyrian Lodge on that occasion was an event of considerable interest to the brethren, it being the first time the lodge had been visited by its Provincial Chief Officer. On behalf of the Tyrian Lodge he accorded to Sir Walter a hearty welcome, and expressed a hope that he might long be spared in health to fill the position which he was so well fitted to occupy. The Prov. Grand Master said he had that day fulfilled a pledge which he made on

taking office, viz., that he would visit, as early as he could every lodge in Sussex. It had afforded him much pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he might say that throughout the province his visits had been equally gratifying. He thanked the brethren most cordially for the hearty reception which they had accorded him. There had been a large accession to Masonry during the last few years, the popularity of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master having given an extraordinary impetus thereto. A considerable increase had occurred in Sussex, as elsewhere, and very shortly he should be called upon to consecrate two more lodges, for which warrants had been granted. While their numbers continued to multiply he sincerely trusted they would continue to conduct their proceedings in the spirit of true Masonry. It was manifest that he could not attend each lodge very often, but he certainly should do so as time and opportunity offered. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In doing so he paid a high tribute to the great ability and knowledge of Masonic ritual possessed by Bro. J. H. Scott. Through his untiring exertions, to a great extent, Masonry had become what it now was in Sussex, and the brethren throughout the province looked upon Bro. Scott as one of the pillars of the Craft. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said it was somewhat singular that their round of visits to the various lodges in the province had been commenced by the Prov. Grand Master at Eastbourne and at the same town they completed their task. These visits had not been made according to the age of a lodge or other fixed principles, but as opportunity offered; therefore, the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge must not think that because they were last they were the least. In fact, rather the opposite was the case. There would soon be twenty-three lodges in Sussex, and although all had been visited recently, it could not be expected that the Prov. Grand Master would be constantly going through the same process. His tour, if he might so term it, had been one round of triumph, and this augured well for success in the future. He complimented the W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge and his officers on the excellent working which he had witnessed that day. Of all the lodges visited certainly in none was the work was the work done better. The next toast was that of "The Visitors." Bros. Parnell and Rev. R. C. Wilson responded, the latter remarking that he looked upon Masonic lodges as helping in the good work in which he was daily engaged. If the true spirit of Masonry were more widely diffused his task would be lightened, and brotherly love and charity would take the place of much that was now to be regretted. Bro. Taylor proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master." He was an excellent Mason and very highly esteemed by the brethren. Bro. Kirkland had previously discharged the duties of Master with considerable ability, and there was little doubt but that he would do so again. He had good officers, and he heartily wished him a pleasant and successful year of office. The W.M. said he had always taken a great interest in the Tyrian Lodge. He was one of its founders, its second Master, and the oldest member. He had every reason to hope that it would go on and prosper, and to this end the brethren might rely on his most strenuous exertions. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Taylor, who replied. "The Healths of the Officers and the Assistant Officers" were then drunk, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasurable gathering.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, the 24th ult., by the installation of Bro. Rowland Baxter, as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Edward Clarke, a P.M. of the lodge, and W.M. of Arleford Lodge, 1660, also P.G.J.D. of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, very ably conducted the ceremony, and was assisted by Bros. James Muncaster, P.M., and Rev. W. E. Strickland, I.P.M., also Bro. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B. After having been duly installed, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Rev. W. E. Strickland, I.P.M.; Jonas Lindow, S.W.; John Fletcher Kirkconel, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, Chaplain; E. Chapman, Treas.; Frederick Whittle, Secretary; W. Matthews, Organist; John J. Wilson, S.D.; James C. Woodburn, J.D.; Wm. Speirs, I.G.; S. Braithwaite and R. Tyson, Stewards; Samuel Braithwaite, Tyler. The following visitors were present: Bros. E. Tyson, W.M.; Jackson, Chas. Henry Hodgson, Charles Mossop, 119; Joseph S. Ray, P.S.W. 782; J. C. Lawson, 1182; Bell, W.M.; Bradley, J.W.; and S. Waiting, 1390. At 3.30 p.m. the brethren to the number of forty sat down to a cold collation at the house of Bro. George Douglas, the Wheat Sheaf Inn, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and interspersed with songs and recitations, which brought a highly satisfactory meeting to a successful issue at an early hour in the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The brethren connected with this lodge met at their headquarters in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday afternoon, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of assisting in the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and the officers who supported him were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; T. Foulkes, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas.; R. B. Burgess, Sec.; N. Robertson, S.D.; A. Samuels, J.D.; John Holme, S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. J. Bell, S. Gordon, J. Corlett, T. Rose, P. Upton, T. Wiseman, P. Dickinson, J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W. and P.M. 1264; W. H. Quayle, E. Johnston, J. Davies, G. Argyle, P. S. Johnson, J. Threlfall, I. Thompson, G. Wynn, R. B. Hughes, T. Powell, W. Johnson, J. Ashton, H. Braddock, W. Bell, J. Falkingham, and T. Gray. The extensive list of visitors

included Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; J. T. Calow, P.G. Treas.; F. Salter, S.W. 241 (W.M. elect); J. M. King, 823; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609; W. R. Reeve, 673; T. Pugmire, 241; J. Boyle, 823; W. T. Bilabrough, W.M. 333; R. P. Gill, W.M. 216; J. Hodgson, 216; I. Levy, 667 and 1609; T. McWean, W.M. 1035; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; C. Birch, S.W. 203; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823 and P.M. 1325; John Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; H. Williams, P.G.S.; R. Washington, P.M. 1004; J. A. McRobie, 1393; J. Winsor, W.M. 241; J. P. Bryan, 1035; C. E. Bryan, S.W. 1313; J. Messenger, 249; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Wharton, 1035; and C. Waterson, 1035. After the usual preliminary business, Bro. Thomas Foulkes was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, the retiring occupant of the chair; and the latter portion of the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. The following were the official appointments for 1879-80:—Bros. J. H. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; R. B. Burgess, S.W.; N. Robertson, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Bell, Sec.; J. Holme, S.D.; P. M. Campbell, J.D.; P. S. Johnson, I.G.; J. Ashton, S.S.; T. Wiseman, J.S.; J. Hodgson, Hon. Org.; and M. Williams, Tyler. As a compliment to the W.M., who is well known in the musical world, a special musical programme in connection with his installation was provided by Bro. J. Hodgson and Bro. J. P. Bryan (who wrote several parts of the ceremony specially for the occasion), and they were assisted in the lodge by Bros. W. Quayle, C. Waterson, W. Forrester, and J. Pugmire. During the proceedings a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, and the brethren afterwards banqueted in the dining-room of the Masonic Hall.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st ult. Bro. J. C. Woodrow, P.M. 15, W.M., opened the lodge. Bro. Capt. R. W. Williams, P.P.I.G. Middx., P.M. 1275, S.W., having resigned his membership of this lodge, his resignation was accepted with regret. The officers appointed were Bros. John Hammond, P.G. Steward Middx., P.G.J.D. Middx. designate, P.M. 201, P.M. 1512, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G.A.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. S.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, J.D.; T. W. Stone, I.G.; D. Steinhauer, Org.; J. Lawrence, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; J. J. Marsh, C.S. Ballots were taken separately for Bros. T. W. Adams, P.M. 1623, and J. T. Burchill, 1656, as joining members, and for Messrs. William John Smith and Frederick William Dye as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry, all of which proved unanimous in their favour. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, in an able and impressive manner passed Bros. H. J. Buckley, W. R. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell to the Second Degree, initiated Messrs. Wm. John Smith and Frederick Wm. Dye into Freemasonry. Each candidate was introduced separately, which added to the solemnity of the beautiful ceremony. The bye-laws were read. Bros. J. B. Shackleton was elected W.M.; S. Wickens, P.M., re-elected unanimously Treas.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., re-elected Tyler. Twenty guineas were unanimously voted to the Girls' School (per Secretary, in memory of R. W. Little, P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex). The usual seven guinea Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. C. Woodrow, W.M., for his services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. It was agreed to hold the audit meeting at the Holborn Restaurant, 218, High Holborn, on Wednesday, July 9th, at 4 p.m. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence and a petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund of Middlesex were unanimously recommended and signed in open lodge. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and the usual toasts were given and responded to. There were present besides those named Bros. C. W. Fox, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.S.D. Middx., P.M.; F. Walters, P.P.S.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Hernaman, C. Graham, F. Knight, W. Vassila, C. H. Dye, S. Page, W. Blakeley, W. Stanton, C. Crecop, and others. Visitors: Bros. D. B. Raw, P.M. 969; J. H. Butten, P.M. 1309; and W. C. Davey, 1512.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The June meeting of this influential lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past six punctually by the W.M., Bro. Robert Wolfenden, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; J. Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Parker, J.W.; John Bell, P.M., Treas.; Jonathan Acton, P.M., Sec.; Henry Hartley, S.D.; Richard Cleminson, J.D.; Jas. E. Ogleshorpe, Org.; C. J. W. Stork and Wm. Huntington, Stewards; Joseph D. Bell, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and E. Shepherd, Asst. Tyler. The brethren present included Bros. G. W. Smelt, John Simpson, Wm. Jackson, Peter Dutton, Wm. Bell, T. R. Lacey, W. Huthersall, J. Taylor, John Bannister, L. Barlow, J. M. Bell, E. Huntington, G. Blezard, W. King, R. C. Wilkinson, David Shaw, James Simpson, J. S. Stork, John Hartley, C. A. Beckett, W. Drinkall, E. Smalley, Thos. Armistead, and S. S. Lees. The visitors were Bros. Jeremiah Jowett, I.P.M. 281, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. S. S. Lees and E. Smalley were balloted for, the result of which was their unanimous election. Bro. Smelt having answered the questions put to him was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smelt was duly passed by the I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Dale. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when Messrs. S. S. Lees and Edward Smalley were separately initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being respectively performed by the

W.M., Bro. R. Wolfenden, and the I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Dale, in a very creditable manner. The questions in each degree were put to the brethren assembled for the instruction of the new brethren. This being the last meeting of the year, the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bros. J. Bell, P.M., Treas., and A. K. Allinson, Tyler, were also re-elected. The date of time of the installation was then fixed, viz., Wednesday, July 2nd, at ten a.m., upon which occasion Bro. Dickinson, of Lodges 657 and 1288, will perform the interesting ceremony. The early hour (10 a.m.) for the opening of the lodge was decided upon to enable the brethren to proceed by rail after the installation to Bro. Rigg's Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, where the banquet will be provided at 4 o'clock. Bros. E. Dutton, J. M. Bell, and T. R. Lacey were then elected to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to take an inventory of the lodge goods. The audit was fixed for the 27th inst., and arrangements made for supper to be provided by Bro. E. Huntington, at the Bear and Staff Hotel. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by the J.M., Bro. F. G. Dale, and during the absence of the W.M., Bro. John Bell, P.M., Treas., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wolfenden, for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, and that the lodge present Bro. Wolfenden with a Past Master's jewel in token of their esteem. Bro. Acton, P.M., Sec., seconded this proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The W.M. then re-entered the lodge, and after taking his seat exhibited some surprise when Bro. Dale acquainted him what had been decided during his absence. Bro. Wolfenden briefly returned thanks. Bro. F. G. Dale was then appointed trustee to the lodge in the room of the much respected Bro. W. Heald, P.M., P.Z., &c., who had been compelled to resign that office owing to failing sight. After the usual proclamation of the W.M., and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the representatives of Lodges 281, 1390, 1524, and 1561, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 10.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The annual installation meeting of the Hamer Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., Treasurer. Amongst the other officers and members present were Bros. Thos. Sammons, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; John Houlding, P.M.; Robert Leason, S.W.; Walter C. Erwin, J.W.; B. Price, Sec.; R. H. Evans, Treas.; James Pilling, S.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.D.; W. H. Jewitt, I.G.; Matthew Callaghan, S.S.; Thos. Pierrepont, O. M. Williamson, Tyler; J. J. Smith, O.S.; Hugh Davidson, J. Flavell, James Tomlin, A.S.; John C. Merilees, H. B. Bradford, H. Henderson, Robert L. Stockton, Samuel Millikin, Thos. Adler, W. J. Henderson, Benj. Russell, Robert Parry, W. Clark, Stewart Speady, Frank Lomerin, John Marsh. The visitors included Bros. Jno. Halliwell, P.P.G.S. E.L., 1012; Geo. A. O'Neil, P.P.G.T. E.L., 64, 191, 1012; Edward Paull, Treas. 1356, 1182; C. Wadsworth, 292, S.S.; Joseph Boyle, 823, J.W.; Edgar Humphries, 220; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org., 216; John T. Alston, W.M. 203; R. T. Leslie, J.W. 1713; Joseph Ball, 673, 155; H. S. Alpess, Prov. G. Sec., 680; Edward Cottrill, F.B. 203; Fred. J. Pentin, W.M. 1713; Henry Hindle, W.M. 1620; T. McCracken, 292, Sec.; A. Kenworthy, 277; Henry Walker, P.M. 337; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason); Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 292, S.W. 1264; Jas. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, P.G. Treas.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C.; I. R. Young, James W. Kenyon, 42 and 191, P.P.G.S.W. E.L. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. P.M., Sammons took the chair and passed Bros. Bradford and Corran to the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., took the chair of installing Master at four o'clock, when Bro. Robert Leaton, the S.W. and W.M. elect was presented by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., P.G. Steward, and Bro. John McCarthy, P.M., and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. R. H. Evans took up the ceremony, and the newly chaired W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three established degrees of the Order, according to custom from time immemorial. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Houlding, I.P.M.; W. C. Erwin, S.W.; Dr. B. Price, J.W.; R. H. Evans, Treas. (re-elected); J. Pilling, Sec.; J. McCarthy, D.C.; R. J. L. Kynaston, S.D.; M. Callaghan, I.G.; J. Tomlin and J. J. Smyth, Stewards; Thos. Pierrepont, Org. The various addresses were effectively given by Bro. R. H. Evans, and those to the W.M. and officers by Bro. John McCarthy. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the numerous visitors, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet at six o'clock. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the W.M.; Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec., responding for that of "Lord Skelmardale, D.G.M., P.G.M., and the Officers of the Province of West Lancashire." "The Masonic Charities" was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. H. Jackson, and admirably responded to by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. John Houlding, I.P.M., P.M. 823, gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," in most happy and appropriate terms, and Bro. Leason, W.M., was equally pointed in his acknowledgment of the compliment. "The Installing Master, Bro. Jackson," given by the W.M., was suitably responded to, and "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were amongst the other toasts on the list. A splendid musical programme was provided by Bros. John Hill, Webster, Williams, W. C. Erwin, "Billy" Richardson, George O'Neil, and J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who not only accompanied the songs with excellent taste, but again delighted every one by his masterly performance of his own fantasia, "Sabbath Evening Chimes," which has attained

a popularity worthy of its worth. It should be stated that the catering of Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, gave general satisfaction.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., presided at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The officers who supported him were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; John Atkinson, Secretary; J. Pye, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who mustered on the occasion were Bros. M. P. Tieski, R. Eyres, S. Mattison, W. Addis, J. Keet, F. Wilkinson, jun., J. Ashley, F. Duncanson, J. Hont, P. W. Sanderson, J. Wiatt, J. Ballard, H. Round, J. H. Owen, P. Lowndes, E. H. Thomson, J. Penney, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, W. Hildyard, and T. S. Bailey. The visitors included Bros. S. Griffiths, 190; J. R. Owen, 1356; H. C. Sidney, 95; F. Weston, 571; J. Williams, 203; W. Jones, 1264; H. G. Clifford, 175; F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W., Cheshire; D. S. Davies, P.M., 216; and A. N. Fabert, Secretary 216. Bro. J. Hont was passed to the Degree of E.C. by the W.M.; and it was resolved, on the motion of the I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. P.M. Bell, P.G.S.), that the lodge should this year adjourn over the month of July, and in future years that no meetings should be held in June and July. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren dined in the large banqueting hall under the presidency of the W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Havlock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. E. Dignam, W.M.; F. Jacob, S.W.; A. L. Payne, J.W.; A. McMillan, S.D.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary; also several other brethren. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. F. Carr, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section, and Bro. C. Lorkin the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. A. L. Payne seconded, that Bro. F. Jacob be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225).—On Wednesday evening, the 25th of June, the installation of officers of the above chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall. Amongst the companions present we noticed Comps. N. Tracey, R. S. Aimes, Dr. W. P. Mills, H. Casley, J. B. Fraser, all of Royal Sussex Chapter, 376; also Comps. W. Dakins, Thomas J. Wentworth, J. Whitehead, A. Barber, W. G. Cunliffe, Geo. Abbott, and others, all of Chapter 225. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. N. Tracey, P.Z. The following were placed in the chairs, viz., Comps. W. Dakins, Z.; Thos. J. Wentworth, J.; W. G. Cunliffe, N.; A. Barber, E.; Geo. Abbott, P.S. Comp. W. Boley was unable temporarily to take his position as H. through severe indisposition, but we are happy to say he is much better, and we trust the Craft will soon welcome back again one who is so genuine and estimable a Mason. After this ceremony Bro. Robert Senton, 225, was duly exalted into the chapter by Comp. J. B. Fraser, P.Z.; and the grand ceremony was gone through in a manner, never to be effaced from the memory, which few could excel. After closing the chapter a sumptuous banquet was held in the dining room. We are happy to state, now the new Freemasons' Hall is opened, and such conveniences offered to all, that this chapter, and indeed every other branch of Masonry, is flourishing in Ipswich, as the cloud hanging over it is entirely removed.

LEICESTER.—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., at which a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. Wm. Kelly, Prov. G. Supt.; John T. Thorp, Z.; F. Grant, J.; Clement Stretton, P.Z.; George Toller, jun., P.Z.; Clement E. Stretton, E.; Richard Taylor, N.; T. Worthington, P.S.; T. Colman, Treasurer; S. A. Marris, L. P. Chamberlain, the Rev. F. H. Richardson, J. D. Harris, R. Overton, and others. The chapter was opened in ancient form. The other companions having been admitted, Bro. C. Pretty, the Rev. C. H. Wood, Edward Hale, H. S. B. Preedy, and J. H. Thompson, were exalted to this degree; the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comp. J. T. Thorp, M.E.Z. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered by Comps. F. Grant, J.; William Kelly, P.G. Supt.; and J. T. Thorp, M.E.Z. The ordinary routine business being concluded, a well-merited eulogium was passed by Comp. Toller, P.Z., upon Comp. Thorp, for the efficient manner in which he had, for the first time, performed the whole of the duties appertaining to the chair of First Principal. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

BLACKBURN.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 345).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Old Bull Hotel. There were present among others Comps. Joseph Parker, M.E.Z.; H. Hindle, H.; Thos. Grimes, J.; Simon Goldstone, S.E.;

Samuel Haworth, P.S.; Richard Gornall, S.N.; Wm. Croft, Janitor; N. Gillett, Asst. Janitor; Dennis Towers, D. of C.; H. T. Platts, Steward; James Aspinall, W. H. Cunliffe, P.Z.; J. Bertwistle, H. 369; Franklin Thomas, P.Z., Prov. Grand Third Principal, East Lancashire; John Leaver, Samuel Preston, Dr. John Whitaker, Fall River R.A. Chapter (U.S.A.); J. W. Walsh, P.P.S.; A. A. Sadgrove, D. Graham, 1016; J. T. Hall, J. Pollard, John Southworth, Thomas Parkinson, E. Halliwell, P.Z., P.G.O. E.L.; and John Margeison. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Bros. Thomas Parkinson and John Southworth, which proved unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen were then exalted as Royal Arch companions, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Ex-Comps. Franklin Thomas, Prov. Grand J. E.L.; E. Halliwell, P.G. Org. E.L.; J. W. Walsh, P.S.; and Thomas Hindle. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Comps. S. Haworth was invested as P. Soj.; Simon Goldstone as S.E.; and Richard Gornall, S.N. After the reading of a very satisfactory financial report by Comp. E. Halliwell, it was proposed by Comp. Franklin Thomas, and seconded by Comp. Towers, that Comp. N. Gillett act as Asst. Janitor for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed.

Mark Masonry.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of this new lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when there were present among others Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wks., P.M. Francis Burdett, &c., W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, &c., S.W. (Freemason); C. Horsley, P.M. No. 1, G.J.O., &c., Treas. and acting J.W.; Dodson, S.D.; Clemow, acting I.G. Bro. Motion, of the Macdonald Lodge, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Webb, P.M. Confidence, and Bro. Bedingfield, St. Dunstan, and having been found unanimous, the former brother, who was in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Bro. Walls having given notice of motion that the bye-law as to the amount to be paid by joining members should be reduced, the lodge was formally closed, and the members partook of a collation. The after proceedings in consequence of the lateness of the hour were purely formal in character.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, June 26th, 1879. Bro. Arthur Middleton presided, and was supported by the following officers:—Bros. E. C. Milligan, I.P.M.; J. W. Roine, P.M.M., P.G.D. England; W. H. Hopkins, P.M.M.R. of M., P.P.G. D. of C.; H. T. Robberds, P.M.M. Organist, and P.G. Org. E. Lanc.; T. R. Peel, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, acting J.W.; Edwin Simpson, M.O.; E. C. Miller, S.O.; W. D. Waddell, J.O.; W. Nicholl, Secretary; T. H. Glendinning, S.D. After confirmation, and the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. John Gallagher, P.M. of 1011; Hugh Nichols, W.M. 1388; W. D. Holbrook, 163, who had been balloted for and elected at the last meeting, were admitted and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. At the termination of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed on behalf of the P.G.L. of East Lancashire, and the Union Mark Lodge, and the lodge was formally closed. The brethren afterwards assembled at the supper table, and on the cloth being cleared the usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by some well rendered songs and recitations.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., in which the following officers took part:—Bros. Jas. Dutton, P.M., as W.M.; John Dutton, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., Chap.; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Radway, M.O.; Dingle, S.O.; Murlis, Sec.; as J.O.; Sparrow, Organist; Mercer, S.D.; Hayward, as J.D.; Peach, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, letters of apology for the absence of the W.M. and J.O. were received. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. G. Smith was introduced, and advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the acting W.M., the ceremony being accompanied by the musical ritual published several years ago by the Chaplain. On the proposition of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, seconded by the J.W., it was resolved that a Tracing Board be purchased. A discussion arose on the question whether it is permissible to wear Craft aprons in a Mark lodge, owing to a recent refusal to admit one of the members to a meeting of another Mark lodge. The W.M. claimed the right, as being one of the terms on which the Royal Cumberland, a very old, time immemorial lodge, submitted to the Grand Mark Lodge of England in 1857. The S.W. contended that all ought to wear the clothing appointed for the degree. The Chaplain stated that he took the degree in a Craft lodge opened in the Second Degree in 1851, in Hull, years before the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge, he, nevertheless, agreed with the S.W., but was willing to allow the Craft apron to be worn by those who took the degree before there was a Grand Mark Lodge, with the understanding that all subsequently advanced should conform to the Book of Constitutions in regard to clothing. On referring to the minutes of September, 1857, the only document found, there was an order that the Secretary should demand this privilege in his correspondence with the Grand Secretary. The J.W., the

M.O., and others took part in the discussion, urging that the point should be settled. Though not formally appointed by the lodge, the Chaplain undertook to communicate with the Grand Secretary, requesting him to examine the correspondence which took place on the recognition of the Royal Cumberland Lodge by Grand Mark Lodge. The Chaplain reported that, as Past G.W., he had attended a meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, in London, on the 4th ult., and gave a favourable account of the proceedings. The discussion of matters of only private interest occupied much time, and the lodge was not closed till 10.15.

CONSECRATION OF THE PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

The above lodge was consecrated, in accordance with the ceremonies of the Order, by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P. G.D. (Surrey), on the 5th inst., at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

A goodly concourse of the brethren assembled to witness the ceremony, among whom were Bros. Neale, 178; Lay, J.W. 1364; Bullock, 1586; Larner, 1586; Pugsley, W.M. 1586; Stafford, 1586; Lindus, 1269; Amphlet, 1511; Lassam, 742; Speight, P.G. Tyler; Smith, 996, P.P.D.C.; Whitehead, 206; Beaton, 1507; Dr. Besley, 702; Marsh, 1586; Klenck, P.M. 1339; Stock, 1586; Flexton, 1800; Bethune, Sec. 1397; Melyor, 1610; Rogers, 1356; in addition were the members of the new lodge, viz., Bros. R. Jackson, P.M., W.M. designate; W. Cook, S.W. designate; T. West, J.W. designate; Denbigh, Bird, Cox, G. Wright, and Whitehead.

A procession having been formed, the brethren entered the lodge room, and the chair was then taken by Bro. Frances, who appointed his officers, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

The ceremony of consecration was impressively rendered by Bro. Frances, in the course of which an oration by him, on the antiquity of the Order, and the privileges, responsibilities, and duties of modern Freemasonry, was listened to with much attention by the brethren.

The musical arrangements were good, and the antems ably rendered by Bro. Dr. Besley, assisted by Bros. Marsh, Stock, and West.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Frances installed Bro. R. Jackson as W.M., who invested Bros. Cook, S.W.; West, J.W.; Denbigh, S.D.; Bird, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; G. Wright, Treas.

A number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and several brethren for joining members, and the lodge bids fair to be a large and prosperous one.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Lassam, which, for delicacy and taste, was faultless, and amply done justice to.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

The musical abilities of Bros. Besley, Marsh, Stock, and West contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. W. Hunt in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. A. J. Tuff Filer, Magnus Ohren, James Robins, R. B. Webster, G. T. H. Seddon, D. M. Dewar, James Weaver, Joyce Murray, E. Spooner, A. E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, Charles Lacey, Rev. Richard Morris, A. Tisley, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Coote, John Constable, George J. Palin, Fredk. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Thomas Meggy, J. W. M. Dosell, D. W. Pearce, A. Torkington, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The list for the October election was settled. The total number of candidates will be seventy-seven, and vacancies to be filled sixteen.

The Committee passed the motion to add £50 per annum to the Head Master's salary, and authority was given for the transfer of £500 from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, John H. Leggott, F. Adlard, Griffiths Smith, R. Hervé Giraud, Edgar Bowyer, James Brett, James Kench, Louis Stean, W. Hilton, Chas. Atkins, Chas. F. Hogard, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, George Keene, C. J. Perceval, and James Terry (Secretary).

The death of three annuitants was reported, and the reports of the Warden and of the Finance Committee were read.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the Secretary reported the gifts of tea and tobacco to the residents in the Institution, at Croydon, by the Supreme Council; also the presentation of flagstaff, fittings, and flag by Bros. J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, and T. J. Barnes.

A vote of thanks for the gifts was passed, and three petitions were accepted, and the candidates placed on the list for next election.

BRIXTON MARK LODGE.—The first election meeting of this flourishing lodge will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday (to-day). There are several candidates for advancement by the W.M. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M. 139, P.G.J.G., &c., &c., who is known to all Mark Masons as an expert in the ritual of the Degree.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting was held this year at Halesworth, on Monday, the 7th inst. The Congregational School-room was kindly lent for the purpose, and the proceedings were under the banner of the Prudence Lodge, Halesworth. There were twenty-two Prov. Grand Officers and 189 other brethren present.

The lodge was decorated with banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, and the following lodges:—Doric, 11; Unity, 71; British Union; St. Luke's, 225; Virtue and Silence, 332; Prudence, 388; Phoenix, 516; Fidelity, 555; Prince of Wales, 959; Royal St. Edmund's, 1008; Stour Valley, 1224; Waveney, 929; Adair, 936; Perfect Friendship, 377. There were also decorations of wreaths of flowers and evergreens.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, was received with the customary honours at about half-past one, and amongst those by whom he was immediately supported were the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G. Chap.; Bros. W. P. T. Phillips, P.S.G.W.; W. O. Chambers, P.P.G.W.; F. B. Strathern, P.P.J.G.W.; P. Allez, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; Fred Minter, P.G.R.; W. C. Randall, P.P.G.P., P.M. 176; G. Abbott, P.G.S.B., St. Luke's, 225; W. T. Westgate, P.M. 225, 376, 959, P.P.D.C.; the Rev. W. W. Bird, F.G.C., P.M. 555; C. Schuler, P.P.G.D.C., 114; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 376; T. Newman, P.P.G.P., Adair lodge, 936; A. Cracknell, P.G.S., W.M. 1663; J. Read, P.P.G.S.W. Norfolk, P.M. 85; T. Holland, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1224 and 172; T. Noble, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 225; Rev. M. Menser, P.P.G.C. of Norfolk, P.M. 107; T. J. Huddleston, P.G.T.; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec., 1008.

The other brethren present included W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.B., 81; C. F. Browne, P.M., P.G.S., 81; C. Cooke, W.M. designate 1823; Rev. J. W. Collins, S.W. designate 1823; W. B. Jeffries, W.M. 376; Richard Garrett, P.M.; W. Young, P.M. 388; A. Caton, S.D. 388; R. Barker, S.W. 388; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Young, P.M. 9; A. Barber, P.M. and Sec. 225; C. T. Winsen, 99, Canada; W. G. Cannold, S.W. 225; J. Smyth, 388; W. D. Paine, P.P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 959; E. C. Moor, W.M. 81; A. E. Smith, W.M. 388; C. H. White, 388; W. W. Walsley, P.P.G.S.W., 929; J. M. Canova, J.W. 388; E. W. Wrightson, P.G. J.D., P.M. 388; W. Miller, 1681; E. J. Griffiths, P.M. 1592; H. Gedney, J.W. 1663; F. Grimwade, W.M. 332; T. Prentice, P.P.G.P., 225; W. Chappell, 388; G. J. Goodwin, 388; F. Whitstock, S.W. 81; J. Miller, Tyler 388; E. J. Goodwyn, I.G. 388; F. F. J. Greenfield, 859; G. F. Crane, S.W. 1631; F. Peacock, I.P.M. 1452; H. W. H. Elwes, 1452; J. L. Clarence, P.M. 1452; R. Baker, 388; W. Eaves, 225; J. Whitehead, P.M. 225; R. Garrard, P.M. 555; F. A. Mann, S.W. 1452; B. P. Grimsey, J.D.; R. Lenton, 225; C. Kent, 959; E. P. Youell, I.P.M. 1631; B. Stanford, Sec. 388; W. B. Page, P.M. 71; J. Napier, J.W. 225; J. Miles, 305; J. Hall, Tyler 81; C. W. Dancz, W.M. 71; J. M. Harvey, W.M. 936; T. Hodgson, Sec. 71; Jno. Fry, J.W. 936; C. W. Chaston, W.M. 42; C. Nuan, J.D. 936; R. C. Mann, W.M. 929; W. Hardy, Sec. 936; T. Saul, 225; A. B. Bull, J.D. 388; H. J. Burtall, P.M. 929; J. P. Smyth, S.W. 929; J. G. Churchyard, I.P.M. 377; W. Leathers, 225; J. H. Beart, I.G. 936; G. Roper, Tyler 936; J. E. Smyth, S.D. 936; J. C. Welham, S.W. 71; E. Parker, J.D. 71; B. M. Abigale, 71; R. W. Flick, P.M. 388; R. A. King, Treas. 305; J. L. Brook, 225; H. J. Eastaugh, I.G. 1452; I. T. Woods, J.D. 1452; J. T. Ecclestone, 305; H. C. Casley, W.M. 114; J. T. Wentworth, W.M. 225; P. Whitehead, I.P.M. 225; W. A. Pepper, 305; J. Tennant, J.W. 71; F. B. Brown, 225; G. King, Steward 71; H. S. Cederholm, W.M. 71; J. Thornton, 225; T. W. Thurton, W.M. 555; W. Minter, S.W. 555; J. Norman, Tyler 929; S. R. Anness, S.W. 376; T. Grimwood, P.M. 81; J. Wright, Tyler 71; J. Marjoram, P.M. 555; H. E. Rowe, S.D. 555; T. W. Tewson, P.M. 929; A. E. Chaplin, 1598; J. Sheppard, T. J. Lucia, P.M. 1008, 225; G. Spalding, 114, 225, 376, 959; J. H. Berry, 936; G. D. Pretty, P.M. 555; H. J. Wright, S.W. 936; H. M. Snell, Tyler 1224; M. Bloomfield, Tyler 516; Geo. Bowes, P.M. 305; B. W. Syer, P.G. Tyler, 376; J. Hanly, 51, P.P.G.S. Essex.

The minutes of the last meeting having been taken as read and adopted, the report of the General Purposes Committee was adopted.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master invested the following officers for the year:—

- Bro. E. P. Youell Prov. G.S.W.
- " J. W. Casley Prov. G.J.W.
- " T. J. Wentworth Prov. G.S.D.
- " R. W. Flick Prov. G.J.D.
- " Rev. J. W. Collins Prov. G. Chap.
- " W. H. Lucia Prov. G. Sec.
- " T. J. Huddleston Prov. G. Treas.
- " F. Grimwood Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. B. Jeffries Prov. G. S. of W.
- " W. Clarke, P.P.D.C. Suffolk, P.M. 959 Prov. G.D. of C.
- " C. W. Dancz Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- " A. Cracknell Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Harvey Prov. G. Purst.
- " B. Syer Prov. G. Tyler.
- " Robert Garrodd, 555; and Bro. J. P. Smyth, 929 Prov. G. Stewards.

The brethren then formed a procession and proceeded to church, where the sermon was preached by the R.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Collins, from the following texts: Hebrews, chap. 13, ver. 1—"Let brotherly love continue;" Acts, chap. 20, ver. 35—"It is more blessed

to give than to receive;" Proverbs, chap. 12, ver. 19—"The lips of truth shall be established for ever."

The preacher, in the course of an eloquent address, said: The grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded have so many branches, and so widely affect, either directly or indirectly, every stage and condition of daily life, that it is almost impossible for the preacher to speak on any moral or religious subject without teaching truths connected with our Order. Not only does the volume of the Sacred Law show us an everlasting love existing in the Godhead, not only does it show us God's love to man, the crowning act of which was witnessed on Mount Calvary, but it inculcates as the most solemn duty of man to man the test of our serving God acceptably. Brotherly love, our love to one another, may be weak at best, yet it enables us to apprehend, after our feeble measure, the love there is in heaven. It is our bounden duty here on earth; it is promised an abundant reward hereafter. Man at the strongest is but a dependent creature, and from this arises one of the great advantages of Divine love; and, thank God, in this our land of England we acknowledge both our dependency upon God and upon one another. In all our institutions we are accustomed, as Englishmen, to give to religion its lawful pre-eminence. Brotherly love and union are necessary for man's welfare and happiness in every stage of life. It is a law of our nature, a law under which we live, and our loving deeds are more effectual and lasting when accomplished by brotherly efforts. We are every one members of one another, and our loving deeds are more effectual and more lasting when accomplished by united brotherly efforts. What are high professions of love worth unless they are shown forth in active operations? If any one examines the Sacred Volume for himself he will find that the duty of giving from right motives, with a view to the glory of God, and the relief and welfare of our brethren, is oftener insisted upon than even purity, honesty, uprightness, and truth. The reverend gentleman went on to say that he could find no records of the world more marked by liberal giving than the present, and he could find no nation more marked for its munificence than England. Long, long might it be so. May our liberality and a readiness to succour the distressed be lasting as the world, and widespread as that Order famed as foremost among the charitable, and claiming justly relief of those in want as one of its grand foundations—I mean Freemasonry. If, as regards liberality, we feel it an honour to be an Englishman, much higher should we esteem our privilege to be liberal among the liberal—to be not only Englishmen, but Masons. Nothing so much attracts the attention and admiration of the outside world as the extent and management of our Masonic Charities. They are, I believe, splendidly managed, and we can all contribute to them, knowing that what we give will be well employed, and turned to the best account.

The beautiful singing of the boys of the Albert Memorial College, who specially attended by permission of the last Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird, materially added to the attractiveness of the choral arrangements. The collection amounted to £9 10s. 5d. There was a large congregation.

The brethren having returned from church, lodge was re-formed, and

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Waveney, announced the amount of the collection, and suggested that, in consideration of the manner in which the Prov. Grand Lodge had been received, the sum should, in the spirit of a wise and liberal charity, be distributed between the Church schools and the Nonconformist schools in the town. (Applause.)

The motion was agreed to, and it was also resolved to augment the amount to ten guineas.

Bro. Martyn, R.W.D.P.G.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the rector of the parish, for having so kindly placed his church at their disposal.

Bro. Youell, P.G.S.W., seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Bro. Phillips proposed that the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be given to the choir from Framlingham Schools, for the beautiful way in which they performed the choral service.

Bro. Clark seconded.

This was agreed to, and a suggestion from Bro. Martyn that it be an instruction to the P.G. Sec. to express from this Prov. Grand Lodge a desire that the boys should have a holiday met with unanimous approval.

The Rev. W. Bird, in acknowledging the compliment, said the boys were delighted to come over, and he had no doubt they would be equally delighted with the holiday. (Applause.)

The R.W. Grand Master then delivered his annual address, in which he reviewed the proceedings of the past year. There were, he said, many successes to be thankful for, but there had been occasions which they must undoubtedly regret. They had to regret the removal of Bro. Head, one of the oldest, best known, and most efficient brethren they had ever possessed, and one who was valuable to the Craft in many respects. (Hear, hear.) Those who had known him for the past fifty years would agree in saying that he had left a place amongst them which none could hope to fill. He also regretted the loss of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, who was always ready to give effect to the friendly and neighbourly spirit of that province. He trusted that the friendly disposition shown by Norfolk and Essex would long be continued. (Applause.) With regard to the construction of a Masonic hall at Ipswich, he said that although at first their efforts were not successful, still the lodges of Ipswich, undaunted by the failure, had, he was glad to say, constructed a hall, which for usefulness and cheapness was unparalleled by any in the province, or even in the neighbouring provinces. (Applause.) It was unfortunate, however, that geographical considerations separated by lines of approach and road one portion of the county from the other. It was difficult to get from east to

west, from south to north, and from north to south. This, very much interfered with the administration of justice and social gatherings of this character; therefore it was that one central lodge could never be established in that province. (Hear, hear.) They were obliged in the meantime to the public spirit of the lodges at Ipswich for giving facilities for holding assemblages in the capital town of the county. (Hear, hear.) Without infringing upon the older and well recognised merits of Bury—because it might be supposed that where the criminals went there was the greatest amount of care (laughter)—he must suggest, as some compensation for not giving them a Masonic Hall, that they should erect a memorial to Saint Edmund of Bury. (Applause.) Wherever the name was known it was honoured as martyr, confessor, and king. (Applause.) After referring to other matters connected with the Order, his lordship proceeded to make some remarks upon the depression of trade and agriculture. They knew that until the present genial sunshine, which at that moment filled our fields, the prospects of our staple industry were of a nature which might well alarm men of a less steady character than the agriculturists of this and other districts of England. A succession of no less than five years of inadequate produce had placed our agricultural industries and others in a state of constraint—he would not say of decay, but of constraint (hear, hear)—highly detrimental to the efforts of those who were striving to derive the full benefit of their industry, and who, he might say, had not shown any lack of energy whatever. (Hear, hear.) He was surprised, and being surprised he felt proud, to be a fellow worker with those who had displayed such energy and persistent endurance. (Hear, hear.) He had seen among those connected with land, the farmer and labourer, no symptoms of doubt or despair, and he believed they all placed the firmest reliance upon the purposes of the Great Architect of the Universe, confident that although there was much now that was depressing there was a smiling face behind. (Cheers.) With regard to the progress made by the Craft, his lordship said it showed a steady and continual rise. Like the sea that bathed our shores, the ebb had turned for some time, and Freemasonry was now on the steady full flood of improvement and increase, and was working its way into the interior of the county, in the neighbourhood of the town of Clare. (Applause.) They would soon have to welcome amongst them, in his formal and accredited position as Worshipful Master of a lodge at Clare, the Worshipful Prov. Grand Chaplain of the present day, Bro. Collins. (Applause.) With regard to brethren removed by death, it had been suggested to him that there was not a sufficiently good record of the fact. To meet this an endorsement should be made, in the nature of a death certificate, which should be transferred to the widow or other relative left by the brother. This would remove any doubt on this subject that might exist. (Hear, hear.) He confessed he had not had the opportunity of looking into the subject, but if there was any process by which the Provincial Grand Lodge, acting by its officers, could in any way testify its sense of the services of a member of the Craft, by lessening the blow which falls upon the families and other survivors, they should do well, he thought, to adopt it. (Applause.) In conclusion, he said, with reference to the prevailing depression, that he was sure the Craft would give a hearty support to, and set an example if need be of endurance and courage, having confidence in the success of honest endeavours rightly directed. (Applause.) It was one of the most consoling passages of the many passages of Scripture embodied in the words of human wisdom—acted by a wisdom far above the human—"I was young, I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging for bread." (Applause.) He felt sure that whatever fortune happened between now and their next meeting their time would be passed in a strong endeavour to submit to the will of the Great Architect, and they would find that what now appeared evil was done for the progress of the universe that good might come. (Applause.)

During the proceedings a suggestion was made by Bro. Phillips, P.P.S.G.W., that the brethren should assemble in trousers of any other colour than black. (Cries of "No, no.") Several other provinces had abandoned black, and he hoped Suffolk would follow suit. (Strong marks of disapproval.)

The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange under the presidency of Lord Waveney. Upwards of 200 brethren sat down to a repast elegantly served by Mrs. Read, of the Swan Hotel. The usual toasts were most heartily honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

The annual excursion of this lodge took place on the 19th ult, the party consisting of Bros. T. J. Wilkinson, W.M.; Rev. E. C. Camidge, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain; G. Ayre, P.M.; W. Colman, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W., and others, and a considerable number of ladies. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. J. Johnson. Carriages were in readiness at Masham Station to convey the visitors to Swinton Park, where they were received by Mr. Featherstone, and conducted round the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Danby Harcourt. After luncheon they proceeded to Jervaulx, and the interesting ruins of the Abbey were explained by Mr. Maughan (Lord Ailesbury's agent) and Mr. Rennie.

On their return to Masham, a substantial and abundant repast was served by Mr. Stickland, at the King's Head Hotel, and the party afterwards inspected the fine old church, the vicar, the Rev. G. M. Gorham, M.A., and Mr. Bowes, of the Swaledale Bank, contributing much to the enjoyment of the day by their most obliging and courteous attention.

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DOUBT.—1. The decision was certainly correct. 2. Not within the province of a Masonic newspaper.

The following reports stand over:—

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- Weston Royal Arch Chapter, 1086.
- Pattison Lodge, 913.
- East Medina Chapter, 175.
- Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353.
- Sackville Lodge, 1619.
- Affability, 317, Manchester.
- Perseverance Chapter, No. 345, Blackburn.
- St. John's, Liverpool, 673.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Liverpool Mercury," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Night and Day," "The Freemason" (New South Wales), "Gardening," "Alliance News," "Masonic Herald," "Broad Arrow," "Australian Freemason," "Masonic Record, West India," "La Chaine D'Union," "Boletin Oficial de la Masoneria Simb. de Colon," "Der Triangel," "New York Dispatch," "Transactions of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation," "Hebrew Leader," "Civilian."

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BIRTHS.

BARNES.—On the 5th inst., at South House, Faversham, Kent, the wife of Mr. Jersey Barnes, of a daughter.
MOORAT.—On the 1st inst., at 3, Langborne-gardens, Folkestone, the wife of Mr. John S. Moorat, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HART—WARREN.—On the 5th inst., at St. Andrew's, Hastings, by the Rev. G. Hodges, Rochester William Lee, son of the late Mr. Conway Weston Hart, of Calcutta, to Fanny Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Warren, C.E.

DEATHS.

BRASIER.—On the 2nd inst., at 37, High-street, Margate, Martha Elizabeth (Pattie), fifth daughter of the late Bro. William Church Brasier, of Margate, aged 20 years.
LEE.—On the 30th ult., Catherine Dora Lee, youngest child of the Rev. Richard Lee, of Christ's Hospital.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1879.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Our readers will have observed that our last issue was mainly taken up with the reports of Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, which are always interesting, we venture to think, to Freemasons, as showing both the local permanency and the general spread of Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Lodges make up much of the strength and the vitality of our Order, and their prosperity is always a sure sign of the true growth of Freemasonry in a particular province or district. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges are now very powerful bodies, with large funds and careful bye-laws of their own, and in their proper administration much interest is often excited amongst the good brethren of the locality, and the true principles of Freemasonry are carefully proclaimed and maintained. If ever there be weakness in any province, if slovenliness creeps over the private lodges, if the meetings are sparsely attended, if the zeal of the brethren for the Charities of the Order or the work of Masonry is slack, depend upon it, the fault is with the provincial head quarters, and not with the lodges or the brethren. The whole tone and temper of the province as a body depend on the example and work of the provincial authorities, and just as far as they are in earnest and literally care for Masonry, so the light of the province burns clearly and brightly before its own brethren, or neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges. Lord Tenterden's installation last week by Lord Carnarvon, our distinguished Pro G.M., was a great success, and we augur well for his rule and the progress and prosperity of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex under his judicious sway. His speech was thoroughly Masonic, both in what it said and what it left unsaid. Few English Masons there are but must admire its effective language, its animated statements, and its Masonic spirit. Lord Tenterden clearly sees where the "shoe pinches," and how the "leaven works" in Freemasonry just now, and we commend his careful and tolerant enunciation of Masonic principles to the notice of all who sometimes affect to believe that Freemasons have "very little to say," have no principles to avow, and no teaching to set forth. We think, on the contrary, that, as Lord Tenterden conclusively shewed, Freemasonry has certain distinct and definite "landmarks" which it is our duty no less than our privilege to uphold in our own generation, and hand on to others unchanged and unaltered, and that such as they are, and such as they profess to be, they are indeed for the welfare of society, and for the happiness and peace of mankind.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Grand Treasurer has given notice of a motion at the next Quarterly Court, on Saturday, the 12th inst., to increase the number of girls elected at the October Election by seven. We think that this is a very judicious and reasonable suggestion, and one which we hope will be carried on Saturday "nem. con." There is plenty of money, plenty of room at Wandsworth, and as seven of the 200 are purchased cases, it seems only reasonable that the elected children should, in the prosperous condition of the School, be 200, and all above that number should be purchased cases. We think that, after the brilliant success of the Festival this year, and the gratifying result of the quiet but energetic labours of Bro. Hedges, such a proposal is only a proper return for the zeal and sacrifices of the brethren, and while it gives pleasure to the subscribers, will add materially to the prestige and usefulness in the eyes of the Craft at large of that most admirably conducted Institution, the Girls' School.

CHARITY REFORM.

This is rather a sensational subject just now, and we confess we hope that it will be a long, long time before any such discussion interferes with the peaceful progress of our great Masonic Institutions. Bro. Simpson, in his letter last week, seems to assume, as a matter of fact, that crying abuses exist in the management and practical working of our Charities. He uses, we see, the following very strong words: "unjust, undignified, wasteful, and cruel accompaniments—polling days, exchanges, trafficking, and wholesale canvassing," &c. Now, we think that we know our Charities well; we take great interest in all their details; they have been before us minutely for more years than we like to count, and we confess we do not know to what "abuses" Bro. Simpson alludes in such very harsh words. We say this distinctly and thoughtfully, without any fear of contradiction, and without any hesitation whatever. That in all earthly institutions weaknesses may be found and abuses "exist" who could take upon himself to deny? But, on the whole, with complete knowledge of the subject in every department, as we flatter ourselves, we cannot put our finger on any known, or proved, or proveable abuse, as we understand the word "abuse." Bro. Simpson has, no doubt, a very strong opinion on the voting system of our Charities, and the habit of exchanging votes, which he terms, as others do, Mr. Gladstone among them, "trafficking in votes." But that, in our opinion, is a very hard and harsh expression. The principle of selection by Provincial Charity Committees may be good or bad as we view it, but it practically, in our experience, picks out the strongest cases, and it is not likely that provinces which have given large sums to the Charities will ever consent to ignore local cases, or to send their votes direct to the Secretary, or give up the right to do the best they can for such candidates as they believe "distressing cases" in their own province. If Bro. Simpson's principles of reform are good for anything, (and we do not go into them further than in respect of our Masonic Charities), a Committee ought to select the most absolutely distressing cases, and all subscribers should give their votes blindfold through the Committee. This we can understand on his principle. But to suppose that out of sixty cases, for instance, all sad on the face of them, any one brother or brethren can select for himself or themselves the most absolutely distressing case, is the most hopeless chimera that ever was started by the ingenuity, or rather the perversity of man. All that can be done is, as is done in the provinces and now in London, to seek to select good cases, but in London especially, where the brethren are peculiarly independent, and many connections with the provinces exist, any such attempt is met at once by the complaint that we interfere with the liberty of choice of the individual voter, who is just as competent as a Committee to select a proper case. But the truth is that, as we have taken occasion to say before, Bro. Simpson, with all his ability and his intentions to do good, has not hit the only "little blot," as far as our careful observation goes, in our really noble Charities. We mean the original selection of candidates. Curiously enough, that weak point runs quite counter to Bro. Simpson's theory, that the remedy for these alleged abuses is to be found in a strong and impartial Central Committee, inasmuch as the original selection is made by the meeting of the General Committee of Life Governors, which ought to represent well the impartiality of the subscribers. But we have long been of opinion that here is to be found the one true reform, and the only one we need trouble ourselves about. All the cases should be submitted, we venture to think, to a special sub-committee, which should have power to enquire into the condition of the parent or parents, and so prevent those whom their friends might fairly educate being thrown on our excellent Charity, passing out many poorer and more helpless candidates. But this is simply a mistake of our own rules, which may easily be remedied. We know, as we said before, of no other "abuses." We disagree "toto cælo," as we honestly do, from our esteemed P.G.C., in respect of his complaints of the voting system now in operation, and which

does not deserve such hard words and such serious imputations as he has thought well, in the last *Freemason*, to use respecting it, as we shall be quite willing to point out in "extenso" if he thinks well to continue the discussion.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

We have received and read carefully the *Freemason* of April 15th this year, "published under the patronage" of the freshly-constituted so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We are sorry to say that we cannot sympathize in any sense with this rash movement, and disapproving in toto, on the old true principles of Freemasonry, of the unnecessary multiplication of Masonic jurisdictions apparently so popular with some minds just now, we feel bound honestly and in all Masonic friendship and courtesy to give our reason why. Our contemporary quotes fully from us, and we have no wish in anything that we say to seem to dogmatize harshly, or speak censoriously, but we feel bound to point out one or two considerations, which vitiate, in our opinion, the constitution of this so-called Grand Lodge, and fully justify the prudent action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and other American Grand Lodges, as well as our own and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, in the matter. 1. In the first place, let us remember and realize the position of Freemasons in New South Wales. There are three jurisdictions in existence, the English, the Scottish, and the Irish Grand Lodges, and thus in the colony of New South Wales the triple jurisdiction of England, Scotland, and Ireland is naturally reproduced. It is a great mistake to see, as some do, in a great and successful colony like New South Wales, with its popular self-government, any analogy with the States of America. Each State of America is equal, sovereign, and self-governed, and, except for the general purposes of the constitution, supreme in its own territory, a position entirely different from that of the colony of New South Wales. And hence as new States are formed in America, as each new State is equally a sovereign State with the others, it is not un-Masonic for a meeting of lodges, be they more or less, if lawfully warranted, to form a new Grand Lodge. But in New South Wales, with three existing jurisdictions, before these jurisdictions can be absorbed in a new Grand Lodge, a majority of the lodges in all the three jurisdictions must have agreed to surrender their warrants to their mother Grand Lodges, and take out fresh warrants from the new central authority. The body which calls itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales is composed, as it states, of a majority of the Irish lodges, a number of the Scottish lodges, and one English lodge. Its apologists assert, indeed, that other English lodges would join but are hindered by the district authority. Still the "damning fact" remains that of one of the jurisdictions, only one lodge so far has joined the movement, and that it has a minority in two out of the three. In our opinion, therefore, the whole movement has failed Masonically, and the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales has no legal or constitutional existence, and cannot be recognized either by the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, or Ireland. We are quite aware that much doubt exists as to the Masonic law on the subject. Some Masonic writers have contended that given no existing jurisdiction at all, except a private lodge, it is competent for Master Masons thereat convened, with proper certificates, to constitute a Grand Lodge "ad hoc," and in the history of Masonry, private lodges have before now proclaimed themselves Grand Lodges without any reference whatever to the principle of delegation or aggregation of lodges. Perhaps it is still true of this as of many other matters in the world "feri non debet, factum valet." Our English practice seems to have been one of common sense, namely, to recognize the wish of a majority of lodges, in meeting properly convened, to create a Grand Lodge, and separate from the mother Grand Lodge in our colonies and dependencies and districts which originally hailed from us, but we are aware of no precedent where a minority in three jurisdictions has been permitted in our colonies and dependencies

to set up a Grand Lodge, or where that body has been recognized in England. The new movement claims to have enrolled 800 Master Masons, but this fact is also denied. We feel bound to say that the members of the Irish Prov. Grand Lodge seemed to have egregiously failed in their duty to their Grand Lodge. See Bro. Oldham's letter elsewhere. 11. We note, in the second place, that in this very paper, not content with this hasty, and, in our opinion, in all deference, unconstitutional movement, it is suggested that a Grand Lodge should be formed in New Zealand as well. Where is all this to end? It cannot be for the good of Masonry to create a Grand Lodge wherever a colony of England exists; neither, we venture to think, will it serve to enhance the true and tolerant principles of Freemasonry. We trust that in New South Wales as elsewhere our English brethren will remember the links which bind them to the mother country and the mother Grand Lodge, and will gladly continue distinct and real offshoots of that great body, the Grand Lodge of England, which has done so much for true Freemasonry everywhere. One argument does surprise us and amuse us; it is this—"Because we have done so well for our Charities in England, therefore, (note the sequitur), the brethren in New South Wales should form a new Grand Lodge, and do something for their poor brethren in New South Wales." But surely the District Grand Lodge has a Fund of Benevolence, and if that is the only reason, why should not the Masons in New South Wales erect Masonic Orphanages, and establish Masonic Annuities of their own, without a new Grand Lodge? We have said all this fraternally and dispassionately, but firmly and clearly we hope, and we trust our contemporary, the New South Wales *Freemason*, will believe us when we add that, though we differ from him conscientiously, we differ with the good feeling which should always characterize Freemasons. We regret the step which has taken place, and we fear we can hold out no hope of Masonic recognition at home. We doubt very much, moreover, whether the American Grand Lodges will recognize this new body. Indeed, we feel sure they will not.

BRO. SIMONSEN'S APPEAL.

We think it right to say, with reference to the letter of Bro. Wergeland, Prov. G. M. of Norway, and some information we have ourselves received on the subject, that any charge of persecution against the ecclesiastical authorities in Norway on account of Bro. Simonsen being a Freemason must at once be withdrawn. It seems that Bro. Simonsen, who has now, happily, returned to Norway, received Lutheran orders in America, and that the ecclesiastical authorities in Norway declined to admit him and others similarly situated as clergymen in the Norwegian parishes, but Freemasonry has nothing whatever to do with the question, and many of the Norwegian clergy are avowedly Freemasons, and hold Masonic rank. On this point Bro. Simonsen, owing to his inexperience in Masonry, was entirely incorrect, and has entirely misled us. We, therefore, regret to have given currency to the statement.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 28th ult. I notice that you have placed the name of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., with the London lodges in the list of Stewards of the Boys' School, and, again, in page 273 of your last issue, you have placed the province of Middlesex next in rank to Durham, whereas the amount should have been £227 7s., placing Middlesex next to Dorsetshire. Please excuse my troubling you, but as the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, has taken such a prominent place in the charity list this year I should be sorry for Middlesex to lose its rightful position through an excusable error in a report circulated through the medium of your journal.

An enquiry was made recently as to the proper dress for the Prov. Grand Chaplain, and I venture to suggest that the Rev. J. Robinson, D.D., was correct when preaching before the Prov. Grand Lodge at Great Stanmore. He wore a surplice, doctor's hood, and the collar of his Masonic

office. For such a service the apron is not required, and I fail to see how it could be hidden more by the surplice than by the nearly obsolete black gown.

Yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,
S.W. Royal Hanover Lodge.

[We agree with our brother that the apron is not required. The collar is quite sufficient, in our opinion, for the preacher, because ecclesiastically not illegal. The apron, we think, would be.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I address you as much individually as a journalist, knowing we are both interested in the Province of Middlesex. I beg to draw your attention to the fact that our province deserves a higher position in the order of those who brought up lists at the last festival. I find from your excellent leader that we stand as to amount fourteenth on the list, with an aggregate of £122 7s. only. As a fact, a brother of my own lodge, No. 1777, personally contributed £105, which is credited to London district; add this amount to that announced it will make £227 7s., and place the Province of Middlesex No. 9 on the list. Thus correcting the gross figures £5345 1s. 6d. credited to London, deduct £105, add this to £5189 1s. 6d. credited to the provinces, we shall find as follows: Metropolitan Lodges, £5240 1s. 6d., Provincial £5294 1s. 6d.; the provinces in result heading the home district, subject to any further lists that may come in.

Yours fraternally,

W. M.

Town Hall, Hounslow,

7th July, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Kilburn Lodge, 1608, sent through me, their Steward, £210 for the Boys' School, not £118 12s. 6d., as stated in your report, so that the lodge is third on the list, and not seventh. By kindly inserting this you will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES BREWER,

W.M. 1608.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Were I the most exacting of grammarians or the most ardent of controversialists, mercy and pity, two Masonic graces always, would lead me to spare your readers the infliction of another long letter from Bro. Dron, and the inoffensive nonsense my original and poor little letter has evoked from others. I congratulate Bro. Dron on the possession of so much spare time, that he can write such a succession of paragraphs all about nothing at all, and which remind me dreadfully of the old Joe Miller, of the "Sheep's Head." Verbum sat. Had I ever considered it possible that my little attempt to commence a friendly discussion should have led to such personality, I need hardly say I should not have troubled you. Because, though a man, like Dogberry, may "write himself down an ass," he does not want to be told so by Bro. Dron, simply because he and Bro. Dron do not agree about a question of philology. Neither is it usual among gentlemen or Masons for one writer to tell another writer, knowing nothing of him, and only because he happens to differ from him on a "moot point," that he is practically an ignoramus, an impostor, and a dunderhead, which, I contend, Bro. Dron, paraphrastically, indeed, but clearly and un-Masonically, did do in his original reply to "Lindley Murray." I naturally resented such narrow-mindedness and such impertinence, and wrote, as I always will write, my opinion on such folly, perfectly justly and openly, under the circumstances. I do not profess to be above the weaknesses of my fellow mortals, "nihil humanum a me alienum puto."

If any brother will kindly read over my first letter, which was purely critical, whether right or wrong, and compare it with Bro. Dron's reply, most uncritical and entirely personal, I think he will agree with me that I have good cause to complain, and complain seriously, of the tone and temper of Bro. Dron, which at once changed a simple critical discussion into a personal "tu quoque" and a hopeless logomachy. I had said nothing in my first letter surely to offend any one. My note was simply a "Grammatical exercise," and had Bro. Dron replied as I commenced the discussion, we might have shown to your readers the edifying spectacle of two brethren who could differ with courtesy and with Masonic feeling. But as I object both to "check" and vulgarity, especially in Masonic controversies, I felt I had a right to assert the right of free literary discussion. I therefore ventured to assert it, and always shall do so, in your impartial columns.

I am excessively amused with Bro. Dron's apparent difficulty as to the lines of Dryden which I quoted. All I can say is, if he does not understand their application I think I do, and that is quite enough for me; for as I before remarked, I am not, as far as I know, compelled by any rules of controversy to try to enable my antagonist to understand and appreciate my humble words. As they say, if such a task was imposed upon me, the "labour of Sisyphus would be nothing to it."

I am, myself, quite indifferent as to any remarks about my "pseudonym" or special "verbiage." I wrote to hold my own, as I hope I always shall write, with all due deference to the true principles of Freemasonry, but I have yet to learn that it is forbidden to a Freemason, when well meant efforts to commence a little friendly discussion are only met with a vile spirit of personality, to seek, if in his power to do so, to check and expose upstart ignorance or overweening arrogance.

I am, yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with a sense of relief I scanned your columns this morning to find the infliction we have endured the past few weeks in respect of Masonic grammar was apparently ended, but I find on referring to your "Answers to Correspondents" that we have not yet heard the last of it, and this must plead my excuse in addressing you; and, first of all, I will state that I am no grammarian, but what I am wanting in knowledge thereof I trust I can make up with common courtesy and Masonic charitableness, and thus preserve the tenets of my Order, which I, in common with my brethren, professed to adopt on Initiation. It is well that "Bro. Lindley Murray" should perceive that his brethren generally deprecate the catechism so unnecessarily and unwarrantably inflicted upon Bro. Dron for a possible lapsus lingue or expression which Bro. Lindley Murray admits he may have been prone to make himself in the confusion of a moment; therefore, however excellent a grammarian Bro. L.M. may be, it is very questionable how far he may claim the right of dictator or criticiser. Your readers are aware who commenced this puerile quibble, and no doubt noticed the personalities used through its introduction, and all must regret that such a personal subject should have appeared in print under cover of a non de plume. When one person—brother or otherwise—stoops from his own pedestal of knowledge and apparent self-importance to attack another for a lack of knowledge and scholastic attainments, on the plea of being a "stickler" for the purity of "Masonic Grammar," it is a pity to find such an absence of decorum. It would be interesting to have the cognomen of L.M., as also whether, having regard to his strong respect for "Masonic Grammar," he would have been equally felicitous in telling a person to his face that which he descends to state under cover of a non de plume, which, under the circumstances, appears to me ill chosen. It is gratifying to learn that we shall hear no more from this able expounder of our language in the present unpleasant and needless controversy, as it is evident he is not blessed with an over abundant amount of charity towards a brother, which is the first principle of our Order. One and all must admit that Bro. Dron has had to meet a very uncharitable and unwarrantable criticism, and, as a constant reader and subscriber to your valuable journal, the purity of which I feel in some degree jealous, I protest against such unseemly and un-Masonic correspondence, and appeal to you, Sir, whether it is not time to exercise your prerogative, and act the part of a "stickler" in this "exceptionable" correspondence, for the sake of the repute of your journal as well as the consideration of your readers.

Yours fraternally,

G. HERBERT.

Manchester, 28th June, 1879.

THE SO CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin,
18th day of February, 1879.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The communication from the W.M. of 278, under date 13th August, 1878, but not received until November, has been under the consideration of the Board of General Purposes, and also yours of the 20th November, returning the officers of the lodge for 1879, and reporting certain affiliations, all of which have been duly noted.

In compliance with your request I enclose a memo of how the lodge a/c. stands in Grand Lodge books.

For a considerable time past we have not been favoured with returns or remittances from the Prov. Grand Lodge, so that Grand Lodge has been in almost ignorance of what has been doing by the several lodges. As to the Prov. Grand Lodge it appears to have ceased to exist. The Prov. Grand Master sent in his resignation twelve months since, and as Provincial Grand Master his functions and authority have ceased since then, but it appears strange that there should not be some of the members sufficiently loyal to their parent Grand Lodge to work the P.G.L.

The Grand Lodge on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes has directed that all lodges in the Province should have full power and permission to communicate direct with the office here, make all returns, pay all moneys, and apply for certificates direct. A Bro. Nichols, Welsh wrote some short time since, offering to pay a lump sum to clear off the arrears of all the subordinate lodges, and Grand Lodge consented to receive £300 (about 15s. in the pound). He also applied for recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but Grand Lodge, so far from recognising their body, declined to entertain the application, and should the matter be entertained, I have no doubt but that Grand Lodge will act as they have done in other cases, and require for all existing lodges full and free permission and authority to hold their warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to work independently while recognised by the new Grand Lodge.

The conduct of the late Prov. Grand Master, &c., at the meeting of 278 in July last, as reported by your W.M., was wholly unjustifiable, as for months previously he had ceased to hold such office, and Grand Lodge has directed that he be called on for an explanation of such conduct. Sympathising with the lodges in New South Wales, and hoping better times are in store for them,

I remain, yours fraternally,

SAML. B. OLDHAM, Dep. G. Sec.

Bro. H. A. Richardson, Parramatta.

THE CASE OF BRO. SIMONSEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your number for the 12th April this year is reported "A Sad Case of Persecution," in which the Rev. Bro. Simonsen is represented as being denied employment as a clergyman in Norway because of his being a Freemason.

I shall not enter into the case of Bro. Simonsen, but simply state that truth makes it my duty to declare "that no clergyman in Norway ever has been persecuted, or denied employment or preferment, because of his being a Freemason."

A not quite small number of Norwegian clergymen have in times past been, and are at the present, Freemasons, and amongst them men who have been promoted to very high and responsible positions in the Norwegian Church.

I beg that you kindly will give this declaration a place in your paper.

I remain, dear Brother, with great respect, yours truly,
N. T. WERGELAND,
Lieut.-General and G.M. of the
Norwegian Prov. Lodge.

Christiania, 23rd June, 1879.

CAGLIOSTRO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no wish to enter into any discussion of the subject of the above heading, but I may perhaps be allowed to say that to my mind the most just estimate of the character of Cagliostro (albeit an exaggerated one, and novelists always exaggerate) has been formed by Dumas, as pictured in his "Joseph Balsamo." He introduces his hero as attending a meeting of the illuminati at which Swedenborg also was present, the object being the French Revolution. The biography of Cagliostro by Carlisle, where authentic, simply plays into the hands of the Inquisition, and for the rest he did not understand what he was writing about. I myself believe that Swedenborg was an initiate, and I think his writings show it, although such passages as are applicable thereto may be explained by the doctrine of correspondence. The Swedenborgians themselves are anxious to disavow any connection with Freemasonry.

I have some extracts from Cagliostro's Rite from Ragon and the works of Jacques Et. Marconis, in which the principal part of the ceremony is the invocation of Moses, and the Planetary Angels, a young child acting as the interpreter of visions in Cagliostro's well known crystal vase filled with water. His method of invocation was that of the Copts, and his elixir of life is said to have been potable gold. But these discussions, although suited, say, for the Rosicrucian Order, are inapplicable to your pages.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

P.S. Madame H. P. Blavatsky in her "It is Unveiled" assures us that the elixir of the Lamas is sulphur, and the aura of silver, and not vulgar quicksilver, as the Rosicrucians were understood to affirm.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AT CORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The British Medical Association will hold its annual meeting this year at Cork, on August 5th and following days. In our ancient and honourable fraternity you must be aware there are a large number of medical men, and I am sure it would greatly enhance the anticipated pleasures of the visit if we, who happen to be Masons as well as medical men, could be assured that there was any probability of our Irish Masonic as well as medical brethren organising some little meeting and offering us the right hand of fellowship. As far as I can make out by the enclosed list the regular meetings of the various lodges at Cork do not seem to agree with the days on which the association meets, viz., August 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. A hint in the *Freemason*, which I trust has as deservedly large a circulation in the sister island as in England, will doubtless be of service:—

- †1 First Lodge of Ireland, M.H., Tuckey-street, Cork, Cork, 1st Monday.
- 3 Cork, M.H., Mayler-street, Cork, 3rd Wednesday.
- 8 St. Patrick, M.H., Mayler-st., Cork, 2nd Tuesday.
- 15 Skibbereen, M.H., North-st., Cork, 1st Thursday.
- 67 Cork, M.H., Mayler-street, Cork, 2nd Monday.
- 71 Concord, Cork, 3rd Monday.
- 95 City of Cork, Cork, 1st and 3rd Tuesday.
- 557 To Ha, Queenstown, Cork, 2nd Monday.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

M. D., P. M.

Reviews.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS. Groombridge & Sons.

This is a very charming little work, very artistically illustrated, and, we think, not only deserving of notice in our columns, but worthy of perusal by our many readers. Rather, we would say, by those who take a praiseworthy interest in conservatories, as to them it is likely to prove very useful and very suggestive. We always encourage a taste for gardening and flowers, inasmuch as we have in this healthy pursuit a most interesting and elevating employment of our time, and one calculated to do us all great good in many ways. It is noteworthy how that the handiwork of T.G.A.O.T.U. is still pre-eminent and unapproachable, either by the developments of civilization, or the creations of art, and how that flowers especially, delightful and glorious in their formation and splendour, constitute alike the ornament of our homes, and the study of our lives—and even then we can neither equal, much less surpass, their grace, their beauty, and their wondrous reality.

ORATORY AND ORATORS. By Wm. Matthews, LL.D. Hamilton, Adams, & Co., London.

This, the 7th edition of an oft-quoted work, seems to deserve a passing notice in the *Freemason*. Some one has said that the world is governed by oratory, and, no doubt,

orators have at times welded the fierce passions, or awayed the mighty impulses of multitudes and nations. It is also true, we think, that the world is governed more by the "individual" than the "many;" more by the great "unit" than the "undistinguishable thousands." If it be true that the history of the world is an history after all of "individualism," and not of "aggregation," we probably have in this truth the fact of the influence of the individual friend, well, and orator, over the "homo." But then, on the other hand, how much of what we call oratory in common parlance is mixed up with the base alloy of personal motives. If we separate from the "epea pteroenta" from the "thoughts which burn" and the "words which melt," all that is influenced by the petty or dirty considerations of earth, how small, alas is the "residuum in that testing crucible left behind, for the real welfare and lasting happiness of mankind." There are, indeed, some speakers whose words still linger with us long after we first heard them, in vivid emotion or constraining power, and believing them to be real words, true words, good words, we cling to them, and are influenced by them, and act by them; and if, on the one hand, wonderful is the gift, great the influence of the orator no less serious is his responsibility, inasmuch as he can affect a "people" either for good or for bad, for the highest ends of humanity, for the basest ends of evil. We fear that Jobson's objection to "much speaking" has some foundation for it, and that when he says these "talking fellows do more harm than good to any one," we cannot altogether demur to the truthfulness of his words. Unrestrained speech is a great curse; the "cacathos loquendi," the "bottled moonshine" of the "windbag," do us all much moral harm, and we think it well, therefore, when we are reviewing orators and oratory, to strike a humble, tiny note of warning and deprecation. Because, say what we will, the world is still governed to a great extent by "humbug;" the normal class of speeches and speakers is dreadfully infested by this parasitical disease. We have, indeed, sometimes listened with beating heart to the vivid words of Lord Beaconsfield, we have been held spellbound by the silvery address of Lord Cairns, nay, we have admired the Homeric flow of Mr. Gladstone, and the often angry logic of Mr. Lowe. We can remember old days when we have sat in the Speaker's Gallery and followed the glittering periods of Lord Stanley and Lord Macaulay, the lucidity of Sir Robert Peel and Sir James Graham, the eloquence of Buller and Shiel, the calmer, sensible words of Palmerston and Lord John Russell, and, therefore, we feel how much oratory has in it to command the attention, the sympathy, the admiration of mankind. Mr. Matthew's book gives us a good account of oratory, and many amusing anecdotes of political or parliamentary orators, forensic orators, that is lawyers, but he will use fine words; and pulpit orators, that is preachers. One of these we must quote—Taylor, the "Sailor's Preacher," at Boston was one day preaching to a large audience. He had vividly depicted an impenitent sinner under the figure of a storm-tossed vessel, bowing under the hurricane, every bit of canvas gone, and driving madly towards the rock-bound coast of Cape Ann. "How shall this poor sinner be saved?" was his touching query as his climax. An "old salt" in the gallery had listened spellbound, but now, at this question, he jumped up and said, "Let him put his helm hard down and bear away for Squam." We can commend the book to the notice of our readers.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

In the interesting account of the lodges in the Province of Essex (*Freemason*, No. 538) I see that frequent references are made to Bro. Gould's and my lists of lodges. I presume the writer had not access at the time to my latest work "Masonic Register," &c., as in that, at page 76, he will find that No. 214 is located at Brentwood, having been removed from Romford quite recently. The value of these lists of lodges from A.D. 1723 to the present time will doubtless be fully appreciated when brethren generally take an interest in the origin and progress of the old lodges, but just now I fear that many look upon such studies as rather dry, and not a few as useless researches, until they or their friends desire a centenary warrant, or want to prove the antiquity of their lodges; then of course the lists are found to be indispensable and invaluable. I believe that sketches like the one as to Essex will do a deal to make the study more popular, only especial care should be taken in the preparation of the figures, as else the errors will counterbalance much of the advantage. I remark this in a general sense only. I fail to see any discrepancy between Bro. Gould and myself. Our works are mutually supplemental, and together complete the numerical registers from 1723 to 1878. 28 "Moderns" in 1813 calendar was at "Waltham Abbey," and called "Well disposed," which agrees with the "Four Old Lodges," but in 1814 in the "Union" List, published in that year (but the calendar dated 1815), the name of the lodge was changed to the "Alpha," and its location was Kensington Palace, as No. 43. It did not appear in the 1833 list, and its date was A.D. 1730 (not 1732), as Bro. Gould and I have it. It is well to remember that the calendar of 1814 was issued in 1813, before the "Union" took place. No. 29, before the "Union," was at Burnham, Essex (list of 1813), but in 1793 was at East Smithfield, as Bro. Gould states (his list at page 75 of his excellent work being a copy of that year's calendar). I shall be happy to answer any question as to these matters.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday last, at the Concert Hall, Maidstone. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master, presided. Bros. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G. Master; the Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chaplain of England, Prov. G. Chaplain; the Rev. J. B. Harrison, Prov. Asst. G. Chap.; B. K. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas.; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; Finch, P.A.G.D.C.; and the other officers occupied their several places. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, among whom were Bros. R. P. Newcome, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Waller, 503; W. W. Snell, 503; B. Browne, 503; J. R. Foord, 503; W. Langshaw, 1424; J. Saunders, 972; J. C. Eve, 1209; E. Ashdown, P.G.S.W.; W. Cox, jun., 503; Geo. Cornell, 503; R. M. Trewhick T. Meek, 299; E. J. Sears, W.M. 299; H. G. Thompson, P.M. 299; W. C. Banks, 1223; J. Goldford, 133; J. C. Hill, 1125; J. Tate, 319; Joseph Clever, 503; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531; G. B. Chapman, 299; E. Convey, 913; A. Penfold, 913; H. Mutter, 913; Jas. Chapman, 913; T. Cartland, 913; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; J. P. Hutchings, 1531; H. Simon, 913; Thos. Butler, 503; W. Kipps, P.P.G.O.; H. D. M. Williams, T. Burton, 874; B. S. Wilmot, P.G.S.; G. W. Greenhill, P.P.J.D.; T. Wells, P.M. 503; J. S. Ansbomb, P.M. 503; Rev. T. Robinson, P.P.G.S.W.; Humphrey Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; C. G. Long, 503; F. W. Edwards, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Rooper, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Griffin, P.A.D.C.; Evans Cronk, 1414; J. R. Brett, 158; E. Stutely, 158; Rob. Derry, 158; G. Green, 158; H. Sale, 153; J. W. Menpes, 1725; J. E. Hornby, 503; R. Clunt, 72; W. A. Rudd, 184; H. Black, 1273; J. Coupas, 505; C. Austen, 158; H. J. Naylor, G. Naylor, 20; J. Coulter, 20; Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Will, G.S.W.; A. W. Wells, 299; J. H. Clarke, D.G.A.O. Bengal; T. Rowe, 1063; J. S. Lowett, 709; F. J. C. May, 1063; Jas. Griffin, J.W. 1531; Herbert Monckton, W.M. 1725; A. Gardner, P.M. 1206; W. S. Monckton, 1063; Goodall, Eastley, Tyler; and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Spencer, P.G. Sec., read the minutes, which were put and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were then passed, from which it appeared there was a balance in favour of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of £280 10s. 3d. On the Charity Fund there was a balance of £250 12s.

At the election of Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. B. K. Thorpe was unanimously re-elected, amidst loud applause.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers for the year as follows:—

- Bro. V. W. James Smith Eastes ... Prov. D.G.M.
- Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A. (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Chap.
- J. B. Harrison, M.A. ... Prov. G. Chap.
- B. K. Thorpe (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- Alfred Spencer (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- H. Monckton, W.M. 1725 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- E. A. Gange, M.D., P.M. 133 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- B. S. Wilmot, P.M. 874 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- G. White, P.M. 1174 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- S. S. Chancellor, P.M. 127 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- H. S. Neate, P.M. 77 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- Geo. Pilcher, P.M. 972 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- W. Harding, P.M. 784 ... Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- H. J. Naylor, P.M. 1449 ... Prov. G.S. Br.
- W. C. J. King, P.M. 483 ... Prov. G. Org.
- W. J. Carpenter, P.M. 158 ... Prov. G. Parst.
- W. A. Soeath, P.M. 1208 ... Prov. G.A. Parst.

- Bros. J. Borden, P.M. 199; J. R. Ford, W.M. 503; J. Sherwood, P.M. 558; H. J. Buzer, 913; F. Baker, P.M. 1206; J. L. Worship, P.M. 1414 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
- Bro. R. Eastley ... Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the following recommendations of the Charity Committee were adopted:—£30 to the widow of a brother of No. 503; £10 to a brother of No. 429; £20 to a brother of No. 1208; and £10 to the widow of a brother of No. 829. On the motion of the Prov. G.M. £105 was voted to the Girls' School, in the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to make him Vice-Patron of the Institution. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master £21 was voted to Lodges 1436, Sandgate; 1449, Canterbury; 429, Ramsgate; 483, Milton; and 503, Maidstone, to make them Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £21 each to Lodges 1436, Sandgate, and 1449, Canterbury, for the Girls' School; and £21 each for 1436, Sandgate, and 1449, Canterbury, for the Boys' School. £10 10s. each was also voted to Lodges 1107, Belvedere; 1174, Chatham; 1206, Sandwich; 1208, Dover; 1209, Ramsgate; and 1223, Westerham, to make them Life Subscribers to the Boys' School. The Deputy Provincial G.M., in moving the last of these grants, said there was a mistake in the agenda paper with regard to them, as they really supplemented gifts of £21 each previously made. With regard to the endowments of the other lodges he said that it was a rule in Kent not to give the endowment to a lodge unless it had contributed to one of the Masonic Institutions for six years. Grand Lodge was then called off, and the brethren proceeded to All Saints' Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain. Lodge was afterwards resumed.

The Prov. G.M. moved, and the Deputy Grand Master seconded, a vote of thanks to the vicar of All Saints' for the use of his church, and to the Rev. W. A. Hill for his discourse.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, in replying, thanked the brethren for their attendance, and announced that the collection amounted to £16 6s. 6d., part of which would be devoted to Masonic, and part to local charities.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned

to the Corn Exchange, where, in the fine large hall, a banquet most plentifully supplied by Hubert de Carteret, the manager, was partaken of. The banner of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, was behind the Prov. G. Master's chair. The banquet was held under the joint Committee of this and the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, both of them Maidstone lodges, the latter meeting at the Star Hotel, and the former at the Gateway, Ancient College, Maidstone. A very large number of brethren sat down to banquet, at which the tables were elegantly decorated with ferns and flowers, and supplied with a liberal provision of summer fruits.

The band of the 86th Regiment played during dinner the following selections:—1, Overture, "Tancredi." 2, Selection, "Bohemian Girl." 3, Valse, "Distant Shore." 4, Selection, "Lombardi." 5, Valse, "Sweethearts." 6, Galop, "Festival." 7, Valse, "Messenger of Love." 8, Selection, "Lucrezia Borgia." 9, Quadrille, "Les Cloches de Corneville." 10, Valse, "Les Cloches de Corneville."

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed, but, as his lordship said there were not only Masons present, the customary Masonic fire was not given. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was therefore honoured with the ordinary outer world hip, hip, hurrah!

In giving the toast of "The Grand Master," Lord Holmesdale said that whatever his Royal Highness took up he threw his whole heart into. A great deal of his Royal Highness's time was taken up with other business, but he had greatly assisted Masonry, and it had very much advanced under his auspices.

In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Lord Holmesdale conjoined with the toast the name of the Rev. W. Hill, Grand Chaplain, and said that it was a fitting tribute to the rev. brother's worth that he had been selected to preach the sermon that day at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Rev. W. A. Hill responded. He was happy to find that the Prov. G. Master mentioned that the Grand Officers did their duty. At the last Quarterly Communication he had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the two new chief officers, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and he found that they were very good samples of Grand Officers. The first was Lord Kensington, and the second Major General Cathorpe, both of whom had served their country, the first in Parliament, the second in arms; and both were ready to serve Masonry. His name had been mentioned in connection with the promotions at Grand Lodge, but he took no credit to himself for such distinction, because he put it down entirely to the province of Kent. The Prince of Wales found the province had come to the front, and was improving its position more and more, and, therefore, he appointed him to Grand Officer. He was very much pleased at having been called upon that day to preach at the church in Maidstone, because it gave him an opportunity of meeting many old friends. For twenty years and upwards he had been in this place, and had formed the acquaintance of many in the neighbourhood, and he was happy to have seen many of them again this day. The province was making very great advance, and he was very glad of it. He had always been taught in Freemasonry to be happy and to communicate happiness. With reference to this subject, he might mention that the tables, which had been so elegantly decorated that day, had been decorated not by professional horticulturists but by a number of brethren who had supplied the plants from their own gardens. In that way the brethren had been communicating happiness. Whatever might happen, he should always hold the province of Kent in affectionate remembrance, and he hoped and trusted that he might be spared health and strength to carry out the wishes he had for the province.

Bro. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M., proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M." In doing so he said that this toast was invested with the greatest interest to all the brethren, because it brought before them in the proper manner the name of Lord Holmesdale, and reminded them of the great and important services he had performed towards the province. It had been a very eventful period in the history of Freemasonry, as regarded the province, since his lordship had reigned over them. There had been a marked progressive prosperity in the province, on which the brethren might congratulate themselves. Referring to facts, he might mention that when the present Prov. Grand Master was installed, in 1860, there were only seventeen lodges in the province and less than 800 members. From the last return they found there were upwards of forty lodges and more than 2500 members. All the affairs of Freemasonry in the province were progressing favourably and going along smoothly, and the brethren might well congratulate themselves that they had a nobleman ruling over the province who was a man of energy. If the true principles of Freemasonry had not been followed in this province it would not have achieved that splendid result which it had achieved in this province.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said he hoped always to receive the same hearty good wishes and greetings at the brethren's hands, and he hoped his conduct in the chair would merit them. As regarded the state of the province, it was greatly improving, but there was still the same story for it of peace and prosperity. It was in a very happy state, the same state as it had been in since he had had the honour to hold the chair. At one time it fell down to small numbers, but in those small numbers there were maintained the principles of the Craft. He was happy to see that the number of lodges had been raised, and there had been a steady increase, not only in numbers but in respectability. Without respectability they were not worthy to hold their position. The province was now quite strong enough to carry candidates at elections and to assist other provinces, and the brethren would take care that this state was not impaired by the admission of candidates to the Order who would not be a credit

to it. He was happy to say that in this province they had no reason to find fault about the quality of the brethren, as it was very good, and he would be very sorry if in admitting a large number they had not regard to quality. The quality of the Craft was not deteriorating in the province, and that being so the same story was told—a story of prosperity and success. He could only hope that it would last, and that the history of the Craft in the province for the next sixty or seventy years would be as famous as it had been, and as it was to day. The day had begun inauspiciously: much rain had fallen, and the brethren thought they would get a wet jacket. However, it had turned out fine, and he hoped it would be so in the Craft. The brethren who struggled in former days in the Craft might have thought there was nothing for them but failure. That had not been the case. They struggled and they prospered, and they saw before they finished their work that success was in view. That had been realized that day. The dawn was not bright, but the day had finished well, and he hoped there was in store for Freemasonry in the province even a brighter day than it had yet had. They must not forget, however, in their prosperity what they owed to their predecessors, and he wished that they should show that they had succeeded to the fruits of their predecessors' labours, and were not ungrateful for them. For himself he might say all his services should be at the disposal of the province, and he hoped he should be able to render them for many years to come. He had always met with a kind reception at the hands of the brethren, and he doubted not that it would be continued hereafter.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master," to which Bro. Eastes replied. He said it was very gratifying to him that the Prov. G.M. and the brethren were pleased with what he had done. The Province of Kent stood out as a great success, and the brethren had seen it stated on several occasions in the Masonic journals that the system of charity which Kent adopted was inaugurated in Lancashire about the year 1860. He was always in favour of paying honour where honour was due, and, therefore, knowing that that was not the case, he would state that the Province of Kent inaugurated the system. In 1850 there was a provincial meeting at Chatham, when Bro. Humphrey introduced the matter. He did it so admirably that, with his lordship's permission, he (Bro. Eastes) would like to send a copy of the minutes to the leading journals in Freemasonry, for he did not think it could be put in a more admirable manner. It was a most desirable thing to do. Thirty guineas was then raised, but now it had reached £250. They began with a good and solid foundation, and there were now thirty lodges in the province that were Vice-Presidents of the Institutions.

The S.W. responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bro. Alfred Spencer being loudly called for also added a few words, dwelling more particularly on the charitable feature of the province's proceedings.

The Provincial Grand Master gave "The Masonic Charities," and regretted that there was not a representative of one of those Institutions present to respond.

The other toasts were given before the brethren separated.

Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ in the church, and eight members of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral assisted in the musical portion of the service. At the dinner Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Rhodes sang.

LORD TENTERDEN, P.G.M. OF ESSEX.

Charles Stuart Aubrey Abbott, third Baron Tenterden, of Hendon, in the county of Middlesex, was duly installed Prov. Grand Master of Essex on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., and, in accordance with our recent promise, we proceed to give a brief sketch of his career. His lordship was born in the year 1834, and is, therefore, in the full vigour of mature manhood. In 1859 he married his cousin, Penelope, daughter of Major-General Sir J. R. Smyth, K.C.B., and by her has issue a son and three daughters. He succeeded his uncle, John Henry, second baron, in 1870, the barony having been conferred on Sir Charles Abbott, Knt., in 1827, in consideration of his distinguished services as Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench; and his grandson, the present peer, though devoting his talents and energies to an entirely different branch of the public service, has furnished evidence on more than one occasion that he is not unworthy to follow in the footsteps of so eminent a man. When only a few months turned nineteen years of age Mr. Charles S. A. Abbott, as he then was, was appointed to a supernumerary clerkship in the Foreign Office, and thenceforward has risen grade by grade to the highest permanent position in that department, namely, the permanent Under-Secretaryship of State, to which he was appointed in the year 1873. His lordship has also in the course of his long official career enjoyed many special opportunities of displaying his ability. Thus, he was précis writer to Lord Stanley (now Earl of Derby) from July, 1866, to December, 1868. He was in attendance on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Neutrality Laws from February, 1867, to May, 1868, and immediately afterwards was appointed Secretary to the Royal Commission on the Laws of Naturalisation and Allegiance. Early in 1871 he was appointed Secretary to the Joint High Commission, of which the Marquis of Ripon, Past Grand Master of England, was a member for considering various circumstances affecting the relations between Great Britain and the United States of North America. For his services in this capacity he was made a companion of the Civil Division of the most honourable Order of the Bath. In the autumn of the same year he attended as Her Majesty's agent the Tribunal of Arbitration on the Alabama claims at Geneva. In October, 1873, he became, as we have

already stated, permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Last year he was a member of the Royal Commission, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was President, at the Paris International Exhibition. The honour of a Knight Companionship of the Bath Civil Division, has likewise been conferred upon him by Her Majesty in recognition of his valuable services. Our readers will gather from the foregoing particulars that, in respect of his public career, the subject of this sketch has been, not only a loyal but also a most valuable servant of the Crown, and having regard to the fact that he is yet, comparatively speaking, a young man, there is every reason to hope that for many years to come his lordship's services will be at the command of his Sovereign.

Turn we now to his career in Masonry, which is proud to number among her sons so many public men of distinction. Mr. Charles S. A. Abbott was initiated into our mysteries in the year 1856, in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, held at Richmond, Surrey, and such was the progress he made in the Royal Art that, in 1859, and again in 1864, his fellow members conferred upon him the highest honour it is in the power of any lodge to bestow, by unanimously electing him to be their Worshipful Master. His services in this capacity were fully recognised by those whom he presided over. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the year 1857, in the Iris Chapter, No. 255, and early in 1864 was installed into the chair of First Principal. In the year 1858 he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Hiram Lodge No. 13. On the occasion of his official visit to the United States, in 1871, Lord Tenterden found time to attend, even in the midst of his arduous duties, several of the lodges in the District of Columbia, and, according to one of the American Masonic organs of the day, more than once exemplified the working of Masonry according to our English ritual in a masterly manner. He was made an honorary member of Pentalfa Lodge, of Washington, and brought back home with him a beautiful and costly Past Master's jewel, which had been presented to him as a slight souvenir of his association with the brethren of that city. He was also a guest at the magnificent entertainment given on the 10th April of that year by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in honour of our then Grand Master, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, now Marquis of Ripon, the banquet being graced by several Grand Masters of Masons in the United States, as well as by Senators, Representatives, and other persons of distinction who were members of the fraternity. His lordship has been the recipient of Grand Lodge honours, and ranks as a Past Grand Warden. He enjoys the further honour of being the representative at our Grand Lodge of the three Grand Lodges—the Three Globes, Grand Countries, and Royal York of Friendship—of Berlin. He has likewise shown himself a practical exponent of the system on which Masons, not without reason, pride themselves, for he is a Life Governor of, and has served the office of Steward at one of its Anniversary Festivals for, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, doubtless, as occasion offers, we shall see him exercising his influence in behalf of our other Institutions. After a careful perusal of these sound and valuable services in connection with Freemasonry, it cannot for a single moment be doubted that our Grand Master has acted with his usual wisdom in appointing his lordship to the Grand Mastership of the Province of Essex.

DECORATION OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

For some time the internal ensemble of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, has been anything but satisfactory, as the building has remained without the slightest adornment since the completion of its erection several years ago. Now, however, the chiefs of the Craft in this part of the division of West Lancashire are taking active steps to have this defect remedied, and there is little doubt that when the proposed grand scheme is carried out the hall will, internally, be the most artistic and attractive of its kind in the United Kingdom. At a numerously attended meeting of the General Committee on Friday, the 20th ult., Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, presiding, the matter was taken into consideration.

On the motion of Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. 823, Chairman of the House Committee, seconded by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, it was resolved that the plans of Bro. Francis Smith, decorative artist, of London and Chester, P.P.G.S. of W. (Cheshire), P.M. 201 and 998, for the decoration of the various rooms and staircases should be adopted and carried out. The entire cost of the scheme will be about £2000, and it is proposed to proceed without delay with the decoration of the banqueting-hall, at an expenditure of about £650, as the first portion of the work.

Bro. F. Smith has already made his mark in Masonic decorative work, and the plans he has submitted show the perfection of taste and culture. Meanwhile the liberality of the lodges and individual brethren is being solicited in order that the Committee may carry out the work without delay, and already a substantial sum has been secured. The following general details of the banqueting-hall decorations will give an idea of Bro. Smith's general plans:—

The centre flower on ceiling shows a design of Masonic emblems, and perforated for ventilation. Around this centre flower runs the plaster guilloches border styles, etched in gold, and next this, on the ceiling, is a circlet of the "acacia sprig," with the five-pointed stars running round the same. The corners of the centre panel of ceiling is composed of ornamentation in which is placed a medallion on a pale chocolate ground, and representing an emblem in which is shown the Genius of Freemasonry spanning the globe with a pair of compasses, implying that Free-

masonry is universal. At the sides of this medallion are seated figures bearing swags of husks in one hand, whilst in the other is shown the square. Between the four corners of above are medallions painted in their natural colours, the emblem being the "perfect ashlar," with the square, by which it was made perfect, also conveying a moral. The other medallion represents a "lily," an emblem of "purity," that all things prevail with truth. These medallions are supported by a cluster of ears of corn and another ornament denoting "plenty." The other medallions will be varied in Masonic emblems. At the side panels, in the centre, is a large allegorical panel relating to "science" and Masonic virtues, and it may also be said to illustrate the career of a Master in the chair—for in the centre is the Genius of Freemasonry holding the Master's collar in one hand, and in the other the "cornucopia," denoting, "may his year of office be one of 'prosperity';" may it be one of 'harmony,'" which is represented by a figure of "music;" "may it be one of 'peace,'" represented by a figure bearing the "palm;" "may he have 'wisdom' and 'philosophy,'" which is shown by a figure emblematical of the same; and finally, "may he earn fame through his career of office," which is shown by a figure bearing the "wreath of fame." At the sides of above large centre panel are shaped panels, the subjects being the globes, supported by two figures, the one spanning the same with a pair of compasses, and showing in one hand a trowel, whilst the other figure is pointing with a pencil. On the side of each figure is shown the "cornucopia" and other ornamentation; at the corners of this said panel are medallions, one bearing the "jewel of the Grand Steward" and the other that of the "Grand Deacon." Under the above panels is the "All-seeing Eye," throwing its rays on the pedestal, and above which is the circle and triangle. From this figure is carried along the panels ornamentation and circlets of acacia sprigs, in the centre of which are trophies, and between these are "pots of incense," an emblem of a pure heart. Supported on each side of above is shown a group of "ears of corn," with swags of husks on same suspended throughout the entire panels. On the fringe of cornice is a running ornamentation, with medallion at intervals, bearing Masonic devices.

Description of walls:—

The pilasters on sides of walls are shown in Sienna marble, with the capitals richly etched in gold. The panels are formed by enriched gold mouldings with enamelled styles, the panels being a pale blue ground, diapered with inlaid gold devices. The marbled dado and skirting has a crested band at top, formed of Masonic emblems, &c.

THE URBAN CLUB.

Saint John's Gate, made famous with its literary and Masonic associations, where the Urban Lodge and Chapter hold their meetings, was the scene of an unusual gathering on Friday last, when Bro. J. Dionysius Loverdo, F.R.S.L.A., occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Urban Club, from which institution the above Masonic associations have originated. On this occasion several well-known Masons were present, including Bros. Dr. Neodes Mussabini, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Barringer, Hon. Treasurer; Dr. Carpenter, late Honorary Secretary; George E. Fairchild, Librarian; Dr. Hunter, Smallpiece, Henry Rugg, Fountain, Frederick Keddlill, Bassett-Keeling, Henry Hallam, and others.

It has been announced that the illustrious proprietors of the Gate are going to use the great hall where Garrick made his first essay in London as an actor, and the club holds its meetings, as the encampment of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and the head-quarters of the Ambulance Hospital in connection with the Order.

The Chairman, in proposing "Prosperity to the Club," intimated that the proprietors were willing to extend the armoury, so as to give sufficient room to the members of the club to hold their meetings there, and remarked that the associations of the Old Gate are so blended together with their club that it would be a pity to look elsewhere for accommodation, when the armoury could easily accommodate when extended the members of their club, and left the matter entirely in the hands of the members to decide when the proper time arrives.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Mr. Josiah J. Merriman, who in a genial speech congratulated the club on its prosperity, and the advantages derived from such literary gatherings.

The veteran John A. Heraud, in an eloquent speech, proposed "Bro. Loverdo's Health," dilating upon his merits as a poet and man of letters, thus showing, added the speaker, how the learning of the ancient Greeks has been inherited by their descendants, of whom our Chairman is a good specimen. This toast was received with the usual honours.

Bro. Loverdo replied in appropriate terms, and in return proposed "The Vice-Chairman's, Bro. Mussabini's, Health."

Mr. W. E. Church, the Honorary Secretary, obliged the company with some capital recitations, which elicited immense applause.

Messrs. Nicholson, Hallam, Clark, and Bonchette enlivened the proceedings with some capital music and singing.

The company separated at a late hour.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., is one of the stewards of the forthcoming Hereford Musical Festival.

THE FREEMASONS' HALL, IPSWICH.

A short time ago we gave an interesting account of the opening ceremony of the above hall, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and the D.P.G. Master of Suffolk, who has taken a lively interest in this work. We are happy to state that the active Managing Committee, consisting of Bros. N. Tracey, P.M.; H. Miller, P.M.; H. Cusley, W.M. 114; R. S. Cumess, S.W.; J. Talbot, S.D.; B. Grimsey, S.D.; and Thomas J. Wentworth, W.M. 225, and their active Hon. Secretary, Bro. Hammond, were, after great labour and untiring energy, enabled to lay before a general meeting of trustees a final report of their proceedings, which has resulted in clearing the hall of debt, with the exception of £700 on an easy mortgage. This is most gratifying to all interested, and we must congratulate Ipswich and the Suffolk province on the happy issue out of their troubles, which is due in a great measure to the determination to make it a success of the names mentioned, and left them in possession of a handsome and commodious building dedicated to Masonic purposes.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A meeting of the Wentworth Little Memorial Committee will be held on Friday, the 18th inst., before which date it is requested that all monies voted or promised to the fund may be sent to the Treasurer, Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., Freemasons' Hall.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Civil Law on Bro. Ernst Emil Wendt, a native of Dantzic, but now a naturalised British subject, on the ground of his knowledge and large practical experience of German and English commercial law.

M. I ttré, in a letter read on Wednesday night at the Clémentine Amicitie Lodge of Freemasons, which had met to celebrate the fourth anniversary of its initiation, speaks of himself as permanently confined to his room. He expresses great satisfaction at the prospect of the piercing of the Isthmus of Panama—a scheme first broached in the Clémentine Amicitie Lodge—and advocates the creation of a Positivist University to compete both with the orthodoxy of the Church and the eclecticism of the State. The meeting resolved to appeal to the Masonic body for subscriptions for this purpose.—Times.

MISS HOPEKIRK'S CONCERT.—A concert, given in the hall of the Royal Academy of Music on Friday, the 4th inst., though it attracted little attention and but a small audience, served to introduce a lady pianist who bids fair for high rank. Miss Helen Hopekirk has recently, we believe, finished a course of study at Leipsic Conservatory, which enjoys the reputation of skilful teaching; but no educational means, apart from great natural ability, could have given the young lady such qualifications as it is obvious she possesses. Her playing is distinguished by much intelligence and taste; she has great command of the key-board and a touch of exquisite sensitiveness. These essentials of a good pianist were abundantly manifested in Beethoven's pianoforte trio (E flat) and in a series of pieces of various epochs and in various styles, ranging from Bach to Scharwenka. Miss Hopekirk seemed quite at home with all the masters, and unequivocally established herself as an artist worthy of attention. No doubt she will continue to study and persevere, seeing that a good position is within her reach. The concert given was assisted by Miss Kate Ockleston, also a pianist of ability, by Mr. Otto Manns (violin) and Mr. Reed (violin), the vocalist being Mdle. Hohenschield.—Daily Telegraph.

Bro. A. Woolrich was, on Wednesday, installed W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Liverpool, and a report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. E. G. Webster, of Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, at Tamorth, on the 24th ult. Bro. Webster was well known in Masonic circles, and many of our brethren will bear of his death with regret.

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., has promised to distribute the prizes at the Nonconformist Grammar School, Bishop's Stortford, on the 22nd inst.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Blind Asylum, Glasgow, with Masonic honours, by Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, will take place on Tuesday, the 5th August next, at three o'clock p.m.

Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mr. Sheriff Bevan have issued invitations to the members of the Court of Aldermen, Mr. Sheriff-elect Woolton, J.P., Mr. Sheriff-elect Bayley, J.P., and the high officers of the Corporation, to a banquet at the Albion on Thursday, the 24th inst.

Bro. C. H. Roberts (Remembrancer) was amongst those who attended the sixth meeting of the Fox Club at the Ship, Greenwich, on Saturday.

Viscount and Viscountess Homesdale, of Linton Park, Maidstone, have caused it to be notified to their tenantry that a reduction of ten per cent. will be made in the rents payable by them for the next two years.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperatures engender during winter; this medicine also acts most who'somely upon the skin by discharging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet most efficiently on the tenderest bowels.—[ADVT.]

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Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above grand old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district, whose warrant dates back to the 1st of December, 1826, held its installation festival on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, and we were pleased to see so many of the Past Masters present, a thing more honoured in the observance than the breach of, and more especially in this lodge, which has for some time past been under a cloud, and has not been progressing so favourably as its friends, and they are many, would have been pleased to see it. However, under the new rule just inaugurated, hopes are entertained that a brighter look out is dawning, and that ere long the old glories of the lodge may be revived in all their pristine vigour and brightness, and we feel sure its friends all over the world will be pleased to hear of it, and join with us in these, our most sanguine hopes and good wishes. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. G. W. Reed, I.P.M., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, Mr. John Clements was, after approval, initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. Shorebridge was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Reed was in excellent form, and the degrees were splendidly worked by our esteemed brother. The following Past Masters of the lodge were present:—Bros. W. P. Applebee, T. Carnelly, C. F. Hills, G. Davies, F. G. Pownall, and R. Hodgkinson. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Tattershall, P.M. 140; A. W. Woodley, W.M. 700; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; C. M. Munyard, P.M. 79; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect, 700; J. Black, J.W. 706; H. Pryce, I.G. 913; C. W. King, 77; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, D.C. 700; J. Murray, 299; W. J. Heath, 766; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The whole of the preliminary business having been happily settled, Bro. T. Hutton, W.M. elect, was formally presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13 and 1536, and P.G. Supt. of W. Kent, and the ceremony commenced. In due course Bro. Hutton was seated in the chair of the lodge, and saluted with the customary honours. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer (late Secretary to the lodge), J.W.; G. Davies, P.M., Treas.; O. Hutton, Sec.; T. Hosgood, S.D.; R. A. Smith, J.D.; Mattee, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The addresses to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren were then given with that feeling and eloquence so characteristic of Bro. Pownall, and the ceremony was concluded. It was then unanimously carried that a vote of thanks should be presented to Bro. Pownall, and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his work done that day as Installing Officer, and Bro. Pownall briefly returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, where Bro. Tucker had provided a substantial banquet for them. This having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Reed, P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M." He said, in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Moore, a very pleasant duty devolved upon him, and from the unanimous manner in which the brethren had, at their last meeting, elected Bro. Hutton to the chair, and the unanimity and concord that prevailed upon the present occasion, when, with the hearty good wishes of every member of the lodge, he was placed in the chair, he augured a very successful year of office both to the W.M. and to the lodge. During the last year, to put it figuratively, they had been under a "fog." The weather under which the good ship "Union Waterloo" had been sailing had been squally, to say the least of it, but now with a change in the weather, which certainly looked much more propitious, he trusted she would go on her course and make up the leeway she had lost. He asked them to drink the health cordially. Bro. Hutton, in response, said he could hardly realize that it was his health

they were drinking, and he thanked them for the warm expressions of the feeling from his heart. He could not say that his family would be proud of him, because he stood alone in the world, but he felt that he was surrounded by those whom he might call his family—his brethren of the lodge—and the many visiting brethren who had come to do honour to him and the lodge upon that occasion. He thanked them one and all for their great kindness. He then, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. P.M. Pownall, the Installing Officer." Bro. Pownall, in reply, said, why he should have been singled out from among the Past Masters of the lodge to perform the ceremony of installation that day he did not know; however, it appeared he had given the W.M. satisfaction in the duty placed in his hands, and he believed that the same feeling animated the brethren. He was happy in having given satisfaction to all of them. Considering the fact that he had been knocking about a great deal lately, and had only lately found a resting place, they must forgive him if he had not been among them so much lately as he should have desired, but now he trusted to be able to come among them more frequently. He was exceedingly pleased to see so many Past Masters, brethren, and visitors rally round Bro. Hutton on this important and eventful day in his Masonic life. He had heard, and with very great regret, that that unanimity of concord that was so essential to the welfare of a lodge had been absent during the past year from this. Their lodge was one of the oldest and most esteemed out of London; and as the mother—and he might say the grandmother—of all the surrounding lodges, it behoved them to set an example in those glorious attributes of the Order. He earnestly invited them to assist the W.M. to recover, this year, the prestige that had been so grievously clouded during the past, and make this grand old lodge of theirs one of the best, as it was one of the oldest, in the district. He called upon the officers to assist with all their heart in the work, for a great deal of the success and harmony of a lodge rested with its officers. Their W.M. was an initiate of the lodge, and he (Bro. Pownall) felt it as a good omen to see the W.M. who initiated him two years ago, present at his installation—he alluded to Bro. Applebee. He thanked them for the kind reception of his name, and concluded a lengthy address by again advocating a system of unanimity in work and brotherly love with one another for the ensuring of the progress and prosperity of the lodge. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and in putting it the W.M. regretted the absence from their gathering of some of the members of the provincial lodges, more particularly the Patison, several of whom had gone to Maidstone, to the Grand Provincial meeting held there that day, and at which one of its Past Masters would receive a well merited reward for good work done at the hands of the P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale. They had with them, however, Bro. Woodley, W.M. of the Nelson Lodge; Bro. Tattershall, one of their own old Past Masters, whose name was in the Charities of the Order a household word; Past Master Weston of the Military Lodge, a good and worthy Mason; Bros. Munyard, Black, Pryce, King, and others, and he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Bro. Tattershall, after tendering his sincere thanks for the honour done him, said, that having gone through the chair of the lodge he felt a more than ordinary interest in its welfare and prosperity. He was pleased to see such a gathering as that now presented, and from it he trusted would spring a resolve to work together with that harmony and love that had been so eloquently advocated by Bro. Pownall. He had tried upon several occasions to make the lodge worthy of the position its age entitled it to in the Craft, and in his day was successful to a very great extent. His heart was with it now, and he hoped and trusted to see it yet take its rightful position among the lodges of the Craft. Bros. Woodley, Weston, Pryce, Black, Beaver, and Munyard, as well returned thanks for their respective lodges. "The Initiate" was then toasted and returned thanks. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Reed and Applebee responded. The next toast was that of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Brown and Syer, who responded, and then "The Masonic Press" followed, and was responded to by our representative. A word of praise was bestowed upon Bro. Tucker for his efforts for their comfort, and then Bro. Norman gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Forward-road, on Thursday evening, July 10th. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Singleton, a candidate for Masonry, who was declared elected. The ballot was also taken for Bro. Halverson, of St. John's Lodge, who was also elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Moore was then examined and found proficient; he then retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Moore was admitted and made a Master Mason. The ceremony was gone through by the W.M. in a truly Masonic manner. There were several visitors, and of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bros. Newton, 80; Frampton, 94; Cockburn, 661; Beattie, 1389. The lodge was then closed to the Second and then to the First Degree. All business being done the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The hundred and eleventh anniversary of this old and flourishing lodge was celebrated in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Monday evening, the 7th inst. Of late years the custom has been to hold the installation festival early in the afternoon, but the old system of meeting to the evening, after the speeches of the members have ceased for the day, on

this occasion was once more adopted. The gathering, therefore, was more of a private nature than otherwise, that is to say, almost entirely confined to members of the Craft resident in the northern seaport. The change is perhaps better, speaking in a social sense, as there is no reason for hurrying over the post-prandial proceedings, in order that visiting brethren may catch trains. Years ago, though, the members of this old lodge went to the other extreme in the hour of their assembly on the feasts of St. John, which were held in June and December. In the minutes, under date of June 24, 1805, it is recorded:—"Met precisely at eight o'clock in the morning, on lodge duty, and walked in procession to St. James's Church." The concluding minute is as follows:—"Having returned in excellent order, the day was spent in harmony and love. The thanks of this body were unanimously voted to Mr. Armistead for his excellent discourse." Before proceeding to the business of Monday week, we should add, that the seal of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, as used under the "ancient" regime, is in existence. It is intaglio, and bears the following inscription round the edge:—"Whitehaven Lodge, Ancient York, 157." In the centre are the square and compasses, with the letter G, sun, moon, and seven stars. The lodge was opened on the 7th inst., at 7 p.m., by Bro. Edward Tyson, W.M., assisted by his officers, the attendance being very numerous. After the usual formalities, the Worshipful Master proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. John Milligan, and in so finished a style as to call forth the warm commendations of the "old hands" present. In fact, this is the first time for many years past that a new W.M. of Lodge 119 has been installed by the retiring W.M., and we trust that, now the ice is broken, the much-desired regulation will be adhered to. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. E. Tyson, I.P.M.; W. H. Atkinson, S.W.; J. W. Miles, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; W. Bewlay, S. e.; W. Jackson, S.D.; J. Casson, J.D.; J. B. Mossop, D.C.; M. Golightly, I.G.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Newnman and Dr. Henley, Stewards; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The officers were invested by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.G. Sec., and Bro. Tyson, I.P.M., gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, whilst that to the brethren of Lodge 119 was delivered by Bro. John Barr, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. The lodge being closed, the party adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after the discussion of an excellent supper, a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, under the presidency of the W.M. Amongst the visiting brethren was the captain of a Danish vessel, in port, a member of a lodge in Copenhagen, whose name has slipped us. This foreign brother was much gratified at the heartiness of his reception, and as highly pleased at what he witnessed during the evening.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 10th inst., and was presided over by Bro. C. A. Jellicoe, W.M., who after having opened the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, and asked questions of Bro. Frenchman as to his proficiency, passed him to the rank of Fellow Craft in a most able and accurate manner. The lecture was, by the W.M.'s command, given by the S.W. Among the visitors, who were numerous, were noticed the W.M. of the Shirley Lodge, Bro. F. H. McCalmont, P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, as well as some of the Past Masters and members of that lodge. The business of the evening having been disposed of and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and well received, especially those of "The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. C. A. Jellicoe," which was proposed by Bro. Past Master Payne in his usual able and eloquent style, and "The Sister Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. F. H. McCalmont, Master of the Shirley Lodge. The proceedings were enlivened by several good songs, both in English and French, by Bros. P.M.'s Payne, Weston, Le Feuvre, Dyer, the W.M., Bro. Gricourt, and the Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Dupont. The W.M. gave the parting toast at eleven p.m., and the brethren shortly after separated.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum. Bro. E. Cardwell, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Jowett, I.P.M.; W. Warbrick, S.W.; J. J. Crossell, J.W.; J. Atkinson, S.D.; E. Johnson (acting), J.D.; B. Greyson, I.G.; T. Bailey, S.; and R. Stanton, D. of C. There was not a large attendance. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Burrows being a candidate for raising to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., advanced to the pedestal, and having shown proficiency in the former degree was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Burrows, on being re-admitted, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who also presented the working tools, the ceremony throughout being gone through in a most efficient manner. The questions in the Third Degree were afterwards put round the lodge for the instruction of the brethren, and the lodge was closed down to the First Degree. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from representatives of Lodges 105 (Plymouth), 1051, 1363, and 1561, and the lodge was subsequently closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. John Roger Lever, W.M., presiding. There were present Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; Wm. Nechall, J.W.; Tomlyn, S.D.; Ezra Cohen, I.G.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; John Church, Sec.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, Steward; W.

Cunliffe, Org.; J. Sly, Tyler; Higginbottom, J. Bladon, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; S. Titmas, P.M., P.P.D. of C. E.L.; C. J. Rix, W. H. Hughes, J. G. Elderton, J. W. Edwards, J. Eckersley, Walmsley, D. Yough, Sumner, and R. R. Lissenden (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. C. O. Pike, 109 (Philippines); The Shires (Rising Sun, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., U.S.); S. H. Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; T. Sharrocks, P.M. 350; Thomas, W.M. 380; J. Broadbent, S.W. 992; and Matthew Owen, 163. The lodge was opened at 6.25 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. G. Elderton being eligible to take his Third Degree was interrogated by the W.M., and having answered the questions in a most satisfactory manner withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and afterwards in the Third, and on the re-appearance of Bro. Elderton, he was forthwith raised to the degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. and Reg., presented the working tools and gave the traditional history to the candidate. This being all the work, the lodge was lowered down to the First Degree. An announcement was made that Bro. Hilton, who was to have taken his Second Degree on that evening, was prevented by illness from attending, and Bro. Vetter, who was proposed at the last meeting as a joining member, would be unable to join on account of being engaged by Mr. Chas. Hallé for concerts on Thursdays throughout the season. All the members of the lodge who were present signed the petition in favour of the widow of a late brother, the particulars of which we have previously recorded. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.20. The visitors and members of the lodge afterwards assembled at the social board, and a very pleasant evening's enjoyment, to which Bros. Lever, Shorrocks, Thomas, and others rendered valuable assistance with their singing, terminated at 11 o'clock.

We have very much regretted being absent from the June meeting of this lodge, which happened to fall on Whit-Thursdays, and consequently very few members were expected to put in an appearance, but as matters turned out the meeting proved a big success, the number of visitors alone being unusually large, amongst whom were Bros. E. Heywood, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. E.L.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; J. Duffield, P.M. 44, 64, 1170, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; John Cavanah, P.M. 1375, P.P.G.D. of C. (Cheshire); D. Ormerod, P.M. 1609; P. Magee, W.M. 548 (London); W. Hollins, W.M. 152; E. J. Bradbury, W.M. 1357; H. D. Marks, S.W. 1798; G. Ormerod, J.W. 1011; the Sec. 1798; R. Dottie, S.D. 1161; T. Vetter, Org. 1798, 815; W. T. Chapman, P.M. 1609; P. Stanislaus, 780 and 1633; F. Emery, P.M. 1609; C. H. Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; J. Coxon, 152; E. Edmonds, 1213; L. Y. Lablach, 1609 and 1319; J. H. Ryley, 188; S. H. S. Austin, 1633; S. Hurtig, 1798; D. E. Davis, J. Meyer, 1798; A. Forrest, 1633; J. Storey, 1459; W. J. Edwards, 992; and H. Macdonald, 1633. The lodge was opened at 8.10, the W.M., Bro. John Roger Lever, occupying the chair of K.S. All the officers were present except S.W. and I.G., Bro. John Smethurst acting in the former instance, and Bro. J. Barker, P.M. 1134, in the second. Bro. Francis Hilton was balloted for and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. Bro. J. G. Elderton was next passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and lastly Bro. John Lawton was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the Worshipful Master performing the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising in so creditable a manner as to draw forth congratulations from all present. The lodge was closed about five o'clock, and most of the brethren afterwards assembled at the social board and spent a pleasant couple of hours together, separating about 7 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday morning, the 1st inst. This lodge, probably the strongest in the province, has always been noted for its recognition of claims made in the cause of charity, or for the support of Masonry in general; the decorating and furnishing fund of the hall in Hope-street being the latest to benefit materially by a handsome subscription and the gift of a fine harmonium. A strong muster was the result of the summons on this occasion, the chair being taken by Bro. David Jackson, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Brackenbury, S.W. (W.M. elect); L. Herman, J.W.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. T. May (Sec.); H. Burrows, P.M., and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Jackson, W.M., and Bro. May, P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Roberts, P.M., in a very creditable manner. The usual honours were paid, and the following brethren invested as officers:—Bros. D. Jackson, I.P.M.; L. Herman, S.W.; J. Seddon, J.W.; T. Clarke, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for fourth time); W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; T. Smyth, S.D.; C. Marsh, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas., M.C.; J. Chittoon, Org.; G. Leitch, C. Godfrey, and S. W. H. Hulze, Stewards. Bro. W. Ball was re-elected Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the members, as a token of their respect and esteem, with hearty good wishes. The brethren then proceeded to Lime-street Station, where they were joined by lady friends, and proceeded by special train to Frodsham. Over 200 started, and were rewarded by having good weather. The valley of the Weaver looked really charming after the rain, and, after visiting the ancient parish church, all ascended the Overton Hills by various means, and there sat down to dinner, substantially laid out by Bro. Rigby, Belmont. After dinner, the time was spent partly in walking round the hills, from which a magnificent view stretched in all directions, and partly in going through a well-chosen pro-

gramme of dances, which were heartily entered into by old and young. The weather gradually improved as the day wore on, and after a most enjoyable trip all were quite willing to return at 9.20 p.m. Great credit is due to Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., and Bro. Brackenbury, W.M., who superintended the arrangements.

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 829).—The above flourishing lodge, whose locale is at the Black Horse, Sidcup, was, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., the scene of a brilliant gathering of the members of the Craft, the occasion being its installation meeting, and the W.M. to be installed one of the most popular and respected Masons of the province, Bro. Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, and S.W. and W.M. elect of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. Sydney Gore, W.M., at 12 a.m. sharp, the following Past Masters being present to assist him:—Bros. T. Smith, G. B. Gates, T. Hastings, and L. Etheridge. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly read and passed, Messrs. Gregory, the host of the Black Horse, J. Seaton, and J. W. Skinner were, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Bro. Greener was passed, and Bro. J. T. Spicer was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. Bro. Spurrell was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, for the benefit of installation, and was by that brother most impressively placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted by the brethren in the degrees. Bro. Spurrell then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Moulder, S.W.; R. Hanson, J.W.; W. T. Birt, Treas. (by proxy, that brother being unable to attend); T. Smith, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; W. Hawkins, S.D.; B. H. Ilton, J.D.; —Parsons, I.G.; Coombes, D.C.; and S. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Gates, P.M., is, and has been, W.S. for many years, and still retains that important office. The ceremony was concluded by the delivery of the three charges, and on all sides we heard the highest encomiums passed upon Bro. Hastings for his excellent and eloquent working. A valuable Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Gore, the I.P.M., for his valuable services to the lodge during the past year, and that brother returned thanks. A vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Hastings, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his fine working for the second time in succession of the installation ceremony, and this brother returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was a most enjoyable and well served one, the wines being especially selected for the occasion. Among the company present were, beside the brethren above enumerated, Bros. T. W. Knight, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.D. Kent; J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28, and P.P.G.P. Middx.; R. Shilleter, W.M. 403; G. Churchley, W.M. 615; R. Stone, S.W. 615; R. W. Hawkes, 13; T. J. Kent, 1638; J. L. Judge, 1178; G. Roper, 69; G. W. F. Loftus, 93; W. H. Rowland, 1193; A. Roper, 69; J. Hutton, 615; W. Macrow, 879; H. Spurrell, 615; H. Wilson, 814; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as were the provincial ones, most heartily. That of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes," was coupled with the names of Bros. Smith and Hastings. Bro. Smith said the Prov. G. Officers were so well known to the majority of the brethren of the lodge, that it was quite unnecessary for him to say a word in their favour. They were always at work, striving to do good in Masonry, and were in every way deserving of the distinguished honour conferred upon them. He was sorry there were so few Grand Officers present, but he attributed it to the fact that the next day Prov. Grand Lodge assembled at Maidstone, and that, no doubt, prevented many of them being present that day. He thanked them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," and in giving it the I.P.M., Bro. Gore, bore testimony to the excellence of their new Master, who, he said, was a good Mason, not only in the lodge but out of it, and was universally beloved and respected by every one. Bro. Dr. Spurrell, after returning thanks for the toast, said he must say that when he took office in the Sydney Lodge he felt it a very great honour, and now that he was placed in the proud position of their W.M., he should endeavour to merit, and show that he was deserving of it. He should, he felt, be compelled to draw largely on their patience and support, having to follow in the footsteps of such excellent workmen as had lately been W.M.'s in the lodge; yet if they would attend to the sound of the gavel he felt that he should at least not have their censure at the expiration of his term of office. He hoped to have a good and prosperous year, and that it would pass as harmonious as that of his predecessor. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to. The toast of "The Initiates" was then given, and those brethren returned thanks. The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Hastings," who, the W.M. declared, had that day performed the important ceremony in a manner second to none he had ever seen. Bro. Hastings, in the course of his reply, thanked the W.M. for the encomiums passed upon him. He said he had never missed a meeting since he had been a member of the lodge, and as long as he lived he hoped to be with them, and do all he could for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. He looked upon Masonry as one of the luxuries of his life, not so much for the pleasure it afforded him on such occasions as the present, but because it afforded him an opportunity to enjoy the greatest of all luxuries, that of true charity. He was a Life Governor of two of the Masonic Charities, and intended to be so of the third shortly, and strongly recommended all his brethren to qualify themselves for the same position. He was at the Crystal Palace on the previous Friday with a brother of his and a friend, and there they saw the children of the Girls' School enjoying themselves. His brother asked who the children were, and he told him they were the children of deceased Freemasons, and was proud to say that he was a Life Governor of that Charity. It made his heart bound

when he saw how happy they were. He advocated the Masonic Institutions in vigorous language, and spoke earnestly of the efforts made, and assistance still needed, for the welfare of the widow, the fatherless children, and poor, distressed, and aged brethren. He concluded by thanking them for the reception they had given to the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed. Past Masters Smith and Hastings responded. "The Health of the Officers" was then given and responded to; and then the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Norman, concluded the proceedings. We were shown during the evening a handsome and valuable jewel, which was presented to Past Master Lewis Etheridge, on the 13th of June last, by the brethren initiated by him during his year of office. It is an exceedingly chaste and unique affair, and reflects credit both upon the givers and receiver, and is cherished by Bro. Etheridge as a souvenir of his happy and successful year of office.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above influential lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was well attended by both the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, no less than 113 signing the attendance book. Bro. T. D. Hayes, the W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, as well as of an emergency meeting, held the night before, at which Mr. Ratz was initiated into the Craft, and Bros. Gould and Taylor were raised to the Third Degree. Everything being prepared, Bro. W. B. Lloyd, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hayes in a few appropriate words to Bro. H. Butter, the Installing Officer, who at once proceeded with the ceremony. The time having arrived when all M.M.'s were to leave, a Board of Installed Masters, to the number of twenty-seven, was formed, and Bro. Lloyd was, with the usual ceremonies, installed in the chair of K.S. He was then duly saluted, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. James Chapman, S.W.; R. J. Cook, J.W.; H. Pryce, as proxy for A. Jessop, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; H. Mason, S.D.; R. Edmonds, J.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C. and W.S.; T. Reid, Asst. D.C.; W. Reece, Asst. W.S.; and R. Lester, Tyler. Bro. Butter then completed an exemplary and faultless work by reciting the charges splendidly, the applause of the brethren on the completion of his task being both warm and spontaneous. Bro. Lloyd then, in brief but appropriate terms, presented Bro. Hayes, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the nominal value of ten guineas, in the name of the lodge, and, in pinning it on his breast, wished him many long years of usefulness, both to the lodge and Freemasonry in general. Bro. Hayes suitably replied. A Secretary's jewel, of the same value, was presented to Bro. P.M. Denton, for his long and faithful services to the lodge as its Secretary for a period extending over seventeen years. Bro. Denton returned thanks in suitable terms. It was then proposed and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Butter, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for his able fulfilment of the office of Installing Officer that day. Bro. Butter returned thanks. Bro. P.M. Coupland was then unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Commission. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bray's hotel, the Bull, at Dartford, where a superb banquet awaited them. Among the company present, beside the brethren above mentioned, were Bros. the Rev. — Hill, G. Chaplain of England and Kent; R. W. Sprague, P.M. 91, and Grand Steward, England; Past Masters C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Hastings, P.G.P. Kent; C. E. Fermor, J. McDougall, and W. T. Vincent, of and belonging to the lodge; R. Martin, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; H. Picken, W.M. 1536; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; J. R. Froud, W.M. 503; G. Churchley, W.M. 615; F. Dawson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. Scott-Match, P.M. 706; G. Tapp, P.M. 706; Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; J. Parkes, P.M. 811; W. Perrin, P.M. 1056; Perrin, P.M. Victoria; T. Day, P.M. 1076; H. Shaw, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; T. Hutton, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect 600; J. Black, J.W. 706; D. Deeves, J.W. 1536; E. H. Williams, S.W. 1056; J. Wilkins, J.W. 700; H. Syer, Sec. 13; J. C. Smith, 1744; W. Hellwell, 215; A. Fenn, 700; W. Crane, 907; T. Stacey, 1437; T. Gray, 167 (S.C.); G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, W.S. 700; E. W. Crews, 13; J. I. Chapman, 943; T. Forrester, 1275; J. Epsom, 700; W. Harris, 700; T. Steward, 147; G. Risch, 706; W. Watkins, 1536; C. Hagen, 1107; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. After grace had been said by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M. of England, H.R.H. Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Hill and Sprague. Bro. Hill, in response to the toast, spoke of the vast amount of work done by the Grand Master, and of the many excellent and telling speeches made by him lately at various places and on varied subjects; not only on matters connected with Freemasonry, but on the great and important questions of education, literature, agriculture, manufactures, &c., and of the great knowledge he evidently possessed of the bearings of all and every subject he handled. It ought, and did, indeed, make them proud of their Grand Master. His youngest brother, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, was W.M. of the grand old Lodge of Antiquity, to which Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's Cathedral, belonged, and whose monument was his own magnificent structure. It had been said that all they had to do upon such occasions was to enjoy themselves, and when they had done their dinner they had done their duty, but if those who said that knew, as they knew, how those in power in the Craft worked to carry out some of the

grandest principles and greatest works of the age, they would, as the brethren here assembled, and all other assemblies of Masons, did honour them for their noble work, and glory in having such officers to preside over them. He then spoke of Lord Carnarvon, who, amid the many and incessant claims upon his time, had yet translated some of the grand old Greek tragedies, and it might be fairly asked, "what time had he to do such work in?" Their distinguished brother told them that it was done in his spare moments; but those who knew the wonderful amount of work done by the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master for Masonry alone, would wonder at the industry displayed to get through it. He then spoke of the ability and courtesy of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and concluded by thanking them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," and in putting it the W.M. eulogised the services of Lord Holmesdale in the cause of Freemasonry. The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Hill, Prov. Grand Chaplain, who in the course of a lengthy and eloquent reply thanked them for coupling his name with so important a toast, more especially as he had once before addressed them. He referred to the charitable spirit as evinced by the lodges in the province in glowing terms, and hoped soon, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, to see every lodge in the province a Life Governor of one or more of the Institutions. He spoke of the work done by Bro. Eastes with feelings of regard and wonder, and eulogised the manner in which he distributed year by year the eleven purples at his command. He remembered with pleasure that he was a member of the Pattison Lodge, and of the kindness with which they had at all times received him. He went among them as a brother, and was there that evening as a brother in spirit and in fact. He spoke with pride of the honour done him by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in placing him in the position of G. Chaplain of Grand Lodge, and attributed it to the influence the province held in Masonry under the rule of Lord Holmesdale, and concluded by wishing the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge a pleasant and successful year of office. Bro. Hayes, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of the W.M. He said they all knew for what purpose the W.M. had for a time entrusted him with the gavel. It was to propose "The Health of the W.M." They had seen how energetically and well the W.M. had worked his way through the minor offices of the lodge, and from that admirable working they might draw conclusions as to the manner in which he would carry out the high duties that day entrusted to him, and sedulously do all that he could further the real interests of the lodge. In his (Bro. Hayes') year of office he had the support of every officer and brother of the lodge, and if that support was given, and he felt sure they would give it, there was before the lodge, under the rule of Bro. Lloyd, a pleasant and successful year of office, that would not only be gratifying to the Worshipful Master but of success and prosperity to it in its endeavours to be a pattern lodge in the province. They had placed Bro. Lloyd as the head of the lodge, and they expected him to do his duty, and he, the speaker, was in a position to assure them that the confidence they had reposed in their esteemed W.M. would not be betrayed, or their expectations disappointed. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. The W.M., in response to the toast, thanked them very sincerely for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received at their hands. He would endeavour to serve them faithfully and honestly, and trusted his year of office would reflect no shadow upon the brightness that had hitherto lit up the chair while occupied by the excellent brethren who had preceded him. Nothing should be wanting on his part to prove himself worthy of their selection, but rather, supported by them as Bro. Hayes had so earnestly wished that he might be, he would, he hoped, leave it to his successor as pure and unadulterated as he found it. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and, in responding, Bro. Hayes spoke with pride of the success attained by the son of one of the deceased Past Masters—Bro. A. Allinson—who, at the last examination at the Boys' School, was awarded the gold medal, by the unanimous vote of his schoolfellows, for general efficiency and good conduct. It was something for the lodge to be proud of. The father was a good Mason, and the son was a good lad, and following in his father's footsteps. The gold medal was handed round, and very much admired. Bros. Ellis-Fermor, McDougall, and Coupland as well replied. The other toasts were "The Visitors" and the Tyler's, and then the proceedings terminated. Bro. Salleyer, who had charge of the musical arrangements, was universally complimented for the excellent manner in which he carried out the important duties placed in his hands. Mr. H. Roberts, a son of Bro. J. H. Roberts, presided at the pianoforte.

MONKWEARMOUTH.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. S. Thompson, who was duly elected. Mr. Osborne, a candidate previously elected, was introduced, and made an E.A. Mason. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wardell was examined, and having answered his questions satisfactorily, he retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Wardell was admitted, and received the degree of a M.M. The ceremony was given by Bro. Gray, P.M., in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed, and remained open in the Second Degree, and allowed to remain open in the First Degree, when Mr. J. S. Thompson was admitted, and made an E.A. Mason. Bro. Gray, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., seconded, the re-election

of Bro. Shadforth, P.M., on the Charitable Committee for the province. Bro. Shadforth, in a neat speech, thanked the brethren for the further mark of their confidence. All business being over, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to refreshment.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum-street, Leonard-gate, for the purpose of raising Bro. Newbold to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Helme, the W.M., presided, supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, was subsequently opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Newbold gave proficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Newbold being readmitted, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the traditional portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. H. Longman, P.M. and Sec., who also gave the working tools; the working being gone through with great impressiveness. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and after the usual proclamations had been made, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large muster of the members and visitors. Bro. F. H. McCalmont, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, the W.M., presided. A special invitation had been sent to the Master, Past Masters, and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130, to be present, in answer to which Bros. C. Jellicoe, W.M.; Cole, S.W.; Marshall, Steward; Robertson, J.D.; Weston and Miles, P.M.'s, attended; there were likewise present Bros. Adams, P.M.; Barford, P.M.; Waters, P.M.; Payne, P.M., representing the Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359; R. L. Loveland, P.M., representing the Ryde Lodge, 698, and other brethren representing the Clausentum Lodge, 1461, and the Southampton Lodge, 394. The W.M. having opened the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, questioned Bros. Sharpe and Alden as to the progress they had made in the science, and their answers proving satisfactory, they withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when they were most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., in a manner that fully keeps up the prestige of the lodge for the excellent manner in which the various ceremonies are always worked therein. The W.M., after having thanked the W.M. and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge for responding so cordially to his invitation, closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Some excellent songs were sung between the toasts, and the brethren separated shortly after eleven, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ACCRINGTON.—Equality Lodge (No. 1145).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 10th inst. The brethren present included Bros. John Henry Bury, W.M.; D. Tonks, P.M.; Benj. T. Gosling, S.W.; N. Ruston, J.W.; David Ormerod, P.M., Sec.; Edward Whittaker, acting S.D.; J. Parker, J.D.; John Law, I.G.; S. Edmondson, H. Melhuish, T. Hodgkiss, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). There was very little business before the lodge, which may account for the very poor attendance of the brethren. The W.M. read the circular convening the meeting, after which the minutes of the last gathering were read and confirmed. The W.M. also read communications from the Grand Lodge of England and the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. The following notice of motion was then put to the lodge and carried unanimously, "That a sum not exceeding £20 be lent to the Royal Arch chapter attached to the lodge at five per cent. interest." Bro. Past Master Ormerod proposed, and Bro. Past Master Tonks seconded, that the bye-laws be altered, which proposition was agreed to. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due and solemn form.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at ten a.m., when a large number of the members and visitors assembled at so early an hour. There were present Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; James Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Parkes, J.W.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Henry Hartley, S.D.; R. Cleminson, J.D.; J. D. Bell, I.G.; C. J. W. Stork, S.S.; W. Huntington, J.S.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; E. Shepherd, Assistant Tyler; T. R. Lacey, W. Drinkale, W. Longmire, W.M. 1561; W. King, P. Dutton, W. Bell, J. Davies, R. D. Eves, B.A.; S. S. Lees, W. S. Carr, P.J.W.; W. Sandham, J. S. Stork, E. Smalley, H. Stinyaker, Wm. Jackson, Thos. Armitstead, W. Howson, E. Simpson, P.M. 281, P.G. Purst.; P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298; W. Harrison, P.M. 995; John Case, P.M. 995; G. Ashley, W.M. 1715; J. Mossop, S.W. 1715; T. Westwood, J.W. 1715; R. Taylor, P.M. 281; J. Jowett, I.P.M. 281, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, as referring to the election, installation, and banquet. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. J. Bell, P.M., and J. Acton presented Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M. Royal Standard Lodge, 1298, M.E.Z. elect Joppa Chapter, 188, who went through the whole of the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The lodge having been regularly closed to the First Degree, the W.M. then invested the following officers:—Bros. R. Wolfenden, I.P.M.; W. Parker, S.W.; H. Hartley, J.W.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Rev. R. D. Eves, B.A., Chap.; R. Cleminson, S.D.; Jos. D. Bell,

J.D.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; Jas. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; W. Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; W. King, D.C.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; E. Shepherd, Assistant Tyler. The Installing Master addressed each officer, explaining their responsibilities, and conducted them to their chairs. The W.M., Bro. Ellershaw, presented Bro. Wolfenden, I.P.M., "in the name of the members of the lodge," with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. The following inscription was engraved on the back:—"To Bro. R. Wolfenden, P.M., from the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353, as a token of esteem. July 2nd, 1879." Bro. Wolfenden thanked the brethren for their kindness on this and other occasions, and assured them he should ever remember them with pleasure, and hoped to hand down the jewel to his children as a heirloom. Letters were received from Bro. F. G. Dale, P.M., and a number of other brethren, who were not able to attend, "Bro. Dale through illness," all congratulating the W.M., wishing him and the lodge a prosperous year. After the usual proclamations from the chair, and a hearty response from the visitors, the lodge was closed by the W.M. with solemn prayer, the choir and brethren singing the closing hymn. The banquet was held at Mr. Thos. Rigg's, Grange Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, at 4 p.m., a distance of about sixteen miles by rail. Many of the brethren proceeded by train, others by wagonette. Grange was reached at about two o'clock p.m. During the interval between the arrival and the hour named for dinner a great number of the brethren visited the fine old church at Cartmel, about three miles from Grange, and inspected the many objects of interest contained within and without that venerable pile. Returning to Grange Hotel at the appointed hour, the visitors and members, numbering sixty-six, partook of a very excellent dinner, Bro. J. Ellershaw, the W.M., presiding, and was supported on his right by Bros. P. Dickinson, P.M., the Installing Officer; Y. Dodgson, P.M. 995; J. Case, P.M. 995; Robt. Casson, W.M. 995; W. Hamison, P.M. 995; T. Ashley, W.M. 1715; J. Jowett, P.M. 281; W. Hale, P.M. 281; R. Bruce, 281; and others; on the left by Bros. C. Hartley, P.M.; J. Acton, P.M., Sec.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; W. Longmire, W.M. 1561; W. Wild, J.W. 1561; Rev. R. D. Eves, B.A., Chap.; and others. Bros. W. Parker, S.W., and H. Hartley, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs, and were supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. King, D.C.; W. Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; J. D. Bell, J.D.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; R. Cleminson, S.D.; Armitstead, R. Woods, and others. The table being cleared, and grace said by the Chaplain, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and the usual Masonic and other toasts, which were duly honoured with musical accompaniments. The meeting broke up about half-past eight o'clock, and the party returned home well pleased with the whole day's proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The members of this highly prosperous lodge assembled in large numbers at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Foxteth Park, on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. Alfred Woolrich, S.W., the W.M. elect (and also the efficient and courteous Treasurer of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609). The business of the lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Williams, W.M., who was supported by Bros. S. Nickson, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S., P.M. 1609; B. B. Marson, P.M., Past P.G.S.B., P.M. 1609; S. E. Jbbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Woolrich, S.W.; C. Arden, J.W.; E. Paull, Treas.; J. Keet, Sec.; E. George, S.D.; W. Evans, J.D.; H. P. Squire, I.G.; W. Parrington, S.; R. E. Mitton, S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. Amongst the numerous members present were Bros. J. Ashley, J. Davidson, R. Leigh, J. Howe, E. Fowler, F. Lowe, E. Harnden, W. Davies, T. Lavis, W. A. Hooper, A. J. Sark, W. W. Barry, J. Leitch, T. Bryson, J. Booth, S. P. Gore, W. J. Constantine, I.P.M. 1609; J. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; R. W. Chatham, J. Casement, J. H. Hunt, W. R. Jones, W. Roberts, J. Atkinson, Sec. 1609; T. Comello, B. Holgate, T. Williams, J. D. Foster, A. Appleton, W. Morris, P. Askew, J. Neill, D. Graham, J. Wainwright, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. W. Coxon, 1675; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; R. W. Lowry, 1393; J. M. Bennett, P.M. 1350; R. H. Exton, S.W. 1380; W. Savage, S.S. 1609; H. Wilson, 1356; W. J. Henderson, 1393; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; A. Barclay, Sec. 1182; P. Lowndes, 1609; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; I. Devaynes, P.M. 667; D. Pender, 1570; J. R. Jones, 1675; W. R. West, P.M. 758; T. Holder, 1182; E. Griffiths, 724; J. Hill, 1609; J. Shrapnell, 1609; A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; J. Potter, 1182; R. Pigby, 758; J. Skcaf, P.G.O.; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; J. Johnson, J.W. 1675; A. Morrisson, P.M. 1570; H. Firth, W.M. 667; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; R. Barnes, 241; D. Jackson, I.P.M. 673; T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; T. Davis, 1182; and others. After the transaction of some preliminary formal business, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M. P.G.S., who installed Bro. A. Woolrich in the position of Worshipful Master in a manner which elicited the warmest admiration and commendation of all the brethren present. The officers invested were Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; T. Nickson, P.M. D.C.; C. Arden, S.W.; J. Keet, J.W.; E. Paull, Treas. (re-elected); E. George, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; R. E. Mitton, J.D.; G. Ashley, I.G.; J. Lees, S.S.; B. Holgate, J.S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given from about a score of lodges, the brethren adjourned for dinner. During the after proceedings the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a Past Master's jewel and diamond ring were presented to Bro. Williams, I.P.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, the old place of meeting, the Sir Robert Peel, on Anglesea Hill, not being upon this occasion available, through some mistake or misunderstanding on the part of the proprietor, Bro. Garbett. The lodge was opened soon after two o'clock by Bro. H. G. Picken, W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting and the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Shaw, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Picken, who, on this occasion, followed the invariable course laid down by his predecessors in the matter, and installed his successor in a most excellent and satisfactory manner; every one present bearing unqualified testimony to the care and precision with which the whole ceremony was carried out. Bro. Shaw then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. D. Deeves, S.W.; W. Welding, J.W.; Rev. C. A. Solbé, M.A., Chap.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; T. Holleyman, S.D.; C. Buckland, J.D.; W. Watkins, I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; J. Anderson, D.C.; and P. A. Saunders, W.S. Bro. Picken was then presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year, and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented to him, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the manner in which he had conducted and carried out that day the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. Picken having suitably replied, "Hearty good wishes" were wished by the representatives of the several lodges present, and then the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sped away to the Pier Hotel, Erith, where Bro. Wain had a superb banquet awaiting them. The following visitors and brethren were among those present:—Bro. F. G. Pownall, P.M., P.P.D.G.S. of Works Kent; W. Weston, both P.M.'s of the lodge; of the P.M.'s belonging to the lodge were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P. G. J. W. Kent; Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G. J. W. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; J. J. Donolly, W.M. 706; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; T. Triptree, 1326; G. Nicholls, 1567; E. Palmer, 913; F. Lyons, 913; W. Lomax, 913; G. H. Gray, 158; T. Ludford, 215; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M.," being drunk with enthusiasm by the brethren, who, as soldiers, are actuated by but one feeling in respect to the Queen, her heirs, and successors. To that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," a warm and flattering reception was accorded, and in response to that of "The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Coupland and Pownall replied in eloquent terms, and Bro. Picken then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said he had very great pleasure in rising to propose the toast. Their Bro. Shaw, who had that day been placed in the chair of the lodge, was, as many of them knew, one of the founders of the lodge, and had been through all the minor offices, and he, (Bro. Picken) could conscientiously say that he did not believe that he had been absent from his duties once during the whole period of his connection with it. No one, he was sure, but must have seen the great and unceasing interest Bro. Shaw took in the lodge, and now that he had reaped the reward of those services, they wished him every prosperity, and had confidence that he would carry out the duties entrusted to him to the honour and reputation of the lodge. Bro. Shaw, who was enthusiastically received, in response, said he thanked them most sincerely for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. He could assure them that that evening was one of the proudest of his life. He should always remember with pride and anxiety the day he was placed in that chair; pride because it was an object worthy of the highest ambition of his Masonic life, and anxiety because he felt the heavy responsibilities laid upon him. It was a difficult task to carry out the duties attached to it so as to please every one, and at the same time look to the efficiency of its officers and its general welfare, but he would promise to do his best in both cases, and asked them to give him every assistance in furthering the interests of the lodge in every way, and then he should look forward to a year of harmony and brotherly love. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," and, in putting it, the W.M. especially complimented Bro. P.M. Picken upon the splendid ceremony he had so well and ably performed that day. Bro. Picken said, he being the I.P.M., the duty of responding fell into his hands, but, being a very young Past Master, he hardly knew what to say. They had their esteemed Past Master, Bro. Pownall, the first Master of the lodge, present, and they all knew how eloquent he was; he should, therefore, leave the toast in his hands to respond to. For himself, he should stand by the W.M. as his predecessors had stood by him. Bro. Pownall then, in a lengthy and eloquent address, spoke of the rise and progress of the lodge since its consecration four years ago, when upwards of 150 brethren assembled to see the lodge launched upon its eventful career. It was a great source of pride to him to have been its first Master. It was intended to be a home for the military brethren in Woolwich, and had well fulfilled the intention of its founders, as it was continually receiving brethren from all parts of the world. He laid a great deal of the success that had attended it to Bros. W. Weston, Spinks, Picken, Shaw, Deeves, and others, and said their efforts had made it one of the first in the province. He concluded by trusting to be long spared to come among them, and to hold, as he trusted he still held, the same affectionate regard in their hearts that they had upon so many occasions evinced towards him. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and

Bros. Hutton, Woodley, and Lloyd responded. Bro. Picken then, by the permission of the W.M., rose to propose the toast of "Absent Brethren," and, in so doing, regretted the absence from among them that night of Bro. Past Master G. Spinks, who was now in Zululand, and fighting the battles of his country against a savage and merciless foe. None of them would ever forget the year that that brother was at the head of the lodge, or the magnificent manner in which he installed him (Bro. Picken) into the chair. He trusted he might be spared through the dangers of his position, which, after all, was what every British soldier loved to face for his Queen and country; and that he might be spared to return home to them, and again take his seat among the Past Masters of the lodge. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then, after Bro. Ben Norman had given the Tyler's toast, and Bro. Jolly, had responded for "The Masonic Press," the brethren separated. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bros. C. Buckland, H. Harding, G. Smith, W. Taylor, and R. Anderson.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The annual installation gathering of this well-conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Bro. J. H. Parker, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. Marshall, I.P.M., Councillor; W. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Councillor J. A. Forrest, P.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; Roger Warriner, S.W.; J. Haynes, Treas.; W. Ladyman, Sec.; J. McGuire, S.D.; A. J. Caddock, J.D.; W. H. Hignett, I.G.; W. Stonier, S.; R. D. Hewitson, J.S.; A. Soldat, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present on this occasion included Bros. M. Guthrie, Councillor E. Grindley, B. Ripley, R. Roberts, T. Maries, S. Butterworth, R. Thompson, C. Birchall, J. Parry, J. D. Rea, and others. The visitors who assisted at the ceremony were Bros. Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Howorth, P.M. 667; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; F. G. Fisher, J.W. 1299; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; J. F. Callow, P.G. Treas.; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Webster, S.W. 823; J. Korn, P.M. 1264; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; P. Macmullin, P.P.G.S.D.; J. P. Bryan, Organist 1086; T. Hatton, 203, and others. After the transaction of some necessary initial business, Bro. Roger Warriner was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bros. J. H. Parker and S. Haynes in an exceedingly able manner. The officers invested were Bros. J. H. Parker, I.P.M.; J. Duncan, jun., S.W. (by proxy); W. Ladyman, J.W.; J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas.; J. C. McGuire, Sec.; C. J. Caddock, S.D.; W. H. Hignett, J.D.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; T. J. Farrell, Org.; W. Stonier, I.G.; F. W. A. Soldat, S.S.; R. Ripley, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The installation ceremony having concluded, the brethren sat down to dinner, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. Wood, of Bold-street. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. H. Parker, as an acknowledgment of the services of the latter during his official connection with the lodge.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Sawyer, W.M.; C. T. Young, S.W.; John G. Horsey, J.W.; E. A. Head, Sec.; S. Davison, S.D.; Wm. Rudge, J.D.; J. G. Galway, I.G.; C. W. Noehmer, P.M.; John Noke, P.M.; W. H. Hook, I.P.M.; C. Absalom, J. H. Heckford, Jas. E. Woodbridge, Jno. Woodbridge, W. Harwood, Jas. Cooper, Jas. Hare, R. G. Goodson, E. Dickman, G. Woolgar, and W. Pile. Visitors: Bros. George Bond, P.G.S.B. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, P.M. Portsmouth, 487 and 1069; C. W. Hudson, W.M. Royal Oak, 315; Bro. Sinnock, 315; W. C. Banks, W.M. Amherst 1223; Kempster, P.M. 1420; D. J. Robinson, I.P.M. Industry, 186; Jno. Seax, P.M. 186; A. Black, P.M. 186; John Gillett, 186; Smith, 186; Chubb, 186; Thompson, 1036; A. Billeyard, 1297; Harland, 463; O. Newman, 616; W. Hamlyn, 1622; T. Bigg, 781; W. W. Heasman; Oakman, 1420; Margetson, East Surrey; and J. Ridge, Surrey Lodge of Concord. The lodge was opened at two p.m. in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the reception of the Auditors' report postponed until next meeting, a candidate for passing, Bro. Pile, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second, when the brother first named was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. John G. Horsey, was then presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. Noehmer, the acting D.C. After the conclusion of the first part of the ceremony, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The offices of the lodge having been declared vacant, and Bros. Robinson and Noke placed respectively in the chairs of the S.W. and J.W., all below the rank of Installed Masters then retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted, proclaimed, and greeted, Bro. John G. Horsey, as W.M., invested Bro. C. Sawyer, the Installing Master, as I.P.M., and then closed the Board. The brethren were then readmitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in each of the Three Degrees. The following brethren were then invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year, and each addressed with regard to the teaching of their emblems of office, situations, and duty, viz.: Bro. S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; W. Hale, P.M., Treasurer; C. Sawyer, I.P.M., Secretary; Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; J. H. Walker, I.G.; James E. Woodbridge, W.S.; F. Sargeant, Tyler; and Noehmer, D.C., the W.M. remarking, when investing the latter, that he was thankful to him for accepting the office of D.C., and thus giving the lodge the benefit of his valuable experience. The Installing Master

then delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren, and explained at length the working tools. Bro. Sawyer rendered the installation ceremony with great care, and in a most able and impressive manner, which called forth much praise from many of the brethren at the close of the proceedings. The W.M. then rose and said that he now had a most pleasing duty to perform, viz., that of presenting to Bro. Sawyer, I.P.M., the very handsome jewel voted to him by the brethren of the lodge for the able and beneficial manner in which he, as W.M., had conducted its affairs during the past year, and he added also that the lodge had very much to thank Bro. Sawyer for since the formation of the lodge of which he was one of the founders, and expressed a fervent hope that he might live long to wear the jewel. Bro. Sawyer, on thanking the brethren of the lodge for this token of their esteem and recognition of his services, was greeted with much acclamation. Bro. Noehmer then announced to the brethren that the handsome gauntlets then worn by the W.M. and the Wardens had just been presented by the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, and in accordance with his motion a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Davison, S.W., then proposed three candidates for initiation, and, after some other business the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was held in the spacious market room of the hotel. After grace had been sung at its conclusion, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In giving that of "The R.W. the Grand Master of the Province, Sir Walter Burrell, Bart, M.P., the V.W. the Pro G.M. of the Province, Bro. Scott, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed his regret that he had not the honour of their attendance on this occasion, having received from the Prov. Grand Secretary a letter, stating that they were prevented from attending through a prior engagement. The I.P.M. proposed "The Worshipful Master," in terms of great praise, and expressed his conviction, from his intimate knowledge of Bro. Horsey, that his would be a highly successful year, and that the brethren of the lodge would at its close find that nothing had been neglected that would tend to its advantage. The toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm. The names of Bros. C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315, and W. C. Banks, W.M. 1223, having been coupled with "The Visitors" toast, they responded briefly, and expressed on behalf of the other visitors and themselves the pleasure they had enjoyed at the kindness extended to them that day by the brethren of the Sackville Lodge. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. C. Sawyer had rendered the ceremony of installation, and in that of "The Officers," to the energy one and all had displayed for the welfare of the lodge, but particularly to Bros. Davison, S.W., Head, J.W., and Rudge, S.O., who had rendered great service. During the evening many songs were sung in excellent style, among which may be particularly mentioned those of Bros. W. H. Hook, W. Hamlyn, and Chubb. Bro. A. Billeyard gave three recitations with great force and effect. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The London brethren left for East Grinstead by the 10.15 a.m. train from London Bridge Station, to which was attached a saloon carriage for their sole use by the kindness of the L. B. and S. C. Railway Company.

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RYDE.—East Medina Chapter (No. 175).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, John-street, on Friday, the 4th inst. The Principals for the ensuing year were regularly and ably installed in their respective offices by Ex. Comp. E. S. Main, P.Z. 342, 901, &c. The Principals are Comps. Newman, Z.; Wilks, H.; and Palmer, J. The other officers were invested, and the charges peculiar to the ceremony of installation were well given by the Installing Principal, Ex. Comp. Newman, Z., in a feeling speech dwelt on the many good qualities of the I.P.Z., Comp. Richard Loveland Loveland, and presented him with a Past First Principal's jewel. The companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a first class dinner was served, and the loyal Masonic toasts were ably given and enthusiastically received. This chapter, which was lying dormant for many years, was re-suscitated by Ex. Comp. Henry Cawte, P.Z. of 342, who has worked most energetically to place it in its present position.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Friday evening, the 27th ult., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool. There were present Comps. J. Wells, M.E.Z., P.G.D.C., P.Z., &c.; J. Lunt, P.Z., P.P. D.C., and Treas.; J. C. Lunt, P.Z.; G. E. Hanmer, H.; J. Ellis, J.; G. J. Townsend, P.S.; J. Lece, A.S.; W. G. West, acting S.E.; J. J. Durant, R. Beckett, J. D. Reader, J. S. Savage, F. B. Bramham, D. Graham, and others. The visitors were Comps. B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z., &c., 203; J. Hayes, P.G.S., H. 594; E. Paul, A.S. 1356; A. Woolwich, Treas. 1356; J. C. Burrough, H. 673; W. F. May, P.Z. 673, 580, 220; C. Birch, S.N. 203; J. C. Fish, 1094; R. Farrell, 1094; J. Davison, 823; W. E. Coxon, 292; J. Croxton, 249. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the usual business having been gone through, a chapter of First Principals was formed, when Comp. John Lunt, P.Z., &c., duly installed, in a most able and impressive manner, the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. G. E. Hanmer, M.E.Z.; J. Ellis, H.; and G. J. Townsend, J. The companions were then admitted, and duly elected Comps. C. Bargery, 660, and J. Croxton, 249, as joining members of the chapter, also Bro. Hugh Davidson, of Lodge No. 1393, for exaltation.

The M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. W. G. West, S.E.; J. Bramham, S.N.; Isaac Leece, P.S.; C. Bargerly, A.S.; J. D. Reader, A.S.; H. Williamson being again appointed Janitor. Bro. Hugh Davidson was regularly admitted, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch in a most impressive manner. The remaining portion of the business being concluded, the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, when the companions adjourned to the spacious banquet-room, where ample justice was done to the good things provided by Bro. James Casey, whose catering gave general satisfaction. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and received from the company a hearty and generous response. "The Health of the Principals" received quite an ovation, and was responded to by Comps. G. E. Hamner, J. Ellis, and G. J. Townsend in very appropriate terms. The M.E.Z., in rising to propose the next toast, said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to ask the companions to drink with him "The Health of their worthy Comp. Jno. Wells, I.P.Z." The prosperity of the chapter during his year of office was marked by more than ordinary success, and he believed it was in a great measure due to the zeal and ability with which he had always discharged the duties connected with the chapter and the Craft in general. In placing upon his breast the valuable jewel the companions had been pleased to present him with, he (the M.E.Z.) sincerely hoped that he might long be spared among them to enjoy the good opinion and wishes of the companions. The toast was enthusiastically received, and, in responding, Comp. Wells thanked the M.E.Z. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the companions for their very hearty response, as well as for the valuable jewel they had been pleased to present him with. It would be to him at any future times a pleasing duty to do all in his power to promote the welfare and harmony of the chapter, with which he had now been connected over eight years. Comp. Joseph Ellis was entrusted with the next toast, that of "Comp. Jno. Lunt, P.Z., 'Treas., the Installing Officer," which was duly honoured, and called forth a very feeling response from Comp. Lunt. Comp. H. W. Rowson, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z. 203, responded for "The Visitors." During the evening the companions had the pleasure of listening to some capital songs by Comp. J. D. Reader, and others. After a most pleasant and happy meeting, the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this provincial chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Island Hotel. There were present amongst others Comp. E. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Fredk. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., M.E.Z. elect; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., H. elect; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middx., &c., J. elect; Baldwin, P.Z., acting S.E.; Faulkner, acting S.N.; Ockenden, acting P.S.; and Haslett. The visitors were Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z. Macdonald, &c.; and Lamb, Prudent Brethren. The minutes of the election convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Thiellay vacated the chair in favour of Comp. J. Stevens, who most ably installed Comps. Walters, W. Hammond, and Walls as First, Second, and Third Principals. He then delivered the beautiful addresses appertaining to this degree, which are seldom given, but are most instructive in their character. Comp. Thiellay was then presented with a Past Principal's jewel, in recognition of his services, and he made a suitable response in acknowledgment of the honour. Previously to the chapter being closed, upon the motion of Comps. Walls and Hammond, Comp. James Stevens, for his services to the chapter, was unanimously elected an honorary member. The officers invested for the year were Comp. W. Hammond, H.; Walls, J.; Thiellay, I.P.Z. and Treas.; Baldwin, S.E.; Faulkner, S.N.; T. Ockenden, P.S.; Haslett, 1st Assistant. The chapter having been duly closed, the companions partook of refreshment, and shortly afterwards separated.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The members of this lodge met at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. T. Moore, P.G.I.G., P.M. 139, in the chair, with Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; W. Ackland, acting M.O.; Wood, acting S.O.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Baldwin, Sec.; and Rawles, acting Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and several apologies for non-attendance were read by the Secretary. A number of candidates were down for advancement, but only one, Bro. C. J. Axford (Royal Hanover), being in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The ballot was then taken for the W.M., when Bro. McKay, S.W., was unanimously elected; for Treasurer, when Bro. H. Lovegrove was unanimously elected; and Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. Bros. G. Clark, M.O., and Moss, J.D., were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. The lodge was closed at 8 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. It was decided to work the Royal Ark Mariner Degree in connection with the lodge, on the motion of Bro. H. Lovegrove, J.W. The visitors were Bros. Larham, P.M. 139, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and Brown, 198, Prov. G. Steward.

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Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The meeting for installation of M.P.S. and consecration of Viceroy, &c., was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The throne was occupied by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. G. A. Green, supported by the Viceroy, Sir Knt. C. G. Adames, M.P.S. elect, and a good attendance of members. The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. E. W. Kemp and J. Graham Niven were entrusted, admitted, installed, and proclaimed. The Recorder read a letter received from the Ill. Grand Sovereign for England and Scotland, Col. F. Burlett, regretting very much his inability to attend the installation on account of multiplicity of engagements. It was also announced that the Viceroy elect, Sir Knt. Wm. Tuck, was unable to attend on account of domestic bereavement. A resolution was unanimously carried that the Recorder write Sir Knt. Tuck a letter of condolence in the name of the officers and members. A vote of thanks was accorded Sir Knt. H. G. Richardson, upon receipt of a handsome and useful present to the conclave. P.S. J. Harrison presented Sir Knt. C. G. Adames to the Presiding Officer for the honour of entronement. A Senate of Sovereigns was opened in form, and Sir Knt. Adames was entrusted, and admitted to the Third Grade of the Order. The Senate was closed, the Sir Knrs. readmitted, and the M.P.S. invested the officers: P.S. J. Harrison, Viceroy, pro-tem.; R. Osborne, Sen. Gen.; E. J. Smith, Jun. Gen.; J. W. Stroud, H.P.; J. Clay, P.S., Treasurer; A. R. Robinson, G. Herald. Rec.; G. F. Brown, Assistant Rec.; J. F. Bicalupo, Prefect; H. G. Richardson, Sub-Prefect; G. Watson, Org.; A. J. Reed, S. Bearer; G. W. Smith, Sen. Aide; J. E. Buck, Jun. Aide; T. P. Hall, Herald; G. Reading and S. C. Heath, Stewards. The conclave was closed in solemn form at eight p.m. The Sir Knights adjourned to the George Hotel, where an elegant banquet awaited them, and to which they and several Craft brethren did ample justice. The usual Red Cross toasts were duly given and cordially responded to, and, after a most enjoyable evening, the company separated at twelve.

UNITED STATES.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, held their fifth annual conclave at Worcester on the 11th June. Various amendments to the constitution were proposed. New York city was chosen as the place of meeting for next year. The date fixed was on the first Tuesday in October, 1880. The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Sov. Grand Master, Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Deputy Grand Master, John L. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Eminent Grand Viceroy, John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass.; Ill. First Lieutenant, John B. Borden, of New Brunswick, N.J.; Ill. Second Lieutenant, George Scott, of Paterson, N.J.; Grand Treasurer General, N. G. Tuckner, of Worcester, Mass.; Grand Regent General, Albert G. Goodall, of New York city; Right Rev. Prelate, George E. Boydon, of Worcester, Mass.; Grand High Chancellor, Charles D. Freeman, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Seneschell, Fred. G. Wiese, of New Jersey; Grand Prior, John W. Cook, of Louisville, Ky.; Grand Chamberlain, J. H. Miles, of Chicago, Ill.; Grand Standard Bearer, John D. Williams, of Elmira, N.Y.; Grand Marshal, Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Mass.; Grand Herald, Samuel Burns, of Lancaster, Pa.; Grand Captain of Guards, William F. Engelhardt, of Philadelphia, Pa.

On Thursday A.M., June 12, 1879, the Grand High Chapter of the Grand Cross for the United States was opened, and the following Sir Knights were elected for the ensuing year: C. F. Knapp, of Pennsylvania, Sov. Master; Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Viceroy, John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass.; First Lieutenant; Samuel Burns, of Lancaster, Pa.; Second Lieutenant; John L. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Treasurer General; Albert G. Goodall, of New York city, Registrar.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—Sphinx Chapter, Rose Croix.—On Thursday, the 17th April, being the first Thursday after Easter (or Maundy Thursday), the election of officers for the ensuing year in the above chapter, hailing under the Supreme Council for New Zealand, took place at their Grand East, at six o'clock p.m., when E. and P. Bro. J. O. Eva was unanimously elected as M.W.S., and afterwards enthroned in an impressive manner by illustrious Bro. W. Caldwell, 33° S.G.C. of the said Supreme Council. Subsequently the following officers were elected and appointed to their respective duties in the chapter: Bros. Hodgkins, R.P.P.; Finch, S.W.; Marsden, J.W.; Court, Treasurer; Graham, Secretary; Nisbet, M.C.; Robertson, C.; Smith, I.G. Comps. Roberts and Calder having been perfected in the 18th Degree, and the chapter duly closed, the brethren adjourned at eight o'clock to the City Hotel, where a banquet was held, at which they most hospitably entertained the members of the Supreme Council of New Zealand. After the cloth was removed the following toasts were duly proposed, honoured Masonically, and suitably responded to, viz, "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, the Head of the S.C. of England and Wales," "The Governor of New Zealand," "Supreme Councils throughout the World," "The Supreme Council for New Zealand," "The Sphinx Rose Croix Chapter," "Sister Chapters in New Zealand, Memphis, Cleopatra, and Zola," "Rose Croix Chapters under the English and Scottish Councils in New Zealand," "Our kind Hosts," "All Poor and Distressed Brethren." Several of

the brethren contributed towards the success and harmony of the proceedings by singing some excellent songs, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present, an evidence of the bond of union existing between the brethren of the Sphinx Rose Croix Chapter and the members of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

MASONIC FAIR.

The kind assistance of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom is invited towards a fair, which is to be held in the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, on the 15th September next. In the fire which devastated that city two years ago, the lodges, chapters, &c., lost all of their property, a very small portion of which was insured. In addition to this, many Masons lost everything that they possessed. About £2000 was contributed to a Masonic Relief Fund, chiefly from other parts of Canada, the United States, and Ireland, the grant from the Grand Lodge of England going into the General Relief Fund, and not to the Masonic Fund. All of this money was expended in relieving individual distress, and none of it was used in restoring Masonic property. The Craft owned a lot of land, from which the erections were of course swept away, and they have now erected a new hall. But, the previous distress, added to the stringency of the times, has made their task a very difficult one, and to relieve them this fair is projected. Many of our brethren in the United Kingdom know something of St. John, and for the sake of old colonial associations and connections would, no doubt, be glad to assist the brethren in their enterprise; many, even, who have no personal knowledge of the place, would perhaps be willing to aid, under the special circumstances which we have recounted, our spirited colonial brethren.

For many years the Masons of New Brunswick were under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and although that connection no longer exists, the same Masonic spirit and feeling animates them, the same Masonic policy governs them, that animate and govern us, and so far as we can do so, we should help them.

The scheme of the fair embraces articles of industry of all kinds, of art, and of natural products.

Contributions of articles, or of money, can be sent to Bro. George Kenning, London; Bro. William T. Wilkinson, 58, Rathmines-road, Dublin, Ireland; Bro. Alexander Hay, 45, Princes-street, Edinburgh, Scotland; or to Bro. Charles Masters (one of the members of the Fair Committee, who is at present in England), care of Messrs. Clementson Brothers, Hanley, Staffordshire. The address of the Secretary of the Fair Committee is Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly meeting of the General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday last. Present: Bro. Col. Craton, in the chair, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. H. Perryman, Thos. Meggy, A. E. Gladwell, Richard Tyrrell, J. Rawson, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary (Bro. Binckes) read the advertisement convening the meeting, also the minutes of the last General Court and the minutes of the General Committee recommending a list of seventy-seven candidates from which to elect sixteen boys to enter the Institution on the 13th October next.

Bro. Rawson, before the minutes were confirmed, appealed to the Committee on behalf of a candidate for whom a petition had been forwarded from Hong Kong. The father belonged to the United Service Lodge. The first petition sent miscarried, and after some correspondence a second petition was forwarded to a brother at Plymouth, and through some misapprehension it was not forwarded immediately. After considerable delay it was sent to him (Bro. Rawson), but arrived too late to be submitted to the General Committee. Bro. Rawson, therefore, urged that under the circumstances the General Court should deal with the matter, accept the petition, and add the name to the list of candidates.

The Chairman said it was very unfortunate, because, though he was sure they would all like to do a kind action, it was very doubtful whether the General Court possessed the necessary power.

Bro. Woodford suggested that the real point was, that they had no report from the General Committee.

The Secretary read the rules bearing on the question; but the Chairman said that he must take higher ground, and rule that they could not deal with a motion from Bro. Rawson because they had received no notice of such motion. On this ground alone they could not deal with the question. The Chairman said that the next business before them was Bro. Meggy's notice of the following motion:—"That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes."

Bro. Meggy requested that, as this meeting was a very small one, he should be allowed to postpone his motion to the next meeting of the Quarterly General Court, as he thought that the matter was of such importance that it was desirable there should be every opportunity given for a full discussion of it. He also requested to be allowed to modify the proposed motion by substituting the word "consider" for "regulate," and adding at the end of the motion the words "and to report to the next General Court."

The request having been agreed to, the sitting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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We have received an interesting letter from Bro. G. Clement, of the Rite Ecco of Paris, to which we shall call attention in a leader next week.

A. S.—"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published at the office of the *Freemason*, contains the information asked for, and a complete list of lodges.

The following reports stand over:—

- Masons Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool.
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hull Packet," "Masonic Newspaper," "Die Bauhütte," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance," "Essex Independent," "Cornwall Gazette," "Masonic Advocate," "Report District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Report District Grand Lodge of Bengal," "Cornish Telegraph," "Yorkshire Gazette," "Musical Eclectic," "Keystone," "Canadian Craftsman."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BOOKER.—On the 12th inst., at Sproxtton Vicarage, Leicestershire, the wife of the Rev. Arthur W. Booker, of a daughter.

WATTS-RUSSELL.—On the 11th inst., at 29, Coleherne-road, S.W., the wife of Mr. E. Watts-Russell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—DUNCAN.—On the 10th inst., at All Saints', West Ham, by the Rev. — Clarkson, Wm. H. C. Jackson, of Forest Gate, to Katie, daughter of Mr. C. W. Duncan, of Holly-terrace, Leytonstone-road, Stratford.

DEATHS.

BURTON.—On the 11th inst., at Eastbourne, Mr. Edward Frederick Burton, of 37, Lincoln's-inn-fields, aged 61 years.

JOSEPH.—On the 12th inst., at Hastings, Mr. Maurice Joseph, of 61, Finchley New-road, St. John's-wood, N.W., in his 47th year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1879.

THE HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK.

We have in this now old and cherished watchword for all loyal Englishmen both a gracious memory of the past, a happy trust for the present, a confiding hope for the future. As English patriots and English Freemasons, we may always gladly realize how much we owe, nationally and Masonically, to that Royal Family of ours, under whose tolerant and genial auspices we have beheld liberty consolidated, empire extended, and equal rights preserved faithfully, both in sacredness and certainty, for all classes of our loyal people. Nothing is so marvellous to the contemplative mind to-day, as we unveil the great map of the world or study the annals of nations, as to notice how, amid dissolved empires, and even collapsed republics, the great and goodly monarchy of England has stood, like our white and stately cliffs, erect amid those convulsions and disruptions under which other States and many peoples have gone down, or fallen from liberty, from greatness, and from empire. It is, indeed, alike affecting and yet gratifying to note and to feel how everything, both of national constitution and legal prescription, seems to minister to the happiness and contentment, and safety, and protection of us all alike, and how that in all its part and principles the great and goodly machine of our limited monarchy is more conducive, in our humble opinion, than any other form of known government, to the maintenance of law, order, property, as well as social contentment and general individual liberty. We flatter ourselves that this cohesion of all classes and all conditions in our great country, resulting partly from our admirable constitutions, partly from the genius of our people, has been cemented and intensified by the beneficent rule of that illustrious House under whose protecting ægis arts and commerce alike have flourished, and the peaceful progress of Great Britain, the rights of nations, and the liberties of the world have been alike upheld, extended, preserved, and developed in a wonderful measure. As Freemasons we can recall gratefully to-day the simple but speaking fact, that three Princes of Wales in succession have been connected with our Order, and two have been Grand Masters of English Freemasonry, and that in a past generation, as in the present, the loyalty of Freemasonry has been gratified and the prestige of Freemasonry has been enhanced by the kindly presence and un-failing countenance of successive members of our Royal Family. We who live in this generation can recall with pride the fact, full of meaning, reality, and importance as it is, that we have seen three Royal brothers claiming our name, wearing our insignia, and fulfilling effectively the duties of their appointed offices. But there is another feature of the constant, ceaseless discharge of their public duties by our Royal Family, to which as Freemasons and citizens of our loyal monarchy we can look with peculiar feelings of pleasure and pride. The late Prince Consort, in a remarkable speech at the Trinity House, which can still be read with profit by us all, told an appreciative and applauding audience that at the time he spoke the Royal Family were discharging the duties incumbent upon their high station, and that the Prince of Wales was in Canada, and Prince Alfred, now the Duke of Edinburgh, was at the Cape of Good Hope. Hardly a day passes over our heads but we hear and see how ready the Royal Family is to take part in all that tends to keep together the great institutions, whether social, medical, literary, artistic, or humanitarian, of our common country, and how their presence serves to give strength and encouragement to local efforts and praiseworthy undertakings. There are few benevolent undertakings for our hospitals or institutions for the relief of human suffering, the encouragement of thrift, the mitigation of the sorrows and trials of mortality, to which their ever ready patronage does not afford support and strengthen the hands of the governing bodies. The

gracious words and the kindly sympathy of the Prince and Princess of Wales, whether at the Hospital for Incurables, only the other day, or the School for the Blind, are of incalculable good and importance, and in humble homes and by grateful hearts their genial utterances and pleasant smiles will long be proudly treasured and eagerly talked about. As our Grand Master said so well on Tuesday week, "We all of us do our best to relieve those who are in pain and to alleviate the misfortunes which attend the suffering." It is most gratifying to us all, as Freemasons and as patriots, to note these unceasing labours of our Royal Family to promote the happiness, comfort, amelioration of the sick, afflicted, and suffering, and to strengthen by such zealous sympathy that attachment and devotion to that Royal House, under whose kindly and sagacious Regimé our great country speeds on its way in strength and honour, alike for the happiness and stability of a contented people, as for the peace and progress, nay safety, of the world.

POSITIVISM AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

By a paragraph from the *Times*, which appeared in our last impression, it would seem as if that eminent Positivist, Professor Littré, was very anxious to make French Freemasonry "Positivist," too. Professor Littré is the well-known individual in deference to whose "Positivist" scruples the then existing ritual of French Freemasonry at his initiation was suppressed and altered, and it will be in the recollection of some of our readers that from the date of his admission, so un-Masonically, in our opinion, and with such an unworthy departure from Masonic precedent and law, that ill-omened agitation commenced in the lodges under the Grand Orient of France, fostered by a violent and unscrupulous party, which has practically reduced the Grand Orient of France to a non-Masonic body, whose jurisdiction is more than questionable, whose position is detrimental to Freemasonry, and mournful and humiliating, in our humble but honest opinion, in the highest degree. And here we have Frere Littré, as he is termed by French Freemasons, proposing to introduce into Freemasonry the most doubtful and debateable of the current philosophic-crazes of the hour. The French Freemasons are to subscribe funds, forsooth, to found and endow a Positivist University. What for? To please Frere Littré, and, to use the professor's own euphonious and antithetical expressions, "to compete both with the orthodoxy of the Church, and the eclecticism of the State." Well, we wish to ask to-day quietly and calmly in the peaceful columns of the *Freemason*, what has Freemasonry proper to do with such things at all? What has it to do with Positivism, or any other ism? How is it concerned in such abnormal schemes as these? This is just the very tendency of what Bros. Hubert, Lechaut, and others, more, perhaps, than some are aware of, complain of in France, namely, to render Freemasonry a section and a faction; this is just the unfortunate and un-Masonic position of affairs which the Grand Orient of France has taken up, and which we decline to recognize or sanction in England. You may give to "Positivism," if you like, the name of a "belief," or the appellation of a philosophy, but, after all is said and done, what can it be to English Freemasons, believing and accepting the Bible as God's Word, but positive infidelity? What is it but an attempt, (a mournful attempt according to us), to glorify humanity at the expense of all that is divine, of all that is sacred and cherished by us, of all that we are taught to accept or to receive? To make Freemasonry and Positivism convertible terms to claim for that "religion" to which from our entrance into Freemasonry we have been taught to believe that Freemasonry itself is a handmaid and a friend, the name of Positivism, is an insult to right, reason, and common honesty; an abject parody on all which as Masons and even mortals, we have been accustomed to accept as our hope and trust and consolation alike for time and for eternity. It may be that by some jesuitical non-naturalism, some specious and subtle reasoning, we may evade the true force of

logic, and the right meaning of words, but, in plain speaking, such an attempt seems to point to an obliquity of the "moral vision," to an utter impossibility of discerning the difference between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, what even men are accustomed to consider honest and fair dealing. It is, in our view, but a "crowning," so to say, of those most intolerant proceedings, which have sought to change the old, reverent, and believing French Freemasonry, which drew its vital breath and happier impulses from the open and manly teaching of our English Grand Lodge, into a hopeless Nihilism on the one hand, or rampant Positivism on the other, and to give to our great and goodly religious cosmopolitan Order the name and the character of a childish philosophy, a political faction, of an unbelieving craze.

A PIOUS FRAUD.

We are indebted to our excellent contemporary for the following amusing tale of a "pious fraud" and some poor Masonic victims. Listen, kind friends, as Bro. J. P. McCalla so well puts it, as to how some of the Freemasons of Toledo were sold: On Wednesday, the 14th May, says the Toledo Bee, a gentleman of pleasing address, polished exterior, and captivating as a conversationalist, registered at the Boody House, under the name C. C. Burt, hailing from Jackson, Michigan. With him was associated a gentleman who passed by the name of Streight. This was, we venture to presume, on the modern principle of a "straight tip." But to our tale: Mr. Burt was assigned to room No. 137. It was not long until this gentleman of pleasing address ingratiated himself in the good graces of quite a number of the leading spirits of the Masonic fraternity, and to whom he produced what were deemed honest vouchers that he was empowered with due and lawful authority to confer the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis, or Ninety Degrees in Masonry! His indorsement, as his papers pretended, came from no less a personage than V. L. Herbert (sic), Grand Master of the United States Knights Templar, and others. The Ninety Degrees were to be imparted for the insignificant stipend of ten dollars, and all to be conferred in thirty minutes by the watch. Such a rare opportunity of obtaining so high a grade in Masonry was not ignored, or to be passed lightly by—and then, too, for the small sum of 11-19 cents a degree! This was a big consideration in these times of monetary stringency. The thing was talked up, and twenty-three of the brethren of the mystic tie—some of whom have been honoured with the highest positions in the Craft in the State (says the Bee)—agreed to be initiated in the Sublime Ninety Degree Rite, and accordingly paid their ten dollars each, in solemn conclave in room 137 of the Boody, where the obligation of the degree was solemnly administered! In appending their signatures to the paper, they were required to acknowledge him, the said C. C. Burt, as Grand Master for life! The money—230 dollars—was all paid, and the obligations taken, and what yet remained, and still remains, was the conferring of the degrees. The suave gentleman, with the blandest smile, fixed Monday as the day for conferring the degrees and installing the officers, as he should be compelled to return to Jackson at once, on account of sickness in his family. He left the city last Saturday, and was to return on Monday without fail. His family is probably very sick, for he has not put in an appearance yet, and the "select twenty-three" are still watching and waiting, with their degrees unconferred and their officers uninstalled. And now let us listen to the sequel, not, we fancy, unexpected altogether by our readers. Since the amiable gentleman's departure, circumstances have developed some strong suspicions that the twenty-three have been the victims of a stupendous sell. The name of the Grand Master of the United States K.T. is not V. L. Herbert. This, we believe, was told Mr. Burt, but he passed the matter over by saying that he was known as Vincent Lombard, the name of his wife. Letters have been received also from several sources—among them from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois—saying that he had played a similar game elsewhere, and warning friends against the swindle. A letter has

also been received from G. S. N. V. Herbert (? Vincent Lombard Hurlburt, M.D., Grand Master of Templars of U.S.), in which he denies that he ever endorsed Mr. Burt, or that he has had anything to do with the gentleman, denouncing him as an impostor. "Two for five or nine for a dollar," will not soon be forgotten in the Masonic circles of "The Future Great." Is not this simple story a warning both against Masonic credulity, the readiness with which plausible impostors are received among us, and that craving for ineffable but worthless degrees, which are for the most part ineffable nonsense, which is leading so many worthy men and good Masons astray?

COMMUNIQUE.

The interment of Prince Louis Napoleon on Saturday last was a most touching scene, suggestive of many afflictive yet affecting memories. It was, indeed, both startling and yet subduing in the highest degree, to realize the almost astounding fact that English soldiers were carrying the Prince Imperial to his grave, and that a descendant of Napoleon I. was mourned so deeply and truly by the entire English people, among all classes and conditions, from the highest to the lowest in the land. The presence of our Queen and the Royal Family was significant and symbolical of the intense national grief for that gallant boy, who lost his life wearing our uniform and sharing the dangers and the hardships of the English army. It seems well to remind our readers that on the gold wreath deposited on the coffin, written in the Queen's own hand, are: "Souvenir de vive affection, d'estime, et de profonds regrets de la part de Victoria Reg." The Princess of Wales wrote, "A token of affection and regard for him who lived the most spotless of lives and died a soldier's death fighting for our cause in Zululand. From Albert Edward and Alexandra, July 12, 1879." No more sad and solemn scene has been witnessed in our land, amid its storied annals and stately episodes, than that which Saturday beheld at Chislehurst, when the late Prince Imperial, the head of the Napoleonic Family, was committed to his honoured grave, amid the tears of thousands, amid the open grief of the Queen and the Royal Family, the unrestrained sorrow of loyal, and gallant, and faithful friends, and, above all, the heartfelt affection, sympathy, respect, and regrets of the entire English army, of which the gallant portion on duty at Chislehurst was a true type and representative. In the pages of the Freemason it is almost impossible to dwell at length on events which, however striking or sad in themselves, belong more to the region of the political or the passing than to interests purely Masonic, and we can only note this most sublime and moving episode, and record it in our truthful and tolerant columns, filled as we are with deep admiration for that soldier-death of the inheritor of a great name, and penetrated as we are with heartfelt sympathy for that gracious lady who has borne adversity and sorrow with such a noble heart, and now has witnessed the greatest blow which can ever fall here below on a mother's pride, a mother's hope, and a mother's love. May T.G.A.O.T.U. sustain her in these sad hours with the benign strength of His Divine consolations.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.)

CAGLIOSTRO.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
Bro. Yarker's letter does not, in my humble opinion, throw any more light on the question, inasmuch as he only puts forward opinions, and leaves the facts of history to take care of themselves.
There is not the slightest evidence that Swedenborg, through a "mystic," was a Mason; and as for the "Illuminés," it is very doubtful when they were introduced into Paris. The original sect, pernicious as it was, only existed four years, and whatever form it took in Paris it was also short-lived there. That Swedenborg was an Illuminé there is no evidence either. The allusions to the ritual of Cagliostro are, after all, only suppositious, and the agreement of Marconis with any supposed ritual would be, to my mind, fatal to its reality.
No one professes ever to have seen a ritual, (Ragon does

not), and if it existed, or exists, it is probably still in the Vatican Library.

As for Cagliostro's "invocations," and "crystal," and "potable gold," (query portable), let us dismiss all such nonsense, and, like reasonable men, seek after Masonic truth in history and criticism. Surely the time of "muthos" has passed away from freemasonry

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPEDIA.

MASONIC CHARITIES v. PICNICS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your valuable paper of this day contains some severe strictures by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. of West Lancashire, upon the custom, now very much in vogue, of lodges holding picnics on the occasion of the installation of the W.M., and I think it very desirable that the question should be well ventilated, as there is a great deal to be said on both sides, with a view to establish some general principle by which the brethren and the lodges should be guided, and that even Grand Lodge should lay down some rule in regard to these meetings. In my humble opinion I believe there is much good done by these generally happy and social gatherings of Freemasons, their wives, daughters, and friends, and by the company they keep and the way they conduct themselves before the general public so will Freemasonry be judged by the outward world. Of course I do not advocate extravagance in the matter, but surely such wholesale condemnation of them as Bro. Alpass has indulged in is hardly right. If Freemasons are not to meet together round the social board or indulge in picnics, how are they to effect the first grand object of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love?" If it continue "Relief" must follow and "Truth" prevail. If this is done away with the sooner the lodges are shut up the better. For although Charity is good, you will not get men or Masons to form themselves into Relief Committees. I have always understood that Masonry was not a "benefit society," and those who joined its ranks were to be free men, and not dependent, or to look forward to a participation in its Charities, except for some unforeseen misfortune or calamity; therefore, whilst not omitting to provide liberally, and to support all worthy Charities, let us do all that is right and reasonable to promote good feeling and good fellowship, and be merry and wise.

Yours fraternally,

J.W.

Liverpool, Saturday, July 12th, 1879.

CHARITY REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a great enemy to "sensation" merely as such, and when not justified by circumstances, but it is often preferable to "stagnation," especially when the latter covers a multitude of unhealthy organisms.

In your fair and temperate article on "Charity Reform" you speak of it being a "sensational subject," and you hope in the first paragraph "that it may be long before any such discussion interferes with the peaceful progress of our great Masonic Institutions;" while, in your last paragraph, you delicately but clearly intimate a "little blot," about which we may and have "need to trouble ourselves."

Curiously enough, though you say I have "not hit" this blot, I have been hitting at it for the last five years as hard as I could, and though the scope of my last letter did not admit of my specifying this blot, you will find in former communications I have particularly "hit" the "want of proper investigation of claims." But the points of reform I have named all relate immediately to the admission of candidates, and not to the Charities themselves or their management; nor have I advocated, much less proposed, the abolition of the vote or the appointment of any "strong Central Committee." I must not, therefore, have words and proposals put into my mouth that I have never uttered. This misrepresentation, though no doubt quite unintentional, is still an utter misrepresentation. One thing is quite clear, from the numerous letters and utterances in the Freemason and other Masonic organs, that there are serious complaints as to the mode of election to our Masonic Charities—some complain of one thing, some of another, and even you have detected a "little blot." All this dissatisfaction and unquiet point to there being "something rotten in the state of Denmark," and the sooner the disease is looked into fairly and fully the better. Be assured, dear sir and brother, you could not confer a greater boon on Masonry than to initiate this reform, and at least begin with "the little blot," which, in the eyes of Masonry, is very big—"big," not "with mercy," but with injustice and pauperism.

The recent combinations in the provinces, and now in London, indicate a condition of feeling in the Masonic mind anything but content with the present haphazard system of election.

This movement seems an effort of nature to throw off some of the morbid accretions which have lowered the Masonic constitution, but, I fear, they will prove rather symptoms of the presence of disease than remedies for its cure.

The "hard words" you assert I use are directed not against any man or body of men, but against a system which has grown up and which is eating out the vital power of true charity. I was for many years an involuntary and unconscious supporter of it myself, and many much better and far abler men than myself are now tolerating if not actively upholding it; but a "good time is coming," and I hope you will speed it on, when the "bobby," or "crochet," or "sensation" may become, like many other reforms, a public principle and an acknowledged fact.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to find that any lodge enrolled under the banner of our noble Order should so far forget the leading principles of its profession as to lay itself open to the charges which I am glad to find Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. of Lancashire, had the courage to declare in such clear and forcible language as that which he addressed at the installation meeting of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, as reported in the account of its meeting in your columns of Saturday last.

It is sad to true Masons to know of the existence of any lodge that requires to be brought to book by a Mason of such high authority as Bro. Alpass is. I speak from a personal knowledge of the worthy brother, and know him to be one whose chief aim is that Masonry should be all it professes to be. What is the use of a man being placed in high office if he does not endeavour to eradicate evils where he sees them exist? and if other Provincial Officers were to follow Bro. Alpass's example it would often be well for lodges under their supervision. Bro. Alpass's words should be circulated throughout the Masonic world, as, of course, they will through the medium of your valuable paper, and it is to be hoped may be the means of checking the extravagance of many lodges in the expenditure of what they consider their surplus funds, whereas a balance should not be looked upon as surplus, but be devoted to Masonic charity; then our noble Institutions would be enabled to accomplish their desired objects if every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land lent a helping hand in the matter as they ought to do.

The past two-and-a-half years I have carefully read your paper on its receipt week by week, and have felt sorry to see the way in which bodies of men, boasting of the proud and honourable names of Masons, have lavished money away in self indulgence, in the way of sumptuous banquets; and in looking for the names of that same body of men among the donors to our Charities, they are conspicuous by their absence, or may possibly just put in an appearance for a paltry five or six guineas.

Is it not time to put our house in order? and as it is never too late to effect a change for the better, let us hope that the result of the receipts of our Institutions next year will be so far in excess of the even unparalleled success of the present year, that we may feel convinced that there is no longer need for leading articles in your columns or speeches at installation banquets to remind Masons of the duties solemnly undertaken at their beautiful initiation ceremony.

It was an institution in our lodge, No. 199, to give the banquet at installation of W.M. out of the funds, but a few who saw the evils of such a course strenuously set to work to make it a thing of the past, and in 1877 a brother, now in Germany, brought the subject forward, which was duly seconded and carried, and which I warmly supported, that no more banquets or audit suppers be paid for out of the lodge funds. That, I consider, betokens a more healthy state of things, and will conduce to the future prosperity of Lodge 199, and I sincerely trust others may be led to go and do likewise. Another thing, I think, is becoming too common now—that is, the bestowal of an expensive Past Master's jewel on every Master as he leaves the chair out of the lodge funds. The honour of being elected to the chair ought to be sufficient reward to any brother.

Hoping you will pardon my long letter, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A NATIVE OF LIVERPOOL.

Dover, July 15th.

ITALIAN BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the kindly remarks made by you on our Italian edition of the Book of Constitutions, you were good enough to commend it to the notice of Italian Masons. Your observations have apparently had a satisfactory result, for I perceive the official and recognised organ of Italian Masonry, *La Rivista*, has commenced in its number of the 15th June to reproduce, *verbatim*, the translation we have published, beginning with the "ancient charges," and promises to continue to place a portion of the English Constitutions before its readers every fortnight. Encouraged by the success of this little volume, we have resolved to print a translation in French, firmly believing that an insight into the principles of English Masonry, conveyed to our foreign brethren in their own language, will tend most materially to stay the under-current of ultra-democratic sentiment now pervading continental Masonry, which in the present day threatens to seriously interfere with the "universality" of our Royal art.

I remain, fraternally yours,

A. M. BROADLEY,

W.M. and Z. of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, and R.A.C., No. 1717, at Tunis, D.D.G.M. Malta.

Tunis, North Africa, July 8th, 1879.

DEATH OF LORD OSSULSTON.—At the end of last week the Earl and Countess of Tankerville received intelligence of the death from cholera of their eldest son, Lord Ossulston, of the Rifle Brigade, who died on the 29th ult. His lordship was attacked on his return from Afghanistan to join the headquarters of his regiment at Umballa. The deceased nobleman, who was in his 29th ult., having been born 31st December, 1850, passed for a direct commission in the army in May, 1870, and joined the Coldstream Guards in November that year. He afterwards exchanged into the Rifle Brigade, and proceeded to India with the 4th battalion of the brigade.

Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mr. James Hughes were present at the dinner of the Thames Angling Society at Richmond on Wednesday last.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have received the following list of additions and corrections to the Festival of the above Institution.

Final meeting of the Board of Stewards, Monday, 14th July, 1879.

METROPOLITAN.

Lodge.		£	s.	d.
143	Bro. J. H. Matthews ...	10	10	0
1540	" W. Klengenstein ...	21	0	0
1641	" T. Griffiths ...	31	10	0
1608	" C. Brewer ...	5	5	0
1642	" Penn, should have been £210 (returned as £118 12s. 6d.)			
		91	7	6

PROVINCIAL.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

574 " H. G. Hunt ... 21 0 0

CHESHIRE.

1721 " J. J. Cunnah ... 10 10 0

KENT.

1223 " Rev. R. Dartnell ... 10 10 0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

1609 " Mattison ... 10 10 0

SUFFOLK.

Right Hon. Lord Henniker (additional) ... 21 0 0

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F. BINCKES, Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday last, Col. Creton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Stevens, Thos. Meggy, E. Letchworth, J. Terry, and J. J. Berry.

The Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, having read the advertisement convening the meeting, as also the minutes of the Quarterly Court, held on 12th April last, which were duly confirmed, read also a summary of the proceedings of Committees for the information of the Court. Bro. Meggy then rose to move the resolution of which he had given notice, viz., "That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes," in doing which he said he thought it would be unnecessary for him to do more than mention the fact that it appeared desirable that some improvement should be made in the method of scrutinising the votes taken at Masonic elections. At an election to the Boys' School he had himself collected over a hundred votes, of which only 97 were given to him. He also stated that he knew a case of a parcel of over 40 votes being found on the floor of the Scrutineers' room after an election was over, which had never been allocated to any one. He thought that the parties interested did not give sufficient attention to this matter, but they should bear in mind that the more votes an unsuccessful candidate polled, the better would be his chance at future elections. Bro. Meggy said that it was not at all his wish to call in question the probity of the Scrutineers, but he thought that they ought to settle upon some regular system to be pursued on these occasions.

Bro. Meggy's motion not being seconded, it was suggested that it should stand over for a short time, in the hope that some additional brethren, interested in the subject, would put in an appearance.

The Chairman: I move now in terms of my notice of motion, "That seven additional girls be elected at the Quarterly Court in October next, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 200 (making a total of 207 in all), seven of those now in the school having been admitted by purchase." I think the terms of that motion conveys to you all that I desire to say, unless you have any questions to ask. I have simply to say we have the room and we have the money.

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. G. Stevens, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: There will, therefore, be eighteen girls elected in October next.

Bro. J. G. Stevens then rose, and said he had no objection to second Bro. Meggy's proposition, and he seconded it, after a little consideration, on these grounds: he had served in the scrutinies, not only of the elections to these Institutions but also when the present Secretary was elected; and he had found that the discrepancy between the votes given and the votes taken was frequently accounted for by the fact that the voting papers were often filled up incorrectly. He had found that the Scrutineers did their duties faithfully, but there were sometimes among them brethren who were new to the work, and in consequence made large mistakes. He had, himself, lifted up votes from the floor, which had actually been marked with the number of votes without the number of the candidate for whom they were given.

Bro. Woodford: I think it would be a very serious undertaking for six Governors to take upon themselves to rearrange the system of scrutinies now in vogue. It appears to me that we are not in sufficient numbers to-day to properly discuss the pros. and cons. of this matter. I know that there are a great number of brethren who have very great doubts on the subject, and many brethren interested in the matter are absent to-day. Therefore, without passing any opinion on the abstract merits of the question, I think we should have a fuller meeting to

discuss Bro. Meggy's motion. I therefore propose that the matter should be adjourned for consideration at the next Quarterly Court.

This was agreed to, and it was decided that the motion should stand as follows: "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

[We regret sincerely so scant an attendance.—K. F.M.]

CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204, MANCHESTER.

The annual picnic, organised by a Committee of the brethren of this lodge, came off on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Bucklow Hill, near Knutsford, and was "sans doute" a genuine success. A good sprinkling of the fair sex graced the proceedings, and added materially to the enjoyment of the brethren. The party numbered between sixty and seventy, and amongst them were Bro. J. Roberts, W.M., Mrs. Roberts, and Miss Burrell; Bro. G. E. Mullock, S.W., and Mrs. Mullock; Bro. W. Bagnall, J.W., and Mrs. Bagnall; Bro. R. L. Spencer, Sec., and Mrs. Spencer; Bro. T. Guest, S.D.; Bro. H. P. Robberds, P.G. Org. E. Lanc., Miss Robberds, and Mrs. Dupré; Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, I.P.M., Mrs. Eldershaw, and the Misses Watson; Bro. James Sutcliffe and Mrs. Sutcliffe; Bro. Dearden and Mrs. Dearden; Bro. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. Akstoridi and Mrs. Akstoridi; Bro. Saltaferas; Bro. Harrop and Mrs. Harrop; Bro. Lawton and Mrs. Lawton; Bro. Duckworth, I.G., and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. Cliffe and Mrs. Cliffe; Bro. Sawyer; Bro. Rev. — Cator; Bro. Stanley and Mrs. Stanley; Bro. Whitaker and Mrs. and Miss Whitaker; Bro. R. R. Lissenden (*Freemason*) and Mrs. Lissenden; Mr. and Mrs. Ivanindi, Mr. and Mrs. Malamas, Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Roberts, and Mrs. F. Roberts.

The rendezvous was the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, and the time arranged for departure 1.15, at which time the ladies and gentlemen took their seats in a spacious and comfortably appointed omnibus and four. On reaching All Saints' another omnibus (in and outside of which were seated the remainder of the party) joined company, and the two proceeded to their destination. "Rostherne" was reached about 3.30, and the company alighted to look over the ancient church, the simplicity of which, added to the picturesque view that could be seen through the gates of the surrounding country, was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors.

On leaving the church it was found that "Pluvius" had decided to join the company, much to their annoyance, the consequence being that the ladies rode inside the omnibuses, whilst the gentlemen did the best they could outside, with the help of waterproofs and umbrellas, to protect themselves from the "god's" playfulness, which continued unfortunately for the remainder of the journey.

Tatton Park was reached at 4.30, and, through the courtesy of Lord Egerton, the company were permitted to walk through the lovely grounds, in which were some choice specimens of fruit, flowers, plants, and ferns, the beauty of which created an almost irresistible desire to linger and gaze upon them indefinitely, and to disregard the rain, which still came down, though somewhat slackened in force.

Once more journeying onward, the party reached Bucklow Hill at 5.30, and alighted at Bro. Cuff's hostelry, the Swan Hotel, where a well served tea, à la fourchette, was ready and waiting, to which ample justice was done by all those whose appetites had been sharpened by the fresh air.

When grace after meat had been said by Bro. Cator, Chaplain, the W.M., Bro. Roberts, rose and said that before the ladies and gentlemen left the table he should just like to express to them his gratitude for so heartily responding to the wishes of himself, and the rest of the Committee, by their presence. He was not going to detain them by a long speech, but would simply assure them all of the genuine pleasure it gave him to see so many assembled there, and his earnest hope was that they would all return home satisfied with the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment.

As soon as the tables had been cleared and packed into a corner of the room, Miss Robberds presided at the piano-forte, and assisted at intervals by her gifted father, Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org., played a selection of dance music, to which the majority of the company danced on the light fantastic toe until "time" was called for departure.

Between the intervals of dancing Mrs. D—, who possesses a really beautiful voice, sang Gounod's "Serenade" and "Angels ever Bright and Fair," and evoked loud and prolonged applause from all present.

At 9.30 the company were en route for "Home." "All Saints" was reached at 11.45, by which time most of the party, whose homes were in the vicinity of Stretford, &c., had alighted and returned "chez eux." Some twenty or more, whose residences lay "Cheetham" way, where of course "far, far away from home," but the Cockshott Conveyance Company, who catered for the travelling accommodation, very generously had three fresh horses put to one of the omnibuses, and landed the remaining "picknickians" close to their homes.

The arrangements throughout were most satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the Committee, of whom Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Mullock, S.W.; and Spencer, Sec.; were untiring in their exertions to please one and all

THE GRANITE LODGE, No. 1328.

"The Gods give us joy," sayth Touchstone, and our brothers of this lodge might repeat the exclamation, for on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Bro. Robert Payne, W.M., accompanied by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, and about twenty-five faithful followers, enjoyed the pleasures of a summer outing without rain. It was Queen's weather; but had the clerk of the weather arranged otherwise, nothing daunted, the hardy members of the Granite Lodge would have "braved the deadly breach," and faced that perfect Zulu of tempests, Jupiter Pluvius. However, Taplow was the Paradise of the Peri for the day; and Skindle's Hotel was to be the place whereto "spend a happy day." Meeting at the Great Western Railway at Paddington at 10.45 a.m., a couple of saloon carriages awaited their arrival. Soon they were whizzing through boundless space, and reached the Taplow Station in good time. On arrival there, Mr. H. Hoare, the proprietor of Skindle's Hotel, had in readiness a newly-built steam launch (which cost £800) to convey the brethren up "the silvery Thames," as Pope calls it. Previously providing themselves with a well-filled nosebag and an overflowing trough, steam was got up, and away went the little craft, "ploughing the water; plains" until they reached Clevedon Woods, the grounds of which the Duke of Westminster graciously threw open for the recreation of the brethren. After visiting those magnificent regions, and witnessing some of the loveliest scenery in the world (certainly, nothing up the Rhine equals the views from Maidenhead to Marlow), the brethren returned to the launch (not lunch), and once more they found themselves upon the "bounding billows of the deep," passing through locks, and gazing upon the most exquisitely laid out lawns running down to the banks of the river—places that "gods might worship and infidels adore." One thing which marred the pleasure of the trip was the melancholy backwardness of the harvest and crops—not a bit of hay-making was going on, and everything presented the aspect of disappointment to the farmer. After touching at Marlow the brethren returned to Skindle's Hotel, where, under a spacious marquee, a sumptuous banquet was served up in a manner reflecting the highest credit on the stewardship of Mr. Hoare, the proprietor, and the Granite's pioneer of pleasure, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas. In an epicurean sense it was the sugar after the pill. The menu was excellent, and everything *tout au fait*.

After the banquet the W.M., Bro. Robert Payne, proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was responded to with much enthusiasm and loyal pleasure, while "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," was received with thorough Masonic delight.

In selecting "The Visitors" for the next toast, the W.M. referred to the fact that the Granite was justly distinguished for its hospitality to those brethren who desired to mingle in the charmed circle of its society. He wished them long life and happiness, and trusted they would continue to visit the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. Levander, in response, tendered the thanks of the visitors for the manner in which they had been entertained. They had, he said, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Bro. Holden endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, thanked the Granite for its kind reception, and assured the lodge that he had never spent a pleasanter or more charming day.

Bro. Reynald Mount, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Payne," who, he declared, had cheerfully done all he could to make the proceedings of the day a great success, and his efforts had been unquestionably realised.

Bro. Payne replying, while acknowledging the manner in which they had drunk his health, said that the credit for the successfully carried-out programme was due in the main to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas. He took the opportunity of thanking the lodge for the kindness they had shown him during his year of office, which would never be effaced from his memory. The brethren then returned to town.

PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company, which was incorporated on the 17th of April, has now closed its share list, as all the 600 shares have quickly been disposed of among the brethren residing in the locality, with a few exceptions. The schools, now rented by the Roman Catholics, will be taken possession of on the 25th of next March, and will be thoroughly decorated and adapted for the convenience of the brethren, both in the lodge and banqueting-rooms; especial care will be taken that, in preparing the lodge-room for the use of several lodges, their individuality will be carefully preserved; this will, doubtless, popularise the buildings, as Masonic bodies jealously guard the prestige attaching to them after many years of careful and hard work.

The building in the Commercial-road was sold by public auction to the W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, Bro. James Willmott, who, with commendable zeal, quickly had it pulled down, and removed the debris, so as to enable the contractor, Bro. William David Lewis, to proceed with the erection of the club building, in which accommodation will be provided for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

The foundation stone will be laid by his Worship the Mayor, Alderman William David King, J.P., about the first week in August, when a meeting of the shareholders will be held. The directorate and shareholders, with their friends, will, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone, adjourn to the Assembly Rooms for dinner, which will be provided by that veteran in Masonry, Bro. P.M. Cawte.

MASONIC PICNIC.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., several of the members of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, spent a very enjoyable day at Shepperton, whither they resorted for the purpose of enjoying a boating picnic. The morning was not a very bright one, and only Bros. George Howick and J. Frost had the courage to face the elements by a journey on the road, which was accomplished with less "wetness" than was anticipated. The other brethren travelled by rail, and amongst them were Bros. W. A. Morgan, (W.M. of 1044), H. R. Jones, J. G. Carter, C. Digby and Mrs. Digby, J. J. Holland, F. W. Wardroper, F. Reed and Mrs. Reed, and Denham. Two boats were chartered, and a pleasant row, amidst delightful sunshine (for the dark clouds and rain had disappeared), was taken as far as Weybridge Ferry, where some slight "refreshment after labour" was indulged in at a quaint boating hostelry. The return journey was then made—with the tide in favour of the "craft"—and the ladies and brethren sat down to a capital banquet, which was provided in a really first-class manner by Mr. R. Stone, of the Ship Hotel, whose savoury edibles were as much appreciated as his excellent wines. At the dinner the chair was taken by Bro. Morgan, while the vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. Digby.

The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair.

The Chairman, in feeling terms, then said that the day was one which he trusted would ever be thought of as a memorable one in the annals of local Freemasonry, for they were about to do honour to Bro. J. G. Carter, the worthy Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. (Applause.) He was sure the brethren owed a debt of gratitude to their painstaking Preceptor for his untiring energy on their behalf. He (the Chairman) had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Carter with a massive gold ring—a memento from the lodge of instruction—to show the respect in which he is held. (Cheers.)

The Vice-Chairman warmly praised the Masonic tact of Bro. Carter, and felt that the brethren, in presenting the ring, were only bestowing honour where honour is due.

The other brethren also spoke as to Bro. Carter's kindness.

Bro. Frost was particularly humorous. In the course of his remarks, he said that some of them had, no doubt, heard of the parson and the irascible "whip," who used some rather hard adjectives to the four-in-hand he was driving. "Hush!" said the parson, who sat next him; "Job, in all his troubles, never complained so." "Perhaps not," replied the whip; "but then Job never drove three blind 'uns and a bolter." He (Bro. Carter) had not, perhaps, had "three blind 'uns and a bolter" to drive—(laughter)—but he had guided the coach very successfully. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Carter then suitably responded, and after some songs from Bros. Digby, J. J. Holland, and others, the brethren and ladies again took a row on the Thames, after which tea was served at the hotel. The picnic party returned to town in the evening, evidently happier and more contented by reason of the pleasant day which had been spent.—*Mid-Surrey Standard*.

THE NUTCRACKERS' CLUB.

(Query No. 1075, May 31.)

[1075.] The Nutcrackers' Club does not now exist. Its objects were social. It met in the "Cavern" under the Stock Exchange, in the room previously used as a private dining club by several J.P.'s and prominent leaders of the Conservative party in Manchester.

The *City Lantern* of December 31, 1874, contained a facetious article on the club, which was founded by our fellow-townsmen, Mr. E. O. Bleackley, who invented the rules, pass-words, and ceremonies. It originated through a few gentlemen dining together once a week until they assumed the proportions of a club, and wished to lend dignity and exclusiveness to their proceedings by the introduction of rules and ceremonials.

The crest of the club was the squirrel, as the most ancient of nutcrackers, the arms a pyramid of nuts, and the motto "crackers, not crushers," indicative that

To crush was to destroy,
But to crack to enjoy,

equally illustrative of nuts or conversation. Shaksperian quotations relevant to the objects of the club were frequently used, such as: "Wilt quarrel with a man for cracking nuts, having no other reason but because thou hast hazel eyes." "There can be no kernel in this light nut." "A were as good crack a fusty nut with no kernel." The president was designated "Marshal," the vice-president "General," and the secretary "Colonel," and the number of members was limited to twenty-one of the inner degree. The objects were mastication, imbibition, joke, nut-cracking, and all other practices belonging to this eccentric order. The use of even numbers was forbidden, and only odd figures were used.

The elections for "the outer degree" were by open proposal, and the candidate had to order a dish of nuts and a bottle of wine. Entire absence from the club for a month without permission of the marshal voided all the privileges of the club. When a candidate was inducted, all the Nutcrackers, on a sign from the general, simultaneously snapped their fingers and stood for the remainder of the ceremony with the palms of their left hands on the crowns of their own heads until another signal was given, when they simultaneously cracked a nut each, and the marshal exchanged and ate a nut with the candidate, as typical of the good-fellowship which binds all Nutcrackers. He then showed and explained several of the signs to the newly-made Nutcracker. The snapping of the fingers was typical that Nutcrackers were not easily overcome by

trifles, but snapped their fingers at misfortune. The placing of the left hand on the crown of the head was intended to imply that a Nutcracker's brains were in the usual place, ready to conceive grand objects for the welfare of Nutcrackers in particular, and mankind in general. An exhortation was then pronounced, and something like the following was inculcated:—"In becoming one of us, I may inform you that there is nothing in our practices or principles that can shock the most delicate morality; in fact, they have rather a tendency to elevate and refine. We use ceremony, because it was invented by the founder of our ancient Order to keep fools at a distance. Our pleasures are innocent, and delight equally in participation or reflection; like the supper which Atticus gave to Cicero, pleasing in recollection. As a Nutcracker, the hands of Briareus will defend you, and the eyes of Argus watch over you; but it would require the energy of Demosthenes, the judgment of Quintillian, and the flowing periods of Cicero to explain in detail the aspirations of the Ancient Order of Nutcrackers. Our order is based on semi-military forms, because Nutcrackers from time immemorial have always been in the van whenever the honour of their country was assailed. The use of even numbers is especially forbidden and eschewed by all good Nutcrackers, which probably is one reason why the uninitiated world has often taken us for Oddfellows. In compliance with this uncontrollable regulation our watchwords are seven, and comprise the noblest words in this or any other language, viz., Honour, Honesty, Good-nature, Truth, Secrecy, Silence, and Patience." Then followed a nutcrackatory explanation of these noble mottoes, accompanied by a private revelation of the mystic words crack—slap—snap, in conjunction with a peculiar entanglement of the fingers, which no description can explain, and the passwords completed the ceremony.

Some of the happiest hours of my life were passed in the Nutcrackers' Club, and I am sorry that it came to an untimely end.

AN OLD MEMBER.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. REV. DR. P. H. ERNEST BRETTE.

A complimentary dinner was given to Bro. Brette at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, the 10th inst., by the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. Bro. A. J. Altman, W.M., presided, supported by Mrs. Altman, Bro. George Kenning, S.W., and Mrs. Kenning; Bro. Dr. Smith, J.W.; Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master Midsex, and Mrs. Burdett; Bro. Julliffe and the Misses Julliffe, Bro. Chapman and Miss Chapman, Bro. White and Miss White, Bro. Froom, Mrs. Froom, and Miss Froom, Bro. Brookman and Mrs. Brookman, Bro. DeLuca and Mrs. DeLuca, Bro. Benskin, Bro. H. C. Levander and Miss Levander, Mr. Evans and Miss Evans, Mr. W. F. Malcolm and Mrs. Malcolm, Mr. W. F. Gush, Mr. Crouch and Mrs. Crouch, and Bro. Protheroe.

The W.M. received a telegram from Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., regretting his absence.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "Dr. Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette," "Colonel Burdett," "The Visitors," and "The Ladies;" Bro. H. C. Levander responding for the visitors and Mr. Evans for the ladies.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the skilful playing of the Misses Julliffe and Miss White on the piano.

IN MEMORIAM.

LOUIS NAPOLEON. CHISLEHURST, JULY 12, 1879.

Oh! ending sad of hopes all bright and fair,
Oh! close of many prayers and loving pride,
A widow'd mother's grieving sadly there
For one to stand no more in duty at her side.
We mourn him truly, deeply, one and all;
The high, the low; and English soldiers crave,
With whom he nobly shared what fate might fall,
Comrades in life and death, to guard his honour'd grave.
Strange paradox of years! While memory flings
Its solemn colouring over time and fame,
Amid her soldiers, sailors, statesmen, kings,
England will ne'er forget Napoleon's name.
We sigh for such a fate, in such young years;
We mourn glad powers quenched, great gifts no more;
But yet we trust, amid our falling tears,
That brave boy in his death has reached a deathless shore.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE PHYTHIAN.

Our much respected and regretted Bro. George Phythian, P.M. of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, and Comp. J. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, departed this life on the 30th ult. He was a hard-working member in the Craft, and also a liberal subscriber to our Charities. His kindness and geniality of manner will long be missed among his brethren and companions.

The Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, is to be consecrated at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Wednesday, the 30th inst. Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, is the W.M. designate, and Bro. L. F. Littell, P.M., will be S.W. and Bro. Frank Green, P.M., J.W.

Masonic and General Tidings.

It was noticed with much regret that the attendance at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' and Boys' School was so small; five Life Governors only being present of the former and six of the latter.

A special meeting of the Lodge Cosmopolitan was held on May 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Moses Emanuel, the W.M. elect of the newly erected Lodge of St. John's, No. 618, S.C., in Hong-Kong. Bro. Emanuel having produced the charter from Grand Lodge of Scotland, creating the above lodge, and appointing him its W.M., the interesting ceremony was proceeded with by Bro. W. Pemberton, W.M. of the Lodge Cosmopolitan, assisted by Bro. W. Birt, I.P.M., and by the Bros. Dewsbury and Jansen, Past Masters of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Count. There was a large number of visiting brethren, members of lodges working under various Constitutions.

It is confidently anticipated that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held this year at Morecambe, under the banner of Lodges No. 281, 1051, 1353, and 1561. The R.W. P.G.M. is Lord Skelmersdale, and the date of the meeting will be on or about the first Wednesday in October.

In our account of the installation ceremony in connection with the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, we accidentally omitted the name of Bro. Thomas Salter as the W.M. placed in the chair for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren has thus fallen on one whose active connection with Masonry has long been marked by true brotherly zeal, and it may be interesting to many to know that the celebration of the centenary of the Merchants Lodge will occur during his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s chair.

At the last meeting of the Holmesdale Lodge of Freemasons, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, it was unanimously resolved that the portrait of Bro. Chas. Marsh, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.D., of Somerset, in his 91st year, and sixty a Mason, be obtained at the cost of the lodge, and placed upon the wall in recognition of his services as one of the founders of the lodge, and its first acting Immediate P.M." On the day following the communication of this resolution to his son, Bro. Cromwell Marsh, of this town, the latter received a letter from the editor of the *Masonic Record*, published Allahabad, India, requesting him to send a photograph of his father in Masonic or plain costume, saying he should deem it an honour if Bro. C. Marsh would sanction it. The portrait was taken on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at D. R. Everett's studio, Tunbridge Wells. Bro. C. Marsh has been totally blind since June, 1856, soon after his return from Sydney, N.S.W., which has prevented him from following his profession as an artist and miniature painter.—*Dover Express*.

THE LATE SIR THOS. MYDDELTON BIDDULPH.—A massive brass tablet, to the memory of General and Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Thos. M. Biddulph, K.C.B., Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse, has just been placed in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor. This well merited tribute has been subscribed for by the officers of the 1st Life Guards, in which regiment the late general served for twenty-six years. It is mounted on black Belgian marble, and measures 6ft. 10 in. by 3ft. 4 in. The design has had the approval of Her Majesty, and the entire work has been entrusted to Messrs. Matthews and Sons, of 377, Oxford-street, London. Thus, appropriately, is the illustrious officer's memory perpetuated as "a character of unimpeachable honour and sterling friendship never to be forgotten in the regiment which he loved, and which warmly responded to his affection."

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON.—The following have satisfied the Examiners in Arts at the recent public examination of the College:—Licentiates in Arts—J. W. Bloxam, M.A., Cambridge; M. A. Cuffe, Trinity College, Dublin; F. Droegge, Ph.D., University of Berlin; A. Hill, B.A., Cambridge; T. Isherwood. Associates in Arts—F. Clark, Trinity College, London; W. Clark, University of London; J. W. Inger, University of London; R. C. D. Nugent; J. Damer Priest, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. L. Schaefer (hons.); G. Temple. Matriculation in Honours—A. Tabernacle, Trinity College, London. Among the examiners were A. G. Begbie, M.A., Queen's College, Oxford; C. W. Dew, M.A., Jesus College, Cambridge; A. B. Hopkins, M.A., University of London; J. Owen, M.A., University College, Oxford; J. Pratt, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday next. The P.G. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock, and a banquet will take place at seven.

THE ATLINGWORTH LODGE No. 1821.—A new lodge under the above name was consecrated at Brighton on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. Joseph Sabine, Prov. G. of W. Middlesex, was installed the first W.M. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Basden, wife of Mr. W. H. Basden (secretary of the House Property and Investment Company), and daughter of Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C. The deceased lady was only 22 years of age.

The installation meeting of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, takes place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, this day (Saturday). Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., is to be the W.M.

A new lodge, to be named the St. Andrew's Lodge, will be consecrated at Shoburness on Tuesday next, by B.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, Prov. C. Master of Suffolk. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., will this evening read a paper before the United Law Students' Society on "The Authorship of the Plays attributed to Shakspere."

Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M., of Cheapside, has been honoured by the King of Italy with the decoration of the Order of the Crown of Italy, for his services at the Paris Exhibition last year. Bro. Simmonds had previously received the Order of the Legion of Honour of France, and a very handsome letter of thanks from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as President of the British Commission, with a copy of his portrait.

The decoration committee of Great Grimsby have entrusted Messrs. Piggott Brothers, 59, Bishopsgate-street Without, with the decoration of that town upon the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 22nd inst.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 25, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, JULY 22.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermy-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's W.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Chap. 177, Domestic, 177, Fleet-st.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Finsbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-avenue.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Town.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clekenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermy-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 26, 1879.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 22.

Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, White-le-woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the week ending Saturday, July 26, 1879.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.
Chap. 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
K.T. Precep. Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., West Gorton.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge 348, St. John, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate.
" 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.
K.T. Precep. Plains of Mamre, Bull Hot., Burnley.

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Chap. 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Precep. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hot., Bury.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Towana-road, on the 8th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Newton. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Jackson, of St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, who was unanimously elected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Smith was examined and rewarded with the test of merit; he then retired to prepare. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Smith was admitted and was made a M.M. The ceremony was gone through by the W.M. in a careful manner. The lodge was then closed, and then to the Second, and then to the First. No other business being before the lodge it was closed according to ancient custom.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—This lodge held their monthly meeting at Armstrong's Buildings on Monday, the 8th inst., which went off with that perfect éclat so proverbial of this lodge. After the lodge business was over (which consisted of raising Bro. Rumbo, and some other minor matters) the brethren adjourned to their commodious refreshment rooms, when, after supper, the usual loyal toasts having been eloquently proposed, and heartily responded to, Bro. Johnson, the W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, in responding to the toast of his health and lodge in a characteristic speech, spoke in terse language of the bright features of Masonry, and its influence for good, pithily remarking that the name of his lodge, Friendship, was no stereotyped phrase, meaning nothing, but the name they were known by was simply a reflection of their inward feelings towards all their Masonic brethren. "The Health of their newly-raised Brother" was proposed by the W.M., who, while complimenting Bro. Rumbo on the marked attention he had paid to the ceremony, trusted the impression made on his mind that night would tend in some measure to enhance his temporal and spiritual welfare. Bro. Rumbo, who was powerfully affected, feelingly responded, intimating that Masonry possessed for him so many charms that he felt sure his infatuation would increase, and he only hoped that he might be enabled in the long future to add his quota to the edification of the "Holy Temple." After some minor toasts Bro. Armstrong proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a speech redolent of interest, and amidst the rapt attention of the lodge, attributing its present success mainly to his efforts, shewing how by his urbanity of manner, and Masonic zeal and ability, he had during the last three years assisted most materially Bros. Cunningham, Armstrong, White, and others in bringing the lodge almost to a "climax" of perfection, as amply testified by the crowded state of the rooms on all occasions. Bro. Bacor, in responding with characteristic modesty, disclaimed meriting the encomiums which Bro. Armstrong had showered upon him, attributing his success in a great measure to the ability of his officers, and promised that while the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health, his efforts would be unabated for the good of Masonry. After some excellent songs from that good friend of Masonry, Bro. W. T. Cottrell, and Bros. Lane, Williams, and Dr. Gago, the evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, an evening the solemnity of which we feel gave all an impression which will not easily be eradicated.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this popular, prosperous, and numerous lodge is invariably an attractive one, and that which took place in connection with the recent installation of Bro. William Corbett as the W.M. for the coming year was no exception to the general rule. The brethren were summoned to attend at

the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after the appointed time the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Frederick Barnett, the retiring W.M., supported officially by Bro. John C. Robinson, I.P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., M.C., P.G.S.; the Rev. Philip Pennington, P.M.; Peter Maddox, P.M.; W. Corbett, S.W.; J. Kellett Smith, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. Reg.; Robert Collings, Sec.; John Whalley, S.D.; H. Wynne Parry, J.D.; Wm. H. Vernon, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; J. Jenaway, Steward; Morris Davies, Steward; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Wilson, B. J. Parry, John Harries, John Smith, J. Messenger, J. P. Jones, H. Hyman, James Travis, Thos. Hawkins, R. Bradley, J. Whittall, A. Barnard, N. Cohen, M. Thornton, Jas. Chisnall, John Williams, Henry J. Pye, Joseph Wood, J. Crebbin, A. Draper, M. Howarth, G. C. Beecham, T. Grindall, D. Cangley, J. Nicholas, J. N. Pendleton, R. Thompson, Phillip Stern, J. Baines, Samuel Johnson, Wm. Hazell, Thomas Joseph, Rd. Fitzgerald, J. Sykes, John Molloy, Peter Ball, T. Poyzer, D. Oiphant, J. H. Walker, Wm. Pye, James Roberts, Alfred Samuel, W. Smith, M. Goldstone, W. Sambrook, Robt. Thomas, J. Hyams, Walter Lethian, and Thos. Haliburton. The visitors included Bros. Thos. Wigham, 1400; John Pemberton, P.G. Supt. of Wks., P.M. 1264; Edward Griffiths, 1473; J. Fredk. Keeley, P.M. 1054 and 1161; Archd. Gillilan, 1393; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, Prov. G. Treas., P.M. 673 and 1505; S. Schonstadt, W.M. 1502; J. Busfield, 1299 and 216; John Hill, 1609; J. Archdeacon, 667; and John G. Gough, 1609. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Corbett was presented by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G. Registrar, and Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by Bro. F. Barnett. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and M.M.'s were re-admitted. The lodge was afterwards closed down to the Second and then to the First Degree, and Bro. Corbett was duly saluted and proclaimed in each. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers for 1879-80 as follows:—Bros. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; J. Whalley, S.W.; H. W. Parry, J.W.; Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M. and Treasurer (re-elected); R. Collings, Secretary; W. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jenaway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; T. Joseph, D. W. Caughey, and Mark Howarth, Stewards; W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., who in a few hearty words expressed the good feeling of the lodge towards him. After several propositions for initiation had been made, and "Hearty good wishes" from the various representatives of sister lodges, the brethren dined in the banqueting-room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the music being efficiently rendered by Bros. Busfield (216), Hill (1609), and Gillilan, under the able direction of Bro. Ewart. The banquet was provided by Bro. Vines, P.P.G. D.C., in his well-known excellent manner. After the cloth was removed the first toast of the evening, "The Health of the Queen," was given by Bro. Corbett, W.M., who said that this was a toast always most loyally and enthusiastically received by Masons who met together at the festive board. This enthusiasm and loyalty were only right, for it was well known to all that the Queen was a lover of the Craft; she was also the daughter of a Mason, and her claim to their love was enhanced by the fact that she had three sons Masons. The toast was received with musical honours. The toasts of "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire and his Officers," were also cordially honoured. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in responding to the latter toast, said he was glad to see that the funds of the Mariners Lodge were of a satisfactory kind, as there was a very handsome balance remaining after the year's working in the hands of the Treasurer. He thought that the brethren had good ground for congratulating themselves on the continued prosperity of the lodge. The toast of "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., who said that he had no doubt Bro. Corbett would make a good W.M. if he attended to his Masonic duties in the future as well as he had done in the past; and each brother knew that he (the W.M.) had filled every office he had held, from Steward upwards, with credit to the lodge and honour to himself. The toast was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Corbett, W.M., in responding, said: Bro. P.M. Barnett, Past Masters, and brethren, I beg to return you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast of my health has been given and received. The majority of the brethren present know that I am a joining member of the Mariners Lodge, the lodge in which I was initiated being the Beaufort Lodge, 103, Bristol. I, therefore, esteem it a greater honour to be the Master of this lodge than I would have done had I been initiated under its banner. I came to Liverpool in October, 1873, and one of the first objects I had in view was to affiliate myself to a Masonic lodge here. But as I did not wish to become a member of a lodge which I might afterwards find to be uncongenial to my taste, I decided to visit a few lodges. Having done so, I made up my mind to cast in my lot with the Mariners if the brethren would accept me. Having become acquainted with Bro. Wood, of the *Freemason*, he suggested that I should see our worthy and esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., and it was he who proposed my name as a joining member of this lodge. I was admitted in January, 1874, and from day to day, now upwards of five years, I must bear testimony to the fact that I have met with nothing but kindness and cordiality from all the brethren. The W.M. then went on to say that he had served the offices of Steward, Deacon, and last year S.W., and now that he had been elected to the chair of W.M. he felt the great responsibilities of the honour conferred upon him. There were Past Masters present who had deservedly been good and worthy Worshipful Masters, who had conferred

honour on themselves, and given credit to the lodge—Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; Rev. P. Pennington, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; and Bro. Barnett, I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith's zeal for Freemasonry was so well known as to require no remarks from him, and he hoped that he, the W.M., would be able to follow in the footsteps of the other P.M.'s. He felt certain that although he might not be as able as his predecessors, the brethren would know that he would do his best for Masonry in general, and this lodge in particular. In conclusion he said that his best energies would be devoted as far as in him lay to make the brethren happy, so that his year of office might be harmonious and successful; and he requested the brethren to assist him in his efforts, as he felt confident they would. The toast of "The Health of the Installing Master" was given by Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., who said that he was very much pleased to have to give this toast, as until recently he might have called himself the perpetual Installing Master of the Mariners Lodge. Bro. Hayes, P.M., four years ago was able to give it, and had assisted him, and given the ceremony himself. Now they had Bro. Barnett, who had just vacated the W.M.'s chair—he, in the best manner that he had seen for the first time of giving it, had given his successor the benefit of the installation ceremony. That was as it should be. He thought every W.M. ought to be qualified to give that ceremony to his successor, and he was therefore pleased to see Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., give it that day with such credit to himself. As the W.M. had justly said, if he should be as successful a W.M. as the Installing Master had been he might be thankful. Bro. Barnett responded in suitable terms, and after the proposition of several other toasts the pleasant proceedings came to a close.

SANDGATE.—Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. A. Keeler, W.M.; T. J. Pulley, S.W.; J. Caudell, J.W.; R. B. Jenner, P.M., Treas.; C. Gosby, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; B. Simmonds, as S.D.; H. Brett, as J.W.; A. Petts, I.G.; G. Butcher, Tyler; and Bros. R. White, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Slack, P.M.; Pugh, Hitching, Duncan, Steward, Jordan, Shackleton, Bray, Woods, Kenneth, Crumplin, Patterson, and others. There were also present a large assemblage of visiting brethren, amongst whom we observed the following viz.: Bros. R. Woods, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; R. Eve, P.M. 395, 650, 723, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. Cooley, P.M. 20, 972, 1449, P.P.G. J.W. Kent; H. Hacker, P.M. 723, 1714, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. Benham, P.M. 723, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. W. Homann, D.C. 59; T. J. Rubie, W.M. 145; Amos, 125; G. Rendall, 160; Elms, 199; J. Dolbear, 240; E. J. Sears, W.M. 299; W. G. Bayliss, 315; Klatt, W.M. 558; W. Hoad, 558; Evenden, 558; Jones, 558; J. M. Dormor, S.D. 340; J. Brothers, W.M. 709; H. Bolton, 179; J. C. R. Glasspool, 723; F. H. Cozens, 909 Org.; J. Abbott, 1331; J. Dennison, 1424; G. Noakes, P.M. 1532; E. Nichols, 1714, Treas.; and others. The ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted at a lodge of emergency convened for that purpose on the previous Monday. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous regular lodge and the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The lodge was then advanced to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. T. J. Pulley, having been duly presented, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight, a large Board of Installed Masters being in attendance. The W.M. having been duly saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. Keeler, I.P.M.; J. Caudell, S.W.; B. Simmonds, J.W.; R. B. Jenner, P.M., Treas.; C. Gosby, P.M., Sec.; H. Brett, S.D.; A. Petts, J.D.; W. Steward, D. of C.; H. Clark, I.G.; J. Bray and H. Jordan, Stwds.; G. Butcher, Tyler. Other business being transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed from the various lodges represented, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, about sixty in number, adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Watts, at the Royal Kent Hotel. The table was laid in a spacious marquee on the lawn in the rear of the hotel and immediately facing the sea, and was beautifully decorated, the walls being lined with banners of all descriptions. The floral decorations were especially admired and displayed exquisite taste in their arrangement. The banquet was excellent in every respect, and was accompanied by the performance of a first class selection of music by the Folkestone String Band, which was stationed outside the marquee. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened by the excellent singing of Bro. F. H. Cozens and other brethren.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., and will long be remembered by the brethren as a sad reverse to their usual custom at this time of installing a new W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Joseph Ebbs, then S.W., was unanimously elected in May last to occupy that position, but the G.A.O.T.U. willed it otherwise, and the highly respected brother passed away to those blest mansions before such honour on earth could be paid to him, and with the sincere hope of a brighter throne elsewhere. The W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, feelingly alluded to their great loss, and unanimous was the vote of condolence to the widow and family. The lodge was opened at 3.50, and after confirming the minutes of the previous regular meeting and the audit meeting (excepting that portion of the election of W.M.), Bros. Bamford and Puckett were passed by P.M. Vincent to the Second Degree, after having shown themselves efficient for such ceremony. Mr. William Marshall was also accepted on the ballot to be initiated on a future occasion. Other business having been disposed of, the election of another W.M. was pro-

claimed, with the choice falling unanimously on Bro. William Shury Marshall, J.W., the installation to take place in August next. The unfortunate circumstance above will noted necessitate the bye-law being altered, and the installation meeting being held in August, which was agreed to be recommended to the Prov. G.M. for his approval. Bro. Secretary, in memory of their departed brother, having read a Masonic charge applicable to the occasion, the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5-40, the usual musical banquet being dispensed with.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The companions present were Comps. T. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Newman, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; C. Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; C. R. Cheese, P.S.; J. Lorkin, 1st Asst.; T. Cohn, 2nd Asst.; G. J. Potter, Chas. Lorkin, Wilson Medwin, Ewins, Bravo, Kent, Cann, and others. The visitors were T. J. Holland, 141; L. W. Carnell, 1216; G. Everett, 1381; H. D'Arcy, John Gale, and H. Mackintosh. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and Comp. Birdseye, in the 1st Principal's chair, assisted by Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, as H., and Chapman, as J., duly exalted the following to Holy Royal Arch Masonry, viz., Bros. John Taylor and H. Carnell. Before finally closing the chapter, Comp. Chapman, M.E.Z., referred with great feeling to the death of Comp. G. Phythian, J. The subject was one that brought forth the heartfelt feelings of sympathy of several other companions to whom the deceased was greatly endeared. A vote of condolence was naturally proposed, and carried nem. con.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 18th inst. The members who signed their names in the Janitor's book were Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; John Barr, P.Z.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H. (Freemason); E. Tyson, J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. S. Glasse, J. S. Braithwaite, T. B. Roxby, G. Dalrymple, G. T. Archibald, Jos. Wood, C. H. Hodgson, J. J. Casson, W. Jackson, and others. The chapter having been opened at seven o'clock, the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. For once there were no candidates for exaltation—a somewhat unusual thing for this chapter. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was read by the Scribe E., showing a balance of £17 odd in favour of the chapter, and the same was unanimously adopted. The next business was the election of Principals and other officers for the ensuing twelve months. Comps. Lamony and Tyson were respectively unanimously elected to the chairs of First and Second Principals, whilst, after a contest, Comp. Atkinson, P.S., was elected Third Principal. There were also stiff contests in the balloting for the other officers, which at length were decided as follow: Comps. J. Rothery, S.E. (re-elected); T. Dixon, S.N. (re-elected); and G. Dalrymple, P.S. Comp. J. McKelvie, who has been Treasurer of the chapter since 1869, was unanimously re-elected to the office, as was also the Janitor, Comp. G. Fitzgerald. On the motion of Comp. Lamony, H., seconded by Comp. Tyson, J., the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the chapter for the benefit of the orphan children of a deceased companion. The chapter was then closed in solemn form.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., the annual installation of chiefs and officers in connection with this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. Among the companions present were Comps. J. McCarthy, Past J.; H. Jackson, Z.; R. H. Evans, P.Z., Treasurer; John Houlding, H.; Thos. Sammons, J.; W. C. Erwin, Scribe E.; Matthew Callaghan, Scribe N.; J. Pilling, A.S.; F. J. Pentin, Rev. T. J. Leslie, W. J. Henderson, J. S. Russell, P.Z. 292; F. Lomerin, W. Wilson; and amongst the visitors were Comps. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Scribe E.; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Tyrer, 823, &c. The ceremony was most ably performed by the retiring First Principal, Comp. Henry Jackson, and the following were placed in the chairs: Comps. J. Houlding, Z.; T. Sammons, H.; W. Wilson, J.; W. C. Erwin, E.; M. Callaghan, N.; J. F. Pentin, P.S.; Rev. T. J. Leslie, 1st A.S.; and James Pilling, and A.S. After the ceremony Bro. William King, 1620, was duly exalted into the chapter by Comp. Houlding, Z., and the ceremony was gone through in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon the chiefs and officers of the chapter. After business the companions adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent with toast, song, and kindly companionship.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable when its practice will renovate broken health and restate soundness, strength and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases inflicted on the delicate and careless by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are the means of effecting a happy transition from danger to safety. After the bare chest has been fomented with sea water, or weak brine, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin, both in front and behind, between the blades-bones. Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity; they will make each organ conform to health's requirements.—[Adv.]

CONSECRATION OF the ATLINGWORTH LODGE, NO. 1821, BRIGHTON.

The consecration of this lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, when the ceremony was performed by W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Officers and Bro. the Rev. Richard Adams, S.W. 1466, as Chaplain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. King (Prov. Grand Organist Sussex), assisted by Bros. J. L. Hedges, Faulkner Leigh, Broadbridge, and W. Roe. There was a very large gathering of brethren on the occasion, including the following:—

Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; John H. Scott, P.M. 271, Dep. G.M. Sussex; Jos. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; John St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W. Sussex; Rev. E. Richard Adams, S.W. 1466, acting P.G. Chap. Sussex; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, P.G. Treas. Sussex; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, P.G. Sec. Sussex; Wm. Hale, P.M. 1619, P.S.G.D. Sussex; Mark Batt Tanner, M.D., P.M. 811, P.G.J.D. Sussex; C. Tomkinson, P.M. 1110, P.G.S.W. Sussex; John M. Kidd, P.M. 732, P.G.D. of C. Sussex; J. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex; W. T. Nell, P.M. 315, P.G.P. Sussex; Alfred King, J.D. 271, P.G. Org.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, P.G. Steward Sussex; Frank Holford, P.M. 811, P.G. Steward Sussex; F. J. Rubie, P.M. 341, P.G. Steward Sussex; G. T. Evershed, P.M. 356, P.G. Steward Sussex; Thos. Hughes, P.G. Tyler Sussex; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; W. Kube, Past G. Org., P.M. 271, 1636; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec., P.G. Treas. Middlesex; W. T. Marriott, Past G. Steward; F. Binckes, Past G. Steward; J. Long, P.G. Steward; Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1423, 1540, P.G.S.W. Middx.; H. G. Martin (ex-Mayor of St. Albans), P.M. 404, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; George Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; James Eberall, P.M. 315, 1636, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; Thos. Wood, P.M. and W.M. 1149, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey; Fredk. Walters, P.M. 73, 871 and 1309, P.P.G.J.D. Middx.; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. 38, P.P.G.C. Sussex; Fredk. Pownall (Lt. R.N.) P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; John M. Reed, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; T. U. Price (Mayor of Arundel), P.M. and W.M. 56, P.P.G.D. Sussex; H. C. Levander, P.M. 1415, Provincial Grand Secretary Middx., and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes; Thos. Lainson, P.M. 732, 811, P.P.G.S. of W. Sussex; E. Martin, P.M. 732, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Sussex; W. Kirkland, P.M. and W.M. 1110, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; P. R. Wilkinson, P.M. 271, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; Walter Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex; W. H. German, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex; Chas. G. Reed, P.M. 732, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, W.M. 1636, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Sussex; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Sussex; J. L. Bridgen, J.P., P.M. 732 (ex-Mayor of Brighton), P.P.G.W. Sussex; Wm. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.J.D. Sussex; H. G. Harrington, P.P.G.D. Surrey; George Kenning, P.M., &c., P.G.D. Middx.; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 732; H. F. Hauxwell, LL.D., J.W. 732; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; Francis Daniel, Sec. 732; S. Solomon, P.M. 732; S. T. Ridley, 732; T. Rose, 732; T. Rose, jun., 732; S. H. Soper, 732; J. F. Capon, S.W. 732; C. Vaughan, 732; Faulkner Leigh, 404; G. S. Godfree, 315; S. P. Weston, 315; Thos. Chandler, 315; H. Payne, 315, and Treas. 1636; John Saxby, 315; A. Crook, 315; Geo. Nash, Sec. 315; R. J. Pope, J.W. 315; F. Willard, 315; W. Anderson, 315; H. Downard, 315; S. W. Downard, 315; S. T. Foat, P.M. 315; C. Lamb (ex-Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 315; C. N. Hudson, W.M. 315; W. T. Clarke, 315; F. J. Tillstone, 315; J. Hodges, J.D. 1706; C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; W. H. Cockburn, S.D. 1466; H. A. Dowell, J.W. 1466; H. E. Price, 1466; J. M. Newnham, 1636; Geo. Cole, 1636; G. L. Fenner, 1636; H. S. Gates, 1636; W. Roe, Org. 1636; W. O. Cheesman, 1636; Kempster, P.M. 1420; J. Oakham, 1420; H. Freeman, P.M. 311; S. Peters, 311; A. Holman, J.W. 311; G. Holman, 311; G. E. Chapman, 311; H. Cox, 311; C. Briscoe, 311; W. A. Butt, P.M. 56; G. Neame, 56; J. N. Stoner, P.M. 56; A. Smith, J.W. 56; P. J. Emery, 56; G. Light, P.M. 56; Stringer, 877; J. Robertson, 33; T. Hemmens, 487; J. S. Eldmans 225 (S.C.); A. Henderson, M.D. 242 (S.C.); Jno. Wood, 811; J. J. Knight, 1446; Thos. Wilkinson, W.M. 271; I. P. M. Smith, S.W. 271; Edwin Hills, 271; J. C. D'Albiac, 271; G. Campbell, 271; F. S. Smith, J.W. 271; Herman Balean, 271; Jas. Curtis, P.M. 315 and S.W. 1797; G. M. Smith, 1797; A. Taylor, P.M. 1110; M. L. Poundall, 1110; W. Newsome, 160; Henry Ancombe, 177; Maurice Hart, P.M. 1502; G. Stone, P.M. 1303; A. G. Soutter, 65; H. J. Emmerson, 40; J. G. Calway, S.D. 1619; J. G. Horsey, W.M. 1619; John Dixon, M.D., P.M. and Treas. 73; J. H. Spencer, 73; Edward Broadbridge, 73; Alfred Burroughs, 186; F. Matthews, 1766; and E.C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (Freemason).

Apologies and regrets were reported on account of non-attendance, from some of whom telegrams were received at the last minute.

R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.W., Provincial G. Master Middlesex; W. Bros. Col. S. H. Clerke, Past Grand Deacon; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Col. John Creton, Grand Treasurer; Bros. Somers Clarke (Lord of the Manor of Atlingworth); Warden Sergison, Prov. S.G.W. Sussex; Rev. Cave Brown Cave, Provincial G. Cnap. Sussex; W. G. Sharpe, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C. Sussex; E. Bright, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; S. B. McWhinnie, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; H. Abbey (ex-Mayor of Brighton), W.M. 811; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon Lodge, 311, Lewes; W. Glenister, W.M. Derwent Lodge, 40, Hastings; Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; J. A. Swansbourne, W.M. Gordon Lodge, 1726, Bognor; Lord A. W. Hill, W.M. designate Burrell, 1829, Shoreham; W. L. Wallis, W.M. Hartington Lodge, 916, East-

bourne; W. Lambourne, W.M. Abbey Lodge, 1184, Battle; E. Taylor, W.M. Mid-Sussex Lodge, 1141, Horsham; T. Milson, W.M. Wellington Lodge, 341, Rye; G. Kelly King, W.M. Southdown Lodge, 1797, Hurstpierpoint; S. W. D. Williams, M.D., W.M. Ockenden Lodge, 1465, Cuckfield; J. B. Mellison, 1636; A. H. Cox (ex-Mayor of Brighton), 732; F. J. Eyles, 315; J. C. Penfold, 315; G. Reeves Smith, 200; W. Stroudley; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P. Prov. S.G.W. Sussex; and W. H. Hodgkin, W.M. Pelham Lodge, 1303, Lewes.

The Provincial Grand Master opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Joseph Dixon, P.P.S.G.W., and that of the J.W. by Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M. 38, 1729, P.G.J.W.

After opening the lodge in the Three Degrees, the Prov. G. Master stated that he had received a telegram from London, which he was sorry to say would oblige him to leave shortly after 5 o'clock, and he regretted that on this account he should be unable to attend the banquet which was to follow these proceedings.

The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Scott, having assumed the chair, said it was customary for the Presiding Officer and the Chaplain to address the brethren on their assembling together. That day, unfortunately, the P.G. Chaplain was not able to be present, but Bro. Adams had consented to fill his place, and would presently address the brethren on the nature of Freemasonry. He did not know whether Bro. Adams would tell them anything about the origin of Freemasonry; for his part he (Bro. Scott) did not know anything about that. He had practised it according to the rules of Grand Lodge for twenty-six years; but those who had studied Freemasonry had told him that it was impossible to speak of its origin with certainty. It was believed that in ancient times there was a free or travelling guild of Freemasons, who were bound together by secret signs, tokens, and words by which they were enabled to recognise just men and true, and detect cowans and intruders. They were told by the late Sir Gilbert Scott that most, if not all, the splendid structures to be found in Europe were built by Freemasons. Besides being wonderfully skilful in their art, they were men of the greatest purity of life and had a code of maxims and principles, which, if faithfully carried out, could not fail of producing a godly, righteous, and sober life. What were the duties they inculcated? They could be summed up in the words "Love to God and love to men;" for had not Christ told us "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." They were no longer working Masons, but had learned lessons from the ancient guild which they now applied to morals only, and so became Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, separate and apart from the outside world who are not Freemasons. Those who are outside frequently said, what is the use of these foolish practices at the present time? and asserted that Freemasonry had had its day, and was dying out. Those who disliked the Craft did so on what they called religious grounds—they said that it is wicked. Freemasons lay under the ban of the Pope, and a colonial bishop also condemned them. He (the speaker) could only say that he felt sure that those who held bad opinions of Freemasonry would, if they had an opportunity of judging it fairly, find that they had formed a very erroneous opinion of the Order. But the assertion that Masonry had had its day, and was dying out, was very easily disposed of, for an institution that steadily increased year by year could not be said to have had its day. Bro. Scott stated that the Brunswick Lodge was the first lodge in Sussex that was consecrated after the revival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, and that the ceremony was performed by Bro. Hervey, who, he was sorry to learn, was prevented by the state of his health from being present on this occasion. The Brunswick Lodge had proved itself worthy of its noble emblem, for the Star of Brunswick had become a fixed star. The number of the Brunswick Lodge was 732, and the number of the lodge they were assembled to consecrate was 1821, making an increase of 1089 lodges in less than twenty-one years; they need, therefore, have no fear that the sun of Masonry is waning, but confidently look forward to go down to succeeding generations, not only undimmed but undiminished in usefulness. That it is childish to belong to Freemasonry he said was one of those specious arguments which could be applied to anything. If they were all perfect there would be no need for Freemasonry, but, unfortunately, they were but weak, erring human creatures, who required guidance, training, and discipline, and, therefore, according to their destinies, they must labour after better and truer lives, in doing which Freemasonry would enable them to become what they desired to be; for, notwithstanding the backsliding of its members, there was still that living spirit in Freemasonry which did awaken the higher aspirations of fallen creatures, and did bind the hearts of men together in a bond of fraternal union. They might, therefore, rejoice in the increase of their lodges, for every lodge was a fresh centre about which to cluster; where they might all feel called upon to erect a stately, a superb moral edifice, and by making their own lives beautiful, and doing with their might all that their hands found to do, might raise a fairer structure that had yet been seen by mortal eye, a temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He could not conclude his remarks better than by expressing the hope that this might be the case with the Atlingworth Lodge. The members will be under the guidance of a brother who was an expert Mason, and who would right well know how to rule and guide his lodge. It must be a gratification to Bro. Sabine that he had at length established a lodge at Brighton, and that it happened to be his birthday on which it was consecrated. He was sure that all would join in wishing Bro. Sabine many happy returns of the day and prosperity to the Atlingworth Lodge.

The D.P.G.M. then called upon the Secretary to say what steps had been taken with regard to this lodge.

The Prov. G.D. of C. ranged the founders of the lodge in due order, and the Prov. G. Sec. read the petition, and the Prov. G. Reg. read the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England; whereupon the D.P.G.M. inquired whether the petitioners approved of the officers nominated in the warrant, and having been answered in the affirmative, called upon the Chaplain, Bro. Adams, to address the lodge.

Bro. Rev. Richards Adams said, that every man of sense must feel some diffidence in speaking upon a subject himself before those who know far more about it than he does. He had to speak not only to those who were older in Freemasonry than himself, but after one who had endeavoured to show the beginning of Freemasonry. Therefore he felt a certain amount of diffidence in speaking as to the nature of Freemasonry, because his hearers must know it far better than he knew it himself. He should not, however, occupy the time by many apologies, but would follow on the speech they had already heard, carrying on those remarks. Bro. Scott had defended Freemasonry in the most masterly way from the attacks made upon it; he (Bro. Adams) would endeavour to go a little further and if possible (for they could not do it altogether) carry the war into the enemy's country. He would confine himself to one fact: Freemasonry provided one of the great necessities of human nature. They had all experienced that the tendency of progress was to separate man from man. In earlier ages there was a strong feeling of claniship that bound man to his brother man, but as civilisation increased there was a tendency to sever each from the other; men passed away into different conditions of life, and different feelings; and all this parted them. There was a marked separation often existed between the different states of society, and they often saw men looking down upon others, who again looked down upon another class. They found that the duties of their common citizenship tended to divide them. Politics divided them and religion divided them. The duties, therefore, of common citizenship did not content them. He looked around him for something to unite them, and he found nothing anywhere but Freemasonry that would do it. There they found men of all positions meeting on a common ground—men who differed in religion, in politics, in position in life, in profession or occupation—they might differ in all these respects; but the grand power of Freemasonry was felt by each and all who were brought together under the ægis and banner of Freemasonry. There was one other point to which he would draw attention. They were not banded together simply to do nothing; they could not allow the world to think that they only held lodges; they could point to the effects of their union—to their glorious Masonic Charities. They were doing their duty, not only to themselves, but were providing for those who in the course of nature were unable to provide for themselves. They were not united simply in standing still but were united in marching onward in the grand path of benevolence.

At the close of the Chaplain's oration, the D.P.G.M., assisted by the other Prov. Grand Officers, performed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge, with choral accompaniments.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Sabine as first W.M. of the Atlingworth Lodge was also performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Scott; and it is only giving their simple due to all concerned in the ceremonies of consecration and installation to say that we never in any lodge have seen the work better done.

The following is the list of officers for the year designated in the warrant as appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. Henry Davey, P.M. 732, acting I.P.M.; Jas. Robertson, Britannia Lodge, 33, S.W.; H. G. Martin, P.M. 404, P.P. J.G.W. Herts, J.W.; Geo. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G.P. Sussex, Treas.; G. S. Godfree, Royal York Lodge, 315, Sec.; J. N. Stoner, P.M. 56, S.D.; W. Newsome, True Friendship Lodge, 160, J.D.; S. P. Weston, Royal York Lodge, 315, I.G.; J. M. Newnham, St. Cecilia Lodge, 1636, Chap.; S. Peters, South Saxon Lodge, 311, D. of C.; H. Ancombe, Domestic Lodge, 177, and R. Paige, Loyal of Industry Lodge, 421, Stewards; Thomas Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler Sussex, Tyler.

Before closing the lodge, Bro. Sabine proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Officers for the assistance they had given them, and that honorary membership be conferred on the R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M.; W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; and Bro. Somers Clarke (lord of the manor of Atlingworth); and the motion being seconded by the J.W., was carried unanimously.

Ten gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and two brethren as joining members.

The foundation of a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge was laid by a collection made in the lodge-room.

The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the Banqueting or Dragon Room. Covers were laid for 112 guests, the vice-chairs being taken on the right hand table by the S.W., Bro. James Robertson, Britannia Lodge, 33; on the left hand table by the J.W., Bro. H. G. Martin (ex-Mayor of St. Albans), P.M. 404, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts; at the centre table by the Treasurer, Bro. G. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex. When the serious business of doing justice to the excellent viands set before the brethren was accomplished, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and the intervals between the toasts and the replies were enlivened with some admirable vocal music by the professional brethren present. Bro. Kuhe, P.G. Org. England, also favoured the company with a brilliant recital on the pianoforte.

The Chairman: Brethren, it is customary in all English gatherings that the first toast should be one of respect to the Sovereign of the country, and I have, therefore, to commence the toasts of this evening with "The Queen

and the Craft." This toast, which is always welcome, I now ask you to honour.

The Chairman: The next toast is that of "The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," and I can assure you, from my own personal knowledge of the Prince of Wales, that though he has so many claims upon his time, he insists in signing all the warrants; that is a matter of some importance. From a knowledge of his business qualifications, which are exhibited in other matters, I wonder sometimes how His Royal Highness gets through all the business he undertakes. Since he has been Grand Master of Freemasons his example has increased the Order to a large extent; and if it continues to be what it is at present, it will become one of the most influential as it is now one of the most interesting institutions of the country. I, therefore, give you "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman: Brethren, I claim your attention to the third toast on the list, which is a very important one, and includes all the working staff of Grand Lodge. I propose "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Those who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge and the various Committees held at Grand Lodge offices know very well that the executive of English Freemasonry embraces a large number of men. The manner in which they perform their duties is admirable. We hear very little if anything of serious matters being brought before the Board of General Purposes, which is the most important Committee of Grand Lodge. And then, again, the finances of this grand and wealthy Order! The Fund of Benevolence is some £50,000, which is being added to week by week. And I may remind you that during the last two years Sussex has had reason to be glad that there is such a fund. In the case of the daughter of an old Brighton Mason they voted her £100; and their answer to another case was a vote of £75. There is then, you may be sure, a large amount of work to be transacted at Grand Lodge, but it is sure to be done well while we have such men as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale assisting the Grand Master. I shall couple with this toast the name of Bro. Kuhe, Past Grand Organist, and also Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary (and I regret that my revered friend Bro. John Hervey is not in sufficiently good health to make the journey so as to be here himself). I shall also couple with the toast the name of another Past Officer, Bro. Marriott, G.C., Past Grand Steward.

Bro. Kuhe said that it often devolved on him to return thanks for this toast, because he was the only Grand Officer present, but he was glad to observe that was not the case that day. He took great interest in this lodge as an old inhabitant of Brighton, where he had resided something like thirty years. When he came there were only two lodges, but now Brighton was not behind any other town. It had been a matter of great regret that he had been unable to attend the ceremony that day performed, but he had been prevented by his professional avocations. He wished the lodge all good wishes for its prosperity, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bros. Buss and Marriott also replied shortly to this toast.

The Chairman: Brethren, I am going to take the liberty of amalgamating the next two toasts, because I want to introduce a toast that is not printed. I now propose "The Health of the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, the W. Bro. John H. Scott, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." I think we have ample evidence that the Prov. Grand Master is a man fitted to occupy the position of king or head of Freemasonry in Sussex. I should like to ask this company whether they ever knew a Prov. Grand Master who, in the short time that he has held the reins in Sussex, has done so much to consolidate Masonry, who, in fact, has made the tour of the whole province, and who, I think I am correct in saying, has visited every lodge in the province, from Chichester on the one hand, to distant Rye on the other. Notwithstanding that he is a member of Parliament (which has deprived us to day of his presence at this festive board) he is most active in performing his Masonic duties; and we hope that he may be spared to occupy for many years the proud position which he graces in the Province of Sussex. I now come to one whose name is familiar in our mouths as household words, Bro. John Scott. I am not given to over flatter any one, so that if any strong expressions come from me I think it will be believed that I think the subject warrants them. The many good and genial qualities which Bro. John Scott possesses have been placed at the service of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Sussex; he is ready to go everywhere and do anything. I have no doubt that if he were a visitor at a lodge, and they were hard up for an Inner Guard—that he would perform that office with the same goodwill that he has shown to-day. We can say of John Scott, that in Masonry he is a good all-round man; he will consecrate a lodge to-day, and willingly, if necessary, take the position of Inner Guard to-morrow; he possesses the true Freemason's heart and the esteem of every one in Sussex; and I am sure that every one will rejoice to think that he has obtained the provincial position that he occupies. I now come to the names of Bros. Freeman and Kidd, who understand well the important provincial offices they have undertaken, and their work is most ably performed, to the satisfaction of the province. I am entitled to include in this toast our Bro. the Rev. R. Adams, who has acted to-day, for the first time, as Chaplain, and made on the occasion so admirable and impressive an address.

Bro. Scott: I will, in replying, endeavour to observe the words at the head of the list of toasts, that "brevity is the soul of wit," by making my reply a very short one. First, as to our Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Burrell; he is, as the song says, "the mighty conqueror of hearts." When he

was installed Provincial Grand Master he said in this room that it was his intention to make himself acquainted with every lodge in the province, and, as has been already said, he has even now visited all but two of them. With regard to what you have been good enough to say of me, I am grateful for your kindness. I have worked diligently ever since I entered into Masonry. Bro. Freeman and I accompanied Sir Walter on all his visits except one each. I never dreamed that I should ever be deputed by the Grand Master of Sussex. Year after year rolled on, and at last it has come upon me. Let it be a lesson to young Masons to bide their time for the highest honours in the Craft. Let them not feel neglected, let them be diligent, and I will be bound that every one of them will at length realise his fondest hopes.

Bro. Freeman also acknowledged the compliment, and with regard to the work he had had in connection with the Atlingworth Lodge, said that Bro. Sabine had taken a great deal of the detail upon himself, and had thus reduced his work to a minimum.

Bro. Adams: I am sure you will all pity me, for I think it must be admitted that to feel flattered and yet too old to blush is a trial. Take my lot to-day also—to have to speak just after our D.P.G.M.—that has been my lot to-day. I have heard to-day that to do our best is something. I have tried to do my best, and the greatest compliment I could receive is to hear, as I did, that I have got out of a rut and have opened new ground. I hope I shall keep out of the rut. I was once resident in a place where I was afraid I was getting into a rut. I tried to break away from it, and at last I succeeded in getting out of the rut. I hope I shall be successful in helping Masonry in any way that I can.

Bro. Scott: It falls to my lot to propose the next toast. I am not sorry to learn that it is my duty; because I wish your W.M. good health and prosperity to the lodge. I think it a pleasure, and I do, accordingly, wish him and the lodge health and prosperity with all my heart. I cannot add to what I have said in the lodge. It is, I know, a source of gratification to Bro. Sabine that he has at length established a lodge at Brighton, and that its consecration has taken place on his birthday, and I am sure I wish him many happy returns of the day. With regard to the success of the Atlingworth Lodge, it is all very well to begin with a grand display, but success must depend upon those who are its members. "It's not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more—we'll deserve it." I take that as a very happy omen of what they intend to do, because, as I have said, success does very much depend upon those who have to carry on the affairs of the lodge. Therefore, I feel perfect confidence in calling upon you to drink success to the Atlingworth Lodge, and I also call upon you to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master," wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The Chairman: Worshipful Deputy, Grand Master, and Brethren, I do not know that I can say much to you on this occasion in response to the toast that has been so kindly proposed by Bro. Scott, and responded to so heartily and unanimously by the brethren. I think, perhaps, that when in course of time I shall become the Past Master of this lodge I shall be able to speak to the point, but I think I should fail in doing it this year. But I am greatly indebted for the kindness I have received ever since the inception of this matter in January last from our friend and brother, Bro. Freeman, and others. From the first time that I laid the matter before them they seemed to take it to heart that those Masons living at Brighton who belonged to no other Brighton lodge should find a locus in quo in the Atlingworth Lodge; and I think you will agree with me that when you heard the petition for the new lodge was afloat and was to give strength to the lodges, and to bring under the Grand Lodge of Sussex men who were not directly under it, you felt that a good work was being attempted. None feel more than myself how arduous is the task I have undertaken, but it is not quite new to me, because Bro. Hervey four years ago consecrated a new lodge in Southwark, The Chaucer No. 1540, and installed me first Master of that lodge, and I have always striven to do my duty. I have invited my friend Bro. Walters, who initiated me into Freemasonry sixteen years ago, but unfortunately he had to leave at five o'clock. I am happy to say that I have seen myself to-day surrounded by an assembly of Masons of the provinces of a most influential and widely representative character. We had a serious business in choosing a name for the lodge, and went over a long list of proposed names. I think it was Bro. Scott who suggested the Manor of Atlingworth. I am not going to enter into a long story to give you an account of the Manor of Atlingworth; suffice it to say that it has the sanctity of antiquity about its foundation. I have no doubt it was formed when William the Norman came over to England. In returning you thanks for wishing me many happy returns of the day, and prosperity to this lodge, I may say you will give me credit for a good purpose, and that I shall endeavour in future as formerly to do my duty, and that at the end of my year of office you will say that the happiness of the brethren and the honour of Freemasonry was not committed to one who failed to do his duty.*

* Bro. Sabine was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, in December, 1863 (this is a centenary lodge), and served the office of Master in 1868-9, and was presented with a gold jewel, and by the Brighton brethren of the lodge with a Past Master's collar and jewel. He was a founder of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, was first Treasurer and subsequently W.M., and at the end of his year of office he was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a very handsome three-bottle liqueur stand. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, and at the end of his year of office he was presented by the lodge with a handsome epergne with four dishes

Bro. G. S. Godfree (Secretary of the lodge): Worshipful Master and Brethren, it is my privilege here this evening to introduce the toast of "The Visitors," which I shall do very briefly. I believe we have had this afternoon one of the largest congregations of visitors that a Brighton lodge has ever welcomed, come to do honour to the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge; and I could not but think how overpowered with emotion our Worshipful Master must have felt when he heard the storm of "Hearty good wishes" that greeted him at the conclusion of to-day's ceremonies. I will not transgress the rule enjoining brevity, but will conclude by asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Dixon, P.M. 73, the Senior Past Master of Bro. Sabine's Mother Lodge.

This toast was replied to by Bro. Dixon, who, in the course of his remarks, alluded to the circumstance attending Bro. Sabine's (and three other gentlemen from Brighton) initiation sixteen years ago, and remarked how well his admirable conduct as a Mason had justified their acceptance of him.

Bro. Geo. Smith (Treasurer) proposed the toast "The Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institutions," which was responded to by Bro. Binckes, the worthy Secretary of the Boys' School.

The W.M. then introduced the toast, not on the list, to which he had referred earlier in the evening. It was "The Royal Brunswick Lodge," that being the lodge which had endorsed the Atlingworth petition, and with the toast he coupled "The Health of Bro. Benjamin Bennett, W.M. of the Brunswick Lodge."

Bro. Bennett having responded, the other toasts on the list, namely, "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province," "The Officers of the Atlingworth Lodge," and the Tyler's toast, were severally proposed and duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1817.

Among the first Masonic duties that have fallen to the lot of the newly-appointed Grand Master of Essex (Lord Tenterden) is that of the consecration of the St. Andrew's Lodge, at Shoeburyness, which event took place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness. The ceremonies of the day commenced at two o'clock, at which time the R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden opened the lodge, having previously appointed Bros. Wood and Shepherd as the Wardens, pro. tem.; with Bros. Pissey as I.G.; Wigram, D.P.G.M., as Chap.; Harris, Sec.

The Prov. G.M. first announced that he had received a telegram from Bro. Ralling, the Prov. G. Sec., announcing that, in consequence of the heavy rains, the train had been delayed, and made it impossible for him to attend the meeting.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and in due course the Prov. G. Master called upon the Chaplain to deliver the oration.

Bro. Wigram, in the course of his remarks, said: I shall be brief in my remarks, but I trust they will be appropriate. You have, brethren, been already reminded that the event of to-day is one of great importance and solemnity. In my opinion there are two facts which lend themselves to making it so. The first, which points out the progress that Freemasonry is making in every part of the country, and especially in the Province of Essex, as evidenced from the fact that fourteen years ago, at the time of the consecration of the Priory Lodge, at Southend, there were but 1000 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, while at the present time the number, as taken by this we are now constituting, is 1817, an increase of 817 lodges throughout the country. Of this number nine belong to our own district. Both these points to the rapid growth of Freemasonry, which was never more popular than at the present time. This great increase teaches us a most important lesson—that we should be careful how we act as Freemasons. It behoves us to be very careful in our behaviour, for a Mason should act as one in whom the world may repose confidence. We are to-day gathered together to consecrate a lodge where no lodge has ever

and plateau; also by Bro. Walters with a Past Master's jewel. He has taken part in founding several other lodges. He was exalted in the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, and subsequently served the office of M.E.Z., and at the end of his year of office was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel set with diamonds. He was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Chaucer Chapter, No. 1540, and the Era Chapter, No. 1423, and was also founder, first S.E., and fourth M.E.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 811, Brighton, and has assisted to establish several other chapters. Bro. Sabine was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Southwark Lodge, No. 22, and served the office of Master, and on the completion of his year of office received a presentation jewel. He established the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, Brighton, and served the office of Master, and at the end of his year of office the members presented Mrs. Sabine with a handsome locket, jewelled in diamonds and rubies. He was one of the founders of the Southdown Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 164, Hayward's Heath, was the principal agent in establishing the Mark Province of Sussex, and was the first Provincial Grand Mark Secretary. He has been appointed Grand Mark Steward, Grand Mark Asst. Dir. of Cir., Grand Mark Master Overseer, and was elected for several years on the General Board of Grand Mark Lodge. He was one of the original Stewards to establish the Mark Benevolent Annual Festival. Bro. Sabine has filled the office of Steward for the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on many occasions, and is Vice-President of all. He is a Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, an 18°. He has been Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, and the other day was appointed Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex.

been held before, and this fact alone will cause the inhabitants to watch attentively all whom they know are Freemasons, and, therefore, I hope you will do your best to keep up the credit of the Craft in the district, and remember the honour of Freemasonry in this part of Essex rests in your hands, and I hope it will remain as pure and un sullied as you will receive it this day from the hands of the Prov. Grand Master.

The remaining portion of the consecration ceremony was then completed, and the lodge resumed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Charles Eltham was presented as the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lucking, who, on the re-admission of the brethren, called for the usual salutes.

The W.M. then appointed the following as officers for the year: Bro. George J. Glasscock, S.W.; James M. Farr, J.W.; Hall (after being duly proposed and unanimously elected by the lodge), Treas.; J. M. Harris (P.P. A.G.D. of C.), Sec.; F. Howell, S.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.D.; S. M. Walker, I.G. Bro. Whittingham was unanimously elected as Tyler, and duly installed as such. Bro. Lucking then delivered the addresses from the West and South, and the Prov. Grand Master that from the East. Four propositions for initiation were handed in, as were also the names of two brethren who wished to join the lodge.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. said: Brethren, I rise to thank our Provincial Grand Master for so kindly coming here this day, and I hope he will accept the position of honorary member of the lodge. I also hope that the brethren who have assisted him in the ceremonies of the day will accept a similar compliment from us.

Lord Tenterden, in reply, said: It is a very great pleasure for me to find that one of my first duties as Master of Freemasonry in Essex is to institute a new lodge, especially in this part of the country, with which I am so intimately connected. I accept with pleasure the position of honorary member you have so kindly offered me, and hope I may on some future occasion have the opportunity of visiting you as a regularly constituted and flourishing lodge.

Bro. Wigram then said: On behalf of the other officers of the province I thank you for the reception that has been accorded us. We join in wishing the lodge every prosperity, and feel especial pleasure in attending, especially as this is the first lodge which has been consecrated by our new Provincial Grand Master.

The W.M. then said: I wish to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Lucking for having come and acted as Director of Ceremonies in the consecration of the lodge, and also for having installed me in my present position. It is the first opportunity I have had of witnessing the installation ceremony, and I am very much impressed with it.

Bro. Lucking, in acknowledgment, said: I did not require any thanks. I feel it a great honour to have to install the first Master of this the first lodge consecrated by our present Provincial Grand Master.

Nothing further offering, the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a spacious marquee, where dinner was served by the host in a creditable manner. The usual toasts followed. The first three were given very briefly, but none the less heartily. With the latter—"The Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge"—was coupled the name of Bro. Matthew Clark, Grand Deacon, who, in reply, said: On behalf of the Grand Officers of England I tender my heartiest thanks. We all believe that they do their best for Masonry. My experience in the Grand Lodge convinces me that Freemasonry could not be under better management.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Tenterden, the Consecrating Officer of the day." He said: I now come to the fourth toast on the list, it is one which falls upon me as a most pleasing duty. I have most heartily to thank our Grand Master for coming down here to the consecration of our lodge. I think it a very great honour.

Lord Tenterden, on rising to respond, was received with the most hearty applause. He said: Brethren, I have to thank you, and I do so most sincerely, for the cordial reception you have given me. I look upon it, not only as a compliment to your Consecrating Officer, but also in my capacity as Master of your province. It is very reassuring to see so many present on this occasion, all of whom wish well for your lodge consecrated this day. Let us consider how that happy inauguration may best lead to the happy results which we hope will follow. If this lodge is to prosper, and I hope it will do so, and spread its influence all over the world, it will be necessary to have good work and good material. By good work I do not mean mere letter perfection—which, although very good in its way, is not all that is necessary—but heart perfection; that alone is the way by which you can impress the reality of our system on those who are initiated into our Order. We have to-day consecrated this lodge to the glory of God and the welfare of our fellow creatures, and thus do the officers of to-day and their successors undertake to further in every way in their power the interests of the Order. It is also necessary that you should have good material, or it will be labour thrown away. What we want is not that there should be a number of lodges or brethren in England, but that we should be able to boast of our solidity, and in order that we should be able to support in the future the lodges which may arise, we should be most careful in building them up. Therefore, in choosing your recruits you should choose stalwart men, men who will be able to support the dignity of the lodge. The lodge should always strive to be a model in its work, and in the selection of its members, so that when we hear of the lodge at Shoeburyness we shall hear of one that it is a credit to any one to belong to. In constituting a lodge we should look to the general welfare of mankind, and as

we may perchance leave footprints on the sands of time, we should do good work in the present, so that those who come after may take it as a model.

The other toasts usual on such occasions followed in quick succession, interspersed by songs and glees, the brethren not leaving until a late hour.

Among those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, Prov. G. Master; S. R. Wigram, D.P.G.M.; A. F. Heaton, P.G. Chap.; A. Lucking, P.G. D. of C.; Thos. King, P.G.P.; Alfred Sturgeon, P.G.S.D.; E. E. Phillips, P.J.G.W. Somersetshire, P.G. Deacon Essex; F. B. Shepherd, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C.; W. Pissey, P.P. J.G.W.; H. J. Sansom, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Hemmann, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; Fredk. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B., P.G. Steward, &c.; F. Wood, P.M. 1000; C. Buckland, J.D. 1536; H. Harding, Organist 1536; G. Smith, 1536; T. King, W.M. 160; H. Harper, J.W. 160; W. D. Merritt, J.D. 1000; G. F. Jones, S.W. 1000; W. Lockey, 1000; H. Luker, 1000; G. Cox, 1000; F. Calrow; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; John Allen, W.M. 1734; D. Davies, 913; James Godwin, W.M. 1343; D. Bartlett, Sec. 1343; J. Girling, 1000; D. Wright, 1024; W. J. Chignell, 1000; A. Brice, 184; A. F. Collins, 504; J. Harrington, S.W. 160; W. Kilpin, I.G. 160; G. Goodman, 160; J. Horton, 903; E. Winmill, 160; T. F. Barrett, S.D. 1000; F. C. Johnston, W.M. 1000; and others.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

Club life in London, from the palatial establishments of the West-end to the modest place of resort affected by the cultured but somewhat impecunious men about town, has been so often described, and its minutest details chronicled, that our readers will readily forgive our not introducing the subject of the London Masonic Club by a laboured and grandiloquent essay on clubs in general. The "London Correspondent" of small gossip, who dates his letters to provincial county papers from his "Club," has done enough, and more than enough, in that direction. Our business is somewhat more practical—that of calling attention to an institution which has been in existence only a comparatively short time it is true, but which bids fair to be a great boon to the brotherhood, both in London and the provinces. It would seem only a reasonable idea that the peculiar relations existing among the members of the Craft could be very properly utilised in the formation of a Masonic Club, after the model of the most successful establishments, and a year or two ago it was endeavoured to be put in practice.

Comparatively small but eligible premises in Queen Victoria-street were secured, and the scheme was launched. Owing to causes which need not be specified, but which might be termed errors of judgment, the too strictly limiting membership and admission to the club to Masons being among the gravest, it did not succeed so well as was expected, but in June of last year it was resuscitated and entirely re-organised, an excellent Committee was formed, Bro. Alderman Hadley being Chairman, with Bro. R. Dixon as Vice-Chairman, and under the judicious and painstaking management of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. Dobbin, the scheme was launched on what bids fair to be a prosperous future. As we have said, the building is not a large one, but if the club supplies a want in Masonry, there is no reason why the London Masonic Club should not rival the best and largest.

The interior arrangements include an excellent lodge room, which at present is used only by some half-dozen of the London lodges, but which we venture to think will be more generally sought after when it becomes better known by those lodges who prefer a meeting place of a private or semi-private character to the usual hotel accommodation. On the ground floor is a roomy luncheon or dining room, the appointments of which are tasteful and convenient, here luncheons and dinners are served throughout the day and evening, and under the management of Bro. Harrington, whose catering we can speak most highly of, this department is daily growing in favour. The first floor contains one or two private rooms where a brother visiting town may lunch or dine "en familie" with the greatest comfort, a reading and smoking room, and a capital billiard room containing two tables. Other rooms are ready to be devoted to the use of members as occasion may require.

We mentioned before that at first membership was confined entirely to Masons, and although it might be right theoretically, it was found not to work well in practice. Many members naturally thought that, although it was very pleasant and desirable to meet Masons only, it should not be considered a disqualification that a friend otherwise eligible was not a Mason. To retain the management in the hands of the Craft, and to preserve its Masonic character, the Committee of Management consists of Masons only, and all candidates for admission have to be proposed and seconded by members who are Masons, so that the control is practically in the hands of the Craft. At present the subscription is £5 5s. per annum for town members and £3 3s. for country, but after the present month it is proposed to charge an entrance fee of £2 2s., and after fifty more members have joined at this rate it will be raised to £5 5s. It should also be mentioned that the liability of members is limited to their subscription and entrance fee. Altogether we consider the Committee should be congratulated on the present position and future prospects of the club, and its extension is only a question of "management," which at present is deserving of the greatest praise.

The original autograph will of George Frederic Handel was sold by auction on Monday last by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson for £53, the purchaser being Mr. W. H. Cummings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts was held at Berkhamstead on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the Town Hall at three o'clock p.m., the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. F. Halsey, presiding, supported by Bro. J. Sedgwick, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large assemblage of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. Among the other brethren present were the following:—

Bro. J. E. Dawson, P.S.G.W.; J. Terry, P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. Finch, P.G. Chap.; W. O. Thompson, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Wilson Iles, P.G. Sec.; J. D. Groom, P.S.G.D.; Thos. Kent, P.J.G.D.; And. Malcolm, P.G. Purs.; Fred. Levick, P.A.G. Purs.; C. Benard, P.G. Steward; T. Thomas and T. Wright, P.G. Tylers; T. S. Carter, 403, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Shilcock, 449, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Venables, 1385, P.P.G.P.; J. Cutbush, 1385, P.P.A.D.C.; W. S. Rose, 504, P.P. Sup. of Wks.; J. L. Mather, 1580, D.G.D.C.; J. E. Lane, 504, P.G.P.; R. A. Wright, 504, P.G.S.D.; W. C. Maddever, 504; H. Critch, 1580, P.P.G.W.; H. C. Finch, 404, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Wilson, 504, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Lacey, P.G.W.; E. T. Foord, 404, P.P.G.S.B.; F. D. Copestick, 869, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Bowyer, 1580, P.P.G.J.W.; W. B. Heath, 504, P.P.G.S.W.; D. C. Foster, 504, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Holles, 504, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Berry, 554; Rev. W. Casley, (Cranbourne, 1580); W. Bywater, 19; E. Baxter, P.M.; F. L. Lane, 504; R. Coombs, 12; G. Graveley, 898; F. Ford, 1580; J. Parrott, 1479; T. S. Watts, 916; A. W. Nash, 409; W. Bristo, 860; J. T. Lee, 404; H. C. Lambert, 504; H. T. Foster, 504; J. Greig, 504; E. Swain, 803; J. Round, 340; S. Harris, 340; W. J. Hunter (Crusaders); A. Meade, 449; W. Edwards, 1479; C. E. Keyser, 404; T. C. Chapman, 869; W. P. Kidder, 12; G. Wilson, 173; M. E. Wilkin, 1385; J. H. Wilkin, 1385; G. Young, 1757; J. J. Hatton, 504; W. Field, 504; J. Copestick, 869; R. A. Brooke, 404; E. Carr, 1297; R. F. Young, 1385; J. F. Rowe, 504; C. Bullock, 504; S. J. Woolley, 1327; J. Knight, 1327; H. Amphett, 1511; J. Middleton, 834; T. Stranger, 10.

Bro. Iles, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and the same were confirmed.

Bro. Iles then called over the roll of lodges in the province, when all were found to be well represented in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was then called over, when it was found that there were a few absentees whose absence was duly accounted for.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, read a letter from Bro. Alfred James Copland, resigning his office as Grand Treasurer for the Province of Herts.

Thanks to Bro. Copland were proposed by Bro. W. Wilson, G. Purs. England, which proposition was put by the Prov. G. Master, and carried unanimously, the Prov. Grand Master observing that he should not be doing his duty if he did not say that he concurred most heartily in the proposition, though there was no doubt that they had a most able substitute in Bro. Copland's successor.

Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 403, proposed Bro. Felix Sumner Knyvett, P.M. Felicity, P.G. Steward, as Prov. G. Treasurer, which, being seconded and put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Knyvett thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the high honour they had just conferred upon him, and only hoped that he should deserve their approbation equally well with Bro. Copland.

Prov. G.M.: Brethren, in appointing the Grand Officers for the ensuing year I have to announce that I am about to appoint Bro. Iles as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. I must take the opportunity of thanking the outgoing Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his valuable services in the post he has occupied, in which he has been of great assistance to me.

The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. L. Mather, then read the patent under the hand of the Prov. G.M., constituting Bro. Iles Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was then obligated in due form, and afterwards invested with the badges of office, amid the applause of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rowe, P.M. 504...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. S. Carter, P.M. 403 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Oswald Thompson ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Casley ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Sumner Keywell, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Newton Edwards, 1439 ...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Reg.
" J. E. Dawson, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Maddever ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Fisher Young ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Chapman (Gresham) ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Mather ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Nash ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Parrott ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Veal ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Bausor, 504 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Bro. Hatton, Greig, C. Bullock, } H. J. Foster, Ryland, F. A. } Forbes ...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. T. Thomas, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Wright, 403 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Sec. then read the report of the Board of Finance, which was received.

Bro. W. Wilson asked a question respecting the accounts, which was satisfactorily answered by the Prov. G. Sec.

Prov. G. Master: The next business is a notice of motion of Bro. Carter's.

Bro. Carter, Prov. J.G.W.: I rise, pursuant to a notice,

to propose—"That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." No words of mine are required to recommend this motion; last year we took care of the boys, now, I think, we should take care of the girls.

The Prov. G. Sec. seconded the motion, with the addition of the words "and that the amount be placed on Bro. Carter's list," as I learn that it is his intention to go up as a Steward at the next festival. With that addition I second the motion. Carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Terry, P.P.J.G.W.: I rise to propose—"That the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Berkhamstead Lodge, towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge."

Seconded by Bro. Iles, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Carter, Prov. J.G.W.: I move "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the West Herts Infirmary, at Hemel Hempstead." This is an excellent institution, and one the benefits of which are not confined to the inhabitants of Hempstead, and a great many poor people are benefited by it. I think, too, that Prov. Grand Lodge as it goes through the province should always leave these marks at some one of the local charities.

Seconded by Bro. W. Wilson, and carried unanimously.

Prov. Grand Master: As one of the Committee of the Infirmary, I beg to tender Provincial Grand Lodge my thanks for the donation.

Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Iles: I rise to move, "That, pursuant to the recommendation from the Board of Finance to Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of twenty-five pounds be contributed to the fund being raised amongst the Masons of England for the restoration of the West Front of St. Alban's Abbey." This resolution was carefully considered by the Board of Finance at their meeting, and unanimously agreed to. I am, therefore, only the mouthpiece of the Committee when I propose this resolution. Most of you are aware of the steps that were taken at our last meeting. A great deal has been done since that time. A London Committee has been established; the Prince of Wales has become a patron of the Committee of the fund, and almost every one of the Provincial Grand Masters of England have allowed their names to appear. I think, therefore, that as a national object, which is being largely supported by Freemasons throughout England, it would ill become this Provincial Grand Lodge to withhold its support from this fund, but allow it to go about to other lodges in England that the Grand Lodge of the province in which the Abbey is situate was not supporting the fund. I will not detain you further, but commend the resolution to your consideration.

Prov. Grand Master: I rise to second this motion, and I do so with very great pleasure. I think it is our duty. We have made this appeal, which has been very well supported throughout the Craft at large, to restore the whole West Front, or, if that cannot be done, to restore one of the Western porches of the Abbey. A very interesting account has been prepared of the steps that have been taken to promote this object, which account you will no doubt have received through your lodges. I do not know whether Bro. Keyser, who has undertaken the post of Honorary Secretary to the fund, has any remarks to make, but I am sure that anything he may have to say will be listened to with interest.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, S.D. 404, said that he had hastily drawn up a few figures as to the amount of support received from the Province of Herts, which, up to the present time, was inconsiderable, and amounted only to £163. He believed that the delay on the part of some of the lodges was due to the fact that these lodges had their recess from March to September. He stated what expenses they had incurred for printing, &c., and said that the work of restoration could not be commenced until they had received a sum of £2000. He hoped that the Prov. Grand Lodge would vote the sum proposed in Bro. Iles' motion.

Bro. Copestick said he thought that very generally the brethren in the provincial lodges were in ignorance of the movement, and appealed to Bro. Keyser to send further particulars.

Bros. F. Young and Wilson said that the matter had been before their lodges, but had been deferred for further consideration, which they hoped would have a favourable result. It appeared that many members of provincial lodges were in ignorance of the movement, though the Secretaries had received full particulars; but it was explained that it was only possible for the Secretary to bring forward the matter in lodge, and such brethren as were absent would necessarily know nothing of the appeal.

The Prov. Grand Master put the motion, in doing which he reminded the brethren that this was not an appeal for large sums to be given by individuals, as the donation of any one brother was limited to £5. The Committee hoped to attain their object by small contributions from many, and not by large contributions from a few. Carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary moved the next resolution, "That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued." It required very few words, he said, to recommend this resolution to them. In the first year of its publication there was a large balance which Prov. G. Lodge had to make good; last year the balance against Prov. G. Lodge was only £2 7s., but this year there was a balance of 8s. 6d. on the profit side. He thought that this proved the Calendar was succeeding, and hoped Prov. G. Lodge would sanction its continuance.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Terry, and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary announced that a new lodge, the Henry the Eighth Lodge, had been consecrated in the province during the past year.

The business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

The banquet was provided at the King's Arms Hotel, whither the brethren adjourned immediately after the closing of Grand Lodge, but by the time dinner was concluded there was not much space to get through the list of toasts, and the speeches were necessarily as brief as possible.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and warmly responded to—including "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. Wilson, P.G. Purst., who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. J. Sedgwick, P.D.P.G.M.: I am in possession of the gavel at the present moment in order to bring to your notice the next toast on the list, and I feel it requires more power than I have to do justice to it. But I can say, also, that if I am wanting in language I am not wanting in intention, and it is with the greatest possible pleasure that I have to propose to you "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." I am quite sure that the manner in which this toast is received will testify your appreciation of the good qualities of the Provincial Grand Master. For myself, I am greatly indebted to him for the honourable position in which he placed me for the last five years in this county, which has given me every opportunity I could desire. The talent and happy manner in which the Prov. Grand Master performs the duties of every office in which I have had the pleasure to see him are a bright example to everybody over whom he presides. I am sure we are all proud of our Provincial Grand Master, and trust that for many years he may continue to exercise over the province the same beneficent sway he has always held while he has held his present position.

The Chairman: Brethren, I feel really quite overcome with the very kind manner in which Bro. Sedgwick has proposed my health, and with the kind manner in which you have received it. If it gives you the same pleasure to belong to the Craft that it gives me to preside over it it is very gratifying. It gives me great pleasure to come among you, whether in Provincial Grand Lodge, or to one of the lodges to which I am a subscribing member, and in the neighbourhood where I have lived most of my life, and the lodge under whose banner this entertainment has been given; and I am sincerely glad to see that the province is increasing and flourishing. We have had an additional lodge formed in the province during the past year, and I think there is ample room for more, and I do not see that there is any reason why the only good lodges should be in big towns. I think a large lodge is a mistake; in a large lodge there is the danger of having coteries formed, and, therefore, I do not see why small lodges should not be persevered with. And, now, brethren, as it is getting near the time for our trains, and as trains wait for no man, I must ask to be allowed to pass on to the next toast on the list, which is "The Visitors," a toast which I might almost call the toast of the evening, with which I will couple the name of Bro. L'Estrange, P.M. 10.

Bro. L'Estrange returned thanks for the visitors, and the Chairman proceeded to propose "The Health of the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. Iles and Sedgwick.

Bro. Iles, Deputy P.G.M., then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, the Secretary for the Masonic Benevolent Institution, who, in replying, pointed out that however successful the Masonic Institutions had been, though the three had collected £37,000 during the last year, yet it was pitiable to see the discrepancy between the number of candidates for admission and the number it was possible to elect.

The Chairman next proposed "The Lodges of the Province, coupled with the name of the W.M. of the Berkhamstead Lodge, Bro. Maddever," and Bro. Maddever having said a few words in reply, the Tyler's toast concluded the entertainment.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Friday, the 18th inst. V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, G. Treas., the Vice-President, presided, in the absence of Col. Burdett, the President, who was unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the Treasurer, Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., read the list of subscriptions received since the last meeting. It was resolved to publish an amended list of subscriptions to the present date.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the monumental stone be placed over the grave—"the design to be selected by Mrs. Little and the executors, the cost not to exceed £35; the inscription to be submitted for the approval of the Chairman."

A discussion then ensued as to the disposal of the balance, it being the opinion of some of the members of the Committee that it should be handed to Mrs. Little direct.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on the 10th of November, at the commencement of the London Masonic season, the President expressing a hope that all monies voted or promised be paid to the Treasurer before that date.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Yarker's letters received. We do not think it worth while to go on with the controversy about Burt.

ERRATA.—In the report of the Union Waterloo Lodge in our last, we find that the date of the Warrant should be 1785, instead of 1826, as stated; and instead of the W.M. having been initiated by P.M. Applebee two years ago, it should have been TEN years ago.

The following reports stand over:—

- St. Peter's Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Woolwich.
- Pattison Chapter, No. 913, Plumstead.
- Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hebrew Leader," "Hull Packet," "The Skin and its Troubles," "New York Dispatch," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Sunday Review," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Hebrew Leader," "Liberal Freemason," "Keystone," "Paper Consumers' Circular," "The Defender," "Masonic Review," "The Cornish Telegraph," "The Citizen," "The Weekly Gazette," "Sussex Daily News," "Civilian," "Report of District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Der Triangel," "Brighton Gazette," "Voice of Masonry."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BARNES.—On the 20th inst., at Cheltenham, the wife of Richard Barnes, the Superintendent of the Colonial Bank, West Indies, of a son.

MARTIN.—On the 20th inst., at Green Hill, Worcester, the wife of Major Robert C. Martin, Recruiting Staff, late 19th Regiment, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—STEIB.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Mary's Church, Stoke Newington, by the Rev. T. E. Howlett, Edward Darwin, son of Bro. John Jackson, of Addington-road, Bow, to Alice Mee, eldest daughter of Wm. Steib, of Nevill-road, Stoke Newington, and niece of the late Bro. H. Steib, of Preston.

DEATHS.

AURHAAN.—On the 17th inst., at 18, Warwick-rescent, Bro. L. M. Aurhaan, upwards of thirty years Treasurer of Joppa Lodge, No. 188. Much respected.

DRURY.—On the 19th inst., at Meirelbeke, Ghent, George William Drury, Esq., in the 77th year of his age.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1879.

THE FRENCH ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

We are favoured by Bro. Clement with a long letter, from which we publish the following "extracts, which may interest our readers. Much of the letter relates to our wrongful appreciation of the Masonic position in France, which differs from that of Bro. Clement; but as we entirely dissent from Bro. Clement in this respect, we do not see that any good can ensue from reproducing merely controversial statements and personal understandings or misunderstandings, as the case may be. Bro. Clement seems to think that we mix up the two systems of the Grand Orient of France and the "Grand Lodge Centrale" of the Rite Eccossais; but that is not so. Having a strong view, and on good data, as to the real cause of most regrettable tendencies in French Freemasonry, the "fons et origo mali" of much deplorable agitation, we thought it well to sound a note of warning, lest our brethren of the "Rite Eccossais" should be inclined to follow suit in the most mistaken lead of the Grand Orient of France. Bro. Clement, however, denies that there is any tendency or wish to make organic changes. All he contends for is a reform of the system of administration and representations; we, therefore, are glad to set before our readers the salient points of his complaints and statements, though many of them will come we venture to think with great surprise as well upon the Craft readers of the *Freemason*, as upon many worthy members of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In the first place, Bro. Clement tells us that there are 4000 "active" members under the authority of the "Rite Eccossais Ancien et Accepté" in France. Of these, if we understand Bro. Clement's words correctly, (there seems to be no possible doubt on the subject), seventy-five members make up the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third Degrees; 370 members represent fifteen chapters from the Fourth to the Thirtieth Degrees; and 3655 members represent the seventy-five symbolical lodges. Now we confess that this is a statement of statistics very different from what we have been lead to understand represented the real facts of the case, and is, per se, in our opinion, a very startling and striking allegation. The French is so plain that we cannot have made a mistake, "75 lodges se composent de 3655 Macons." It seems, from Bro. Clement's statement, that the "Grande Loge Centrale" is thus composed. Each symbolical lodge (atelier) nominates a deputy to represent it, and these deputies form the "premiere section" called "symbolique." From the Fourth to the Eighteenth Degree each body, also called "atelier," we note, has also a deputy, and these deputies form the "seconde section," called "chapitrale." From the Nineteenth to the Thirty-third Degree each chapter names a deputy, and these deputies form a "troisieme section," called "des Hauts Grades." There appears to us to be some error here in the statistics of Bro. Clement, which we have reproduced carefully and literally from the French, for if such be the case, the symbolic lodges have clearly no cause of complaint, and are treated most considerately, inasmuch as though the "Rite Eccossais" is not a "Craft Body" in our sense of a "Craft Body," in the Centrale Grande Loge, the symbolic lodges have a decisive majority over the higher chapters. This says a good deal for the toleration and liberality of the High Grades in the French Rite Eccossais, and seems at once to take away from Bro. Clement any real cause of complaint or even dissatisfaction. But here comes in Bro. Clement's peculiar grievance, and which he considers urgently calls for reform. Side by side, as he says, with the central body, is the "Commission Administrative." This Administrative Commission is composed of fifteen members, of which number four are so "ex officio," the Eminent Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand

Commander, the Grand Chancellor, and the Grand Treasurer, and eleven are elective. Four, for instance, are nominated by the members of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third Degrees, two by the members of the Degrees from the Fourth to the Twenty-ninth, and two by the symbolical chapters. Bro. Clement complains that whereas the High Grades, according to him, consisting only of 445 members from the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degrees, nominate four members of the Commission, the members of the symbolical lodges, numbering 3655 members, only nominate two members of the Commission. This he considers a "crying injustice;" this is the burden which oppresses just now the members of the French Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and for which he invokes in moving words, though all too long and too highly seasoned for our pages, the justice and sympathy of English Masons, and finds fault with a recent leader of ours, which he states has been reprinted by authority, and dispersed with "prodigality." Now some questions occur to our mind, and some considerations, which we will deal with seriatim.

1. Is Bro. Clement quite correct in his figures? and if correct, must not such a disparity of representation exist from the very constitution of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite? According to his statement the symbolical lodges have already a decisive and controlling majority in the Grande Loge Centrale, but why are they to have it at all even there, much less in the administrative commission, we fail to see. Bro. Clement is clearly seeking, if his argument be sound, to make of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France a second Grand Orient, a pure system of Craft representation, whether officially or by delegation, and it is here, though not ourselves members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that we differ from him. The symbolical lodges are only at the best the abnormal characteristic of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which is simply High Grade Masonry, from the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degree. And as by the very constitution of the Thirty-third Degree it is a supreme and sovereign body, it is impossible but that if its supreme and sovereign attributes are to be recognized and preserved, it must have a distinct preponderance in any "administrative commission." We venture to think that the present arrangement in the Grande Loge Centrale is very liberal, and in the administrative commission very fair, and it is certainly one of which the symbolical lodges have no right to complain, but rather every reason to be contented with. Nothing that Bro. Clement or those who agree with him can do can make of the Grande Loge Centrale a Craft Grand Lodge, and, above all, they cannot expect that as members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the symbolical lodges are to control the High Grade Chapters. In England, as properly, no symbolical lodges exist under the Ancient and Accepted Rite, nor could they be recognized as Craft lodges by the Grand Lodge, for the Ancient and Accepted Rite is alike in its organization, nomenclature, and teaching, simply and solely not a Craft body but a High Grade body. We repeat, therefore, that we do not see what real grievance our worthy Bro. Clement has to complain of, and we sincerely trust that this unwise agitation may cease, and that French Freemasonry, whether directed by the Grand Lodge Centrale or the Grand Orient, may now be left to itself, and enjoy a season of rest, and harmony, and peace. These constant agitations are very hard on the French Freemasons. We have no doubt that the majority of the Rite Eccossais in France will loyally support its "administrative authority," which seems to us to have every claim on the sympathies and approval of honest men and true Masons.

OUR ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONS.

By a communication which appeared in our last, from Bro. Broadley, from Tunis, the Lodge No. 1717, at Tunis, had determined to print in French, as well as in Italian, the bye-laws of the lodge, and certain extracts from our excellent "English Constitutions." We ventured to ob-

serve when we received a copy of the bye-laws and certain extracts from the "Constitutions," in Italian, that we highly approved of the work, as, in our opinion, it might do great good to Italian Freemasonry to know alike our wise regulations and truly tolerant system. We are pleased to learn that *La Revista*, the principal Italian Masonic organ, which, unfortunately, we do not see, though we know not why, is republishing the little work, which does such credit to Bro. Broadley and all concerned in its publication and production. If Bro. Broadley will add to his favours by sending the book to us in French, when ready, we will call attention to it in our columns. For of this one thing we are persuaded, that the more our English Constitutions are known, the more they will be appreciated by all true Masons, and we should like very much to think that, translated into other languages, they might yet become a rallying point for many foreign Grand Lodges, which, unfortunately, relying on crude notions and non-expert Masons, have codes of laws which are not calculated either to advance the prestige of Masonry or to diffuse true Masonic principles in the various quarters of the habitable world. So we heartily commend Bro. Broadley's work, and that of the Lodge 1717 at Tunis.

CHARITY REFORM.

We have read our worthy Bro. P.G.C. Simpson's letter with much attention, but, though we think it right to notice it out of respect to him and the cause it relates to, we find little to find fault with and less to answer. Our good brother rather—we say it in all friendliness—evades the point of dispute between us. He talks of "abuses," many and flagrant; we say we know of none, really and truly, worth calling "abuses," meeting him on his own ground and great point, "the exchange of votes." He says we have misrepresented his views, and as he has said this before we again ask him to restate them clearly, for they are now in a certain state of muddle and misconception. If we understand his various speeches and letters, Bro. Simpson finds fault almost entirely with the administration of the Charities on the ground of the "exchange of votes," which he has said, over and over again, leads to "canvassing," and to "cards," to "expense," and to "corruption," and to the "hardship of poor candidates," and the "selection of not the most deserving cases;" that "interest," and not "merit," becomes the characteristics of all such Charities where the present system of "exchange of votes" prevails. Now, we ask Bro. Simpson, distinctly, and once for all, without any "word splitting," to tell us how he proposes to deal with our Masonic votes. They represent now many, many thousands of voters at each election. They are held by the provinces and metropolis in round numbers, in almost equal proportion, highly to the credit of the metropolitan brethren, and are equivalent now to a very large sum of money paid on the faith of certain rules and regulations. If exchanges and Committees are to cease, how are all these votes to be sent to London? and through what channel or channels? Through "the Central Committee," as is proposed by some? or "direct to the Secretaries," as it is advocated by others? Or has Bro. Simpson a new method of his own? For remember, as Masons, we are practical and sensible men, and wish our Charities to be governed, not only on benevolent but business principles. One great good of the Provincial Charity Committees and the Metropolitan Association is, that the expenses and cards are reduced to a minimum for candidates, and that all cases are carefully scrutinized, and the strongest cases, as a rule, selected. But, as we pointed out last week, the only little weakness that we are aware of is in the "original selection of candidates," and how that is to be improved is certainly not affected by Bro. Simpson's views, because, by our rules, such selection is made by the General Committee. The selection might be made by a Sub-Committee, no doubt, but we are not sure the change would please the Subscribers, since the General Committee is an "open court" where objections can be made and are heard. No doubt a Sub-Committee would go

deeper into the merits of each case, and weigh each case carefully, and though we are ourselves favourable to a Sub-Committee of selection, we believe that the general feeling of the subscribers leans to the present arrangement. Bro. Simpson's argument that the Provincial Charities Committees have arisen from dissatisfaction with the present state of things, he must excuse us for saying, is simply unhistorical, and not a little absurd, begging his pardon. The provincial system of Charity Committees began in 1860 and 1861, and was simply an effort to obtain the benefit of local meritorious efforts for the Charities for distressing and worthy local cases. The charity reform movement, such as it is, is the creation of not ten years. The provinces, on the contrary, are quite satisfied with the present system, and would be great losers by any other. We do ask our worthy brother, the P.G.C., and others to leave our excellent Masonic Charities alone, and to allow them to pursue the "even tenour of their way," diffusing blessings and help to many, and constituting the ornament and the pride of our warm-hearted and charitable brotherhood. There is, we believe, but one feeling amongst our kindly brotherhood, excepting one or two crotchety persons, and amongst all who really understand the question, to resist idle changes and worthless reforms, which will weaken and not strengthen, which will undermine and not prop up, which will deteriorate and not improve our admirable and excellent Charitable Institutions.

PROFESSED EXPOSURES OF FREEMASONRY.

Truth, with its euphonious and affecting name, is well known, probably, to many of our readers, and we need say no more about it than that it is a weekly paper, published every Thursday, whose editor is Mr. Labouchere—see recent trials "passim." In its issue of Thursday, July 17th, it professes to give a complete and succinct explanation of the "mysteries" of Freemasonry, which it elegantly terms "mummies," both in the Three Degrees and the Royal Arch. We were very much amused when scanning the columns of *Truth* to note that this modern "Mustagogos" did not disdain to have recourse to older and worthless impugnors of Freemasonry; nay, that he had even ventured to "crib" a "wrinkle" from the infallible Pichard, the honest-minded Carlisle, and the suffering and injured Morgan. Indeed, we only see in it an olden weapon, refurbished with the modern appliances and startling brilliancy of *Truth*. Those of our brethren who read *Truth* for July 17th will have probably laughed heartily at this obsolete and absurd attack, while the non-Masonic world will give no more credence to it than they did to similar notable productions in bygone years. For it is a curious "factor" in the history of Freemasonry, explain it as we will, that neither interesting "confessions" nor abusive "exposures" have done any harm to the Order. It has, on the contrary, gained strength from every assault, found vitality in every blow. One passage in *Truth*, and only one, requires notice by us; as for the rest of the attack it may be safely left to the good sense and loyal feeling of the community at large. The passage is this: "I am not myself a Freemason, but I have often amused myself by passing for one." Despite the great authority of *Truth*, whose motto always most properly is "Magna est veritas et prevalebit," we beg most respectfully to demur to such a statement, if its words are properly understood by us. It is just possible, indeed, that in that eclectic and august circle in which the writer of *Truth* always moves, as we know, he may have amused himself and his friends—like those of Mr. Magnus, easily amused—with passing himself off as a Freemason, but that he ever did so in a lodge or among Freemasons we utterly deny. If such be really the meaning of *Truth*, as we just said, we should like to know the lodge where, and the meeting when, this interesting episode took place, as, if it took place, it says a good deal, does it not, for the "assurance" of the writer in *Truth*, be he who he may, on the one side—it says not a little "per contra" for the weakness and carelessness of our brethren on the other? Yes, verily, my

masters. So we await with much interest the "denouement" of this last ecstatic utterance of *Truth*. We note, as an amusing commentary on the above, that the same writer who professes that he often passed for a Freemason also assures his readers in the same number that he entered a harem, disguised as a homœopathic doctor, and cured an interesting patient with a "few globules" in a "silver spoon." Risum tenentis fratres et amici.

THE PERILS OF TABLE TALK.

A very curious case is reported in the *Times*, of Thursday fortnight, which, as it seriously affects the character, and privacy, and liberty, and comfort of every dinner table, deserves, as it seems to us, our very attentive consideration. We allude to the case of "Whitehead versus Westropp and wife," before the Lord Chief Justice, at Westminster. It seems that at a dinner two gentlemen found their fair neighbour, Mrs. Westropp, so "conformable" and so agreeable that they talked across her, until noticing her husband's frowns she "strained herself up," whatever that may mean. During this agreeable interlude several very jocular remarks were passed, and the conversation became of a very light and airy character. No doubt, the dinner was good, and the wines were "what they should be," and given an agreeable companion in "juxtaposition," we have all the needful ingredients for a very pleasant and enjoyable dinner. The "punctilious" husband, however, as the Lord Chief Justice appositely styled him, took it into his head that the conversation "across his wife" and "to his wife" was something very improper indeed, and having heard, no doubt, from his wife and slightly coloured account of the festive assertions of her two amiable adjuncts, he hastily and excitedly came to the conclusion that such jokes were not the "correct card," that his wife had been insulted, and that the conversation itself, especially of the plaintiff, was libellous to a third person. Why the husband should assume all this to be the case does not quite clearly appear, unless we suppose that his wife was in earnest when she said she disapproved of such a style of conversation. Unlike some we have known, the most cheery and the most guileless, and yet the most proper of women, they could smile at a quiet joke, and laugh out at a good story, as well as the most uproarious and least reticent of us all. Accordingly, like irate husbands in general, this aggrieved individual wrote to Mr. Whitehead, asking for an apology—and "instantly too." Outraged propriety required an immediate and effective "amende honorable." The reply to this, in our opinion, needlessly angry letter and unreasonable request, was a calm statement that the dinner conversation was really and truly only a dinner conversation, free, careless, and, perhaps, a little expansive, but not meant to be repeated, much less complained of or apologised for. But the still indignant husband once more "joined issue" with this jocose doctor, for it seems Mr. Whitehead is a medical man, who is equally ready to write a prescription or make a joke. Failing an apology, he added a threat, namely, that under "such circumstances" he should "be under the necessity of having recourse to such measures as will seriously affect your character as a gentleman and a doctor." These measures, which consisted of conversations to third persons in the neighbourhood of Ventnor, where the plaintiff practised, were the subject of the present action. We need hardly point out to our readers how detrimental to a medical man would be allegations and insinuations as to his free and easy manners and his relaxed conversation, as well as an amiable habit of repetition and scandal. So Mr. Whitehead brings an action against Westropp and wife and obtains a farthing damage. We read that the Lord Chief Justice said he should "mark his sense of what the verdict should have been by giving the plaintiff the costs of the action." This resolution of the Lord Chief Justice will mulct Mr. Westropp in a considerable sense, and, let us hope, be a warning to many others who forget that conversation at a dinner table is meant to be alike free and confidential; in that none of us would, probably, like the Town Crier, to announce at the street corner all the nonsense that we

sometimes talk in the unrestrained confidence and gaiety of that "magna charta" of Britons, the hour of dinner. If we were all "called over the coals" for all the "light airy nothings" fair gay, reckless speeches we have made to some and dangerous daughter of Eve, sitting an "unclothed galaxy" by our side, we fear our reckoning would be heavy; we are inclined to think that, perhaps, even the wife of our bosom might resent that soft speech or that soft admission we made to that fascinating widow or that captivating young wife, or that most pleasant damsel. Clearly the Lord Chief Justice is right in seeking to uphold the British dinner table, free in all its surroundings, free in all its harmless and customary expansion of soul and sentiment. We trust that we have heard the last of similar mistaken proceedings of such punctilious husbands, or of such uncharitable imputations of motives which were never avowed and of words which were never spoken. Even if they were what could it signify? They were simply a "privileged communication," and so it will be found to be properly laid down in the "new code," otherwise good-bye to the charms of a pleasant companion, adieu to the agreeabilities of a good dinner, "farewell, a long farewell," to all that social liberty of speech and pleasant gossip, which rewards us after the trials, and troubles, and cares of the day, amidst clever women and companionable men, with the "attic salt" of gay banter and kindly wit, all, in fact, that constitutes the life and charm of English society.

NEWS FROM ZULULAND.

We congratulate our readers and the United Services on the good news from Zululand, the thorough subjugation, as we trust, of the Zulus, and an end to a harassing war.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

PROFESSED EXPOSURES OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Editor of *Truth* assures his readers that he has often "amused" himself by passing for a Freemason.

No doubt this is easy enough. I knew a man who passed for a Church clergyman by opening a chapel in which he used the Church service, and for a Master of Arts of Cambridge by the simple expedient of wearing a Master's hood. If a man, whom you suppose to be a man of honour and a gentleman, passes for what he is not, you are likely to believe him until you find him out. Quite enough is known about Freemasonry to enable an unscrupulous man to impose upon the unwary. The names of the officers of the lodge are no secret, and it is very easy to talk about squares, levels, and perpendiculars.

But a word of caution may be addressed to Masons who, unless they really learn their system, may possibly betray their trust. Masons may well afford to laugh at the pretended revelations of the Editor of *Truth*. But I own that I have sometimes felt that there was a little risk in the free admission to our lodges of brethren "vouched for." I venture to suggest that no stranger should be admitted to a lodge unless previously examined and approved. I knew an adventurer and a man of good address and unbounded self-confidence, who, as I afterwards found out, was quite unscrupulous enough to give a coherent account of his becoming a Mason, and excuse defects on the score of being rusty. I know a Mason of good standing who has forgotten the entire system. Last year in travelling I met a man whom I afterwards found to be a Mason, who failed to recognize me as one, not from ignorance, but from caution. This is safer and better than allowing oneself to "amuse" those who pretend to be what they are not.

Yours fraternally,

S. D.

CAGLIOSTRO.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Since I read Bro. Yarker's letter I have looked into "Joseph Balsamo," and find, of course, (as my recollection of a book, read years ago, seemed to tell me), that Dumas represents Cagliostro both as a charlatan and an Illuminé, in neither of which attributes can he have anything to do with Freemasonry.

When Bro. Yarker says that he thinks Dumas represents Cagliostro in his "true character," what does he mean? what can he mean (with all possible respect to him)? That Cagliostro, for his own purposes, may have been made an Illuminé is possible, but, as I have often said, "Illuminism" and Freemasonry are as "far as the Poles asunder." "Illuminism" is the product of a Roman Catholic Re-

publican, taking the organization of Freemasonry as its basis, though Weishaupt was an Illuminé before he became a Freemason, and this, as I have often taken occasion to say, is a fact worth remembering. For thus it is that we actually owe to a Roman Catholic professor of Canon Law, who was also believed to be a Jesuit—the most dangerous, and destructive, and secret, and revolutionary association the world has ever seen, the precursor of all similar bodies in the world even now. But of such things Freemasonry knows nothing, and all such associations, be they what they may, Freemasonry openly repudiates.

I do hope we have heard the end of any attempts to bolster up the nonsense of Cagliostro's so-called Egyptian Rite, and that we may leave all such rubbish—"Positively rubbish, my dear sir"—to those who prefer legends to history and fiction to fact.

Yours fraternally, dear Bro. Kenning,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPEDIA.

LODGE FUNDS AND PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the brother signing himself J.W. in your issue of last week should know better than to uphold the expenditure of lodge funds for picnics, as "a custom very much in vogue;" therefore, to my mind, all the less astonishment, that a brother such as H. S. Alpess should see that the evil was growing to such an extent that it required rigorous treatment. All said in J.W.'s letter would be very commendable, if they did but obtain their enjoyment at their own individual expenses. For no one of a social disposition, which, I trust, most Masons are, would think of condemning such pleasant gatherings of Masons with their lady relatives and friends.

I should like to say a word more about the presentation of lodge jewels, as I might be understood to condemn them in toto—such is not the case. If any member of a lodge on passing the chair is to receive a Past Master's jewel, where is the distinguished honour of possessing it? I say, only bestow one when a W.M. has had an extra arduous year of office, or has done something especially to promote the welfare of his lodge, or has given long service to the lodge; and even then let it be paid for by the brethren subscribing among themselves, as other testimonials are usually obtained. Then it would be a mark of real appreciation. It is so easy to spend or vote away money which is not ours personally, and, therefore, I fail to see the honour attached to the possession of jewels obtained in this manner; consequently, am one who would like to see the annual presentation of a Past Master's jewel done away with.

Whenever lodge funds are used for a presentation, let it be to purchase a Life Governorship to one of our Institutions in the name of the party whom the lodge sees fit to honour, then there would be no misappropriation of funds.

I remain, very fraternally, yours,

A NATIVE OF LIVERPOOL.

Dover, July 22nd, 1879.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

As I think it well to collect all such "historical facts" as the following extract from a newspaper of 1737, sent to me kindly by my indefatigable friend, Bro. Hughan, I forward it to this interesting column, which I always like to see filled.

MASONIC STUDENT.

"By Order of the GRAND MASTER.

"The Annual Feast of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, will be held on Thursday the 28th instant, at Fishmongers Hall, Thames-Street.

"Tickets may be had at the following Places, viz. at the Braund's Head, New Bond-street; the Shakespeare's Head, Little Marlborough-street; the Turk's Head, Greek-Street, Soho; the Standard Tavern, Leicester-Fields; the Shakespeare's Head, Covent-Garden, Forrest's Coffee House, Charing-Cross; Mr. Moody's, Sword Cutler, near Temple-Bar; the King's Arms in the Strand; Mr. Atkins's, Stationer, at the Queen's Head in Cheapside; Mr. Cole, his Majesty's Whip-maker, in West-Smithfield; the Swan and Rummer, in Finch Lane; the Swan upon Fish-street Hill; the Fountain in the Borough; the Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields; the Fountain on Snow-Hill; the Mourning Bush, at Aldersgate; the Rummer in Queen-street, Cheapside; and at Mr. Stephenson's, Glover, opposite Exeter-Exchange in the Strand.

"N.B. Those Brethren who intend to go in the Grand Procession, are desired to meet at the Right Honourable the Earl of Daruley's, Grand Master elect, at his Lordship's House in Pall-Mall, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon precisely; thence to proceed in Coaches or Chariots to the Hall as above-mentioned.

"No Hackney Coaches to be admitted in the Cavalcade, nor any Brother into the Hall unclouted or arm'd."

I think it right to mention for the information of Bro. Hughan and others, that by a communication with my friend the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick there exists in the library of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, at Thirlestane House, Cheltenham, a duplicate copy of Mr. Wilson's MS. Both copies, Mr. Fenwick tells me, seem written "about the same" time, and are "verbatim et literatim" the same in every other respect. So this gives us two copies of one MS. originally no doubt belonging to lodges, and I have myself no doubt that all lodges had originally a roll, or MS. copy of the legend, and that the "transcripts" still existing were made from the original "rolls."

A.F.A.W.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC REGISTER OF MEDALS AND LODGES.

FREEMASONS' HALL MEDAL, A.D. 1780.

The medal of silver, and bearing the year 1780, to which I have alluded in the *Masonic Register*, has been the source of much correspondence, for it seems that some lodges having the privilege to wear it (in the person of their W.M. for the time being) have lost the medal, and so are unable to exercise the privilege. One lodge I know of, distinguished by the Grand Lodge thus to have the *Freemasons' Hall medal* of A.D. 1780 appended to the Master's jewel (between the arms of the square), though, unfortunately, without the medal, has the deficiency supplied by using one formerly belonging to a lodge which has become defunct. The members generally, however, consider it to be the veritable medal presented by the Grand Lodge, and as the only difference to be detected is in the number engraved thereon, I have decided to let the brethren be contented accordingly. Another lodge, however, has not been so fortunate, for it has been through my enquiries in preparing the "Register of Masonic Medals and Lodges" (Illustrated) that the members knew of their privilege as one of the contributors to the *Freemasons' Hall* loan, A.D. 1779—1790, and now, alas, after the most careful search, and every enquiry possible of the old members, not one can tell aught of the whereabouts of the medal, and, undoubtedly, it is lost. Should any brother have one of these medals, once the property either of one of the lodges or individual subscribers, I shall be exceedingly glad if they would kindly spare it—at a price to be agreed—for the lodge in question, and the members would be delighted beyond measure if able to see one of the medals again in use in their lodge, after an absence at least of half-a-century. The loss is not likely to occur again.

THE "BRITISH LODGE," No. 8, LONDON.

In the work already alluded to, I state that the jewels of the British Lodge, No. 8, are of gold or silver gilt, one other lodge only being so distinguished, but I am unable to say why the privilege was granted. One of the best informed members of the lodge, and, certainly, possessing most favourable opportunities to obtain such information, tells me that on a certain occasion the *Grand Lodge* jewels were missing, and the *British Lodge*, having sent theirs for the use of the *Grand Lodge*, they were gilded for the purpose, and, on being returned, the necessary authority was given for them to be so used for the future. I should like to know as to this.

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

I thank Bro. Hughan for his complimentary remarks on my article descriptive of Freemasonry in Essex, and equally with him am I alive to the great importance of accuracy. Unfortunately, there were some typographical errors in this particular sketch, and, as they occurred mostly in the figures, they were of more moment than such errors generally are. The blame for these, I fear, I must take to myself in not having overlooked the proof, as no one but the writer of such an article would be able to verify the dates; or, at all events, in order to do so the reader and sub-editor, entrusted with the duty of looking over the proof, would require to have at hand the materials from which it was compiled, and the necessary comparisons would occupy a very long time. In any future sketches of a like character which may appear in the *Freemason* I will take care not to be guilty of the same oversight. However, my object in drawing attention to what appeared to me, and would probably have appeared to any one in my position, a discrepancy between Bros. Hughan and Gould has been in one case gained through the courteous explanation of the former. Some time between the publication of the last ante-Union and first post-Union Calendars—if I understand Bro. Hughan rightly—the Well-Disposed Lodge, No. 28, of Waltham Abbey, migrated to Kensington Palace, changed its title to the Alpha Lodge, and died some time between 1814 and 1832. This is the one additional link needed in order to complete the tracing of the lodge, No. 76, "White Bear, in King-street," Golden-square, from its foundation in 1730—1732, was obviously an error, as I mention 1730 as the year of its birth in another part of my article—to its disappearance from the roll some time between 1814 and 1832. As regards Lodge No. 214, I mentioned especially the fact of its migration from Romford to Brentwood. I said: "It was still at Romford when the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1877 was issued, but in the course of that year it appears to have migrated to its present quarters at Brentwood," that is, in the year that elapsed between the issue of the 1877 and 1878 Calendars. The fact of "its migration" from Essex to Middlesex having taken place so very recently, justified my including it in my sketch of Freemasonry in the former county. In the case of Lodge St. Nicholas, No. 174, of Harwich, in 1793 list, as it does not figure in Bro. Hughan's Register as having been in the 1813 list, "Moderns," I conclude that it died out between 1793 and 1813; while in the case of Bro. Gould's lodge, No. 186, "Gothic Lodge, Foot Guards, Suttling House, Whitehall," of 1793, no doubt, some time between that year and 1814, it had become the No. 186, Gothic Lodge, Harwich, of Bro. Hughan.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

Sir Charles Style died at his residence in Bath on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at the advanced age of eighty-one. The deceased Baronet was formerly member for Scarborough.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, for the purpose of transacting special business.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Past Grand Warden of England and Grand Master of East Lancashire, presided, attended by the W. Bro. George Mellon, Grand Deacon of England and Deputy Grand Master of East Lancashire. The following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers were also present:—

W. Bros. R. H. Hardman, P.M. 283, P.S.G.W.; G. Higgins, W.M. 62, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. Chayer, P.M. 1504, P.G. Chap.; B. Taylor, P.M. 935, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Anderton, W.M. 407, P.G. Reg.; J. Chaiwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; E. Brookes, P.M. 935, P.S.G.D.; S. Crowther, W.M. 37, P.G.S. of W.; D. Towers, P.M. 345, P.G. Dir. of Cir.; H. Heya, P.M. 1634, P.G.A. Dir. of C.; R. Caldwell, P.M. 1011, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. T. Robberds, P.M. 993, P.G. Org.; J. Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.G. Purs.; E. Ratcliffe, P.M. 992, P.G.A. Purs.; E. Ashworth, jun., J. G. Smith, and W. O. Walker, P.G. Stewards; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Smith, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Greenwood, P.P.G. Purs.; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Hartley, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Tennant, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Hall, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas.; C. H. Coates, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Heywood, P.P.J.G.D.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Grime, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; E. Hardon, P.P.S.G.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; N. Hargreaves, P.P.G. Org.; J. W. Maclure, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Royle, M.D., P.P.S.G.D.; Beswicke Royds, P.P.J.G.W.; and J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W.

The following brethren were present as representatives of seventy-one out of the ninety lodges in the province: Bros. H. J. Cutter, W.M. 52; W. F. Parkinson, S.W. 52; J. MacMahon, I.G. 52; A. Merer, J.W. 1534; R. Collinge, P.M. 54; S. Clegg, W.M. 266; J. Andrew, P.M. 1219; G. Platt, P.M. 1077; E. Jones, P.M. 1147; C. Wren, 367; J. E. Roberts, S.W. 1218; J. Nuttall, P.M. 274; W. H. Rygrass, I.P.M. 381; H. R. G. Bayley, P.M. 633 and 815; I. Davis, W.M. 1147; T. Whitaker, W.M. 221; R. Ashworth, W.M. 286 and 1697; G. Mullock, J.W. 204; J. Sandiford, W.M. 344; J. Loftus, W.M. 128; W. Bagnall, J.W. 204; E. Brookes, W.M. 269; C. Butterworth, W.M. 363; T. Powles, W.M. 325; J. Dickson, W.M. 1011; J. Bolland, I.P.M. 126; J. Roberts, W.M. 204; G. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. Brown, I.P.M. 37; A. Hopkinson, W.M. 191; H. D. Marks, S.W. 1798; W. Hadden, 1147; H. E. Clause, I.P.M. 1077; J. Sutcliffe, P.M. 283; S. Sykes, J. Hindle, W.M. 462; T. Heap, W.M. 1077; J. Newton, P.M. 37; H. L. Rocca, S.W. 815; T. R. Penn, P.M. 1147; H. Walley, W.M. 163; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; J. A. Martin, W.M. 678; W. Hollins, W.M. 152; R. Rushton, J.W. 1145; J. R. Lever, W.M. 317; J. Henleton, J.W. 1011; D. Morrison, 1011; J. Bridford, P.M. 1077; R. Pilkington, P.M. 1392; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1459; W. Nicholl, J.W. 317; T. Morris, P.M. 221 and 1723; W. H. Vaughan, I.P.M. 1030; W. Newton, W.M. 1322, P.M. 268; G. Hughes, 1055; W. Parker, W.M. 993; C. Pearson, P.M. 1030; P. Horrocks, P.M. 934; J. Andrews, W.M. 268; J. H. Bury, W.M. 1145; S. Davies, P.M. 1052; R. Hughes, W.M. 1030; P. Lawton, J.W. 78; J. Hargreaves, P.M. 1077; J. Aspland, W.M. 633; and R. R. Lissenden, 317 (Freemason).

A Craft lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44, assisted by his officers, the R.W.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers entered, when the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at twenty minutes past three o'clock.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was called, and letters read, which were considered satisfactory, from the W. Bro. Rev. H. Cottam, Prov. Grand Asst. Chaplain, who was in Switzerland, and W. Bro. J. F. Hoffgaard, Prov. G.S. Deacon, who was in Denmark.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then stated the special business of the meeting, and called upon Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W., to move the first resolution.

In proposing the resolution entrusted to him by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Birch gave a clear and succinct history of the fund in question, arising, as it did, from subscriptions and donations given for the purpose of maintaining and educating indigent female children, daughters of reduced and of deceased Freemasons of the province, in the year 1842, amounting in the first instance to £93 15s. This sum was increased from time to time by other donations, proceeds of two balls in 1851 and 1852, by sermons in 1850, and by interest to a sum of £276 4s. 3d. in 1854, and at the time it was handed over to the late Bros. Blair and Tunnah, as trustees, in June, 1864, amounted to the sum of £356 3s. 3d. This had been profitably invested, and at the present time Bro. J. Newton, as the representative and executor, was prepared to hand over a gross sum of £695 19s. 2d. He (Bro. Birch), therefore, proposed that—

"The funds subscribed about thirty years ago (together with the accumulations of the income thereof) for the purpose of maintaining and educating indigent female children of reduced and of deceased Freemasons of this province, be, upon the receipt of the same from the executors of the late Bro. John Tunnah, Provincial Grand Secretary, transferred, with the full consent of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, upon condition that the principal sum, being the total amount so received, be accepted by the said Institution, and separately invested, and the future income arising therefrom be applied exclusively to the maintenance and education of girls, who are eligible for the benefits of the said Institution under its rules. The said principal sum and future income arising

therefrom to be regularly brought into the annual or other accounts of the said Institution."

Bro. W. O. Walker, Past Prov. G.J. Warden, had great pleasure in seconding the resolution so ably placed before them by Bro. Birch, and considered it unnecessary, after the lucid explanations just given, to trespass longer upon their time than cordially to second the resolution.

After a few remarks from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the resolution was unanimously carried.

Bro. James A. Birch next proposed that a Committee, consisting of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Wor. Dep. Prov. G. Master, the Wor. Prov. G. Registrar, and the Past Prov. G. Registrars, with the Prov. G. Secretary, be appointed a Committee to receive the aforesaid amount of £695 19s. 2d., and to make arrangements for its investment.

Bro. George Parker Brockbank, P.P.G.D., seconded the proposition, which was also carried, and

W. Bro. Dr. Royle, P.P.G.D., then proposed that Bro. Newton's name should be added to the Committee, and at the request of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Newton consented to act.

Bro. J. Hargreaves next proposed:

"That in consideration of the services rendered to Provincial Grand Lodge, and to evince its satisfaction with the conduct and ability of Bro. James Newton on all occasions while acting as Provincial Grand Secretary, pro tem., from the time of Bro. John Tunnah's decease to the appointment of W. Bro. John Chadwick, the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted to him from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. Thos. Grime, P.P.G. Asst. D. of C., and unanimously carried.

Bro. Jas. Newton, who had retired during the time the above proposition was being put and carried, now re-entered the lodge, and was received with applause by all present, and on the R.W. Prov. Grand Master informing him, in a few well-chosen words, of the slight return Provincial Grand Lodge had made him for his valuable services, Bro. Newton, in a neat speech, thanked the R.W.P.G. Master and the Provincial Grand Officers for the kind words and feeling evinced by them all towards himself.

It was also resolved "That the best thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Newton for his services."

This being all the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with due ceremony and with solemn prayer, at five o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Town Hall, Cowes, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there were present the M.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal; V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Bros. Gen. Hooper, P.P.J.G.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Giles, P.P.G.M.O.; T. W. Faulkner, P.G. St. B. (England and Wales); J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; H. Cawte, P.P.G.S.O.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.I. of W.; R. Osborne, P.G.J.D.; T. G. Pulley, P.G. St. B.; J. H. Askham, P.G.I.G.; T. Bebbam, P.G.S.D.; J. Blount Thomas, W.M. 63; J. G. Wheeler, W.M. 140; H. J. Guy, W.M. 2; W. Sellwood, S.W. 54; W. D. Parkhouse, Sec. 62; O. Hathausen, P.M. 140; G. A. Mursell, S.O. 140; W. C. Ross, J.O. 140; W. J. Hurst, S.D. 140; J. G. Jones, I.G. 140; G. Westall, S.D. 54; J. C. Ains, 140; R. J. Turney, I.G. 2; R. Sullivan, 140; J. Winship, I.G. 63; J. Getcliffe, 140; G. W. Munt, 140; H. Stone, 54, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the accounts of the P.G.M. Lodge were produced by the auditors, showing a small balance in hand.

The P.G.M. Master having completed a second period of three years' service, the D.P.G.M. Master, Bro. Hickman, proposed that his name should be again submitted to the Grand Mark Master for re-appointment to the office. This was seconded by Gen. Hooper, P.P.G.J.W., and received the unanimous assent of the P.G. Lodge, there being a general feeling of satisfaction that the lodge should be presided over by a Past Grand Master of England who took such an interest in the degree.

It being the turn of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to nominate a brother as Grand Steward, Bro. Le Feuvre, P.G.M. Sec., proposed that the name of Bro. R. L. Loveland, P.P.G.J.W., should be forwarded to the Grand Master for such an appointment.

This was seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, and resolved on unanimously.

Some alterations in the bye-laws relating to the receipt and payment of moneys belonging to P.G.M. Lodge having been made, it became the melancholy duty of the P.G. Lodge to elect a successor to the present P.G.M. Treasurer, Bro. J. Lillywhite, of Portsmouth, who since his election last year had been attacked with serious illness, which under existing circumstances gave no prospect of recovery.

The D.P.G. Master proposed that Bro. R. L. Loveland should be elected Treasurer, and took the opportunity of drawing attention to the interest always taken by Bro. Loveland in the Order, and that the appointment would be peculiarly appropriate considering the connection of that brother with London, Ry'e, and the mainland.

Bro. G. T. Lancaster, P.P.G.I. of W., seconded the proposition, which was very cordially and unanimously carried.

The P.G. Secretary read an abstract of the returns of the lodges of the province, showing that they were in a fairly satisfactory state.

A vote of £5 5s. having been made to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a very sincere expression of sympathy having been ordered to be sent by the P.G. Secretary to

Mrs. Lillywhite on her husband's illness, the P.G. Master appointed his officers as follows:—

- Bro. W. Hickman, 63 Prov. D.P.G.M.M.
- " T. W. Faulkner, 140 Prov. S.G.W.
- " J. Blount Thomas, 63 Prov. J.G.W.
- " G. F. Lancaster, 2 Prov. G.M.O.
- " W. B. Rogers, 125 Prov. G.S.O.
- " T. J. Pulley, 54 Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. G. R. Johnson, 17 Prov. G. Chap.
- " R. L. Loveland, 63 Prov. G. Treas.
- " O. Hathausen, 140 Prov. G. Reg. Wks.
- " J. E. Le Feuvre, 63 Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. G. Wheeler, 140 Prov. G.S.D.
- " G. Westall, 54 Prov. G.J.D.
- " W. D. Parkhouse, 62 Prov. G.I. of Wks.
- " C. B. Whitcomb, 2 Prov. G.D.C.
- " W. Sellwood, 54 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " J. Winship, 63 Prov. G.S.B.
- " K. G. Westley, 63 Prov. G.O.
- " G. A. Mursell, 140 Prov. G.I.G.
- " R. J. Turney, 2 and H. Stone, 54 Prov. G. Stewards.
- " Watson Prov. G. Tyler.

The minute books of the lodges were then examined, giving occasion to a few "admonitions" on the part of the P.G. Master, after which an adjournment was made to the Fountain Hotel, where a very excellent dinner had been provided, and the brethren satisfied the wants of the inner man, whilst indulging in mutual congratulations on the success of the meeting, which the sun had favoured with its presence, making its appearance, it was said, for the first time this year.

FREEMASONRY IN SUFFOLK.

It was a pleasant task that devolved on us recently when we recorded the doings of our worthy Suffolk brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled. Their chief and his deputy, who were both present, are deservedly popular, nor is their popularity confined to the province itself, while the energy and interest of the former in behalf of Freemasonry are illustrated by the fact of the number of lodges having about doubled itself in the eighteen years and upwards of his reign. This week our attention has been again directed eastward, for Wednesday was the day appointed for the consecration of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, of Clare. The present week, therefore, would appear to offer a favourable opportunity for noting, as we did recently in the case of the adjoining Province of Essex, the progress of the Royal Art in Suffolk.

We may remark, in passing and in general terms, that from the very earliest times Freemasonry has found a welcome home in our Eastern counties. This is most appropriate, having regard to the important part which the East has always been called upon to play in things Masonic as in things mundane. At all events, even a cursory glance at the early authorised lists of English lodges will show that very few years had elapsed from the constitution of our London Grand Lodge ere the Craft established itself in Norfolk, and a little later on in Suffolk and Essex. Almost the earliest list yet extant contains a Norwich lodge, and reference to that for 1736 gives the date of its constitution as 1724, which is the first year when lodges holding under the Grand Lodge in London were established in the provinces. Moreover, Preston in his "Illustrations" mentions that during Lord Lovel's Grand Mastership an occasional lodge was specially convened at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, the seat of the then Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, for the purpose of raising to the Third Degree Francis, Duke of Lorraine, subsequently Emperor of Germany, and Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, ancestor of more than one Provincial Grand Master bearing the same title. This is evidence that Masonry had firmly established itself in East Anglia. However, our present purpose is to follow up our recent sketch of Essex Masonry with a similar one of the Craft in Suffolk.

To Bury-St.-Edmunds belongs the honour of having been the first town in Suffolk to welcome the Royal Art, the list for 1732 containing two lodges, Nos. 78 and 81, which, further inquiry shows, had been established the year previous; while a third lodge was constituted the same year at Ipswich. By the renumbering of the lodges in 1740, the elder of the Bury lodges had passed away, but the junior, No. 81, became No. 71, and was not erased from the list till towards the end of the year 1754; a third Bury lodge, founded as No. 108, 15th December, 1732, meeting with the same fate in the same year. The Ipswich lodge No. 96 became No. 85 in 1740, but it also must have died out before 1756, as there is no trace of it in the list for the latter year. However, the same year which saw the extinction of the aforesaid Bury lodges witnessed the birth of a lodge at Lowestoft, this being No. 251, founded 29th October, 1754, which became No. 191 in 1756 and No. 151 in 1770, between which latter year and 1781 it passed away. On the 21st January, 1762, was founded Lodge No. 270, held at the Green Man, Ipswich, and this is the oldest Suffolk lodge now in existence, that is, the oldest lodge which has been continuously from its origin held within the limits of the county. This lodge became No. 214 in 1770, No. 173 in 1781, between which year and 1792 it took the name of the British Union, and was held at the Golden Lion. In 1792 it became No. 147, after the Union No. 180, No. 131 in 1832 and No. 114 in 1863. It is now held at the Freemasons' Hall in Ipswich, and has the honour of being the only purely Suffolk lodge, "Moderns," which can point to an apparently unbroken existence of 117 years.

Of the two lodges which precede this on the roll of Grand Lodge, No. 81, the Doric, of Woodbridge, held under the Ancients, and according to the information now for the first time published in Bro. Kenning's "Cosmo" was warranted in the year 1762. At the time of the Union it was No. 96, and was known as the Commercial Lodge, being held at

Aldborough. It became No. 120 in 1814, No. 96 in 1832, and in 1863, as it is still, No. 81. The still older lodge, No. 71, the Unity, of Lowestoft, held under the "Moderns," was founded in 1747. Originally, however, it was a Norfolk lodge, being held in the first instance at the Bear, in the city of Norwich. It was No. 198 at the time of its constitution on the 9th of May, 1747. In 1756 it became No. 132, and No. 103 in 1770. In 1781 it was No. 83, and was held at the Queen's Head, Acle, in the same county. In 1792 it was renumbered as No. 76, and some time between that year and the Union it migrated to its present habitation, Lowestoft, for on the renumbering which followed that auspicious event it became No. 99, and was described as the Lodge of Unity, Lowestoft. In 1832 it became No. 84, and in 1863 No. 71, and is the premier lodge on the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk.

There would seem to have been four other lodges which, if they were all now in existence, could boast of being upwards of a century old. The eldest of them was No. 238, was first held at the Mitre, Union-street, Westminster, and was founded on the 2nd March, 1754. This became No. 178 in 1756, No. 140 in 1770, when it was held at the Rose and Crown, Crown-street, No. 114 in 1781, and No. 104 in 1792. Between this last year and 1813 it migrated to Stowmarket, in Suffolk, for on the renumbering in 1814 it became No. 129, and was described as the Phoenix Lodge of that town. In 1832 it resumed its old Præ-Union number of No. 104, but, unfortunately, between that year and 1863 it has become extinct. The second of the four has been more fortunate, and is still flourishing, though it now hails from the county of Norfolk. This, however, is not to be wondered at, seeing that it was Norfolk born. It was founded on the 18th February, 1758, as No. 231, its first abode being at the Cock, in the parish of St. Mary, Norwich. It was No. 188 at the Flower in Hand, in the same parish, in 1770; in 1781, No. 153, at Johnson's Coffee House, in the same city; in 1792, No. 136, at the King's Head, Cottishall, Norfolk. In 1814 it was held at Bungay in Suffolk, and bore the style and title of No. 164, Lodge of Unanimity. It became No. 119 in 1832, and No. 102 in 1863, and is now held at North Walsham, in Norfolk. The third of this small group was the R. Edwin Lodge, of Bury St. Edmunds. This was founded in 1765 as No. 358, held at the Red Lion, Fakenham, Norfolk. It became No. 283 in 1770, and No. 226 in 1781, by which time it had migrated to Thetford, in the same county. In 1792 it is described as No. 103, the Royal Edwin Lodge, held at the Angel, Bury St. Edmunds. After the Union it was renumbered 238, but its existence had determined when the lodges were closed up in 1832. The last of them was the Royal Edmund Lodge, also of Bury St. Edmunds, where it was constituted as No. 437, in 1772. It became No. 345 in 1781, No. 284 in 1792, No. 360 in 1814, and No. 253 in 1832, since when it has passed away.

Of the other Præ-Union lodges, two, as will be seen, still flourish, though five were at different times constituted. The Lodge of Perfect Friendship, held as No. 479, at a private room in Ipswich, was founded in 1785, and became No. 389 in 1792. After the Union it retrograded to No. 480, and died subsequently before 1832. No. 528, founded as the Philanthropic Lodge, at the Bull, Melford, in 1788, became No. 437 in 1792, No. 501 in 1814, and No. 331 in 1832. It no longer exists. The Lodge of Prudence, No. 500, the Three Tuns, Halesworth, was founded in 1792. Its existence was of the briefest, as it had ceased working in 1813. No. 544 before the Union, namely, the Apollo Lodge, of Beccles, was founded in 1794, became No. 569 in 1814, No. 383 in 1832, No. 305 in 1863, and is still in working order, while the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, now No. 332, of Hadleigh, was founded as No. 622 in 1811, became No. 629 in 1814, No. 417 in 1832, and received the number it now bears in 1863. Thus, of the fifteen lodges of the Moderns which were founded in or migrated to this county, four are still on its roll, and one other has remigrated to Norfolk, where it still holds its own comfortably. Of the four lodges holding under the Ancients at the date of the Union, one dating from 1762 still flourishes, as we have shown already, while the same remark applies to another which was founded in 1797, and prior to the Union was No. 309, St. Luke, Ipswich. It became No. 393 in 1814, No. 272 in 1832, and No. 225 in 1863. Two other "Ancient" lodges have ceased, namely, No. 73, Abiff's Lodge, of Saxmundham, which was renumbered No. 97 in 1814, and No. 249, Prince Edwin's Lodge, of Woolbridge, which became No. 315 in 1814, and No. 222 in 1832. Thus, putting "Ancients" and "Moderns" together, there are in all six lodges now on the roll of Suffolk which were in existence at 1813, namely, two of the former and four of the latter.

The following are the fourteen lodges which complete the tale:—No. 376, Perfect Friendship, Ipswich, founded 1824, and No. 388, Prudence, Halesworth, in 1827, both dating from the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Sussex. No. 516, Phoenix, Stowmarket, of 1845; No. 555, Fidelity, Framlingham, of 1848; No. 929, Waveney, of Bungay, and No. 936, the Adair, of Aldborough, both of 1862; No. 959, the Prince of Wales, Ipswich, of 1863; No. 1008, Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds, of 1864, and No. 1224, Stour Valley, Sudbury, of 1868, were constituted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland. No. 1452, St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, received its warrant of constitution in 1873, when the Marquis of Ripon presided over the destinies of the Craft. The remaining four, No. 1592, Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds, 1875; No. 1631, St. Andrew's, Gorleston, 1876; No. 1663, Hartismere, Eye, 1877; and No. 1823, the Royal Clarence, of Clare, 1879, which was formally constituted on the 23rd inst., belong to the reign of our present Grand Master. Of these twenty lodges exactly one-half have been constituted since Lord Waveney was appointed, in the year 1860, to the Grand Mastership of the province. May the career of Freemasonry in this portion of East Anglia be as prosperous in the future as it has been in the past!

FREEMASONRY IN PORT ELIZABETH.

Regarded from a Masonic standpoint, the meeting of the lodge in this town on Friday, the 13th June, was of an important character, for while at the reunion were representatives from most of the inland towns, the gathering was most noteworthy from the presence of the newly-elected officers of the District Grand Lodge. In former years the latter was held in Cape Town, which in matters Masonic, as it has politically, proved not to be the most fitting place for government, and separation was the measure adopted by the lodges. The meetings since have been held in the Eastern Province, the first taking place in Graham's Town. The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th June, and the movement with the object of entertaining the officers at a banquet here was warmly taken up by the lodges of Port Elizabeth, who were also supported by the Southern Cross Lodge of Uitenhage. The matter was entered upon with enthusiasm, and, where no pains or trouble were spared, it is almost superfluous to add that the result was highly successful. The affair took the form of a cold collation, which was spread in the banqueting room of the lodge, and about ninety members of the Craft attended. The tables looked bright and gay with the bouquets of camellias and other choice flowers contributed by Uitenhage, and interspersed with bunches of wild flowers, that added to the effect of the whole. Bro. C. T. W. Mouat, W.M. Lodge of Good Will, presided with characteristic efficiency and at his right sat the District Grand Master, Bro. Egan, and on his left the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Bain. Among the distinguished visitors present, and exclusive of the officers of the District Grand Lodge, in whose honour the banquet was given, were Bros. Simpson, W.M. Middleton, W.M. elect; and Past Masters W. Wedderburn, O. Lester, and Van der Broek, from Graham's Town; Dr. Arnhold, W.M. Graaf-Reinet; Johnson and Sissing, from King William's Town; and Bro. Austin, P.M. Cradock.

Bro. Mouat proposed the usual loyal toasts, in which he adverted to the fact that the loyalty of colonists had been heightened by the aid and sympathy so generously given in the time of need. He then proposed "Bro. C. J. Egan, R.W.D.G.M. of the Eastern Districts," and took advantage thus offered to say that he was sure the lodge would find in him a brother fully entitled and qualified for the high post to which he had been elevated. He would rule evenly, firmly, and justly, and the more the brethren knew of him in the higher degree would he be esteemed.

Bro. Egan, in response, said that his appointment had been to him a matter of surprise; but now that he had been raised to the high office which he held, his only wish was for the welfare of the Order. It was the first time that the District Grand Lodge had met in this town, but he hoped they would assemble here again. The present system was a great improvement on the old style. He also alluded to the useful measure just carried, providing for the education of orphan children of Masons and of children of Masons in distressed circumstances.

The President then proposed "Bro. S. Bain, W. Deputy G.M.," in suitable terms. The toast was most cordially received, and in response its recipient said that in accepting office he doubted whether his humble efforts would prove of much service. Nevertheless, he was glad indeed to be associated with Bro. Egan, who had the interest of Masonry always at heart. The educational measure which had been adopted was of the highest importance, and would last as long as Masonry in Port Elizabeth.

Bro. F. D. Deare, P.M., in proposing "The Newly-appointed Officers of the D.G. Lodge," remarked that he was glad to notice among them one so well known and respected as Bro. J. C. Kemsley, who had been selected to fill office as the District Grand Senior Warden. It also afforded him pleasure to see Bro. Madge in office. He believed that the establishment of the Grand Lodge in the Eastern Province would tend to the advance of Masonry. The District Grand Master had a most intimate knowledge of the rules, and with the management in his hands he believed Masonry would progress and many of its abuses disappear.

Bro. J. C. Kemsley, D.G.S.W., replied on behalf of the newly-elected officers, and said that the duties would be light with two such experienced officers as the District Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Bain. Their Secretary, also, was an experienced member of the Craft. The Masons of Port Elizabeth had taken a warm interest in the formation of the District Grand Lodge, which, though but recently formed, had already commenced work; and the educational scheme, he believed, would prove the pride and glory of Masonry. The movement was proof that if the lodges united their influence would extend far and wide. The Grand Lodge was what might be termed a peripatetic institution. A meeting had been held in Graham's Town, and now the second took place in Port Elizabeth; and the effect of their visits to different towns would be to infuse more spirit into Masonry in the Eastern Districts; and already a higher purpose had been laid hold of. He felt deeply the kindly words which had fallen from Bro. P.M. Deare, whose name had long been identified with the Lodge of Good Will, for he was one of its founders, and his interest in its welfare had never ceased.

"The Retiring Officers of the District Grand Lodge" were then proposed by Bro. Egan, the D.G.M., to which a suitable reply was made by Bro. O. Lester, P.D.G.S.W., who thanked them heartily for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

"The W. Masters respectively of the Good Will, Good Hope, and Southern Cross" devolved upon Bro. Perks, D.G. Secretary, who spoke in warm terms of the hospitable reception the visitors had met with. Bayonians, however, were proverbial for their hospitality. He felt certain that the officers of the District Grand Lodge would combine to make it a success here. Suitable replies were made to this

toast by Bros. Mouat, Mackay, and Smyth. The latter remarked that on behalf of Uitenhage the officers of the Southern Cross were glad to assist at the reception of the visitors, and as the sister lodge was so near it was deemed advisable to co-operate with the two lodges of Port Elizabeth, but Uitenhage would not yield to them in the heartiness of their welcome.

Bro. Mouat then proposed "Bro. Perks, the D.G. Secretary," and spoke in cordial terms of his zeal and enthusiasm in the welfare and progress of Masonry. To this Bro. Perks replied, and remarked that while he had life and health he would not fail to perform his duties to the best of his ability. He had always impressed upon his colleagues not to accept an office unless they intended properly to carry out the duties which devolved upon them. He accepted office in that spirit, and as he had behaved in the past so would he pursue the same course in the future.

Bro. H. W. Pearson, P.M., followed with "Our Visiting W. Masters," a toast which, he remarked, wanted no preface from him to welcome the visiting W. Masters, who had done them the honour of being present. Through those officers messages might be sent to their lodges of what had only recently been developed in the form of a District Grand Lodge. There was no man in the colony whom he esteemed more highly than Bro. Southey, but a multiplicity of duties prevented him from giving attention to the regular performance of those which were connected with the lodge. All his intentions were good, but it was impossible, with his multifarious distractions, to ensure the execution of his duties as an officer of the lodge. Separation had been rendered imperative, and now they had an excellent D.G.M. and experienced officers. A healthy rivalry would spring up between the lodges, and each would be emulous to build up the most charities and the most temples. Masonry had now, perhaps, struck root in an institution which would commend itself to the heart of every good Mason.

Bro. Dr. Arnhold, from Graaf-Reinet, replied, and stated that it was the first time he had been at the lodge. He had endeavoured before to come, but the duties of his profession had interfered. The rail, however, was bringing towns into closer connection with one another, and in the future greater facilities would be offered for visiting other lodges. They had witnessed in what worthy hands the duties of the newly-organised lodge had been placed, and each lodge would become a worthy link in the chain. He was almost sorry to say that Masonry in Graaf-Reinet had flagged—as all human institutions at times will do. Many members had gone to the war. A strong effort had now been made, and he trusted their lodge would become powerful. Gatherings similar to the one held that evening had a stimulating effect, and country lodges would assist in making a powerful stride in the work in which they were engaged.

Bro. Bain, D.D.G.M., then proposed "Our Visiting Brethren," and remarked that he hoped their visit would tend to cement the friendly feeling and sympathy which should exist in the province. All present would unite with him and echo that sentiment, for they had never had so much rank and influence as were present on that occasion. In this respect it far surpassed all previous gatherings. The brethren must feel gratified at the presence of so many visitors, for those reunions tended to cement and bind together the various lodges in the colony. In the name of the two local lodges, and also in that of the Southern Cross, which had heartily co-operated, he gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped that the facilities for travelling now offered by rail would induce them to come down more frequently to Port Elizabeth.

Bro. Leigh, from Cradock, who replied on behalf of the visiting brethren, said that they could not possibly have been accorded a heartier reception. He had invited the officers of the District Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting in Cradock, and trusted to meet them there on a future occasion.

Bro. J. C. Kemsley, G.D.S.W., in proposing "Absent Brethren," said that it was with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure that he spoke to the toast, which was a comprehensive one, for it included both dead and living. Among recent departures from the town was Bro. Brister, whose absence was greatly felt. The regret was considerably enhanced by the thought that had he remained here he would have been placed in the chair.

"Sweethearts and Wives" was a subject that drew largely upon the eloquence and facile diction of Bro. Cowen, and met with a willing response from Bro. T. Bennetts, whose remarks took a humorous turn, to the intense amusement of the brethren.

The list closed with the customary toast, followed by "God Save the Queen." During the evening some musical selections—vocal and instrumental—were rendered, and two recitations were also given. In the former department the "Village Blacksmith" by Bro. Ryan is worthy of special mention, for it was capably sung and excited general admiration. Bro. Fox's name is so identified with success in the culinary line that it is almost superfluous to add that the spread was highly creditable even to him. In the minor adjuncts, too, there was nothing wanting, and both as a gathering and as a banquet the affair proved an entire and unqualified success.

The annual assembly of the Sir Knights of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Cockermonth, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., when the M.P.S. and V.E. for the ensuing year will be respectively enthroned and consecrated. There will also be candidates for installation. The brethren of Faithful Lodge, No. 229, Mark Masters, will meet at the same place, at five p.m., for election of W.M. and advancement of candidates.

The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, Lord Chamberlain, has appointed Mr. J. W. Benson, of Ludgate-hill, jeweller and watchmaker in ordinary to Her Majesty.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; Jas. Lorkin, S.W.; Henry John, J.W.; Alfred Sack, I.G.; H. Leah, Sec.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; Edward Hyde Hewett, and a number of other brethren, including two visitors, viz., Bros. T. White, P.M. Neptune Lodge, No. 22, and Chas. Lorkin, of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524. Bro. Sandland was passed to the S. cond Degree, and Mr. Alfred John Street initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of a plain but most excellent supper, provided by the amiable hostess, Mrs. Crichton. During the evening the W.M., who has already served the Stewardship and is a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Charities, announced his intention of serving again the Stewardships to each during his year of office as Master of Lodge 1679. Bro. Edward Francis Storr is not only a liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities, but also of the great charitable institutions of the metropolis, &c. There is no mistake about one thing—that, however certain ill-tempered wisecracks outside the Craft may sneer at Masonry, it numbers amongst its ranks some of the most kind-hearted, generous, and charitable individuals in existence. Great anxiety was expressed by the brethren that the daughter of the late Bro. Francis Fellows, the W.M. of the lodge, who died during his year of office, leaving his widow with four children unprovided for, should be successful at the October election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and several of the senior members promised to use their utmost endeavours to obtain that desirable result, it being her last chance on account of age.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The usual monthly meeting of this ancient working lodge was held at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 28th ult. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, assisted by the officers unmentioned: Bros. M. Corbit, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Eldon, Treas.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; J. W. A. Boyett, as J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddell, S.S.; Jas. Macintyre, J.S.; and Jos. Curry, Tyler. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. J. T. Hedley, Jacob Matthews, M. J. Wheatley, Robert Tate, T. C. Reay, Thos. Campbell, T. E. Brigham, Thos. Swan, W. Baker, W. Richardson, Jas. Liddell, Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; J. Usher, W.M. 481; Jos. Probert, P.M. 424; E. A. Gibson, 424; Thos. McDermott, 424; and J. H. Leech, J.W. 97. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Matthew Swinburne, who was declared duly elected. Mr. Swinburne, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of an E.A. by the W.M., and the S.W. explained the working tools. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Thos. Campbell, Wm. Baker, T. P. Reay, and M. J. Wheatley were examined, and received the test of merit and retired, after which the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when the candidates were readmitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, in two batches, by Bro. Robert Whitfield, W.M., assisted by I.P.M. Corbit, who explained the Tracing Board. The lodge was afterwards closed down to the First Degree, when Mr. Daniel McLeod was proposed for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the W.M. by several visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220). The annual installation gatherings of this nearly century old suburban lodge (which was consecrated in 1797) in

variably prove pleasant and interesting, and that which took place at the Wellington Hotel (the head-quarters of the lodge) on Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., was perhaps even more so than any of its immediate or more remote predecessors. There was a large muster of members and visitors, and the vitality of the Old Harmony was once more displayed in the clearest light. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was taken by Bro. Geo. Price, the retiring W.M., and he was supported on this special and auspicious occasion by Bros. Samuel Tickle, P.M.; John W. Baker, P.M.; John Hughes, P.M.; Thos. F. Hill, S.W. (W.M. elect); Henry Hatch, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; J. Carter, Secretary; E. Ratcliffe, J.D.; J. R. Ivey, I.G.; Edgar Humphries, Steward, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Jas. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, P.G. Treas.; H. Jackson, P.M. 293 and 1393, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Cheetham, P.P.G. Treas. East Lanc., 78; J. Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland; F. Mount Humphries, P.M., P.P.G. S. of Works Staffordshire; Richard C. Mellor, 605, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; Hugh Williams, P.G. Steward, P.M. 1264; James P. Bryan, 1035, 203, &c.; Alfred Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treas. 1609; John Hill, 1609; Tom Hatton, 203; W. Sandbrook, J.W. 1609; F. B. Bramham, W.M. 1299; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; Thos. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. F. Hill, 1147; and Thos. Gibson, P.M. 1147. Bro. Thos. F. Hill, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefits of installation by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. G. Price, the retiring W.M., and the ceremony was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. J. W. Baber, P.M. 220 and 241. After the usual salutations had been given to the newly chaired W.M., the following officers were invested for the coming year: Bro. Geo. Price, I.P.M.; H. Hatch, S.W.; E. Ratcliffe, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer (re-elected); Jas. Carter, Secretary (re-appointed); E. Humphries, S.D.; J. M. Ivey, J.D.; T. Jones, I.G.; S. Tickle, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Williams, Organist; P. E. Rothwell and W. Oliver, Stewards. Bro. James Robinson was re-elected Tyler. After the investiture the W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge, with a hearty expression of their good-will, and cordial recognition of his many valuable services. The brethren then adjourned to dinner, handsomely served up by Bro. James Wood, the host, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. "The Queen" was responded to with the enthusiasm which is customary amongst Masons, the National Anthem being splendidly rendered by Bro. Hatton, 203. After the toast of "The M.W.G.M." had been similarly given and honoured, the W.M. proposed that of "The P.G.M. and P.G. Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Callow for West Lancashire, Bro. Cheetham for East Lancashire, Bro. Humphries for Staffordshire, and Bro. John Bowes for Cumberland and Westmoreland. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Price, in felicitous terms, who dwelt upon the great pleasure he had in having such an able successor, and upon the gratification it gave the brethren to have at their head a W.M. who would nobly sustain the ancient prestige of the lodge. Bro. Hill, W.M., responded in an able and feeling speech, promising to employ his utmost powers to secure the success and well-being of the lodge. "The Installing Master" was received with much cordiality. "The Past Masters," similarly honoured, was acknowledged by Bro. P.M. Vines; "The Visitors," by Bros. Woolrich and Sandbrook; "The Charities," by Bro. H. Jackson, who strongly urged the necessity for cordially supporting our noble Masonic Institutions; "The Officers," by the S.W. and J.W.; and the Tyler's toast brought the pleasant after dinner proceedings to a close; all who were present concurring in the opinion that no meeting of the Harmony Lodge had been attended with so much éclat for many years. Songs of a first-class order were given by Bros. John Hill, 1609; G. Price, I.P.M. 220; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, and Treas. 1609; and "Tom" Hatton, 203. Bro. H. Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C., gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade" with his usual fire; and Bro. J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203, presided at the piano with his former masterly ability.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 14th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Richard Eynon, P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. J. Spearman, P.P.G.S.W., as S.W.; J. Usher, J.W.; E. Gibbon, Sec.; J. Duckett, S.D.; J. Goss, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Prentice, I.G.; C. B. Ford, S.S.; T. Stafford, J.S.; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward Henry Johnson was examined as to his proficiency in the First Degree, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Johnson was admitted and passed by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W., Bro. Joseph Cook, P.M. Bro. John Usher, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. Richard Eynon, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Usher having taken the obligation, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all the brethren below the rank of Past Master having retired, Bro. Usher was presented to a Board of Installed Masters. The brethren were then readmitted, and saluted the W.M. in the usual form. The lodge was closed in the Third, remaining open in the Second Degree, and the W.M. was saluted a second time in the West. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Eynon, P.P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Duckett, S.W.; J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., J.W.; J. Spearman, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gibbon, P.M., Sec.; T. Prentice, S.D.; C. B. Ford,

J.D.; R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P.D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Stafford, I.G.; J. D. Macdonald, S.S.; Weldon, J.S.; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The financial report was then read, and, on the motion of Bro. Eynon, P.M., seconded by Bro. Armstrong, P.M., it was confirmed and adopted. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in love and harmony at 4.45 p.m. The following members were present: Bros. F. C. Nicholson, Macdonald, J. Mackie, W. T. Lowry, and E. H. Jolinstone. Visitors: Bros. F. Charlton, J.W. 1664; J. Alexander, P.M. 541; W. Burne, 162; E. D. Davis, P.M. 685, P.P.G.S.W.; G. S. Dean, I.P.M. 541, P.P.A.D.C.; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; S. Donkin, P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.B.; B. P. Ord, P.M. 1427, P.G. Org.; J. Wood, S.W. 48; H. A. Rayne, 431; F. Wright, 1342; H. E. Maynard, 1426; J. Milbourne, P.M. 919, P.P.G.J.W. Egypt; and S. M. Harris, Sec. 406. The brethren then adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, and partook of a first-class banquet, which was served up in good style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Some capital songs were sung, and the brethren separated, after spending a very pleasant evening.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The last of a series of gatherings of the brethren of the "Mystic Craft" in the Woolwich District came to an end on Wednesday, the 16th ult., with the installation meeting of the above lodge, which was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, William-street, with that éclat that has upon all occasions characterised the meetings of the "Nelsons." The lodge was opened by Bro. A. C. Woodley shortly after 1 o'clock p.m., in the presence of a large and distinguished circle of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, among whom were, besides the W.M., the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. G. D. Crawford, F. Dawson, W. J. Graham, J. Rowland, E. Bowles, S. Goddard, C. Norman, J. C. Hobson, and T. Butt; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; T. Hutton, W.M. 131; G. H. Rigglesworth, W.M. 977; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. Caule, P.M. 1441; T. Day, P.M. 1076; W. Vance, S.W. 1472; J. Black, J.W. 706; H. Pryce, I.G. 913; W. Rees, W.S. 913; F. France, A. Martin, 34 (S.C.); J. A. Söderberg, 727; G. Nicholls, 1567; J. F. Lough, 861; A. Alford, 913; H. De Gray, 706; T. E. Hassell, 13; P. H. Giles, 1158; and C. Jolly, 973 (Freemason). The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. A. C. Woodley, W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and the usual course being followed he was installed in the chair of K.S. The brethren were then admitted, and he was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Wilkins, S.W.; E. B. Hobson, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; G. Beaver, S.D.; J. H. Roberts, J.D.; T. Howden, I.G.; C. Cook, Org.;—Ross, W.S.; and Ben. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Woodley then finished a most important ceremony by the delivery of the three charges, in a manner seldom equalled, but certainly not surpassed, by anything we have seen in the course of long and varied experience, and the applause of the brethren at its conclusion was both spontaneous and unreserved. We must at the same time express our pleasure at the masterly manner in which Bro. P.M. Dawson explained the working tools. He did it at the special request of the Installing Officer, and did it well. Bro. Woodley was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, value ten guineas, in the name of the lodge, for services rendered during the past year, and a vote of thanks was accorded him, and ordered to be inserted upon the minutes of the lodge, for his fine rendering of the installation ceremony. A like compliment was paid to Bro. Dawson, and then the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet took place at Bro. Hubbard's, the New Falcon Hotel, at Gravesend, and was a superb one. The service of it was excellent and the viands of the choicest, and Bro. Hubbard was thanked by the W.M. for his care and attention to the brethren. The toasts were of the usual loyal and Masonic character, and were drunk with enthusiasm. In giving that of "The W.M.," Bro. Woodley, I.P.M., said he now had the pleasure of doing that for their W.M. which he twelve months ago had had done for him by the then I.P.M., and he felt a pleasure in so doing, because he had a most excellent brother and good Mason to talk about. Their W.M. had been through every office in the lodge up to the chair, and how he had done the duties entrusted to him in those offices he would leave them to judge. Suffice it to say that he had won the esteem and confidence of every member of the lodge, and he felt sure that when he left it at the end of his year of office this time next year, they would give him all the honour he would be, and was, so worthy of. The W.M., in reply, after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, said he could assure them that that was the proudest moment of his life, and he should always look back upon it in days to come with pride and pleasure. His efforts, so generously spoken of by Bro. Woodley, had been very humble, but he trusted that in the high position they had placed him he should always maintain and uphold the dignity, honour, and reputation of the Nelson Lodge among the lodges of the Metropolis. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters." The W.M. said every member knew that very little could be done without them, and he was gratified to see so many around him that night. He should not couple the toast with the name of any particular one, but should leave it for them to respond to individually, or leave it in the hands of one of their own choice. Bro. Woodley, I.P.M., said as the "baby" among the Past Masters, he was allowed, like all babies, to have his say first, but as he was so young among so grand an array, they must not expect him to say much. In his experience he could faithfully and honestly say, that if the W.M. was not supported by the Past Masters he could not

get on at all. He knew the value of them, inasmuch as he had been supported by the whole of them, in and under many circumstances, where their knowledge of the Craft and the rules of its working were of the greatest value to him, and he was sure the same support would be given to their present W.M. He would now like to say a few words about himself. On account of the pressure of time, the lodge had to be closed rather abruptly, and he had not time then to thank them for the handsome jewel they had so generously presented to him. He would now take the opportunity, and thanked them most sincerely. He trusted that he should live many years to wear it in the lodge. They had also passed a vote of thanks to him for installing his successor, and it would be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and shown as long as the lodge existed, which he trusted would be for many, many years. For that he thanked them; it was an honour that would live after him, and be an honour to his children when he had gone. Again and again he thanked them, and trusted to do his duty among the Past Masters as he had done in all and every of his offices in the lodge. Bro. P.M. Rowland returned thanks. Bro. P.M. F. Dawson said he must say that it would have been better if the I.P.M. had returned thanks for all of them, but, as he had not, he would say how pleased he was that day at witnessing the excellent manner in which the I.P.M., Bro. Woodley, had rendered the ceremony of installation. It was greatly to the credit of the lodge and to himself. While they had Masters rising in the lodge who could work like that they had nothing to fear. If the brethren of the lodge did, as had been done for years in the Nelson Lodge, remain united in brotherly love, and yet tried to surpass one another in their working and desire for its interest and for its prosperity, they would have nothing to fear for its future, and the Nelson Lodge would be second to none in the metropolis. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Hutton, Lloyd, Vance, Black, and Rigglesworth. "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Wilkins, S.W., responded. The W.M. thanked Bro. Kenning for the excellent reports given of the Nelson Lodge during the past and several preceding years in the *Freemason*, and proposed "The Health of Bro. Jolly," who had been the medium of communication between them and that journal, and our representative returned thanks. A hearty encomium was then passed upon Bro. Hubbard for his efforts, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 26th ult. There were present Bros. Shaboe, W.M.; Sindall, S.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearse, Sec.; Kentish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Bindoff, I.G.; and several other members. Visitors: Bros. Chancellor, P.G.S., &c.; Ramsay, P.G.W. Middx.; Levander, P.G.S. Middx., and others. Bro. F. Stewart was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Ward was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Harvey and F. W. Smith initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. All the work was done in an able manner. The W.M. then presented Bro. Buss with the small testimonial voted him by the lodge—which took the form of a diamond ring—assuring him of the regard he was held in by the lodge, to which Bro. Buss replied in suitable terms. Bro. Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex, and a former member of the lodge, was proposed as a re-joining member, and after other Masonic business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an ample banquet, provided for them by Bro. Sadler.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The eighth installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Lion Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. C. Woodrow, W.M., Bro. John Hammond, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M. 201, &c., opened the lodge at one o'clock p.m. He commenced by raising Bros. H. J. Buckley, J. Cavell, W. R. Smith, and D. Brown, passing Bros. W. J. Smith and F. W. Dye. The W.M. Bro. J. C. Woodrow, having arrived, he initiated Mr. Abraham Purnhouse Driver and Charles Thomas Tatum into Freemasonry. The candidates were introduced separately. All the work ably done. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee showed that after meeting every liability and giving £26 5s. to the Masonic Charities, a good balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. It was stated that the W.M. for the time being was Life Governor in perpetuity of all the Masonic Charities, also that the Secretary for the time being was Life Governor in perpetuity of the Girls' School, to which was added at this auspicious meeting a Life Governorship of the Female Annuity of the Royal Benevolent Institution, also in name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, installed Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1526, as W.M.; and he appointed and invested as his officers Bros. John Hammond, P.G. J.D. Middx., P.M. 201, &c., S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P. G.P. Middx., P.M., J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.J.D. Middx., P.M. 73, &c., Sec. (eighth re-appointment); H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, &c., S.D.; T. W. Stone, J.D.; D. Steinhauer, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Org.; H. Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; F. Knight, D.C.; W. R. Vassila, C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler (eighth re-appointment). For his services in well rendering the installation a cordial vote of thanks and an honorary membership of the lodge were unanimously voted to Bro. James Stevens, P.M. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.P.J.D. Middx., P.M. 73, Secretary, it was unanimously resolved a slight alteration be made in bye-law of Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. W. F. Stanton, it was unanimously resolved "That ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Female Annuity Fund, in the name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being." The usual seven guinea Past

Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. C. Woodrow, P.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. William Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1326, &c., and Captain Reginald William Williams, P.P.G. Org. Middx., P.M. 1275, &c., on the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.P.S.D. Middx., P.M. 73, Secretary, were unanimously elected honorary members of this lodge. He also proposed Bro. Charles Paulson, 1309, be elected a joining member, subject to usual ballot. Some candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form. Bro. C. W. Fox was elected Steward of the Benevolent Institution for the forthcoming festival, to be held in February, 1880. Present, besides those named, Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S., P.M.; W. Hammond, P.M.; C. Graham, A. J. Rogers, C. W. Baker, T. W. Adams, P.M.; S. Page, C. Lucop, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org. Oxon, P.M. 1706; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. C. Murphy, 1512; J. J. Hutchings, 147; H. C. Freeman, 147; T. A. Thompson, 1614; R. Bobby, 1201; J. White, 180; W. A. Simmons, P.M. 1559; F. W. Cash, 1559; H. J. Collens, I.G. 766; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1512, W.M. 1793; and others. Banquet and dessert followed.

CHORLTON - ON - MEDLOCK.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The usual monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at five o'clock. The W.M., Bro. J. D. Brinkles, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Painter, S.W.; A. B. Whittaker, J.W.; W. H. Leigh, I.P.M.; G. Macfarlane, S.D.; S. D. McKellan, J.D.; W. Bostock, Treas.; W. Brown, I.G.; F. Stanislaus, Org.; G. Burrows, Tyler; T. J. Hooper, P.M.; T. Cavanah, P.M.; G. Yates, W. Byway, J. Cummins, W. Dunkerly, C. H. Stephenson, S. H. St. Austin, W. Craven, H. Macdonald, W. P. Hayhurst, W. Stevenson, W. Lyon, C. Fairbank, A. Clarke, A. T. Forrest, H. Bracewell. Visitors: Bros. J. Gow, 1618, 561; J. G. Elderton, 317; H. Paulden, 204; W. Hollins, 152; J. Aldred, 1140; John Church, 317; Matthew Owen, 163; S. Murtig, 1798; Murray Thomson, 163; J. Coxen, 152; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Mr. M. Beddoes Peacock was balloted for, unanimously elected, and afterwards duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation, and presented the working tools to the candidates. At the conclusion of this ceremony, the brethren adjourned for tea, and after every brother had "had his due," re-assembled in the lodge-room. The lodge was then worked up to the Third Degree, and Bro. Samuel Horatio St. Austin being a candidate for raising, was duly made a Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by his officers. Although there is of necessity a great sameness in the proceedings of working the Three Degrees, and consequently our remarks may also of necessity appear stereotyped in connection with these proceedings, yet we cannot help expressing our gratification when "work" is properly and efficiently done. Hence the oft repeated phrases of "in a most able manner," in a "satisfactory manner," or in "creditable style," may appear to some minds stale and flat, and although our vocabulary of praiseworthy sentences is not limited, yet we deem it consistent to apply these home-made expressions only in cases where they are really deserved, and we, therefore, are very pleased to record how ably the W.M., Bro. Brinkles, and his officers performed the ceremony, and this fact is the more pleasing when we call to mind the unsatisfactory manner in which some lodges execute their "work." This being all the business, the lodge was worked down to the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was formally closed, and afterwards the brethren assembled at the social board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the newly raised Bro. St. Austin," which was cordially received. Bro. St. Austin, in returning thanks, said it was a great satisfaction to him to be now numbered amongst the large roll of Master Masons, and he had been greatly impressed with the ceremony that had been performed that evening. He trusted he might be pardoned for comparing the Three Degrees in Masonry to three acts of a good play, the first being good, the second better, and the third the best of all. He felt in his own mind convinced from what he had seen and heard that he liked Masonry, and always should like it, so much so that no individual effort on his part should be wanting to further its interests. "The Health of Bro. Beddoes Peacock" was next proposed, and drunk with enthusiasm, to which that brother suitably responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. T. J. Hooper, and responded to on their behalf by Bro. W. Hollins. Bro. W. Bostock, Treasurer, then rose, and said it was with feelings of mingled pain and pleasure that he wished to propose a toast that he was quite sure would be received by them all with delight—it was that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Brinkles." The pleasure he had in proposing this toast was in being able to say with truth that Bro. Brinkles was a most assiduous W.M., painstaking in his duties, cordial in his manner, and kind in his actions. They all felt proud of him, and what was more, satisfied with him, when they witnessed the manner he had performed both the ceremonies that evening. He (Bro. Bostock) had known the W.M. for very many years, and he was pleased to say the more he knew of him, the more he liked him. The pain that he had spoken of in proposing this toast was caused by the fact that this meeting would be the last that Bro. Brinkles would preside over for many a long day in that lodge, for the reason that ere long he would leave England with his wife and family for the West Indies, and remain there for an indefinite time. He was quite sure that a general feeling of deep regret would abound in all the hearts of the

members of the Avon Lodge, and not only by them, but by all the brethren of other lodges who had known Bro. Brinkles, his sterling qualities and his uprightness, and, therefore, in asking the brethren to drink a bumper to this toast, he would conclude his remarks by wishing their W.M. God speed and long life, happiness and prosperity. The toast was heartily responded to by one and all with Masonic "honours." Bro. Brinkles, in reply, said that his feelings were those of pain only, in thanking them for so cordially responding to the toast which Bro. Bostock had proposed in such kind terms. It was quite true that he was going to leave them, and he assured them he was deeply grieved at the thought of separation, but the consolation he had was that if not with them in person he should be in spirit. Of course he did not wish to conceal the fact from them, that in leaving England for a foreign country he should better his position, but at the same time, if fortune had so willed it, he would very much rather have remained at home, and had the pleasure of meeting them every month as usual. As they were aware, a man cannot rule his own destiny, and no one could foresee what turns fortune would make in their favor, or what part of the world she might capriciously lead them to. Bro. Bostock had alluded to his (Bro. Brinkles') good qualities, and he was afraid he had been rather flattered; at the same time, in doing his best for the interests of the lodge while presiding over it he hoped he had given satisfaction to the members, and if so, he should feel a little comforted at the separation, but his earnest hope, when far away, would always be that he should see them again, and this, he thought, would not be so very long as Bro. Bostock had suggested, as he had made a stipulation that if he went abroad it would be with the understanding that he should return for three months to England during every year, and under these circumstances, they might all feel certain of seeing him again (God willing), as no distance in the United Kingdom would, he trusted, keep him from the lodge. Other toasts followed, which were enlivened during the intervals by some good singing from Bros. Stephenson, St. Austin, and Bostock, and a recitation by Bro. W. Brown. This enjoyable meeting was brought to a close about 11 o'clock. Bro. F. Stanislaus rendered most valuable aid to the singers as accompanist on the piano.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on the 26th ult. The W.M. was unable to be present, and several of the officers were absent. The chair was taken by Bro. M. S. Larham, P.M., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; W. Ramsay, Hon. I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; H. Clark, S.D.; F. J. Peels, D.C.; Dunkerly, Org.; and J. Daly, Tyler. After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, no candidates being in attendance, the business on the summons was proceeded with. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and was declared unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W. Bro. H. B. Marshall (C.C., F.R.G.S.), who has been Steward for all the three Charities during the present year, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. J. Daly was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Wood, W. S. Dunkerly, and Heels were appointed as Audit Committee. Bro. White, a candidate for passing, now arrived, and having answered the usual questions, was passed to the Second Degree. The S.W. announced the appointment of the W.M. as Prov. J.G. Warden. Several names were handed in for joining, and after the completion of some routine business the lodge was closed. The only visitor was Bro. J. F. Hurst, P.M. 753. The brethren assembled at 6.30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, the W.M. elect (Bro. H. Lovegrove) in the chair, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In proposing the toast of "The Prov. G.M. (Col. F. Burdett)," the S.W. referred to the flourishing condition of the province under his rule, and remarked that the Royal Hanover Lodge had especial reasons for being grateful to the P.G.M., as for services in the province generally their W.M. (Bro. Dubois) had been appointed to the important position of Prov. J.G.W., and he himself (the S.W.) had received purple in the Mark Degree. The toast of "The W.M. Elect and the Officers" was proposed by Bro. Larham, hon. mem., and responded to by Bros. Lovegrove, G. Clark, H. Clark, Peels, and Dunkerly. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren left for town at nine o'clock.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. J. L. Payne, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. Lorkin, J.W.; F. Jacob, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd and 6th Lessons of the Lecture. The lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and then closed down. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. Lorkin seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday evening. Carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. C. Lorkin seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to Bro. J. L. Payne, for the able manner in which he had for the first time conducted the business of the lodge. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

Royal Arch.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—A convocation of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing twelve months. The chapter was opened at half-past five p.m., Ex. Comp. J. McDougall, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. A. Penfold, H.; and Ex. Comp. H. J. Butter, J. Among those present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.P.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.G.O. Kent; W. H. Myers, P.Z.; W. Musto, P.Z.; H. Bickerstaff, P.Z. 13; H. Pryce, S.E.; T. D. Hayes, S.N.; R. Croisdale, P.S.; W. B. Lloyd, 1st Asst. S.; Eugene Sweny, 2nd Asst. S.; and H. Mabbitt, Janitor; T. Cartland, G. Frost, H. Shaw, S. H. Letton, H. Mason, W. Rees, E. B. Burr, R. Munroe, W. Tucker, G. Richards, D. C. Capon, J. F. Randall, W. Busbridge, W. A. Weston, J. 13; D. Deeves, 13; and A. J. Lindsay, 730 (I.C.) The minutes of the last convocation having been confirmed, Ex. Comp. W. H. Myers, P.Z. Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 820, was unanimously elected a joining companion. The ballot was then taken for Bros. C. Jolly, 913; Otto Weiss, 700; and G. Nichols, 1567, which proved unanimous, and they, with Bros. G. Beaver and J. H. Roberts, both of the Nelson Lodge, 700, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masonry. Ex. Comp. A. Penfold was then installed M.E.Z., with the usual ceremonies, by P.Z. Coupland, H. J. Butter, as H., and T. D. Hayes, J. The First Principal then invested his officers as follows: Comps. H. Pryce, S.E.; R. Croisdale, S.N.; W. B. Lloyd, P.S.; E. Sweny, 1st A.S.; A. Jessop, Treas.; and H. Mabbitt, Janitor. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel, studded with diamonds, was then presented to Comp. McDougall, P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter as M.E.Z. during the past year, and as a mark of esteem on the part of the companions of the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a cold collation, nicely served by Bro. Tucker. The usual banquet was adjourned to the 6th of August, when the Provincial Grand Chapter, presided over by Lord Holmesdale, G.S., will be held at the Skating Rink, Plumstead. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were honoured, and that of "The P.G.S., Lord Holmesdale," received an enthusiastic greeting at the hands of the companions. In reply to that of "Comp. Eastes, P.P.G.H. Kent, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Comp. E. Denton, P.G.O. Kent, thanked the companions for the toast. As a Grand Officer of Kent, he felt it a great honour to serve under Lord Holmesdale and Comp. Eastes. He had had the pleasure of seeing their G.S. in that room, and must congratulate the Pattison Chapter upon the prospect of soon having his lordship among them as its guest, an honour that would be recorded upon the minutes of Grand Chapter, and stand for ever as something for the chapter to be proud of. In the name of the G.O. of Kent he thanked them. Comp. McDougall then rose to propose the toast of the evening, one that he was sure they would all do honour to—it was that of "The Newly-Installed M.E.Z., Comp. Penfold." Many of them present had seen his work in Craft Masonry, and those who had seen him work through the offices of the chapter would feel that he was in every way qualified to do honour to the position he now occupied. He trusted he might be with them long, not only as a companion but as a friend. He was very glad that in their Comp. Penfold's year of office the Prov. Grand Chapter was coming to visit them, for they would all agree with him that no one was more calculated to do credit to the great responsibilities that would be thrown upon him than Comp. Penfold was. He asked all the companions to support their esteemed First Principal in his arduous duties, and make the visit something for them to be proud of, and the province satisfied with. Comp. Penfold, in reply, expressed the difficulty he had to adequately thank them for the toast so kindly proposed and accepted. All he was afraid of was that they might expect too much from him. There were two things, however, he possessed which would aid him, and they were a will to do, and a love for the work. He had a love for Masonry, and a will to work for its advancement, and combining the two things together, he trusted to do it to their satisfaction. The fact of the Grand Chapter coming to Plumstead on the 6th inst. was a responsible undertaking for the Pattison Chapter, and he, and he knew they, wished to make it a success. He did not want Lord Holmesdale to go away dissatisfied with his reception at Plumstead. There might not be much for the companions individually to do, but he was ted their moral support. It occupied his thoughts above all things, and he hoped that, as Comp. Denton had said it would be recorded upon the minutes of Grand Lodge, it would be recorded as an honour to the Pattison Chapter, and to Plumstead. For himself he hoped to carry out the duties of the high office entrusted to him to their satisfaction. "The Health of the newly-exalted Companions" was then proposed by the M.E.Z., who said they did not want quantity in Arch Masonry, they preferred quality. The companions exalted that night were of the latter class, and had all made their mark, either in the Craft, or in the busy world of outside life, and would be good and creditable Arch Masons and companions to the chapter. Comps. Beaver, Roberts, and Jolly suitably replied. "The Past Principals" of the chapter were then toasted, and Comp. P.Z. McDougall said the thanks of the Past Masters must be shown by their actions, not in words, at least so far as he was concerned. There was, however, the father of the lodge, Comp. P.Z. Coupland, present, and he felt sorry that his name had not been coupled with the toast alone. He then referred in feeling terms to the loss the chapter had sustained at its formation by the death of Comp. Graden, the first 1st Principal of it, and said if it had not been for the helping hands of Comps. Amos, Coupland, and Denton, the chapter

could not have been carried on. He was extremely pleased with all that had taken place that evening, and was only sorry that Comp. Butter was not present to give them one of his eloquent addresses. He had not the slightest doubt that the new M.E.Z. would have their hearty support, as he had had during the past year. Comp. P. P. Coupland said he was very proud of having had office in the Grand Chapter, but was more proud of being a P.Z. of the Pattison Chapter. He deeply regretted the loss of Comp. P.Z. Graden, who, if it had pleased the Most High to have spared him, would have been proud to have seen how well they had prospered. He was pleased that Comp. Penfold was their 1st Principal this year, because he felt sure in his hands the honour and credit of the chapter would be sustained at the forthcoming Grand Principal's visit. He then, in feeling terms, regretted the departure from among them of Bro. and Comp. Pattison, after whom their lodge and chapter was named, and who, as Grand H. of the Grand Chapter, had worked so hard and so charitably for Masonry, and concluded by prophesying a bright future for the chapter. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and, in giving it, the M.E.Z. passed a warm eulogium upon Comp. Weston, of 13, who, he said, was a pillar of Masonry in their district. There was some talk a little while ago about his going to Zululand, and his (Comp. Penfold's) first thought when he heard it was, "What will the United Military do without him?" He felt great pleasure in coupling his and Comp. Deeves' names with the toast. Comp. Weston, in the course of an interesting speech, spoke of Bros. and Comps. Spinks, Box, Brooks, and several others who were now with the army in Zululand, and of a letter received a day or two ago from Bro. and Comp. Commissary G. Spinks, in which he expressed how pleased and gratified they all were to see in the *Freemason*, which they received weekly, how prosperously the lodges were getting on in the Woolwich district. He said as soon as the *Freemason* came into camp they all gathered round, and read the news, and drank success to the old lodges, and on the 7th ult. there was a gathering of Masons there, who drank "The Health of the new W.M. of the United Military Lodge, Bro. Shaw," who was installed that day. It was very gratifying to hear that the love of Masonry, and the old lodges, was kept up in a far country, and amid the horrors of war, by their brethren, and he wished them a safe return. For himself, he thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for their good wishes. Capt. Deeves also replied, and then Comp. Lloyd replied for "The Officers." The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

TRURO.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 78).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. F. Newman, P.M. 94, Love and Honour, Falmouth, P. Prov. S. G. W.; M. Little, W.M. 94; and W. D. Rogers, Sec. 94. Three brethren were advanced, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Mason, was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M., Past G. Warden. Bro. Mason then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. Truscott, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; R. Lean, S.W.; J. C. Furniss, J.W.; J. T. Tillman, M.O.; W. P. Smith, S.O.; W. J. Trythall, J.O.; W. J. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treasurer; J. C. R. Crowes, P.M., P. Prov. Grand S.W., Sec.; W. Allen, Reg. Marks; W. B. Morris, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; Luke, D.C.; E. Whitley, Org.; T. C. Mack, I.G.; W. Simmons and T. H. Lukes, Stewards; and J. Langdon, Tyler. The hearty congratulations of the brethren were given to Bro. Col. Peard on his appointment to the office of Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall, vice Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., deceased.

COMMUNIQUE.

THE FREEMASONS AND TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Our readers will remember that at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, held at Fowey last month, Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.P.G. D.C. Suffolk, and P.M. of Fowey Lodge, proposed—"That in view of the erection of a cathedral at Truro for the diocese of Cornwall, a Committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions, and that the Province of Devon be invited to assist, so that a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall may be erected in the new edifice." This was strongly opposed by a brother, who said that neither Bro. Holmes nor the noble lord (the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe) could have any idea of the strong feeling against the proposition. At the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Holmes consented to withdraw the motion for the present, but gave notice that at the next Provincial Grand Lodge he should bring the matter forward again, and he should continue to do so at every provincial meeting until it was carried.

Our enthusiastic brother has received the following letter, which shows that, at least in some quarters, his proposition is favourably received, and which, we may also say, fully warrants his persevering in the course he has undertaken:—

"Falmouth, July 17th, 1879.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—
"At the request of the members of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, I beg to inform you that at their meeting on Monday last they appointed a Committee, consisting of Bros. Past Masters Tilly and W. F. Newman, and R. Carter, Sec., and myself (ex-officio) to collect subscriptions from the members of their own lodge for the Truro Cathedral, following the motion you made at the

last Provincial Grand Lodge. Your motion meets with their cordial approval, and it was thought that it would strengthen your hands to know that the premier lodge of the province had taken the matter up in a practical form and had already commenced to collect subscriptions.

"You are at liberty to make what use you can of this information, and I hope that it may be serviceable in inducing other lodges to do the same, and then, I think, the result will be that your motion will meet with the success which it merits.

"Yours fraternally,

"WILSON L. FOX, W.M. No. 75.

"To Bro. Emra Holmes,

"Fowey, Cornwall."

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

These lodges held a joint summer festival on the 24th ult., at Rye House, Hoddesdon, under the presidency of Bro. J. Douglass, W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, and S.W. 1744, and Bro. J. Willing, W.M. of the Royal Savoy, P.M., Treas. 1507, P.M. 177, P.Z. 1000, P.Z. 1507, &c., &c. Bro. Willing was accompanied by Mrs. and the Misses Willing. Among the company present were also Bro. W. M. Stiles, Sec. 1507, Sec. 1744, W. M. King's Cross Lodge; Bro. Hudson, W.M. Royal York, Brighton; Bro. Scales, W.M. elect 1507; Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M. and Treas. 177, Mrs. Everett, and Mrs. Huggall; Bro. Ferguson, J.W. 177, P.M. 1507; Bro. Ralph, 177; Bro. Scard, 177; Bros. H. Stiles, Morgan, R. Douglass, Dovey, Urch, Ben. George, Brumell, Side (J.W.), Hickman, Barnard, Howard, Greenfield, Weston, Willing, sen., Mrs. Teale, Bro. Massey (*Freemason*), and others.

The weather was all that it could be desired to be, so that boating and outdoor exercise were the order of the day till four o'clock, when the company assembled in the large hall, or concert room, in the grounds, where an excellent banquet was served; and those who know what an admirable *chef* holds rule in the kitchen of the Rye House will readily believe that the dishes were of a most appetising kind.

As usual at all Masonic gatherings, when the cloth was removed, there was a list of toasts to be disposed of. Bro. Willing proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," in doing which he said that he should confine himself to the duty of proposing the toast without any comment on the well-known merits of the M.W.G.M., or the amiable qualities of his consort, who was the well-beloved of the English people, because when this programme had been disposed of there was a dance programme to be got through, which the company were probably longing to commence. He should, therefore, say no more than that he hoped they would give the toast a truly Masonic reception. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Willing proposed "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was also enthusiastically received.

Bro. Willing: Ladies and gentlemen, you behold on the present occasion the Masters of the Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges in a truly enviable position—brethren who have come here to enjoy themselves in the presence of their wives—who have come here to show their wives how simple and innocent is Masonic enjoyment, and to share that enjoyment with them. The presence of ladies on the present occasion is a source of the greatest pleasure to us, as I am sure it must be a satisfaction to them to see for themselves that the fact of our being Freemasons does not deprive us of our social qualities. I have great pleasure in proposing to you "The Health of the present Master of the Metropolitan Lodge." He is a man known all over England, and he is one of the most genial Masters we have had in the chair, and when he gets rid of the modesty which has characterised every Master of the Metropolitan Lodge all must admire his admirable qualities. I give you "The Metropolitan Lodge, coupled with the name of the W.M., Bro. J. Douglass.

Bro. Douglass: When Bro. Willing got up the first time this afternoon he proposed that the speeches should be short. I shall conform to the rule he then laid down, and confine myself to thanking you for your attendance here this day, and for the kind way in which you received the last toast. I do not wish to trespass on your time, and shall proceed to give you the next toast, which is "The Royal Savoy Lodge," coupled with the name of the W.M., Bro. J. Willing.

Bro. Willing: Ladies and gentlemen, I am very much obliged for the very kind way in which the W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge has introduced my health. We have been very fortunate in having a fine day, and, I think, we have been a happy family together. We enjoy meeting in this friendly way much more than if we did not know our right hand from our left hand neighbour. The next toast is "The Past Masters and Secretary of the Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges." I am a Past Master myself, and am, therefore, in the unfortunate position of appearing to ask you to drink my own health, but as you have already done that very heartily you will believe that I am proposing the health of the other Past Masters. There are, unhappily, no other Past Masters present, and I shall, therefore, couple with the toast the name of Bro. Stiles, W.M. 1731, the Secretary of both lodges, and an indefatigable Mason, to respond to the toast.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," "The Ladies," and "The Officers and Stewards," which were briefly proposed by Bro. Willing, and were responded to by Bros. Everett and Stiles.

The company then adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing brought this very successful meeting to a close.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

On Wednesday evening this new lodge was consecrated at the Guildhall Tavern by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D. The new lodge has been established for the convenience of those brethren who hold office under the Corporation of London at Guildhall, for gentlemen holding such office, and desiring to become Freemasons, and for brethren whose business or profession connects them with the Guildhall. The idea of starting such a lodge originated with Bro. D. H. Ashford, and he, with the assistance of several other brethren, proceeded to carry it out, and they prevailed upon the Town Clerk of London, Bro. J. B. Monckton, to allow himself to be recommended to the Prince of Wales as first Worshipful Master of the lodge. The endeavours of the brethren to obtain a warrant for the lodge were successful, and it was arranged that before the vacation set in the lodge should be consecrated.

The event, as we have said, occurred on Wednesday evening, when Bro. Col. Clerke was assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., as S.W.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., as J.W.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P. G.M. for Surrey, as Chaplain; R. W. H. Giddy, District G.M. of Griqualand, as D.C.; Capt. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 21, as Sec.; and W. W. Brown, as Organist, Bro. Seymour Smith assisting in the musical portion of the ceremony. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, occupied a seat on the Consecrating Officer's right, and Bro. Kingston, District G.M. of Malta, a seat on the left.

The complete list of the brethren present comprised the following names: Bros. John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; L. F. Littell, Frank Green, Richard Pawley, D. H. Ashford, H. Wildey Wright, T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 21, &c.; Wm. Hundel Cannon, 858; Lieut.-Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Wm. Kingston, D.G.M. Malta; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., and Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey; E. T. Worsley, S.W. 860; James Muzlo, 1150; Frank Richardson, 14; F. Toller, Moira; Ambrose Haynes, 780; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; R. W. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; W. W. Dallwood, P.M. 860; W. S. Dockins, J.W. 860; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; E. G. Man, 8; John McKinnard, W.M. 181; Seymour Smith, 742; Alfred Green, P.M. 211; Henry Wright, 1656; Henry Godfrey, P.M. 1261; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; Walter Jarvis, 14; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.; W. St. John; George A. Haynes, 1804; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; Morris Evans, P.M. 8; A. M. Tarleton, P.M. 468; Macrae Moir, P.M. 66; Samuel L. Green, S.W. 1445; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. A. Mallett, Royal Leopold; Peter Ashcroft; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of the lodge Col. Shadwell Clerke shortly addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and expressed the gratification he felt at being called upon to consecrate a lodge which had been originated by brethren well known in the Craft for desiring its true prosperity, and who had done much to advance it. After referring to the many services to Freemasonry performed by Bro. J. B. Monckton, and the admirable way he discharged his duties as President of the Board of General Purposes, he trusted that the lodge would succeed, and did not doubt that such would be the case whilst its interests were entrusted to the brethren who were its founders.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, in delivering the oration, said: It is customary on this occasion to say a few words about the origin and principles of Freemasonry. Its origin is shrouded in the mists of antiquity, nor shall I attempt to trace it. What we know for certain is that certain guilds of Masons existed in the middle ages, who were bound together by certain rules of brotherhood, and by whom those beautiful and magnificent buildings over the continent of Europe were erected. How these ancient guilds passed into the speculative Masonry of the Free and Accepted Mason of to-day I shall not try to tell you, for it will be far more profitable to say a few words about the principles of that Craft which, in the present day, has a charm for so many and is increasing so rapidly. I say then, without the slightest hesitation, that the great basis on which Freemasonry rests is the belief in God. Masonry is not religion, but it is deeply rooted in religion, and demands of every candidate for its mysteries the belief in the existence of a personal Deity, the one living and true God. Further than this Craft Masonry does not go, and so it holds open the door to all nations, whatever may be their religious systems, who believe in God. Thus the Christian, the Jew, the Mahomedan, the Hindoo, the native of China and Japan, even the South Sea Islander and the North American Indian, can all unite in this common bond; but it rigidly excludes the Atheist. I need scarcely remind you that Masonry calls for the recognition of God in every step. Under the names of the G.A.O.T.U., the Grand Geometrician, and the Most High. His blessing is invoked in each degree and every ceremony. In the centre of the lodge is situated the sacred symbol, calling our attention to His omnipotence, His omniscience, and His omnipresence. Before the W.M. lie the open pages of the volume of the Sacred Law, the revelation of God's will to man. It is the standard of Masonic truth, the guide of our actions, the rule of our faith. Every obligation is sealed upon its sacred pages, and the Mason is taught to square his actions according to the dictates of that Sacred Volume, if he wishes to become a living stone fit to be built into the temple of God. Further than this, Masonry teaches the immortality of the soul. It invites us to contemplate death without terror, assuring us that even nature bears witness that in this perishable form resides a vital and an imperishable principle, which inspires us with a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the

king of terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. And the working tools of a Master Mason teach us to bear in mind and act according to the laws of our Divine Creator, that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode, we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore. Our second great landmark is charity or love, and this divides itself into two heads—brotherly love and relief. I call this our second landmark because it springs from the first. It is born out of the loving heart of God himself, bringing heaven, as it were, down to earth, and linking soul to soul throughout the world. Masonry has been well described as "seeking to bring together men of every political faith and every religious creed, winning them from their isolation, their selfishness, and their sin, and uniting them in work for the general good." What can be a grander exemplification of brotherly love than the five points of fellowship? But Masonry not only teaches us to have charitable feelings, to drop the tear of sympathy over the fallings of a brother, but to perform charitable acts—to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, succour the distressed or oppressed, to educate the orphan child, and to provide for the aged widow or the brother who is past work. Need I say more about those two great landmarks? Well are our principles stated to be brotherly love, relief, and truth, for truth rests upon belief in God, relief originates in brotherly love, and brotherly love springs from love to God. Thus the whole current of Freemasonry rises in and flows back again to God as its centre. There are three virtues which ought especially to distinguish every Mason, sincerity, truth, and love; without the two first the latter cannot exist. A Mason's love must be pure and unalloyed, his friendship sincere and generous, and his cordiality without hypocrisy. Indeed, he ought to live for the benefit of those around, despising selfishness. What a different aspect would the world wear if all mankind were but truly actuated by the principles of our Order. No longer would our hearts be pained at the recital of the horrors of war. Peace with her olive wand would descend from heaven; comfort would come to the afflicted, and succour to the distressed. Everywhere would be heard the voice of joy and gladness, and no complaining in our streets. What are the jewels which sparkle on your breasts but emblems of the virtues which ought to shine beneath? like the medals of the soldier which tell of noble and heroic deeds. Small may be their intrinsic value, yet great are the truths they symbolise. We must contradict by our lives the statements of those who assert that trifles are the object of our ambition, and that our solemn assemblies are but an excuse for conviviality. God teaches us, and we are reminded by Masonry, that we came into the world poor and penniless; under the fostering hand of the Great Architect of the Universe we have passed through the dangers of childhood, and arrived at man's estate; we pass on by regular steps across the chequered flooring of the world, leaving lessons as we go, looking up for return to nature's god. In the Third Degree still greater knowledge is given to us, as we see the emblems of mortality everywhere around us, and the bright star above, whose beams can pierce even through the darkness of the tomb. Thus in every step in Masonry great lessons are inculcated, and the best instruction given: how man must live, how die, how rest in heaven when he shall have ascended to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Just as King Solomon, in the glorious building he erected conveyed a lesson to the people by every ornament he used, so the Mason learns a lesson from everything he sees and handles. But let it be remembered those symbols are only of advantage when they inculcate and bear in mind some truth, some moral principle. Above all, Masonry leads us to the volume of the Sacred Law as the guide of our actions, and rule of our faith; thus is Masonry the handmaid of religion, echoing the apostle's advice that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, and, that though we now see through a glass darkly, yet the time is drawing near when Masonry and all other human institutions will have passed away, and we shall see the Most High as he is in his temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. When that great day comes may he in his mercy grant that our work may be done, and we may be ready.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed, all the details being most carefully and rigidly attended to, and Col. Shadwell Clerke, on the presentation of Bro. J. B. Monckton by Bro. R. H. Giddy, installed Bro. Monckton as W.M. of the Alliance Lodge.

The following brethren were then appointed to the other offices: Bros. L. F. Littell, S.W.; Frank Green, J.W.; Richard Pawley, Treas.; D. H. Ashford, S.D.; H. Wildey Wright, J.D.; Cooper Wild, I.G.; Bowley, Steward; W. W. Brown, Org.; and A. S. Church, Tyler.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke delivered the addresses, and on resuming his seat was heartily applauded.

Capt. T. Davies Sewell, at the request of the W.M., read the following list of presentations which had been made to the lodge:—The Bible presented by the W.M.; the cushion for the Bible by Bro. Pawley, Treasurer, who also gave the Book of Constitutions, handsomely bound, and the case to hold the warrant of the lodge; the silver square and compasses for the Bible by Bro. Wildey Wright, J.D.; the two columns by Bro. Littell, S.W.; a set of gavel by Bro. Frank Green, J.W.; the rough ashlar by Bro. Ashford, S.D.; and the Deacons' wands by Bro. Cannon.

A record of these presentations was ordered to be made on the minutes of the lodge. Names of intending initiates and joining members were then given in, and on the motion of Bro. Frank Green, J.W., seconded by Bro. Pawley, Treas., Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. Phillips, Peter de Lande Long, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and R. H. Giddy were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke having acknowledged the compliment, letters of apology were read by Capt. Davies Sewell from Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middx.; and Sheriff Burt, Asst. G.D.C.; apologising for inability to attend the consecration. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet.

At the proposition of the toasts which followed, the W.M. prefaced the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" with the observations that the W.M. of a new lodge occupied a position which no other brother occupied. Every lodge must have a beginning, and the old lodges now in existence had each its period when the W.M. occupied the same position as he did. The W.M.'s of those days knew as little of the future of their lodges as the brethren now in the Alliance Lodge knew what its future was to be. The lodge certainly would be a great lodge judging from the hearty good wishes which were so numerous at the closing of the lodge, and from the admirable and Masonic way in which it had been consecrated. It might not be out of place on this occasion to say a very few words as to the origin of the lodge and how it came about. He was the more anxious to do so because he had been requested to be the first Master, and not having had anything to do with getting up the lodge he did not desire to have any credit which did not belong to him. Other brethren who were in the room, and who were well respected in the Craft, went to him one day, at his office, and told him for the first time that it was contemplated to petition for a warrant for a new lodge that should have for its purpose the bringing together in lodge the brethren who were employed in the Guildhall, and those having matters of business about the Guildhall. The founders, very kindly, were anxious that he should join them and take the chair. This was the origin and commencement of his knowing anything about the Alliance Lodge. He was afraid to say how many years he had been a Mason, but having been the Master of lodges before he was not anxious to seek the honours of that position again. Four years of office in the Master's chair was enough for most men, and he was not ambitious to serve again. That was putting the matter selfishly, but as one got old he got lazy. However, the request was put to him in such a way that he could not say nay, and it was, therefore, by the favour of the founders of the lodge that he was the Master. This was his explanation of the whole matter, and he put it before the brethren because he did not wish to claim the honour of founding the lodge when he was not entitled to it. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that acceptable as the toast always was to Freemasons it was particularly so on the day when the warrant bearing his signature had been read, giving the lodge permission to exist.

The W.M., in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that this toast was of very peculiar interest. He could not conceive anything more valuable, let alone interesting, to a young lodge than that there should be present, as what he might call without offence midwives, at its birth those who stood high and were respected at Grand Lodge of England, under which this lodge held its warrant. He would not for a moment speak of the admirable manner in which the work had been done that evening entirely by Grand Officers. All credit to the Grand Officers for not merely wearing honours, but doing the work in a way which showed they were worthy of those honours. He should couple with this toast the name of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg, than whom he thought no one was more worthy or more popular, because there was not a more Masonic or painstaking a Prov. Grand Master throughout the country. When they found a Provincial Grand Master not merely wearing the honour of being chief of the province, but devoting himself from the beginning to the end of the year to the business of his province, visiting each lodge carefully and undeviatingly—though he had before won the highest honour which could be conferred by Grand Lodge, that of being a Grand Warden—such a brother was entitled to the warmest commendations of all Freemasons. When also he came to visit a young lodge, although he was fully occupied, the brethren must thank him sincerely for the high honour he had conferred upon them.

General Brownrigg, in reply, said, that as a man's old age and services in Masonry increased he was naturally called more frequently to return thanks for this toast, which was certainly one of the most difficult toasts to reply to, because it really involved on the respondent an enormous responsibility. He must ask the brethren to commiserate him because he commiserated those who must have heard him before, and there was nothing new to be said on the subject. Those who had taken the honour of the imperial purple he believed had deserved it, and he was sure their having obtained the honour was an incentive, if an incentive were wanted, to keep up the interest they had always taken in Masonry. The older he grew the more delighted and pleased he was at the advance that Masonry was making, not only in its members, but in the quality of its members. There was a feeling spread throughout the country which had been impressed very forcibly on Masons by many Provincial Grand Masters, that they should take care whom they admitted into the Order. It was very easy to admit a man, but if he was found afterwards to be objectionable it was uncommonly difficult to get rid of him. Therefore, it was impossible to be too cautious whom they admitted. He was glad to have the opportunity of addressing the brethren that evening because he wished to express his deep sense of the delight he felt at being present on the occasion of the consecration of the lodge. It was not only because of the personal regard he had for Bro. Monckton, but it was pleasant to an old Mason to see

a good lodge like this established. The brethren must all feel that the W.M. had spoken most modestly of himself with regard to the formation of the lodge, but, depend upon it, the petitioners for the warrant did perfectly right, and it only showed what crafty Craftsmen they were in associating such a name as his with the lodge as its first Master. There was nothing like a good beginning in these matters, as in every thing else in life; even in racing there was nothing like a good start; and he congratulated the Alliance Lodge on having made an admirable start.

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, proposed "Success to the Alliance Lodge, and the Health of the W.M." He said, though he little deserved the honour of proposing this toast, he felt that the W.M. had placed a degree of confidence in him which he really did not think he entertained; but whether he did or not he was quite satisfied of one thing, that the W.M. would realise the trust which the brethren had placed in him, and that he would carry out the duties of the chair in a manner, if not unsurpassed at any rate unsurpassable. It had been his (Bro. Hervey's) happy fate for many years to be associated with Bro. Monckton, not only in Masonry as an enjoyment, but he might almost say in Masonry as a business. They had been associated together in carrying out the work of the Craft, and in seeing to the wants of their fellow Masons in Griqualand, of which the brother next to him (Bro. Giddy) was a worthy exponent, who well looked after it at all times. It was the duty of the President of the Board of General Purposes to attend to anything and everything which pertained to the well being and well working of the Craft. How Bro. Monckton had looked after those interests he would leave the brethren to judge; and if he had looked after the interests of the Craft as a body so well and so worthily, so also the brethren might look forward to his caring for the interests of the Alliance Lodge in a manner which would not only reflect honour on himself, but credit and success to the brethren. He (Bro. Hervey) was glad indeed to be present, and to have had the honour of receiving an invitation, and to see the work done in the lodge in the masterly way in which it had been performed by their good friend and brother Col. Shadwell Clarke. He was glad to see that fraternal spirit existing among the brethren of the Alliance Lodge, and he trusted it would endure for many years and enable the brethren to carry the lodge on to prosperity and success. He would not say anything more about the W.M., but with respect to the lodge, he wished what all the visitors as well as the members of the lodge wished, that the lodge might prosper, and that for many years they might come and see it from year to year, increasing in numbers, in respectability, and in what he, as an old worker in the Craft, did not think ought to be disregarded, the working of the ceremonies of the Order. The W.M. could instruct the brethren in those ceremonies. He did not mean to say that he would set up a rival lodge to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement: he did not expect that he would endeavour to cut that lodge in Great Queen-street out; but he knew one thing, that if he unfortunately wished to do so unfraternal an act, at any rate he would have the power of doing it, if he had not the disposition. (Laughter.) Bro. Hervey concluded by proposing "Health and Long Life to the W.M., and Prosperity to the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827."

The W.M. in reply, said the Grand Secretary had drawn a very heavy bill upon him, which he at once confessed his inability to meet, but if the Grand Secretary would bear with him till the end of the year he would be inclined to endorse and would endeavour to honour it. He had done little enough for the Alliance Lodge and the Alliance Lodge had little enough to thank him for. He must take care that the good wishes that had been expressed should not be disappointed, and he took it that they were not so much expressions of gratitude for the past as hopes for the future. He would now propose "The Health of the Consecrating Master, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke," who kindly and readily came to perform the most important act of consecrating a new lodge. He had done it in a manner that no Mason, whether old or young, could ever hope to see excelled. He had been in many lodges, but he had never heard it more ably performed. He had heard many consecrations and had dabbled a little in consecrations himself, but he never saw the work better done than it had been that night by Col. Clarke.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., in reply, said he was really so utterly overthrown by the complimentary manner in which the W.M. had introduced his name to the notice of the brethren that he positively did not know how to thank him for it, and, besides that, the brethren had had so many eloquent speeches that a great deal of what he would have said had been taken out of his mouth. However, he would only say this, that it was a very great matter of pleasure to him to be asked to perform the ceremony of consecration. He accepted the office of Consecrating Officer with mingled feelings of pride, of pleasure, and of terror—pride that he should have been chosen, as a very humble member of the Order, to have been put in the conspicuous position of the Grand Master on this occasion; pleasure that he should have been able to do any small service in his power to a dear friend of his and many other members who were personal friends of his; but terror that he should have the awful eye of the President of the Board of General Purposes on him. However, as this terrible functionary had not ordered him out to execution, he might take to himself heart, and believe that what he had done he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had performed the ceremony with the greatest possible pleasure and satisfaction. It was a very great honour to hold the position he had held that evening, and he should never forget it. He should always watch the future of the Alliance Lodge with great interest; but he was sure with such members and such officers the lodge would in a short time hold a position in the Craft second to none, and be wished all the brethren health, happiness, and prosperity.

The W.M. then proposed "The Honorary Members of the Alliance Lodge." It was a toast which he wished to interpolate, as it was only that evening they could do it within the term of their natural lives. When they recollected that these brethren were five in number, the members of the lodge must all feel pleased to honour them. Every one of these brethren had performed his duties most admirably, whether it was the Consecrating Master, the Wardens, the Chaplain, or the Director of Ceremonies. These brethren had long been known in Grand Lodge by their devotion to the interests of Masonry. With reference to the Chaplain, they must all admit that his address was most valuable. Moreover, he had looked after Masonry in the province of which he was Deputy Grand Master, and had attended to the discipline which was necessary. The Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, General Brownrigg, had a most valuable officer in Bro. Arnold. Whether they looked at one or other of the Consecrating Officers, they must all feel thankful to them for having given the light of their countenance to the proceedings. He did not think he should be doing wrong in calling upon Bro. Arnold to respond, and in calling upon him he did it as a matter of curiosity, to see whether his voice after dinner was as mellifluous as it was before.

The Rev. W. C. Arnold, in reply, said that in the name to those who had been elected honorary members of the lodge he had to thank the W.M. and brethren most sincerely for the toast and the hearty reception which had been extended to them. The W.M. had, as it were, challenged him, but it was rather hard when big folks had preceded him, because, he had had the wind taken out of his sails. He might consider that the brethren had already heard quite enough of him. It was very hard that he as a Mason from the wilds of Woking should have to respond and acknowledge the great hospitality the honorary members had received; but still, the Woking brethren were equal to the occasion, and if the London brethren would go there they would see how Masonry was conducted. There was one thing he had omitted to say, which was especially applicable to the brethren round the festive table, and when they were met together in their lodges, that from all their lodges, and on occasions like that they banished religious and political discussions. He believed that this was one of the secrets of success of Masonry. It was said that when a traveller across the desert saw the trees rising in the distance he knew that there was an oasis where there would be fresh sparkling water, and he would be able to refresh himself. Just in the same when we saw a Masons' lodge we knew that after the hard work and toil of the day when we had been rubbed about by things certainly disagreeable by which our temper had been naturally tried, we should go to a haven where we should find rest, brotherly love, and sympathising hearts. It was for this reason especially he believed that so many persons were now pressing into the ranks of Masonry. At the same time we should always take a higher stand and hope that they came not only for that, but that they might be refreshed by those beautiful moral charges of Masonry which would elevate their minds and raise them higher and higher that they might at last ascend to those immortal mansions from whence all goodness emanated.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, was the first to reply, and said he had the pleasure of being present in the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, in Malta, when Col. Shadwell H. Clarke was installed. While Col. Clarke was Master of the lodge he carried out his duties with zeal and ability, as he promised to do when he was installed. It was not his (Bro. Kingston's) place, neither was he able to make a long speech or enlarge upon Masonry, but nevertheless he might say that Masonry was not better exemplified in any part of the world than in his district. He held a District Grand Lodge in a distant part of that district sometime ago, to which he had to take a sea voyage of 400 miles, and there were in that Grand Lodge four or five different nationalities, and certainly not less than four or five different creeds. Notwithstanding the difference of nationality and creed they were working together under the banner of Masonry, the Protestant and Roman Catholic, the Mahomedan, and the Hebrew, and very likely some offshoots from those creeds. However, he met there with the very same cordial reception from one and all, which he found was accorded to visitors in England. He felt very pleased on this his visit to England to receive so much kindness. He did not often come to the mother country; it was six years since he was here before; but he had been so warmly received among his brother Masons wherever he had gone, that really he felt that there was something in Masonry which bound men together in such a manner as was not found in any other society.

Bro. Frank Richardson, replying to the same toast, said on behalf of himself and the other visitors he felt it a very great honour to have attended the consecration of the Alliance Lodge. Many of the brethren, no doubt, had been at the consecration of various lodges within the last few months, but not one of those lodges had a better chance of taking a first place in Masonry than the Alliance. At the consecration of a lodge the brethren had not much opportunity of seeing the new W.M.'s work, but he could say that, having had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with Bro. Monckton, the work would be done in unexceptionable style. Although the visitors had not that day had the opportunity of congratulating the W.M. upon his work being well done, he hoped that at a future time the W.M. and brethren would give them an opportunity of seeing the work, on which occasion, no doubt, they would express themselves approvingly of it.

Bro. Fowler said that with reference to what Bro. Kingston had said an anecdote might not be out of place. A gentleman, of the name of Blackmore, married his mother's sister. He was one of the unfortunate people who was going out to be guillotined, during the French Revolu-

tion. On his way to the fatal drop he made a Masonic sign to the officers through whom he passed, and he was taken away by one of them and escaped to England.

Bro. L. F. Littell, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," and, after expressing the pleasure he felt at being called upon to fill the office of S.W., said he had no doubt the other officers felt as he did. They would not forget the observations that were addressed to them by the Consecrating Officer with regard to their duties. It would be their pleasure as it was their duty to support the W.M. in every possible way, and they would endeavour to discharge their duties in an efficient manner. He hoped that at the end of the W.M.'s year of office he would not have any cause to regret the choice he had made.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent singing and music by Bros. W. W. Brown, Seymour Smith, and other brethren.

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. A. BUTT.

On Monday afternoon, the 28th ult., the remains of the above lamented brother were borne to his resting-place at Littlehampton, amid all the marks of sympathy and respect which it was in the power of a bereaved township—for such it is—to bestow. Soon after three o'clock the melancholy assemblage began to gather near the residence of the deceased in Arundel-road, and about half-past three the coffin—of beautifully polished oak—was borne from the house to the hearse which awaited it, and the sad procession commenced its way to the churchyard, where the family of deceased have a vault. Nearly every shop in the town was shut during the mournful ceremony, flags were flying half-mast high, and a large concourse of people gathered to witness the sad sight. The Fire Brigade—of which deceased was the captain—led the way. They comprised not only the Littlehampton Brigade—whose excellent equipment and organisation are due in large measure to the deceased—but representatives from Worthing, Brighton, Midhurst, Cliftonville, Chichester, Horsham, and Bognor. The vicar and the Rev. A. S. Thompson, incumbent of St. John's, walked next, then Drs. Evans and Vines, and after them came the hearse containing the body, and preceded by Mr. Snewin, who had charge of the funeral arrangements. Immediately following the body were the two brothers of deceased, and his immediate male relatives, numbering about twenty. The Freemasons, of whom Bro. Butt was a Past Master, came after, all dressed in black with white gloves, each bearing a sprig of acacia (the emblem of friendship), and headed by their Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. Then followed the numerous workmen in the employ of Messrs. John Eade Butt and Sons, and after them the tradesmen and townspeople, with many friends from Arundel, all in emblems of mourning. There was scarcely a tradesman absent—we think we may almost say not one, willingly. Slowly the cortege moved down Arundel-road and High-street, filling nearly the whole length of the latter, to the church, where the coffin was removed from the hearse, and the Past Masters and officers of the Howard Lodge stepped forward and bore the pall, the firemen having meantime formed a double line and kept a pathway to the door of the church. The clergy, the Revs. Rumball, Thompson, and Dunlop, took their places before the altar, and when the large assembly were seated the first part of the solemn service was read by the vicar. The coffin was here covered with wreaths of splendid flowers and immortelles, laid with touching reverence and many tears upon it; and the large building was crowded. This part of the service over, the Masons left the church and formed lines closed to the open grave, through which the body was brought, and the Revs. Messrs. Dunlop and Thompson read the remainder of the funeral service. The friends then took their last sad look of the coffin, the Freemasons cast their sprigs of acacia in the grave, the townspeople filed in long procession up to look their last upon one who has been almost beloved, and the ceremony was over. So sad a spectacle—and one in which not the mere show of outward respect but real sorrow was so largely manifested—has, perhaps, never been witnessed in Littlehampton; and if anything can give comfort to the relatives in their irreparable loss, it must be the fact of the spontaneous sympathy and sorrow which the community, almost as one man, displayed towards the memory of their deceased townsman. Bro. Butt was thirty-two years of age, and his body rests in the family vault, near the northern entrance to the churchyard.—*Sussex Daily News.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. R. B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Col. Peters, Henry Venn, James Moon, C. F. Matier, Thos. Cubitt, Herbert Dicketts, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, one petition was received, and the candidate placed on the list for next election.

The Audit Committee having recommended that £2000 of the General Funds be invested, the Chairman said that as it would be necessary to build a boundary wall to the grounds of the Institution, in lieu of the wooden fence, which was now worn out, he thought it would be better not to invest the whole of the £2000 as money would be required for the building of the wall, and he proposed that £1500 should be invested.

The Committee adopted this view and ordered the investment of £1500.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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Answers to Correspondents.

BRO. YARKER.—On careful consideration we see no utility or good in continuing the discussion about Cagliostro.

BRO. SIMPSON'S second letter and Report of the Charity Voting Reform Association received with thanks, but too long for our columns.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Voice of Masonry," "Die Bauhutte," "Norway Light," "Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Broad Arrow," "Ward Davies's Free Press," "Masonic Review," "The Citizen," "Civilian," "Freemason's Monthly," "Le Monde Maconnique," "New York Dispatch," "The Colonial Standard and Jamaica Reporter," "Peterboro' Advertiser," "The Western Morning News," "Square and Compasses," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Newspaper," "Young Folks Weekly Budget," "Keystone," "Modern Thought," "Music—"I'm moving on."

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BIRTHS.

FOWLER.—On the 26th ult., at 7, Upper Woburn-place, Tavistock-square, the wife of Mr. Charles Fowler, of a daughter.

MELVILLE.—On the 27th ult., at Welborn Rectory, Grantham, the wife of the Rev. F. A. Leslie Melville, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

FISHER—LINDSEY.—On the 26th ult., at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, Edmund, son of the late Mr. Frederick FitzHenry Fisher, of Holloway, to Jessie, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Lindsey, of Kenilworth Town.

DEATHS.

HERRON.—On the 23rd ult., Archibald son of the late Mr. James Herron, of Blackheath-hill, and Adam's-court, City.

HYDE.—On the 25th ult., at her residence, 30, Elm-tree-

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BRO. KENNING AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANQUET.

The following fraternal telegram has been received, which we think it right to communicate for the information and satisfaction of our many readers:—

"From Charles Eugene Meyer, 722, Arch-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A., to George Kenning, Esq., Little Britain, London.—On behalf of the American brethren I desire to tender their hearty good wishes to Bro. Kenning on this, the Anniversary of the International Banquet. Kindest regards to Bro. Woodford."

THE RITE ECOSSAIS IN FRANCE.

We have received a letter on this unseasonable controversy which is now apparently about to agitate the Rite Ecosais in France, from Bro. Paul Goumain-Cornille, a French barrister, which we print elsewhere, as well as some pamphlets, which we had previously seen. We also give a translation of the letter. We fear that nothing we can say will please our correspondent, as we have nothing to rectify or withdraw. We wrote quite clearly and calmly, with full knowledge of the subject, and the article was in no way suggested by others. We spoke, (as we trust we always shall speak), with a full sense of responsibility, and an entire conviction of the unwisdom of this present agitation, and of entire sympathy, we may remark, with the "Administrative Commission." For, as we pointed out last week, the fundamental error which pervades this hasty cry for reform, or rather revolution, is simply the development of the so-called rights of the "symbolic lodges," and practically their future government of the Rite Ecosais. And here it is that we join issue with the leaders of this wonderful movement, not being members of the "Rite Ecosais" ourselves, but speaking, "ab extra," as Craft Masons and Craft philosophers, and above all "amici curiæ." The "Rite Ecosais" is not a symbolical body, but a High Grade body, and in it the High Grades must be paramount and predominant. Indeed, we are struck with the great liberality of the Constitution of the "Grande Loge Centrale" as conceded and arranged by the High Grades. It is only an accident that the Rite Ecosais as in France grants charters for symbolical lodges. Neither in England nor America does the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite grant charters for Craft lodges. To contend, as Bros. Clement and Cornille do, that the symbolical lodges have a grievance because, though there is a majority in the Grand Lodge, they cannot also control the "Administrative Commission," is, in our opinion, alike unfair and unjust to the High Grades in every way. Indeed, according to our view, both, we venture to think, impartial and equitable, those who are thus seeking to make of the Rite Ecosais another symbolical Grand Lodge, in which the symbolical lodges are now to lay down the law to the Thirty-third Degree itself, forget the history of the Rite Ecosais, and are acting in defiance of all precedent, order, and common justice. We must confess, therefore, though we fear that our confession will not please our good Bros. Clement and Cornille, that our sympathies in this heated discussion are entirely with the "Administrative Commission," upholding, as that body evidently seeks to do, legally and loyally, the rightful position of the High Grades.

SCRUTINEERS.

Bro. Meggy's motion stands over until October, for the appointment of a Committee to consider the present system. We are among those who, despite the eloquent statements of Bros. Hirsch, and Cox, and Meggy, think that a "mountain has been made of a molehill." Given certain

inaccuracies, they are rectified on appeal, and as "misfortunes will occur in the best regulated families," so errors will creep in amidst the calculations of the most skilful and energetic of Scrutineers. To say the truth, we think—perhaps it is rather audacious for us to say so after such high authorities have spoken—that we do not want a Committee at all. It seems to us a very simple question of Masonic detail and practice, if we may use such an expression on such a subject. The chairman of the meeting ought, in our opinion, to be empowered to appoint the Scrutineers ad hoc, and as it will be in his interest to appoint well known, and expert, and trusted brethren, the business of the scrutiny will be speedily, and safely, and accurately accomplished. Up to the present time, brethren with qualifications for the duty, or with no qualifications at all, have thrust themselves forward, and, as no one liked to "bell the cat," inefficient Scrutineers have, no doubt, often got on the board, and that too under the tutelary ægis of a general Quarterly Court, which we, therefore, from some experience, do not consider the best body to elect the Scrutineers. We repeat that we feel persuaded if the Scrutineers were appointed by the Chairman we should soon hear the end of complaints on this score. A very slight alteration will enable such a salutary change to be effected—in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, at any rate, and probably in the R.M.B. Institution. But we should not be doing our duty to our readers, or to our great Charities, if we did not further express our opinion honestly and openly, as we always shall do, that certain "commissariat arrangements," in respect of the Scrutineers, should be at once amended, as there is no doubt that there are evils, and that there are expenses connected with our Scrutineers, which ought at once to be reduced and remedied. No one, least of all a Freemason, who is never a fanatic on such subjects, and who believes in the moderate use of all the gifts to man of T.G.A.O.T.U., will grudge to brethren proper refreshment after a long sitting and tedious duty. The "labourer is worthy of his hire," and the Scrutineer deserves after work refreshment, but then it ought to be after work—not during work, and all such refreshment should be alike reasonable and moderate. The licence of the hour rather leads to little allowances in this respect, which might, we are inclined to think, be susceptible of much abuse by those inclined to abuse them, but we fancy we express the feelings of the majority of the subscribers when we urge on the Secretaries of our Institutions not to encourage such a use of what is lawful and proper as may in any way tend to be a tax on the Charities and to an interference with the careful work of the Scrutineers. And do not let any of our readers think us wishful to interfere with their reasonable comforts and lawful convenience when we finally say, that we feel sure that the work of the scrutiny itself would be better conducted if the undue and novel habit of smoking during work was at once prohibited and put a stop to. We trust that what we have said will commend itself to the good feeling and good sense of our readers, and as we always are zealous of the honour of Freemasonry and the prestige of our Charities, so we desiderate above all things, that we should maintain our character before all of being men of business habits, men of habitual thoughtfulness and reasonable self control.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER:

We are struck, as all must be, with the hopelessness of Masonic controversy. Be it about great things or small, important or trifling, matters of practice or matters of sentiment, straight-way one or both of the combatants seem, the moment they get into print, to lose their temper, and descend to personality. Lord Beaconsfield, in his well-known story of "Coningsby," gives us an amusing illustration of a similar state of things, arising from a once prevalent and peculiar view of political controversies. "If any one impeached," he tells us, "the management of a department, the public were told that the accuser had embezzled; if any one complained of a colonial governor, the complainant was denounced as a returned convict. An amelioration

of the criminal code was discountenanced because on search in the parish register of an obscure village it was found that the proposer had not been born in wedlock." It is this amusing, if hurtful, tendency to substitute pure personality for logic, grammar, and common courtesy, which too often marks our Masonic gladiators. If time permitted, or if space was propitious, we might give numerous laughable proofs of this perversity of the Masonic mind, under certain conditions of print and publicity. The good-natured brother in common life becomes irritable and discourteous in our columns; while the brother whose whole antecedents point to a full knowledge of what constitutes the gentleman and the Mason, descends at once, when in print, (strange metamorphosis), to unhandsome insinuations, or bitter personalities. It has been said by some one that all "controversy evokes the worst passions and feelings of humanity, in that it touches the secret springs of self-conceit, and self-assurance, and self-complacency," but "for the life of us," we never can understand why, as Freemasons, we should invariably seek ostentatiously to demonstrate to all around, if only we once get into a correspondence on subjects, whether of the highest importance or even the veriest trifles in existence, our own utter oblivion of every principle we profess as a fraternity, of the whole moral teaching of our excellent and useful Order. If any persons should be careful and considerate in what they say of others; if any individuals should be self-restrained in tongue and self-controlled in temper; if any writers should carefully avoid personal imputations and even slanderous suggestions—surely we, as Freemasons, should claim and exercise these distinct and unfailing characteristics. If we do not and will not do so the world will assuredly say, and not without reason or justice, that our professions and practice do not "square," and that, like many other fellow mortals, we only prove how easy it is to "preach," how hard, how very hard indeed, it is to "practise." So we venture to give this friendly and fraternal advice to all Masonic controversialists, be they who they may "remember that you are Freemasons when you write, and in whatever you write about, and then, perhaps, you may, happily, learn both to amend your vocabulary, and to improve your style, and to keep your temper, so that the world will not be able to say scoffingly, as it often does to-day, "How very charming! See how these Freemasons, always talking of brotherly love, like to abuse each other."

TRUTH.

The more we think over the article in *Truth* to which we adverted in our last, the more we regret that habit of "sensationalism" which is so grievously injuring the position and prospects of the press. Papers foolish and obscure appear for a time, and seem to revel in grotesque slanders and personal incriminations. The history of an individual or a family is commented upon and dissected minutely for the gratification of whom?—a few brainless youths, who can barely spell, who write "bet," even, with two "t's," and whose life is made up of "maundering" from billiards to "S. and B.," and from races to smoking rooms. The consequence is they live in a vitiated atmosphere, and require, like their appetites, high-spiced nutriment. Habitually and morally their mind is diseased. But what a weak, and, we may add, what a low order of mind is that which exults in the garbage of anonymous slander, or the vulgar inuendoes of personal scandal, which is gratified in thinking that all are as bad as itself, that virtue is an idle word, honesty a non-existent quality. Anything more deteriorating to the public taste or to personal morals than some of the papers we hear about and see just now, we cannot well conceive. We regret to note that *Truth* has pandered to this injurious but prevalent "fashion," and we would beg to point out to our contemporary that thus coming forward with the old, old story of an "Exposure of Masonry," of which the world is sick, though he avoids the "Charibdis" of the self-confessing traits by the line he has taken, he yet falls into the "Scylla" of the silly, gossiping, credulous gobemouche.

Let us hope that we have heard the last of similar foolish attacks on our good old Order, and Freemasonry, which laughs at them, can afford to be alike forbearing and forgiving.

MISSING INDIVIDUALS.

It is impossible, we think, not to feel something like great anxiety when we read in the "agony column," properly so termed, of the *Times* those startling advertisements which tell us of male and female disappearances, like that of "Leopold Landmann," or the lady whose linen is marked "D" with a coronet. No doubt a good deal may be allowed just now for that insane love of "sensationalism" so prevalent, for foolish "escapades," and for "police considerations." Many of these disappearances are not truly disappearances, and though they are the "town talk" for an hour, and give the police a good deal of trouble often for many days, are simple experiments on the patience of friends, on the childishness of the public, or the forbearance even of justice. But yet there is another, and a darker side to the picture, a "nocturne," if you like, which, "pace" Mr. Ruskin, we must contemplate. Some of us may remember Bauer's case, which startled us all a few years ago, and which in truth, say what we will, or hush it up as we like, constituted a great scandal on our metropolis, and on our boasted civilization. That a young man and his luggage should disappear, bodily and entirely, leave his hotel or a railway station in the middle of the day in London, and that no traces can be found of him anywhere, is a fact most serious for us, and suggests many other considerations very painful and alarming, whether for the liberty of the subject, or the comfort and safety of the metropolis. Now putting on one side for the moment the possible personal or police view of the case, (though both require always to be kept in mind), let us consider the matter as it affects us peaceful citizens of our "little village," "living under our vine and fig tree," (metaphorically of course), and "drinking the waters," (not always wholesome), of our own cisterns. Undoubtedly in this as in other directions a "craze" comes over the public from time to time, and there have been periods in the history more or less of all great capitals, where persons have disappeared in succession without any ostensible reason, and without for a long time any possible discovery. But is there then beyond the probable recklessness perhaps, or folly, or wickedness of some "sensationalists," male or female, any possible and reasonable explanation of those mysterious disappearances? Is there any system at work amongst us which would facilitate such a regrettable state of affairs if means were found to make it worth while for any to incur the risk of detection and legal punishment, by pandering to the cupidity or revenge of others, and causing certain persons to disappear from active life? Several of our Judges have from time to time, in striking words, warningly reprobated that system of "special agency" which is now in full swing amongst us, of which we see notable advertisements, and which may clearly be turned by the disreputable and the desperate to the worst purposes, and to the most criminal ends. Many of the recent proceedings of our police and law courts must inspire and alarm the minds of all who value the English constitution, and are proud of the liberties we enjoy as English citizens. Striking cases tell us of special agents terming themselves "detectives," (a word solely belonging to the police force), apeing the functions, assuming the very name of the police, intimidating the weak, watching the unsuspecting, tampering with the characters of servants, and performing acts for which they have no possible warrant. No Englishman has a right, for instance, to be followed about, except by a sworn officer of justice, or a sworn officer of law, and any such act is in itself "an incentive to a breach of the peace." Yet this is precisely what is now of daily, hourly occurrence by special agents. We are of opinion, therefore, that the whole special agency system requires the strictest "surveillance" of the police, as dangerous to "public safety," and as very susceptible, (the gains are so great), of being

turned by the unscrupulous and the penniless, of whom there are many in such a city as London, to the very worst possible purposes. It will be remembered in Bauer's most mysterious case, (almost inexplicable to us still), that the "secret societies" were stated to be the "motive cause," but knowing as we do the "dangerous class" from which special agency is recruited, we are rather inclined to believe that "some one" has made it worth "somebody else's" while to bring about that "denouement" of disappearance which startles all so much. At the same time we do not wish to be unjust even to "special agents," and we shall be glad to hear that to some other causes these and other disappearances are really owing. One question we should like to have answered—what becomes of the "luggage?" The persons disappear, where do their effects go to? Is there perchance a "Special-Agency-Lost-and-Unclaimed Luggage Department," where all these "little objects" can be found? or do they disappear amid the philanthropic attentions of accommodating "fences," and the kindly solicitude of marine store dealers, male and female? We think that we may fairly commend such a matter to the careful attention of the City Detective Force and the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE FRENCH ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Monsieur le Directeur du "Freemason," à Londres.

J'ai lu avec surprise l'article contenu dans votre estimable journal sur les événements qui préoccupent si vivement tous les esprits des Maçons Ecossais en France et à l'Etranger. Il me paraît évident que votre bonne foi a été surprise, et, pour vous donner la possibilité de juger par vous-même du caractère profondément Maçonnique du mouvement dont mes amis et moi nous acceptons la responsabilité, je crois ne pouvoir mieux faire que de vous transmettre les brochures et documents qui contiennent l'expression de nos idées.

Après avoir lu ces écrits, nous avons la confiance que dans votre haute impartialité vous voudrez bien reconnaître que nos demandes du réforme sont présentées sur un ton modéré qui appelle la discussion, et non les apostrophes violentes dont votre journal s'est fait l'écho. Il est possible de contester l'utilité des réformes que nous demandons, mais on ne saurait justement nous refuser le mérite d'agir avec le calme que comporte une conviction sincère dans la justice de notre cause.

Je vous serais très-reconnaissant de m'adresser le numéro de votre journal qui contiendra la rectification que j'ose attendre de votre équité.

Veillez agréer Monsieur le Directeur, l'hommage de ma considération distinguée

P. GOUMAIN-CORNILLE.

Ex. Vice-Président de la 1re Section de la Gr. L. C.

Ex. Ven. de la L. 133 La Justice. Député réélu de la L. 166 L'Ecosaise Or. d'Alexandrie, Egypt.

Paris, 23 Juillet, 1879.

TRANSLATION.

I have read with surprise the article contained in your estimable journal with respect to the events which preoccupy so anxiously the minds of all Scotch Masons, in France and abroad. It is evident to me that your good faith has been surprised, and in order to give you the possibility of judging for yourself the profoundly Masonic character of the movement of which myself and my friends accept the responsibility, I think I cannot do better than transmit to you the pamphlet and the documents which contain the exact expression of our ideas.

After having read these we have the confidence that in your high impartiality you will readily admit the fact, that our demands and reform call for discussion, and do not deserve the violent epithets of which your journal has been made the echo. It is possible to contest the reforms which we ask for, but it would be impossible justly to refuse to us the merit of acting with the calmness which belongs to a sincere conviction in the justice of our cause.

I shall be very grateful if you will send me the number of your journal containing the rectification, which I venture to await from your equity.

[We have read the documents, but see leader for our opinion, and reply to our Bro. Cornille.—Ed. F.M.]

CHARITY REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You must have been dwelling in some very serene and sequestered lodge not to have known as well as heard of the "abuses" of the present charity voting system.

Let me, however, accept your challenge, and re-state some of these parasitical growths that have gradually

our readers some of the leading features in his graces' career.

And, first, as to his Masonic achievements, the materials for forming a just conception of which are somewhat scanty, though enough is known to show that he was in every way worthy of the honour bestowed upon him when he was nominated and unanimously elected "our first noble Grand Master." It was at his request that, on 24th June, 1721, and just previous to his installation at Stationers' Hall as Grand Master, several gentlemen, among whom figured Philip, Lord Stanhope, afterwards Earl of Chesterfield, were initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony taking place at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, where Grand Master Payne and his Wardens, accompanied by the Masters and Wardens of twelve lodges, had assembled for the purpose of meeting their noble Grand Master elect, and where, when Grand Lodge had been opened, the minutes recording his election were confirmed. Thence Grand Lodge marched in procession to Stationers' Hall, where they were received by 150 brethren properly clothed. His grace was then installed, and having received the salutations of all present, at once appointed Bro. John Beal, M.D., F.R.S., to the office of Deputy Grand Master. This is the first brother appointed to that exalted office, and is the same with the Bro. John Beal, M.D., F.R.S., who as W.M. of Lodge No. 12 signed the "approbation" to the first edition of the Constitutions published in 1723. On this occasion also what are known as the Old Regulations, which had been compiled by Grand Master Payne with so much care and ability, were read and generally approved, so that on the very opening day of the new Grand Master's reign Freemasonry received a fresh impetus in the direction of a clearer and better defined disciplinary code. We may not unreasonably attribute to this the later energy he displayed in the same direction. At all events, very soon after his election he charged Anderson, who was assisted in his task by Past Grand Masters Dr. Desaguliers and Payne, with the revision, arrangement, and digest of the Gothic Constitutions, old charges, and general regulations. So expeditiously did they work, that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, held at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, on the 25th December in the same year, the manuscript was submitted, and a Committee of fourteen brethren was appointed to consider and report upon the same. At the Grand Lodge held at the Fountain, in the Strand, on the 25th March, 1722, the Committee reported their approval, subject to certain amendments they had thought proper to introduce, and Grand Lodge gave orders for the whole to be prepared for the press and printed with all possible expedition. However, the publication and formal approbation of the Book of Constitutions belong to the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Wharton. Suffice it, therefore, to say, that while the signatures of his Grace of Wharton, of his Deputy and Wardens, and the Masters and Wardens of twenty lodges are appended to the first, or 1723, edition of the Constitutions, to John, Duke of Montagu, belongs the honour of having taken the initiative in directing their preparation. Thus, so long as Masonry, and especially English Freemasonry, continues to flourish, it will, we feel assured, most readily acknowledge its indebtedness to the zeal and attention, as exhibited in this matter, by our first noble Grand Master.

But in one respect we are, if possible, still more deeply indebted to his Grace of Montagu. Had, as at one time seemed not unlikely, a schism then broken out in the newly-constituted fraternity it might have proved fatal to its existence, or, at all events, most seriously retarded its progress. However, such a catastrophe, though, as our readers are aware, it occurred several years later, was happily averted at the time, thanks to the kind and conciliatory spirit shown by the duke. Such was his grace's popularity that, in 1722, he was nominated a second time to fill the office of Grand Master, but his re-nomination gave umbrage to the young, ambitious, and eccentric Duke of Wharton, who, though he had not then filled the office of Master of a lodge, convened a meeting of brethren at Stationers' Hall on 24th June, 1722—according to Preston on 25th March of that year—had himself proclaimed Grand Master of Masons and appointed his officers. These irregular proceedings might have induced the most serious consequences had it not been that Montagu, as it is excellently well put in Bro. Kenning's *Cyclopadia*, "was not only less ambitious, but also much more Masonic," while even the Duke of Wharton—according to Preston—saw immediately the error of his ways, and publicly acknowledged the wrong of which he had been guilty. By this as it may, the Duke of Montagu summoned a meeting of Grand Lodge on 17th January, 1723, and waiving his own undoubted claims to the office, himself installed his brother duke as Grand Master of England. Such a noble instance of forbearance, securing, as it did, the complete restoration of harmony in our newly-formed Grand Lodge, deserves all the honour which publicity, again and again renewed, must bring with it. The cases in which it can be paralleled are, even in Masonry, few and far between.

We have but little to add to this portion of our sketch. The Duke occupied the Masonic throne for over a year-and-a-half, namely, from the 24th June, 1721, to the day his successor was installed, that is to 17th January, 1723, or, as it was then customary to reckon it, 1723 or 1723-3. We read of him as having been present at the installation at Merchant Taylors' Hall, on 19th April, 1732, of Viscount Montagu, to whom, however, he was not related, and doubtless, in the quarter of a century and upwards which elapsed between the events we have been recording and his death in 1749, there were many other occasions on which he showed his interest in Freemasonry. Lastly, it is worth while mentioning that there are still in existence four lodges whose warrants of constitution were granted during the period of his Grand Mastership, namely, British, No. 8, warranted 19th January, 1722; Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, warranted 28th Jan-

uary, 1722; Royal Alpha, No. 16, warranted May, 1722; and Tuscan, No. 14, warranted 25th November, 1722.

(To be continued.)

GRAND MASONIC FAIR.

In our issue of the 19th ult., we directed the attention of our readers to the proposed Masonic Fair to be held at St. John, N.B., Canada. We have now to state that contributions of articles or money can be sent to the brethren named up to and including August 23rd.

Masonic and General Tidings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.—In our report of the above the appointment of Bro. G. C. Adames, of the Phoenix Mark Lodge, as P.G.M. St. R., was omitted.

EXETER.—A grand Masonic Bazaar and garden party, under distinguished patronage, will be held at Exeter on the 27th inst., in aid of the orphans of the soldiers who fell at Isandula, the scheme for the education of children of deceased Freemasons in Devon, and of the Freemasons' Hall Building Fund, Exeter.

Bro. Alderman Bridgen met with an awkward accident in London a few days since, and, indeed, had a very narrow escape. He was alighting from an omnibus in the Strand, when the wheel of a passing cab struck him in the back and knocked him down. The wheel then passed over his foot, and he was severely bruised. Fortunately, however, the worthy alderman was not seriously hurt; and we are pleased to join his numerous friends in congratulating him on the fact that the accident was attended with no graver results.—*Brighton Examiner*, July 29th.

THE NEW TOWN HALL, FREE LIBRARY, &c., AT READING.—The foundation stone of the new public buildings to be erected at Reading, at an estimated cost of £44,000, is to be laid with Masonic honours, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the English Freemasons, has consented to perform the ceremony on Tuesday, the 14th of October next, when his lordship will be accompanied by the Countess. It is anticipated that there will be a numerous attendance of Freemasons on the occasion.

ANONYMOUS MUNIFICENCE.—At the recent meeting of the Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women the Earl of St. Germans (the President) received at the hands of the Rev. Canon Fleming (one of the Board of Management) an anonymous donation of £1000, towards providing furniture for the new hospital. In the spirit of true charity it is given on the express condition "that no name is mentioned," it being simply acknowledged as "From a Friend, per Canon Fleming." We know not which to admire the more, the munificence of the gift or the manner of bestowment.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., the members of the St. Paul's Ecclesiastical Society made an antiquarian visit—the last expedition of the present season—to the Abbey Church of Waltham Holy Cross, under the conduct of Mr. G. F. Birch. The vicar, the Rev. J. Francis, who is a member of the Society, offered every facility to those who wished to make a pilgrimage to Harold's tomb. On reaching the church, Mr. Birch read a paper, mainly from his own notes and those of Mr. William Burges, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, describing in detail the existing fabric, which he showed to be only the nave of the ancient structure, the chancel and transepts, with the central tower, having been thrown down at the Reformation, while the nave, like the Abbey of St. Albans, was utilised as the parish church. He showed that antiquaries were not agreed as to whether the Norman arches which divide the nave from the side aisles, and the clerestory and triforium above, were or were not actually the work of Tosti and Harold, the latter of whom is said to have formerly lain in the old and long demolished chancel. He also commented at considerable length upon the Lady Chapel on the south side, the flat roof, the windows, and other features of the church, which has lately undergone a very extensive and careful restoration on the old lines. Mr. De Grey Birch, of the British Museum, exhibited some *fac-simile* casts of the old monastic seals of Waltham Abbey in the days of its splendour, and also read a most interesting account of the legend of the first foundation of the Abbey and of the later life of Harold, who—if the story be true—was not slain at Hastings, though severely wounded, but lived to put on the cowl of a monk at or near Chester, on the banks of the Dee.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local remedy. The Pills restore the vital powers.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, August 8, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Fimlico.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

Bank Holiday.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Grand Chapter, F.M.H., at 6 for 7.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-dale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—This youthful but exceedingly prosperous lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Saturday last, the W.M. Bro. John Lee, and the whole of his officers being present at the opening of the lodge. The W.M., after the preliminaries of the lodge had been disposed of, initiated Mr. Emanuel into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most masterly manner. The W.M. afterwards passed Bro. Ormond to the Second Degree; but the climax of good working was attained in the raising of Bros. A. Clark and McCulloch—the W.M., surpassed, if possible, his usual eloquent and impressive working, and in this good work he was well supported by Bros. Daniel, S.W.; Larchin, J.W.; Stacey, as S.D.; Denison, J.D.; and Gush, I.G.; and a painstaking P.M. was also found in Bro. Haigh. The excellent working of this lodge was much exalted by many P.M.'s of various lodges who honoured the Master by their attendance. The W.M., in his deep anxiety to enhance not only the good work of Masonry, but to please the brethren, had invited the ladies of the members to banquet, after the business of the lodge had been gone through, and for the pleasures of the evening Bros. Bertram and Roberts had provided a most recherché banquet, which was in every way fully acknowledged. The W.M. amongst his many toasts paid a tribute to the ladies for their honouring the banquet by their presence, which was felicitously responded to, on behalf of the ladies, by Bros. Reubenstein and Brookman. Many songs were sung with much expression and taste by Misses Daniel, McCulloch, Stead, and Stacey, and Bros. Ward, Stead, and McCulloch. Several pieces were performed on the piano-forte by Misses Bennett, McCulloch, and Stacey. The musical arrangements were carefully carried out by Bro. Ward. The W.M., in replying to the good wishes expressed in his behalf, said, so gratified was he with the success of the day's proceedings, that he should note it in his memory as one of the reddest of red letter days, and as he had been so ably assisted by his officers in carrying on the lodge work, as well as in his endeavours to carry out the programme of the evening, he most heartily thanked them, which was eloquently acknowledged by Bros. Daniel, S.W.; Dyte, P.M., Treasurer; and J. R. Stacey, P.M., Secretary.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar. There were present Bros. John Dennis, W.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, S.W.; L. Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., and many other brethren. The business consisted in passing Bro. Wilshaw and initiating Mr. John Smith—the second candidate for the First Degree was unable at the last moment to attend. This being the last regular meeting of the Masonic year of the lodge, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and the suffrages of the brethren were unanimously conferred upon the S.W., Bro. J. Kemp Coleman. The W.M., in communicating the pleasing fact to his S.W., reminded the brethren that Bro. Coleman had only been a Mason three years, and in that time had served the office of Steward to both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, taking up to the former Charity £50 and to the latter £63, and, as W.M. of the lodge, he had given in his name to complete the Stewardships by representing the lodge at the Benevolent Institution, where he hoped a list equal to those he had mentioned would be presented. Bro. Coleman returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and, after the routine business of electing Treasurer, Tyler, and the Audit Committee, and the meeting of a summer festival, to be held in September—where all attending contribute their proportion of the expense, the lodge funds not being touched—the meeting adjourned, the lodge being closed in due form.

GREENWICH.—Lodge of Amity (No. 171).—The last meeting for the season of this popular "summer lodge," whose members so well and worthily exemplify the motto which is inscribed on their banner, *Esto Perpetua*, was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the famous old Ship Tavern, at Greenwich. About thirty of the brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, many having taken advantage of an agreeable trip by steamer from London, which, on so bright an afternoon, is always enjoyable. At half-past four lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. J. Clever, of Lewisham, who now fills the presidential chair for the second time. It will be recollected that in June last Bro. Clever was installed by his own son, who is now the respected I.P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, and who, at the preceding annual meeting, was installed by his father, who was retiring from his first occupancy of the chair. It is not often such an interesting occurrence is to be noted in connection with any lodge, and shows the confidence and goodwill which is felt by the brethren towards Bro. Clever, who have done so much to carry on the affairs of the lodge in a satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master on this occasion was supported by Bros. Edward Phillips, S.W.; W. H. Marden, J.W.; C. Harcourt, Treas.; Joseph W. Clever, I.P.M. and Sec.; G. G. Gooding, S.D.; E. H. Buck, J.D.; F. C. W. Penn, I.G.; and S. P. Smith, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Whitley, P.M.; T. Batty, P.M.; J. Browne, F. L. Toms, J. R. Tannahill, E. H. Maddick, G. W. Dodd, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. B. Hayter, P.M. 231; J. Sealey, 25; A. S. Treherne, 1441; J. L. Whitmarsh, 49; and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was prepared for Mr. James Richard Tannahill, who had been proposed by Bro. Penn, seconded by the Worshipful Master. The votes were unanimously in favour of the candidate, who, being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who worked the whole of the ceremony in a creditable manner. Subsequently the lodge was advanced, when Bro. F. L. Toms, who was found to have made sufficient progress, was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. A few matters of business were transacted, the principal of which was that relating to country members, but the discussion ended in the matter being deferred until the next meeting, in May, 1880. The customary congratulations having been exchanged, the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren sat down to an elaborate banquet, served in a style for which the old "Ship" has long been celebrated. The dishes were interspersed with epigrams and vases of choice cut flowers, which emitted a delicious fragrance, whilst the dessert was of a recherché description. At the conclusion of an admirably served repast, the customary loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received with honours. The W.M. then rose and said he was about to submit to them a toast which he felt convinced would be received with the heartiest satisfaction, as it was always a welcome one to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity, and that was "The Health of the Initiate" that day. They were all pleased to welcome Bro. Tannahill into their midst, and they treated his life might be long, happy, and prosperous amongst them. (Applause.) They all knew Bro. Tannahill as one with whom they were delighted to associate, and no doubt he would form an agreeable acquisition to the Lodge of Amity. The toast was most cordially received, and, in responding, Bro. J. R. Tannahill thanked the brethren sincerely for the very hearty welcome which had been accorded to him on this occasion. He felt it a great honour to be admitted into the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. It would be his pleasurable duty so to apply himself to a study of the art as should enable him to comprehend fully its value and advantages, and he trusted he might be apt in the acquirement of that progress which all true Masons must desire. (Applause.) The I.P.M. next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who had that evening given them another opportunity of seeing the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the lodge, and the geniality with which he did the honours of the table. There were already an initiation and passing on the agenda paper for the opening meeting of next season, which took place next May, when they might hope again to meet a goodly assemblage of the brethren in that neighbourhood, which was so full of historical associations. The toast having been most heartily accepted by the company, the Worshipful Master sincerely thanked the brethren for the repeated compliment which they had paid to him. They had extended to him a very kind indulgence, in what he felt had been shortcoming in his rendering of the ritual on this occasion; but he accounted for the want of his usual confidence by an unexpected and painful circumstance which had happened during the afternoon just before he came to the lodge. A friend of his, who had been staying with him, had been taken suddenly ill, and this had greatly alarmed him. He had barely time to rush off, and had been excessively unnerved in consequence of the painful occurrence. He hoped, however, in the future to perform the duties of his office as he had hitherto done, and he thanked them most heartily for their having been to his faults a little blind on that occasion. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," he said this was always a toast proverbially welcome to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity; and he alluded in felicitous terms to each of the visitors who had honoured them with their presence on that occasion. Bro. Hughes, P.M., and Bro. J. Sealey severally responded, acknowledging the magnificent hospitality which had been extended to the visitors that day, and expressing the pleasure which had been afforded them by the working of the lodge, and a visit to this grand historical locality, to which allusion had already been made. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Healths of the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Harcourt, Whitley, Batty, and Clever, jun.," the

toast being warmly received. Bro. Clever, I.P.M., alluded to the fact that the attendance of Past Masters was not quite so numerous as usual, and he regretted the absence of Bro. Cooper, who was no doubt with them in spirit, although he had been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Past Masters were always desirous of doing their duty, and of helping forward all measures that were calculated to promote the interest and welfare of the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," the former of whom was the oldest member of the lodge, and who had rendered them great and valuable services. With regard to their Secretary he was comparatively new to the duties of his office, though he was not new to him (the speaker). These officers deserved well of the brethren, and he asked them, therefore, to drink most cordially to the toast which he had proposed. Bro. Harcourt, P.M., in responding, observed that no Treasurer of a lodge could perform his duties satisfactorily without a certain amount of trouble, though it must be admitted such trouble was always very largely seasoned with pleasure in meeting as he did a number of brethren whom he could regard as his friends. Still he had the duty, not always pleasant, of keeping them within bounds, and within their income, so that the festivities with which they supplemented their labours did not form a too absorbing feature in these very agreeable meetings. He was pleased to know that the lodge was in a most satisfactory position, and trusted that it would continue to be so in the future. The Secretary also returned thanks in a few happily chosen sentences. In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," the W.M., acknowledged the valuable assistance he at all times received from the brethren who supported him in the various chairs, and who were all animated by a desire to do what they could to maintain the prestige of the lodge. Bro. Phillips, S.W., in reply, felt sure every officer who held a position in the Lodge of Amity must feel pleased with the reception which had been accorded to the toasts, and to the appreciation which the brethren always expressed of their efforts to do their duty faithfully. They all endeavoured to the utmost of their ability to support and assist the W.M. in carrying on the duties of the lodge in a proper and efficient manner, and he trusted that the same good feeling and harmony which had characterised the lodge in times past might long continue to subsist amongst them. Bro. Marden, J.W., also responded, and the list of toasts was brought to a fitting termination by the Tyler shortly before ten o'clock. In consequence of the rain, which had set in during the evening, the brethren were debarred the usual outdoor pleasures which accompany their meeting, though the riversides were illuminated brilliantly at intervals by other gay and festive assemblies; whilst the steamers returning from pleasure excursions down the river were lit up with coloured fires, and reverberant with the sounds of music and merry voices. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the meeting altogether was of a most agreeable and harmonious description.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, P.A.G.P. of Middlesex, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fitt, Secretary; Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex (Freemason), S.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; C. Stevens, Organist; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex, hon. mem.; Rawles, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Handel, and Drummond, 1656. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Hickinbotham and Edward Warner, and having been found unanimous the former, who was in attendance, was duly initiated. The ballot was also successfully taken upon behalf of Bro. Müller, 788, as a joining member. Bros. T. Beauchamp, W. G. Collier, and H. Owen were raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremonies of initiation and raising being well performed by the W.M. The interesting ceremony of presenting each of the founders with a jewel in recognition of their services was performed by Bro. Baldwin. The founders present were Bros. Hurst, Forge, Piller, Fitt, Walls, Stevens, and Captain Brown. The remaining founder, Bro. H. W. Linton, J.D., was, unfortunately, absent in consequence of illness. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," "The Initiate," and "The Visitors," which were briefly proposed and acknowledged.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1544).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; J. L. Payne, S.W.; W. Beasley, J.W.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Precept.; and many others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. J. Olley being candidate. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. W. Beasley seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. L. Payne seconded, that a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Williams be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which he had for the first time conducted the business of the lodge. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

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Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A convocation of this provincial chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 22nd ult., when there were present among other companions, Comps. Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, acting M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, M.E.Z. elect; Carma, P.G. S.B. of Middlesex, H.; S. H. Knaggs, J.; W. Taylor, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, P.S. (*Freemason*); Rushworth, 1st Assistant; W. H. Saunders; J. Rogers; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 721, &c.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex; and Dr. Clark, P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of Comp. Tomlinson, which ceremony had been postponed at the last convocation of the chapter in consequence of his very serious illness, was ably carried out by Comp. James Stevens. A vote of thanks was subsequently passed to him for his services as Installing Officer, and he, together with Comp. James Terry, who had installed the Second and Third Principals at the previous meeting, were elected honorary members. There being no other business before the chapter, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary long array of toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Comp. Horsley responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and he also proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the M.E.Z." The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Stevens, Clark, and Walters. "The Health of the Officers" having been given, and responded to, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th ult., at five p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following were present: Bros. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (*Freemason*); W. Shilton, L.G., as S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, M.O., H. Peacock, S.D., as S.O.; W. Paisley, as J.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O., as Sec.; T. Mason, as I.G.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., of Doventy Hall, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was balloted for, and unanimously accepted as a candidate for advancement. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, when the W.M. and J.W. withdrew their names in favour of Bro. R. Robinson, S.W., who was absent through family bereavement, and, being the only eligible candidate, had a unanimous vote when the ballot box went round. It was arranged to hold the installation of the W.M. elect on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at seven p.m., when the ceremony will be performed by the retiring W.M. Three members (the Overseers) were elected to serve on the Permanent Committee, and the statement of accounts was ordered to be prepared for the first anniversary. There was no other business, and the lodge was closed in form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of the members of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cokermouth. The muster roll was called at noon, when only nine responded, viz. Sir Knights T. Mandle, M.P.S.; W. F. Lamony, P.S., as V.E. (*Freemason*); W. Shilton, P.S., as Prelate; Sir Knights J. R. Banks, as S.G.; T. Bird, as J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; Jas. Gardiner, Rec. and V.E. elect; H. Peacock, Herald; and Jos. Hewson, Sentinel. This was certainly a wretched muster, when it is considered that the conclave numbers forty-eight members. After the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed, it was announced that the M.P.S. elect had withdrawn from the Order, and, under the circumstances, the members agreed that the present head of the conclave should occupy the throne for another year. The M.P.S. and V.E. then exchanged places, when Sir Knight J. Gardiner, V.E. elect, was presented for consecration. Subsequently a College of Viceroys was opened, and the new Viceroys were duly consecrated and placed in the chair of E. by the acting Sovereign. After the college was closed, the following officers were appointed and invested:—Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G.; T. Bird, J.G.; H. Peacock, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; W. Shilton, P.S., Pref.; Jos. Abbott, St. Br.; Jas. Quay, Orator; G. Dalrymple, H.; P. de E. Collin, Almoner; I. Evening, Steward; and J. Melmore, D.C. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was read and adopted, and finally the conclave was closed in F.U.Z. Afterwards the Sir Knights proceeded to the old hall for refection.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.—A convocation of this old and distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 11th ult., when there were present Bros. C. H. Driver, 31°, M.W.S.; J. W. Coffin, 30°, H.P.; D. Nicols, 30°, 2nd General; C. L. Dampier, Raphael; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; F. H. Atkins, Captain of the Guard; F. Curlier, D.C.; W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M. W.S.; W. Hyde Pullen, 33°; A. Williams, 30°; C. W. Tayleur, J. O. Wood, F. Driver, and T. C. Walls (*Free-*

mason). The chapter having been duly opened by the M.W.S., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hyde Pullen, by the consent of the M.W.S., duly raised Bros. J. Joyce Murray and G. A. Berkeley to the degree of Knights of the East and West, and perfected them as Princes of the Order of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. The ceremonies were carried out with those attentions to ritual and elocution which invariably characterise the "working" of Bro. Pullen. The ceremony of installing Bro. Coffin into the chair was most ably performed by the M.W.S. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. the Rev. D. Aoe, D.D., H.P.; D. Nicols, 1st General; J. L. Dampier, 2nd General; F. H. Atkins, G.M.; F. Curlier, Raphael; W. Paas, Almoner and Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; J. O. Wood, Capt. of the Guard; A. Williams, Org.; and T. C. Walls, D.C. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M.S., for the manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installing his successor in the chair. The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were done full justice to. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

CONSECRATION OF THE BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst., a new lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at Shoreham, the lodge being named after the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the "Burrell Lodge," and bearing number 1829. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, in the presence of a large body of the brethren, many of whom are well known as influential members of the Craft. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex; J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. St. Clair, Prov. G.J.W.; E. F. Cave Browne Cave, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Trollope, Acting Prov. G.S.W.; V. F. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Hale, Prov. G.S.D.; Mark Tanner, M.D., Prov. G.J.D.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Joseph Dixon, P.P.S.G.W., Acting Prov. G.A.D. of C.; A. King, Prov. G. Organist; F. J. Rubie, Provincial G. Steward; Frank Holford, P.M. 811, Prov. G. Steward; G. F. Evershed, Prov. G. Steward; G. M. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466, Prov. G. Steward; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, Prov. G.S.; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler. The following members of the lodge were present: Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 66; Ireland, Prov. G.M. County Down, 1465; Rev. Charles J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; W. T. Clarke, 315; Rev. G. R. Johnson, 487; R. B. Higham, 315; E. Bridges, J.D., 311; T. Packham, S.W. 315; and G. Smith, P.M. 732, P. Prov. G.P. Sussex. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Nash, Derwent, 40; J. C. Pelgate, Kilwinning, 12; G. J. Parkman, Journeyman, 8; J. Robertson, S.W., Atlingworth, 1821; H. W. Davey, P. Provincial G.C., W.M. Union, 38; A. Cumner, Great City, 1426; T. Davison, S.W. Sackville, 1619; T. Robertson, St. Andrew, 149; W. Ridge, S.D. Sackville, 1619; G. Hawkes, Fermor, 1350; H. Alex. Dowell, J.W. Hova Ecclesia, 1466; J. Harrison, Carnarvon, P.M., P. Supt. of W. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Seaborn, 219; W. W. English, New Ship, 851; H. W. Charington, Royal Clarence, 271; E. Broadbridge, Mount Lebanon, 73; R. L. Ellman, P.M. Pelham, 1503; J. Large, Windsor Castle, 771; H. S. Gatzes, St. Cecilia, 1636; G. J. Leppy, South Saxon, 311; G. J. Eady, Emulation, 21; J. G. Harris, S.D. Gordon, 1726; A. Smith, S.W. Lodge of Union, 38; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, 311; S. R. Legg, P.M. Royal Brunswick, 732, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; W. Bonyer, 274; E. A. Head, J.W. 1639; J. B. Mellison, St. Cecilia, 1636; C. Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, Sec. Boys' School; W. Roe, Org. St. Cecilia, 1636; G. Cole, St. Cecilia, 1636; A. Brazier, Lodge of Friendship, 851; G. Courtney, Countnam, 1382; E. W. Vickers, S.W. Yaiborough, 811; C. Woolley, P.G.R. Sussex, P.M. South Saxon, 311; S. Ford, P.M. Clarence, 271, P.P.S.G.D. Lincolnshire; T. J. Sabine, W.M. Atlingworth, 1821, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex; P. J. Emery, Howard, 56; J. Lewis Thomas, St. Thomas, 142, A.G.D. of C.; C. T. Turner Gordon, J.W. 1726; C. Brisco, P.M. South Saxon, 311; E. E. Street, S.W. Howard, 56; T. Francis, P.M. 56 and 1800; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. A. Swornbourne, W.M. Gordon, 1726; J. Sundius Smith, J.W. Royal Clarence, 271; W. Dawes, P.M. Wellington, 351, P.P.G.R. Sussex; and W. Rickards, Tyrian, 90.

The lodge was formally opened by the Prov. G.M., who, in a short address, remarked that Masonry had previously flourished in Shoreham, and the then existing lodge had, doubtless, been visited by Royalty. He was pleased to be present to assist in renovating the lodge and once more establishing Freemasonry in the ancient borough.

Sir Walter having vacated the chair, Bro. John H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M., proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was performed with due solemnity, and in a most impressive manner Bro. Scott embraced the opportunity of addressing the brethren present. He congratulated the founders of the lodge upon the success they had achieved in securing their charter, remarking that especial thanks were due to Bro. Lord Arthur Hill for coming forward to fill the onerous post of W.M. While, also, congratulating the founders upon the name they had selected for the new lodge, he assured them that they had placed great responsibilities upon their shoulders, for the name of Burrell had for a line of years been borne by those with whom had been associated all that what was noble, generous, and true, and it would be their duty to see that the name was not sullied by any act of those belonging to the new lodge. He (Bro. Scott) had addressed the brethren at great length at the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge, a few days ago, and would,

therefore, content himself with a few remarks only. He concluded by impressing upon the brethren the cultivation of those principles so dear to Masonry, and heartily wished prosperity to the new lodge.

Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave Browne Cave, Prov. G. Chaplain, also gave an address.

The ceremony being concluded, the W.M. elect, Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, was duly installed, while the following, who, with his lordship, were the founders of the lodge, were appointed to their respective posts, viz., Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M. and P.M. 1466, acting I.P.M.; Captain R. Burrell, P.M. 271, S.W.; W. Tunstall Clarke, 315, J.W.; A. Burrows, 186, Treas.; E. Bridges, J.D. 311, Sec.; T. Packham, S.W. 315, S.D.; R. B. Higham, 315, J.D.; A. Brazier, 851, I.G.; Rev. G. Rose-Johnson, 487, Chaplain; J. Braithwaite, P.M. 869, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, D.C.; A. R. Brown, 697, Steward; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler.

The effect of the consecration ceremony was greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniments given under the direction of Bro. A. King, Prov. G. Organist, who was assisted by Bros. J. Large (late of Westminster Abbey), E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, and G. Cole. The efforts of the vocalists were most successful. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Royal George Hotel, where nearly eighty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, who was supported by Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, J. H. Scott, and C. J. Smith.

The Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were enthusiastically drunk.

The Chairman next gave "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. Thomas, A.G.D.C., in responding, passed a well-deserved eulogy upon Lord Carnarvon for the intense interest he at all times showed in the cause of Masonry. Lord Skelmersdale was a general favourite among Freemasons, and worked hard, not only in his province, but for the general welfare of the Craft. He was pleased to find that he intended taking the chair at the next meeting of the Boys' School Masonic Charity, and to learn that their worthy W.M., Lord Arthur Hill, would also be present as a Steward representing the new lodge. He took the opportunity of complimenting Bro. J. H. Scott upon the splendid manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation.

The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex," who had at all times shown great interest in the working of Masonry, and had visited nearly every lodge in his province. He trusted he would be long spared to hold his high position.

Sir Walter, who was received with great applause, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present at the opening. Masonry, he said, had indeed made rapid strides. Five years ago the Ockeden Lodge was opened, bearing 1465. He had been its first W.M., and now he found the Burrell Lodge bore No. 1829. The great impetus given to Masonry he believed to be in a great measure owing to the active interest taken in the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Four new lodges had been opened during the two years and a half he (Sir Walter) had been in his present office, and a fifth, he believed, would be shortly consecrated. (It was understood as St. Leonard's, Hastings.) The old lodge founded at Shoreham had flourished, and he believed it had been honoured with a visit from the late Duke of Sussex. He trusted that the new lodge would regain the prestige of the first and almost forgotten one, and that its business would be carried on in a truly Masonic manner. To the Secretary, who was a young Mason, he would tender a few words of advice. He begged he would take especial care to note every minute of the lodge proceedings. They had an excellent Prov. Grand Secretary, whose duty it was to examine their books, and he was desirous that no complaints should be made to him of any laxity on the part of the newly-appointed Secretary. In issuing notices of meetings he wished him to forward at least two copies to the Prov. Grand Secretary, that the Provincial Officers might know what was taking place. In conclusion, he fervently hoped that the new lodge would not, like its predecessor, be allowed to collapse.

The W.M. next gave "The D.G.M. of Sussex, Wor. Bro. J. H. Scott, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He regretted that Bro. Scott had been compelled to leave through indisposition. He (Bro. Scott) had performed the consecration ceremony in a masterly manner, and was at all times ready to assist in the furtherance of Masonry. Bros. Freeman and Dixon responded. The former expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, and was glad to say that the returns which had lately come in from the various lodges had been of a satisfactory character.

Bro. C. J. Smith proposed "The W.M., and Success to Burrell Lodge, 1829." After some considerable delay, the new lodge had at last been fairly started, and he was proud to find so able an officer as their newly-elected W.M. There was also a good first lieutenant in Captain Raymond Burrell, son of their worthy Prov. G.M. Starting under such auspices, the success of the Burrell Lodge was a foregone conclusion. Their W.M., he was assured, would set them a good example, and take to heart the words that had fallen from their Prov. G.M. and the addenda supplied by the Prov. G. Secretary. For all he would say, "Come and welcome," and the officers would certainly not fear the visits of the "prying Secretary." (Laughter.) Great care had been exercised in getting initiates, and not a fourth part of those anxious to join had as yet been considered. Lord Arthur Hill, in responding, feared that his election had been the result of their good feeling towards him, and not of his own merits. ("No.") He declined at first taking the post, thinking that a loca

brother would be a more acceptable one. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and would do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge.

Sir W. W. Burrell apologised for the absence of his son, who had had an engagement of six weeks' standing which he found it impossible to put aside.

The W.M., in proposing "The W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province," remarked that those present represented more than half the lodges of the province.

Bros. Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636, and T. J. Sabine, W.M. Atlingworth, 1821, responded. Bro. Sabine remarked that Freemasonry in Sussex had received great and encouraging influence from Sir W. W. Burrell, who was a genuine specimen of the "fine old English gentleman," and he trusted the day would be far distant when his active support would not receive the hearty co-operation of all W.M.'s, upon whom devolved the great responsibility of maintaining the freedom, the privileges, and the successful continuance of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex.

Sir Walter, replying to these observations, felt a great share of the praise was due to Bro. John H. Scott and his brother officers.

The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Binckes, in responding, stated that the Boys' School contained 217, and the Girls 200, and that there were in addition aged of both sexes, numbering 300, dependent upon their Charities.

Bro. W. T. Clarke proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Cubitt responded.

Bro. Eberall proposed "The Officers of 1829."

Bros. Clarke and Braithwaite responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies" and the Tyler's toast.

The post-prandial proceedings were agreeably interspersed with glees and songs given by the brethren who had assisted in the musical part of the consecration ceremony. A word of praise is due to Mrs. Gates for the characteristic decoration, of the banqueting-room, which elicited the warmest marks of approval, so appropriate to this special occasion were they.

MASONIC PICNIC AT SUNDERLAND.

By the kind permission of the Earl of Durham, the twelfth annual Masonic picnic in connection with the lodges of Sunderland was held at Lambton Park, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The company were conveyed in brakes and other conveyances, leaving the Gas Offices at ten, and on arrival at the park were met by Mr. Hunter (gardener), and Mr. Mays (gamekeeper), and by those in authority, and were most courteously conducted through the castle. After this the company adjourned for luncheon, which was provided by Mr. Burn, of the Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, in capital style.

The luncheon being finished, the Chairman (Bro. J. Egglestone, jun., W.M. of the Williamson Lodge), gave the toast of "The Earl of Durham," saying that he had conferred a great favour on them by granting them permission to visit the grounds and castle. The healths of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Mays, and those who had given their hearty assistance in the arrangements at the castle, were also given, and were enthusiastically received. As is customary on these occasions, a townsman, Mr. Stabler, with his photographic apparatus, accompanied the party, and was successful in taking two groups of them. After this had been done, the company, under the direction and guidance of Mr. Hunter, proceeded to view the beautiful grounds and gardens, as well as the numerous vineries and hothouses, the whole of which were greatly admired. During luncheon and tea the band, under the conductorship of Mr. Lax, played several pieces of music, and after tea dancing was commenced and continued with great spirit.

The arrangements reflected great credit on the Committee, consisting of Bros. John Egglestone, jun., Chairman; Jno. Newton, Treas.; Mark Frampton, Sec.; Geo. Porteous, M.C.; Robt. Kinmond, H. Munro, J. T. Smart, Chas. Macnamara, and J. Deans. The party arrived home about ten o'clock, having spent a delightful day.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the school; T. Meggy, C. F. Matier, R. Tyrrell, E. C. Massey, F. K. Adlard, W. Maple, R. B. Webster, and H. Massey (Freemason). Bro. Taylor attended in lieu of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee in July last were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Quarterly Court, as well as those of the House Committee and Sub-Committee, were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the cheques drawn for the quarterly accounts.

Two candidates were admitted to have their names placed on the list for election in April, 1880.

An outfit vote of £5 to J. E. Batty on leaving the school was granted.

An application on behalf of Woods for the sum of £10, being the second moiety of a sum voted in April last, was ordered to stand over until the expiration of the six months specified in the previous minute.

An application for a grant of £30 to W. S. Spark to assist in preparing him to pass his second examination for a military commission was granted. This finished the business on the agenda, but before the Committee separated Bro. Webster said he desired to put a question to the Chair-

man respecting the matter in dispute between the Institution and Bro. S. B. Wilson. He wished to ask the Chairman whether it was true that the House Committee had refused to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., as arbitrator in the dispute between them and Bro. S. B. Wilson, and, if it was true, what was the reason of such refusal.

The Chairman, in reply, said that it did not appear upon the minutes which had been read that any such proposition as that referred to had been refused.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual convocation of this district Grand Chapter was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Grammar School, Enfield Town. The school-rooms had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Superintendent by the trustees.

The arrangements of the chapter room, which was tastefully decorated with flowers, &c., had been carried out under the superintendance of Comp. Letchworth, P.Z. of the Enfield Chapter, and to whom great thanks are due for the admirable manner in which everything passed off.

Among those present we noticed Comps. Col. Burdett, P.G. Supt.; Davison, P.P.G.H.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S.E.; Pearce, P.P.G.N.; H. Buss, P.G. Treas.; Letchworth, P.G.R.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B.; Cama, P.G. Std. B.; the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.P.G.A.S.; Laxton, P.P.G.R.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.C.; H. A. Dqbois, P.P.G.D.C.; Gilbert, P.G. Janitor; Sherrill, P.Z. 382; Jaffa, P.Z. 1237; Mathison, 1237; Postans, H. 1237; Lewzett, J. 1237; Massa, 1293; Cordwell, P.Z. 1236; L. Beck, 1326; Shackleton, 1326; T. O. Ockenden, P.S. 1423; Dr. Ramsey, and Walls, P.G.O. (Freemason). The visitors were Comps. S. Hill, P.Z. 109; E. W. Mackney, P.Z. 134; James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771, &c., A. Durrant, M.E.Z. 1185; and W. Dorn.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, but through unavoidable causes many were absent. The roll of chapters in the province was then read out, and with one exception all the chapters were represented. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee (Comps. Pearce and Walls) was received and adopted. The election of Treasurer was unanimously in favour of Comp. Buss.

The investiture of Provincial Grand Officers then took place as follows:—

- Comp. Levander Prov. G.H.
- " Dr. Brette Prov. G.J.
- " H. A. Dubois Prov. G.S.E.
- " Glover Prov. G.S.N.
- " Dicketts Prov. G.P.S.
- " Cordwell Prov. G. 1st Asst.
- " J. Hammond Prov. G. 2nd Asst.
- " Buss Prov. G. Treas.
- " Keen Prov. G. Reg.
- " Cama Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Shackleton Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " Walls Prov. G.D. of C.
- " L. Beck Prov. G. Org.
- " Gilbert Prov. G. Janitor.

Previously to the convocation being closed the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and a vote of condolence was ordered to be forwarded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Chapter to Mrs. Little.

The banquet, which was well served by Comp. Mathison and assistants, was held at the ancient hostelry of The George.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The G.Z.," and "The G.H. and J." were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the P.G.S. of Middlesex," Comp. Levander said that as the companions present knew so well the merits, both socially and Masonically, of their excellent Grand Superintendent, Comp. Colonel Burdett, it would be superfluous on that occasion for him to dwell at any length upon the subject toast. The Grand Chapter of Middlesex had not been established nearly so long as the Provincial Grand Lodge, but, all things being considered, it had progressed very well under the fostering auspices of their genial chief. His (the Grand Superintendent's) services to the general cause of Freemasonry in the province, embracing a period of nearly ten years, had been very great. In every Masonic capacity Comp. Col. Burdett had endeared himself to his brethren and companions, and was so deservedly popular that his name had become a "household word" in Middlesex. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he hoped that for many, many years to come the Masonic destinies of the large and influential Province of Middlesex would continue to be under the rule and genial sway of their most excellent Superintendent.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent, in reply, after expressing his thanks for the flattering way in which his health had been proposed by Comp. Levander and received by the companions, said he was exceedingly pleased at the manner in which the cause of Royal Arch Masonry had progressed in the province. He felt very happy and very proud at holding the position of Provincial Grand Superintendent. The chapters of the province were increasing fairly, but he personally should like to see greater progress made. The Royal Arch Degree was so very impressive and beautiful that it ought to be encouraged and supported in every possible way. With regard to the convocation that day he was gratified with the manner in which the proceedings had passed off, but he was sorry that the meeting had not been more numerously attended. In concluding his remarks, he said that, as the time at the disposal of the companions was necessarily limited, he should not further trespass upon their indulgence, but would conclude by cordially thanking them all for the

services they had rendered to the cause of the Royal Arch Order in Middlesex.

There were no other toasts, but the subsequent proceedings were enlivened and enhanced by the efforts of Comps. James Stevens, Charles Horaley, and others.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1356.

As a pleasant sequel to the more serious yet interesting installation business of the previous week, the members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, whose meeting place is at the Masonic Chambers, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, started for their pleasant summer out, in company with their wives, sweethearts, and sisters, on Thursday, the 16th ult.

Bro. Alfred Woolrich, the esteemed and courteous Worshipful Master of the lodge, was present as a matter of course, guiding and controlling the various arrangements, which were generally of a highly satisfactory nature, receiving cordial and valuable aid from his official staff and "full privates" of his lodge.

The scene chosen for the picnic was Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, near Chester, which has frequently been visited by the Masonic combinations in and around Liverpool.

All told, the company of members and their fair friends numbered about 200, who were conveyed from Birkenhead, by special arrangement with the Great Western Railway Company, at a comparatively early hour.

After dining, at the Grosvenor Hotel, in Chester, the large party proceeded to the beautiful park of Eaton Hall, where some time was pleasantly spent. The pleasure of the return journey was much marred by falling rain, and the enjoyment was further curtailed by the fact that a great number of those who were present had sent no intimation of their intention to attend, thus upsetting the arrangements of the Committee. As a consequence the Committee's "order of the day" could not be observed nor possibly carried out. It is very much to be regretted that attention cannot be paid to little matters like the answering of a Secretary's note, when so much of the general enjoyment depends upon proper arrangements. The W.M., and all under his command, used their utmost endeavour to remedy the awkwardness of the unexpected attendance of numerous visitors, and on the whole the picnic was voted a pleasant "out," even with falling rain.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

NEW MASONIC MAGAZINE IN U. S. A.

Another claimant for the support of the American Craft has just appeared in Iowa, the name selected being "The Square and Compasses." No. 1 and 2 (for May and July) are now before me, Bro. John Stirling, jun., of Bonaparte, being the publisher and proprietor. Its general appearance is similar to the "Evergreen" (sometime deceased), and certainly if it proves to be as healthy and vigorous in tone as that excellent periodical it will deserve the generous support of the brethren in Iowa especially. The terms are low (5s. per annum) as compared with others of a similar class, though it is a very much thinner book than the *Masonic Magazine*, issued by Bro. George Kenning, but the pages being more devoted to Masonic matters renders it as bulky Masonically as many much larger productions. An index, however, to each number would be found useful, and add materially to the value of the publication. In the opening remarks, appropriately headed "Good Morning," Bro. Stirling states what he means to do on his part, provided the 20,000 members in Iowa, Missouri with an equal number, and the young and growing States of Kansas and Nebraska ("with their lodges springing up like magic") are prepared to co-operate and furnish the needful assistance in the shape of subscribers. A history of Masonry in Iowa is to be furnished in parts (month by month), and the programme is all that can be wished. We are told in the first No. that "Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, has the largest and best private Masonic libraries in the United States, with possibly one exception," but in the second issue we are informed that Bro. Bower "has the largest private Masonic library in the United States, if not in the world." Knowing so well the character of this famous collector, and the diligence of its worthy collector, Bro. Bower, we are inclined to consider it the largest of the kind anywhere, it being especially rich in bye-laws of various degrees, which not only add considerably to the number of the books, but also to the value, from the difficulty being great to procure any works which are privately printed. Another well known collector is Bro. E. F. Carson, of Cincinnati, who is the only brother at all likely to prove a rival claimant to the honour.

I note that at the Grand Lodge of Iowa, recently held, Bro. Bower presented his credentials as Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and that "he displayed a splendid jewel sent him by the said Grand Lodge." I should like R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, to send a description of this jewel for the readers of the *Freemason*, so that we may all share in the pleasure. The veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. Parvin, also presented his credentials as Grand Representative from Egypt, remarking as he did so that this Grand Lodge was "working almost beneath the shadows of the ancient Pyramids, those monuments of the past overlooking the civilisation of the present." These brethren were duly welcomed accordingly by the M.W.G.M. I am sorry to read that in consequence of the expense the reports from the "Committees of Correspondence" are not to be printed in future.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

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HARROW.—We possibly may during the winter months. J. W.—Yes.

W. ARTHUR.—Considerably too long for our columns. W.M.—The question is not sufficiently clear for us to answer.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason" (Sydney), "Masonic Token," "The Freemason's Repository," "Der Triangel," "Public Ledger," "Kelet Orient," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Masonic Newspaper," "The Hebrew Leader."

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BIRTHS.

PENDLEBURY.—On the 4th inst., the wife of Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, of a daughter.

PALMER.—On the 31st ult., at Compton Lodge, East Sheen, S.W., the wife of Mr. Frederick S. Palmer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ADAMS—JENNINGS.—On the 2nd inst., at Offord-road Congregational Chapel, by the Rev. J. M. Hannay, Valentine Francis, son of the late Mr. John Henry Adams, C.E., to Ursula, daughter of the late Mr. George Jennings.

DEATHS.

HART.—On the 1st inst., at Cedar Villa, Walters-road, Swansea, Mrs. Rebecca Hart, widow of the Rev. E. S. Hart.

JOPP.—On the 2nd inst., at 6, Hatherley-grove, Mary Egerton, the wife of Major Keith A. Jopp, Royal Engineers.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1879.

OUR AMERICAN BRETHERN.

One of the greatest privileges and pleasures of Freemasonry consists in the firm friendships it often happily knits between brethren living in distant lands and opposite hemispheres. There seems to be something in the genial fellowship of Freemasonry, denounced by the bigoted, and decried by the ignorant, which overleaps the dividing boundaries of nations and of seas, and cements between the most severed and distant of our race kindly sentiments and sympathetic interests. It often happens in this world of ours that, as we all know too little of each other, even that very little is marred and disfigured by angry traditions or ancient animosities. We grow up often in antagonistic views and calm unconcern for others until something happens to thaw our coldness, or remove our misapprehensions, and then we find not only how well we agree, but how much after all we really like each other, how much and how deep an interest we have in fact in that abiding "cosmopolitanism" of humanity which, say what we will, has a real and lasting charm at all times, and under all circumstances, for the kindly, the cultured, and the elevated. It is, no doubt, this idea of "brotherhood" which for 1800 years at any rate has dominated mankind, in which is to be found the best hopes alike for the future union of the widely dispersed children of the dust. Freemasonry may not be perfect in all its conceptions, or all its aims, its professions or its practice, but at any rate it does this, like the Good Samaritan, while Priest and Levite are "looking on," or "passing by," it does seek to pour in the "balm of oil and wine" into the "open wounds" of suffering human nature. We know nothing more striking in the history of the world or of man, than that a brotherhood like the English brotherhood, be the method sound or unsound, perfect or imperfect, (we care not a jot), is raising annually something like £40,000 in the noble and goodly work of charity, and is advocating with unflinching voice, amid noisy factions and braying shibboleths, the sacred teaching of toleration, goodwill, and compassion for all men. And we do not say this in praise of English Freemasonry alone, but wherever true Freemasonry abounds, holding to the same truths, enforcing the same system, and practising the same virtues, there we do know also as a matter of fact that mercy and charity hold their righteous sway over the feelings and acts of men; there peace and civilization, mutual goodwill, and mutual forbearance are to the fore, there the voice of toleration is heard, there the work of religion is active, there consideration for others is prevalent, there liberty of conscience unfurls her goodly oriflamme. In the United States of America Freemasonry has found, for instance, a congenial home and an important sphere of utility and benevolence. Its 600,000 Masons, dispersed throughout its sovereign States, amid a growing and a mighty Republic, have grasped firmly and serenely the ennobling message of its peace, morality and its time-honoured lore. That there are some incongruities in American Freemasonry we do not deny; that there are some weaknesses in the joints of its armour, its truest friends do not attempt to conceal; but of that noble array of "Freemasons;" we, who live in England, have every reason to be proud, for we can rejoicingly recall the fact that the American State Grand Lodges come from us, and belong to us, the only regular bodies of Craft Masons in that remarkable country—that they are our own kith and kin, "bone of our bone," and "flesh of our flesh." It was the high privilege of the publisher of this paper, about a year ago, to evince his sympathy for American Masons and Masonry, and to make the intimate acquaintance of a distinguished body of American brethren, visitors and travellers in England, in a most pleasant and enjoyable gathering at Freemasons' Hall. We

venture to believe that the memories of that genial and kindly evening have not faded from the minds of any who were present, and that the friendships we then formed, and the links we then intertwined, in heartfelt goodwill and interest for each other, will last for us our own "little time" here. And, therefore, it is we hail rejoicingly the telegram from our esteemed and admired friend and brother, Charles E. Meyer, which appeared in last week's *Freemason*, as an evidence that all our warm feelings are reciprocated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, and that the true hearts, and kind friends, the zealous Masons whom we were privileged to receive and know twelve short months ago, still retain for us those fraternal feelings, and that living interest, which, overpassing "dividing waters," are still lingering as it were with their pleasant host, still sojourning for a little season amid our good and warm-hearted English brethren. Long may this union between American and English Masons endure, and may it be a happy omen of the lasting friendship, peace, and concord between two great nations, upholding alike with firm and straightforward hand legality and order, right and justice, and advancing against all opposing and conflicting interests the true welfare of the community, the liberty and happiness of the individual, and the lasting peace, progress, and prosperity of all mankind.

CHARITY REFORM.

Bro. Simpson has given us his little plan for reforming our excellent Charities, (which we did not know wanted reforming), and we will now consider it. We are little afraid that some of our readers may be reminded of Mr. Weller and "advice gratis," but still, as Bro. Simpson is in earnest, we feel it right to call attention to his proposals. His complaints of grievances are just what we said they would be, and though our statements have been questioned, they are now "vouched for" by our Past Grand Chaplain himself. They are: 1. Entire absence of proper investigation of election claims. 2. Exchange of votes. 3. Sale of votes. 4. Canvassing by cards and circulars. 5. Polling days and scenes. What this latter remarkable passage means we can positively not even conceive. We have read it over more than once, thinking that it was, perhaps, a printer's error, as printers' errors will creep even into the *Freemason*. But no. Such seems to be the "ipsissima verba" of Bro. Simpson, and we can only leave them, in our startled and happy ignorance, to his own eloquent words of explanation and description. We are a little amused, we must confess, to find Bro. Simpson, "Jupiter Tonans" though he be, borrowing, (that is the polite word), a little of our own harmless "thunder," and falling back magnificently, for the first time, on the "original selection of candidates," our own little suggested pet reform, as a leading point in his own enlarged programme. When we said that this reform, which we advocated, was a "slight reform," we did not mean, as the "context" would show, that we considered the matter a "slight matter" at all, but only that the change from the present system, to a closer scrutiny was a very easy matter in itself as a matter of detail. Curiously enough, with that tendency to "exaggeration" in which speakers and writers like so sensationally to indulge to-day, Bro. Simpson skillfully converts our honest admission of a "weakness of detail" into the entire "absence of all enquiry." We never said that there was no enquiry, for there is, according to our rules; but what we did venture to suggest, knowing from old experience the "red tape" of all committee work, was, that there should be a closer enquiry than is now practicable into the "position of the candidates" and the "means of their friends." We wonder that Bro. Simpson did not discover the fallacy of his own position and the palpable exaggeration into which he was falling, but we can only suppose that, like other "great reformers," intent on one "point," he is "indifferent to the minutiae of time, place, and fact." And advisable, in our opinion, as this more close scrutiny of claims would be, we doubt very much if the Life Governors will ever consent to turn the "open court" for claims of the "General Committee"

according to our laws, into the "close court" of a special "Sub-Committee." But here, no doubt, is a weakness which, as we have often said, requires attention. The facility with which "cases" get on the list, and, above all, the recklessness with which brethren place their names on cards, for cases often the very weakest of their kind, is to be much regretted. Perhaps Bro. Simpson can recall such a case. All the other grievances of Bro. Simpson, except the "scenes," whatever they may turn out to be, resolve themselves into the "old, old story" of "exchange of votes." Bro. Simpson and ourselves do not agree on this point, and it seems useless to prolong the discussion, and, therefore, we pass it by, only once more expressing our distinct opinion that "exchange of votes" is perfectly right and proper, "per se." As regards "cards, indeed, and the like," wherever Charity Committees exist they pass away, and if they are wrong, which we do not and cannot see, at any rate they are the exception now, and not the rule, and the expense for them is reduced to a "minimum." As regards the "sale of votes" we do not know what Bro. Simpson means, and fear that he has been grossly imposed on by some one, if he uses the word "sale" as it would be generally understood. And then how does Bro. Simpson propose to remedy all those real or imaginary, open or mysterious, grievances? *By having the voting papers sent direct to the Secretary and then scrutinized by a Committee.* Well, we can only say, after giving Bro. Simpson a full and patient hearing, that we much prefer the present system—open, honest voting, and "scrutinies" which can be scrutinized—to "uncontrollable returns" and "irreversible decrees" of "irresponsible Committees and Scrutiniers." We are quite sure of this, that if Bro. Simpson's "crude reforms" and "retrograde changes" could be adopted, our excellent Charities would become "standing jobs" and "hateful favouritism." Our Charities are now well managed, our voting is open, honest, and above board, if errors exist they can be easily corrected, if wrong is done it can be soon remedied; and, therefore, let us leave would-be-reformers to themselves, and insist upon our Charities being "let alone."

FREEMASONRY DORMANT.

In France when a lodge is in "non-activité" it is said to be "en sommeil, (in slumber), and such is the normal state just now of Metropolitan Freemasonry, and of a large portion of our English Craft. The lodges meet not during the recess, the brethren are scattered, and even the "Tyler" is off to Herne Bay, with his "wife and olive branches." For a few months the good old lodge is, as it were, "non est," its functions ceased, its membership a name. Over are the gay doings of hospitable symposia, ended the pleasant assembly of cheerful associates. The brethren have put on one side their "paraphernalia," and unless they carry upon their persons some of Bro. Kenning's chaste and mystic Masonic "Brelouques," have ceased "pro tem" to own themselves Masons, members of our great and wide-spread Fraternity. If a curious eye could follow them into their retreats, into their holiday homes, what amusing revelations, what strange discoveries might be made. The W.M. was last seen in a nautical dress talking in correct marine lingo with a coastguardsman at Weymouth. Our Senior Warden is at "Bel Alp," using strong language about the snow; our Junior Warden is in Brittany, admiring Breton lasses and Breton scenery all at the same time. That P.M. of ours, our own dear, musical P.M., is at Scarborough, delighting several young ladies at the "Crown," and our excellent Treasurer is President of the Queen at Harrogate, pleasing all, old and young, with his unconquerable urbanity. Our Secretary is at Margate, very serious and very didactic with Mrs. Secretary, and both our Deacons are in Paris, on the very best of behaviour. As for the rest of the "Father Neptune" Lodge, they are here, there, and everywhere. That rising young Mason, Jorrox, is at Homburg, and Potter is at Schwabach, and Jones is at Ettrets, and Maguire is at Ostend, where his antics in the water have created both alarm and amusement

among the ladies. One or two are in Scotland, and another is ascending Plinlimmon. And so these "disjecta membra" of a very kindly old body have yet, let us hope, once again to be united in the "caldron" of true Masonic fervour. And when we meet again what tales we shall have to tell, what wonders to recount to one another. How well the "old enemy" slip away as we listen in rapture to stories of adventure, war, and love, to wonderful encounters, curious episodes, and mysterious scenes, and dangerous neighbours! But, alas, shall we all meet again? When we again gather, cheery and kindly, in answer to our good Secretary's summons shall we all be together? Who knows? who can say? Kind readers, good brethren, who of us all can venture or dare to foresee or foretell when stern "Atropos" shall "snip" for us the "thread of life," when our "work is ended," when our "last summons has come?" Hardly a day passes but we see how the hurrying eddies of the great river of time bear away on its resistless tides the hopes and fears, the loves, the lives of men; how young and old alike are swept away, and how that all ends here often suddenly, and sadly, and darkly, (to us in our ignorance), "like a tale that is told." Let us hope, when life and activity are restored to our now dormant lodges, that we are destined, in the good providence of T.G.A. O.T.U., again to meet in happy friendship and kindly converse, and genial sociality once more, the friends of years, the tried and the trusty, the honest and the true.—So mote it be!

THE SECULAR REVIEW.

This is a weekly paper read by Secularists, and has recently delivered itself of a "testimony" to ancient Freemasonry. Not probably that it matters much, one way or the other, but as people like sometimes to hear what their kind friends say of them, our readers and brethren may not be displeased with us if we let them know what the *Secular Review* thinks and says of them. It is always pleasant to realize what value people put upon us, or what opinion they form of us, and we can only trust that our readers and brethren will be impressed, gratified, and edified by this public enunciation of the estimate and ideas of the *Secular Review* respecting Masons and Masonry. It seems that a "querist" having asked the Editor of the *Secular Review* for "information as to the advantages likely to accrue to society, and to be hoped for by individuals from the society of Freemasons," (we hope our reader will note the classical language of the querist), the Editor, always wishful to impart information, immediately replies to him. Having from "years of observation," (pray mark this), realized its effects on personal character and in its collective capacity," (there is a haziness about this style of writing which is, as far as we know, specially Secularist), the Editor thus incontinently, ore rotundo, delivers his opinion, spins out his explanatory "yara." In the first place, we are glad to hear that "Freemasonry is quite as opposed to genuine free thought as any other of the religious sects," on the evidence of the "Secularist" himself, for on this point, to us, blame is desirable and praise would be condemnation. Long may Freemasonry so continue. "Age has not improved," the writer tells us, "the morality of Masonry." Why should it? Morality is, "semper eadem," alone really, and truly, and safely built on the "Word of Truth," on the "Rock of Ages," but not on secularism. The writer then proceeds to exemplify his intimate acquaintance with Freemasonry when he tells us "the principal business of the Craft now-a-days is to eat, drink, and carouse; they wash down all minor animosities and unavoidable differences of opinion in bumpers of wine, and the complaints of society are lost in the clatter of plates and loyal toasts." This indeed may be very fine writing, and probably is, but how far it is from the truth, taking even a Secularist standard of that virtue and commodity, we pause not here to enquire. Suffice it to say that notwithstanding special and intimate knowledge of Masons and Masonry, if the writer gets no nearer "Truth" than he is now he has a long march to make for it, and a very protracted journey to take to reach it. His "Temple of Truth" is indeed "over

the hills and far away." But let us listen a little longer. "Judged from a purely secular standpoint, Masonry becomes a system to regard almost with abhorrence, especially in its initiatory stages." As the Irishman says, "we are mighty glad" to hear this expression of opinion, as nothing, on the contrary, can be more distasteful or repellant to honest Freemasons than the "secularism of Secularists." Like all great writers, or rather egotistical propounders of hopeless platitudes or insufferable bathos, and just now "nomen illis legio est," the writer winds up with this magnificent but illogical peroration—"It is evident that Masonry is a useless and expensive bauble, the grand qualification for advancement in which is money." This dogma from this "profoundly illuminated 'Grand Copht' of secularism" is both amusing and astounding. We hardly know which quality preponderates the most in such a statement, ignorance or absurdity. Let us hope that, despite the "Secularist" view, "men" are "better," and "wiser," for being Masons, and, though this great authority dubs Masonry as an "idle and mischievous association," that it will yet outlive the slanders of the mendacious, the complaints of the ignorant, and the criticism of the unjust. It is, however, a very curious fact in the history of Freemasonry, explain it as you will, that these vehement attacks are made upon it just now from the very "antipodes" of all real true "free thought" and "liberty of conscience" and "toleration" in the world, namely, the Ultramontane and the Infidel schools.

OUR GRAND SCRIBE E.

Our readers will notice with regret the announcement of the absence of our esteemed and excellent Grand Scribe Ezra, Comp. John Hervey, from Grand Chapter on Wednesday evening on account of illness. We shall but echo the unanimous feeling of our Order when we express our hope soon to hear of his complete convalescence and his return to the duties of that important office he performs so well, to the entire satisfaction of an admiring and appreciative Craft.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MR. LABOUCHERE ("TRUTH?") AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Ex uno disce omnes. Tommy Tell-truth's exposition of Freemasonry in *Truth* of the 17th inst. may be very accurately appraised by the following extract from his pen, appearing in the same journal of this day's date.

"The oath of the Grand Arch Degree, by which each member engages to support another, whether right or wrong, ought, however, to be altered, for this might involve obligations inconsistent with the duties of a law-abiding citizen."

It is humiliating to have to trot out a very old Joe for the purpose of illustrating a proposition, but your lay readers will perceive the point of my protest against belief in this self-assertive, truth-telling writer's statements (those within the light will require no such demonstration) from the well known anecdote of the correction of the definition of a crab by the Committee of the French Academy by the eminent naturalist Cuvier.

The Savants defined a crab triune, as thus:

1. A fish,
2. Of a red colour,
3. It walks backwards.

The naturalist accepted the definition as correct with three not unimportant exceptions:

1. The animal was not a fish
2. Its colour was not red,
3. It did not walk backwards.

Now, as the oracular Jack Burnsby would say, "the bearin's o' this observation is in the application on it."

Take Mr. Labouchere's statement.

1. There is no Degree or Order known as the Grand Arch in Freemasonry. (Probably the Royal Arch was in the writer's mind, but surely this fact is a sufficient commentary on his assertion that the doors of the Craft are always open to him, because he sometimes "amuses himself by passing as a Freemason.")

2. In the Royal Arch Degree no such oath, or any obligation by any possibility bearing any such construction, is taken.

3. Neither in the Craft nor in the Arch are any pledges imposed in any way, however remotely, involving obligations inconsistent with the duties of a law-abiding citizen, and this is the assertion, not of one who has played the impostor for amusement, but of one who has acquired his

knowledge and attained a not insignificant position among the fraternity by arduous study and labour in the jurisprudence, ritual, and active practice of both the Craft and Arch Degrees.

That my brethren may, if they think proper, deny the proud title I hereby claim—repudiate my self-assumed character as champion of the beloved Order—I sign my name and titles, and scorn to sneak under any *nom de plume*, whether ironically, cynically, or genuinely adopted; whether meant to assert veracity or to be, accepted on the principle of *lucus a non lucendo*.

It is, perhaps, hypocritical to call attention to the fact that the authority, a recourse to whose aid has been attributed to Mr. Labouchere, has his name spelt *Carlile*—and not *Carlisle*. He was a notorious Atheistic bookseller, he spent several years of his life deservedly in gaol for disseminating seditious, blasphemous, and obscene publications. His own account of his acquisition of what he promulgates as the genuine secrets of Freemasonry brands him as a man devoid of every principle of honour and morality.

As to Eckert, whose authority is vouched for by Mr. Labouchere, why does not that gentleman's flippant, dogmatic, sententious, egotistical profession of knowledge find its own discount among those who really do know, in the fact that he quotes a German writer on Masonry as the authority for the practice, ritual, and secrets of the English lodges?

"Save me from my friends," says the proverb; "from my enemies I can defend myself." How truly may this be applied to Freemasonry. Here is this man, obviously sent to curse us, and, like Balaam, "Lo! he has blessed us this three times." We all know that we have secrets, choice and invaluable secrets, eminently worth possessing. Let us be thankful then to those who, like Tommy Tell-truth, by exhibitions of ignorance, vulgarity, conceit, arrogance, and mendacity, help us to resist the attacks of the insidious. I very much doubt whether our secrets could have been so well kept but for the assistance afforded us by the misrepresentations of our enemies. One test—one illustration. This person tells us that he has played the character of El Hakim.* In this matter, for the opinions of the exoteric world I care not one straw, not speaking disrespectfully—their impressions are not worth recording, but I will appeal to my esoteric brethren. If T. T.'s pretensions to qualification as a physician were no better grounded than his claim to pass as a Mason, why, either medical knowledge must be at a very low ebb, which is possible in Mussulman countries, or intrusion into a harem does not involve an introduction to the bowstring as it used to do.

"Special Edition!—The Editor Cow-hided Again!!" Such a "leaded" heading has been before now used to push the sale of a vapid journal, but then it has been on the other side of the Atlantic. Now a set of nasty writers desiderate reviving the infamies of the late Barnard Gregory. They give us *rechauffés* of the "Age," the "Satirist," "Paul Pry," and the "Town," and call them "Society journals." Society may or may not read the nauseous compound, but the sheets sell, and of the coin when it comes in the purveyors of filth, diaphanously disguised, can say with the Roman Emperor "Non olit."

Brethren, as we stand shoulder to shoulder, let our loins be girt and our arms braced when we recall the proud—the incontrovertible—fact that no good man—no unsoiled man—no man with cleanly reputation, has ever yet attacked our noble Order.

Fear of the law of libel ought, perhaps, to induce our editor to except Tommy Tell-truth from this sweeping proposition, but I do not think that he is so weak-kneed as to crouch like this. This, the latest pretended exposure of Freemasonry, comes from the pen of a man who pretends for amusement to be what he is not, and owns to satisfying a prurient curiosity by invading the sanctity of a brother man's home, and outraging his finest feelings of delicacy by acting a part the assumption of which would the better enable him to gratify a spirit of inquiry which I will not characterize.

"There is a soul of goodness in things evil, Would men observingly divil it out."

Brethren, this Balaam brings us good. Is it possible this impostor has passed for a Mason? Has he ever escaped the keen eyes of an O.G., and the strict scrutiny of a J.W.? If it be possible, which I do not believe, and in his lucubrations there is certainly no internal evidence of the fact, it behoves us to be on our guard, and to utilise the warning he has kindly though unintentionally given us by inculcating upon our officers the necessity of greater vigilance in the future.

Enough. Again I say, *Ex uno disce omnes*. He tells, page 134, third paragraph, number of July 31st, an utterly impossible anecdote of my own profession, one which, from internal evidence, I know can not be true. When Dr. Johnson was asked how he could account for some marvellous narration, which his faithful biographer related to him, the great man quietly replied, "A lie, sir, you may depend upon it."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL POYNTER,

P.M. and Treasurer Burgoyne, No. 902; P.M. and Founder Athenæum, No. 1491; S.N. Panmure, R.A., No. 730; nine years a member of the Board of General Purposes; ten years a member of the Colonial Board, July 31.

POLLING DAYS AND SCENES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Vice-Patron of all our excellent Charities, and often of late honoured by my brethren with a request to preside at our Quarterly Courts and on polling days, I

* See "The Talisman."—Sir Walter Scott.

have had my attention called to a letter in your columns of last week by Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., in which he talks, I see, of polling days and "scenes." As I am utterly unaware of any "scenes," and equally ignorant of what Bro. Simpson can possibly allude to, in justice to many worthy friends I think it but fair to ask him publicly in the *Freemason* what are the "scenes" to which he refers. I think there must be some mistake.

Yours fraternally,

J. CREATON, G.T.

Union Club, Trafalgar-square.

EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a reader of the *Freemason* I have noted the letters you have inserted on so called "Charity Reform," and in particular the objections to exchange of votes, with which I have not been able to agree, and as I take it that all large questions are only the accumulation of individual ideas, I wish to give an instance why I believe in exchange of votes.

I now know a very eligible case for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and as I have some votes for Boys' School that I have no particular candidate for, I should be glad to exchange them for Benevolent votes, and it seems to me I should be benefiting both cases by exchange, whereas, if I do not exchange, the full use of both votes will be lost.

I am, yours fraternally,

CHARLES FENDELOW.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of the readers of the *Freemason*, inform me where I can get a perfect version of an old Freemasons' song beginning

"You, brethren, all who wish to know How Masonry first began, 'Twas in the garden of Paradise, Where Adam first he sprang."

I took it down from the lips of an old lady of over fourscore years, some years ago, and have never yet come across the verses in print. The second stanza runs thus—

"'Twas in the garden of Paradise, As plainly you may see, When the fig-leaf aprons they put on To show their Masonry."

I will be much obliged by any one giving me information on the above.

HERMES.

Kelso, August 2nd, 1879.

Reviews.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE. Paris.

"Le Monde Maconnique" is an interesting number for French Freemasons for July. It has come very late to us. But we are much amused with the manner in which our good old opponent, Bro. Grimaux, is induced to "envisager" or regard the present crisis in the "Rite Ecossais." No one knows better than Bro. Grimaux the utter hollowness and unrightfulness of the present agitation against the "Administrative Commission," and the absurdity of the demands of these pseudo reformers to make the "Grande Loge Centrale" a second Grand Orient. He sees it, and he is manly enough to avow it. Bro. Grimaux and ourselves equally recognize the ridiculous pretensions of those who are agitating the "Rite Ecossais" to ignore the rightful claims of the High Grades, and the impossibility of making the "Rite Ecossais" a symbolic body. But then, such is the state of excitement and agitation into which the proceedings of the Grand Orient and the old and long continued manoeuvres of Massol and others have thrown all French Freemasonry, confounding right and wrong, truth and falsehood, legality and illegality, that though his premise is sound, his conclusion is hopelessly illogical. He regrets the "act of suspension," but why? Surely the "Administrative Commission" had a moral as well as a legal right to "frappé," that is, to put a stop to jesuitical and unlawful attempts to change by violent agitation the whole constitution of the "Rite Ecossais," and to throw down a burning torch of discussion, discord, and revolution. We wonder what Bro. St. Jean, or the "Grand Conseil of the Grand Orient," would have said, if some uneasy spirits had circulated resolutions and appeals, calling upon the lodges to interfere and protest against the legal decisions of the Grand Conseil? Would they not have frappé? Yes, and frappé with vigour? We think so, and we only wish that our worthy and able adversary would be consistent and just to the ruling powers of the Rite Ecossais. We are quite one with Bro. Grimaux, when he regrets that warrants for symbolic lodges are granted by the Rite Ecossais. With Bro. Albert Pike, (no mean authority), we doubt the power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to give warrants for Craft Lodges; but that is not the question before us now. The Administrative Commission has inherited a "system," and it is seeking loyally to abide by its own laws. It deserves in our opinion the support of all honest Masons, and we trust that Bro. Grimaux may yet, like us, learn to see that that most hateful of all teaching is a lie and a snare, which declares that "the end justifies the means," and that we "may do evil that good may come."

MODERN THOUGHT. Richardson Best, 5, Queen's Head-passage, Paternoster-row.

We have received No. 7 of this monthly magazine, but, unfortunately, cannot discuss its articles properly in our columns, as they infringe upon the "debatable ground" of theological controversy. It seems ably written up to

its own "standard," but, to say the truth, as far as we know anything of "modern thought," judging by some works we have to "wade through," it is hazy and unsatisfactory in the extreme.

THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. Buonaparte Town, U.S.

We have to acknowledge No. 2 of a new Masonic serial, and we wish it all possible success. It very wisely reproduces some of the able articles of that good and sound old teacher, Bro. T. W. Bailey, founder, we believe, and for some time editor, of the well-known American Masonic periodical, *The Voice of Masonry*.

MUSIC.

I'M MOVING ON. Words by WALTER R. CLEMENTS, Music by CHARLES GLOVER.

We commend this successful and pleasant song to the notice of all our musical brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS OF MIDDLESEX & SURREY.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on the 24th ult., under the banner of the Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 13. At five o'clock Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.J.O., opened the Hiram Lodge, with Bro. W. G. Brighten, Prov. G. Sec., acting S.W., Bro. Dr. A. Clarke, Prov. S.G.W., as J.W., when Bro. J. A. Anderson, of the Old Dundee Lodge, was advanced to the Mark Degree in a very able manner.

The ballot was then taken for W.M., which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Littor.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp was re-elected Treasurer, and had the pleasure of announcing that the funds in hand amounted to £103.

Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler, and after the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed.

At six o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, 32°, being received with enthusiasm.

The officers and brethren present were V. W. Bro. Davison, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; W. Bro. A. Clark, Prov. S.G.W.; Bros. Rev. Ambrose Hall, Prov. G. Chap.; C. Hammerton, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Mason, M.O.; J. B. Shackleton, Prov. G.D.C.; A. W. Hume, Prov. G. Std. B.; H. Court, jun., Prov. G.O.; Dr. E. Passawer, Prov. I.G.; E. Gilbert and R. W. Brown, Prov. G. Stewards; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler; F. Binckes, P.G.W., and G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O.; J. M. Klenck, P.P.G. Reg.; E. B. Bright, J. Baker, J. H. Knaggs, Dr. Ramsey, G.S.D.; C. H. Pearson, K. R. Murchison, H. Lovegrove, C. Pultman, P.G. Std. B.; H. Ridge, W. Stephens, and many others.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges called over.

The Prov. G. Secretary reported an increase in the number of lodges and members.

The Treasurer's account was circulated and approved. The reappointment of Col. F. Burdett as Prov. Grand Mark Master was proposed by Bro. J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.

The next business was the appointment of Grand Officers for the year, when the following were invested:—

- Bro. O. H. Pearson Prov. G.S.W.
- " R. P. Spice Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. Ambrose Hall } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. H. B. Hunt }
- " C. Hammerton } Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. G. Brighten } Prov. G. Sec.
- " Dr. Passawer } Prov. G. Reg.
- " K. R. Murchison } Prov. G.M.O.
- " A. W. Hume } Prov. G.S.O.
- " H. E. Cooper Smith } Prov. G.J.O.
- " E. Gilbert } Prov. G.S.D.
- " C. Golden } Prov. G.J.D.
- " Henry Lovegrove } Prov. G.S. of Wks.
- " J. B. Shackleton } Prov. G.D.C.
- " R. T. Hill } Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " Clayton Palmer, LL.D. } Prov. G. S. B.
- " C. Palmer } Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " H. J. Sturk } Prov. G. Organist.
- " B. H. Ridge } Prov. G.I.G.
- Bros. Stephens, Palmer, Orlanda, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- Lilley, Beasley, and Cuffe }
- Bro. J. Gilbert } Prov. G. Tyler.

The revised bye-laws of the Province were taken as read, and printed copies distributed.

A Committee for General Purposes was elected, and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

The banquet was served in the large room of the Greyhound, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M.M., and the Grand Officers," brought a most effective response from Bro. Binckes, who mentioned the great progress made by the Degree during the last twenty years, and its recognition by almost all the great Masonic bodies.

The gathering was very successful, and indicates the flourishing condition of the province.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the proper medicine for people whose faculties are jaded and whose energies are exhausted by excessive heat. A few doses of these Pills always prove a simple, safe, and cooling treatment for all stomach and liver complaints, a longer course will set right every organ whose action is impaired, strengthen every structure whose tone is diminished, and remove that blood whose purity is tainted. Giddiness, headache, nausea, flatulency, and all other dyspeptic symptoms yield with surprising certainty and celerity to these corrective Pills, which lay siege to the seat of these distressing sensations and carry off without any pain or other disagreeable drawback those peccant matters which are disordering the entire human machine.—[Adv't.]

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present M.E. Comps. Capt. Wm. Platt, H.; Samuel Rawson, J.; Ernst Emil Wendt, Scribe E.; H. G. Buss, P.S.B., Scribe E.; Lieut.-Col. John Creation, Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Principal Sec.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, First Asst. Soj.; E. S. Snell, P.S.B., Second Asst. Soj.; Capt. Phillips; T. Fenn; Peter de Lande Long; Joshua Nunn, P.D.C.; Alex. J. Duff Filer, Past S.B.; Samuel Mullins, D.C.; Hickman; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and adopted.

Scribe E. announced that the absence of the actual Scribe E. was attributable to illness, and that it was solely from that cause that M.E. Comp. Hervey was not present; which announcement called forth expressions of sincere regret.

Letters were read from Comps. George Mellor, Second Asst. Soj.; Col. Burdett, and the Rev. C. R. Davey, excusing their absence.

The Grand Janitor was invested.

Charters were granted for the following chapters:—Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, Agricultural Hall, Islington; Etheldreda Chapter, Crown Hotel, Wisbech, in the County of Cambridge; Eryri Chapter, Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon; Trafalgar Chapter, Ship Hotel, Greenwich; Ley Spring Chapter, Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone; St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, The London, Fleet-street; Abbey Chapter, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon; Cathay Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, Zealand-street, Victoria, Hong Kong, China; Loyalty Chapter, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helen's, in the County of Lancaster (W.D.); Port Natal Chapter, Masonic Hall, D'Urban, Natal, South Africa.

The prayer of a memorial from the St. Anne's Chapter, No. 970, East Loos—a charter for which was granted by Grand Chapter on the 6th November last—that Comp. John Saell Tucker may be appointed to fill the office of the Third Principal J., in lieu of Comp. William Fenwick resigned (it being shown that Comp. Fenwick had permanently left the neighbourhood, and, consequently, could not act in the above capacity), was granted.

A RECORD OF THE PAST.

On the 9th of August, 1796—nearly three years after the foundation-stone was laid—the Wearmouth Bridge was formally opened for public use. The ribs were braced together and thrown over the river in ten days, the light scaffolding being immediately removed, so as not to interfere with the navigation of the river. The Provincial Grand Lodge showed their esteem for Bro. Burdon, as the father and founder of the structure, by requesting him to act as Grand Master at the opening ceremony, and afterwards to rank as a Past Grand Master. At nine o'clock the Loyal Sunderland Volunteers met at the Batteries, and fired a salute of twenty-one guns, after which they marched to the Phoenix Hall, where the officers of the Grand Lodge and about three hundred brethren were assembled. The brilliant procession was then formed, Prince William of Gloucester walking in front of the Grand Master, Bro. Rowland Burdon. Moving down Queen-street, High-street, and Bridge-street, the south end of the bridge was reached, a triumphal arch having been erected there, and a temporary building for the accommodation of Mrs. Burdon, who was attended by an assemblage of the first female beauty and elegance in the country. The "brethren of the mystic tie" having transacted their formal business, Bro. Nesfield delivered an eloquent speech, the peroration being as follows: "Allow me, brethren, to call back to your minds the object of our assemblage here to-day—the commemoration of this stupendous edifice—our wonder, our delight, our astonishment; an honour to our art; the ornament of our country at large; the pride and boast of this great county in particular. Exposed, by its aerial situation, to the rude shock of the tempest, and the fury of contending winds, may it still rest firm on its foundations, unshaken by the conflict of the jarring elements, unimpaired by the ravages of devouring time! May it in our days stand a glorious monument of British taste and national grandeur; and may it in after ages maintain its proud eminence, permanent and durable as the work of the immortal Roman."

More durable than brass the frame,
Which here I consecrate to fame;
Higher than pyramids that rise,
With royal pride, to brave the skies;
Nor years, though numberless the train,
Nor flight of seasons, wasting rain,
Nor winds, that loud in tempests break,
Shall e'er its firm foundation shake.

At the conclusion of the oration, "grand honours" were given, after which Bro. Burdon delivered an impressive address, and the heralds proclaimed with speaking trumpets that the work was well constructed and fit for public use. This was the signal for a shout of joy from the assembled multitude, computed at about 80,000 people; the Lincoln militia, who were drawn up on the Bridge, fired three volleys, and the ships in the river discharged their ordnance. The procession was then re-formed and marched to chapel, where an earnest and appropriate discourse was delivered from the words, "Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name." General festivity and rejoicing was the order of a truly red letter day in the annals of Sunderland.—*Sunderland Daily Echo*, August 2nd, 1879.

Bro. W. T. Boord, M.P., opened a bazaar at Woolwich on Monday, in aid of the fund of St. Thomas's Rectory.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Connaught Lodge will take place this day at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea Common.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at Plumstead on Wednesday last. A report will appear next week.

PROVINCE OF SOMERSET.—The St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, was consecrated at Keynsham on Tuesday last by the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and the officers of P.G.L. of Somerset.

We are pleased to note that the "Staffordshire Knot" Lodge, No. 726, has a distinguished candidate for initiation at its next meeting on the 12th inst., viz., the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot.

Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., offers a prize of £25 for the best handbook of suggestions to merchant officers willing to help their crews in spiritual matters, and to conduct Divine worship on board ships at sea.

We beg to call public attention to the subscription, which is being conducted by a few friends of the late Wm. Smale, in favour of his distressed widow and children. Of our personal knowledge we can say that it is a case meriting the warmest sympathy of the public.

In consequence of the death of the son of General Doherty, C.B., the meeting for the installation of Col. Peard as Provincial Prior of the Knight Templars of Cornwall is postponed until the latter part of September. The meeting of the Rose Croix will be postponed for the same cause.

BOROUGH OF PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY (Limited).—The foundation stone of the Club Building will be laid by the Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. Alderman W. D. King, J.P., this afternoon (Saturday). A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.—A meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence will be held at the Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday), at 3 p.m., for the purpose of installing the W.M. and other business. The annual festival will be held at the same place at five o'clock.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, August 15, 1879.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Ho., Richmond.
" 1585, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.
Lodge 1751, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the London, Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 3, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.
Com. R.M.B.L., F.M.H., at 3.
Lodge 1238, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High St., Wapping.
" 1586, Wp. Norwood, White Hart Hot., Up. Norwd.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.

Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.
Lodge 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting Hl. K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 13, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 16, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Balwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.
Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark, 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.
Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 16, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.
K.T. Preceptory Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms, Ashton under-Lyne.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.
Chap. 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.
Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
" 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester.

- " 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
- " 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., New Bailey-st., Salford.
- " 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, Oldham.
- Chap. 298, Unity, Masonic Rooms, 23, Ann-st., Rochdale
- " 350, Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, M'chester
- Mark 113, Blair, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
- " 142, Wike, Church Inn, Whitefield, Manchester.
- Lodge 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
- " 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Old-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.
- " 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
- " 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.
- Lodge 1152, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.
- " 993, Alexandra, Mildmay Hot., Levenshulme.
- " 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.

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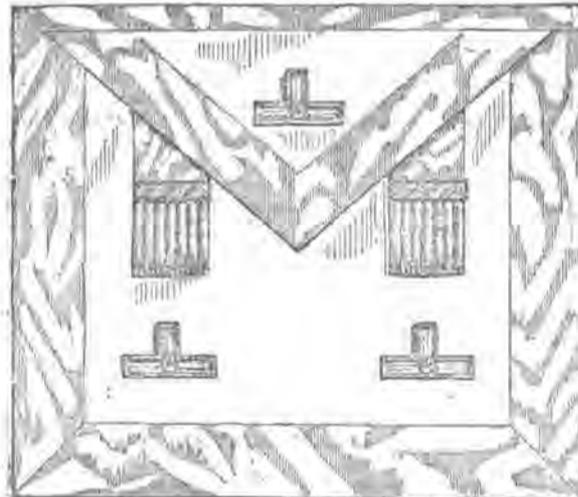
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
 Craft Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Albany, Twickenham. There was a goodly muster of members and visitors, including Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M.; Sabine, P.G.S.W.; J. T. Moss, P.G.R.; E. H. Thielley, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Baldwin, P.G.P. (Treasurer); E. W. Devereux, W.M.; A. Loos, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; B. Wright, Sec.; J. H. Pearson, S.D.; Dr. Bersford Ryley, J.D.; G. L. Wingate, W. Simmons, P.M. 1559; H. Ough, 1150; T. Kingston, P.M. 862; W. C. Greaves, 22. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and duly signed by the W.M., after which (by the kind permission of the W.M.) Bro. Baldwin, P.M., proceeded to initiate Mr. B. Squire into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony it is almost superfluous to add was rendered in the usual impressive manner for which this brother is so justly celebrated. Business ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and Col. Burdett responded on the part of the "Grand Officers," and explained his reasons for endorsing the petition to Grand Lodge for the removal of the lodge to Twickenham, and expressed a hope that the change would be appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Moss, P.M. (the Irrepressible), in his usual felicitous manner, responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and at the conclusion of his remarks handed to the Secretary the names of three gentlemen, Messrs. A. A. Sims, R. Chipperfield, and F. P. Jenkins, for initiation at the next meeting. After some remarks from Bros. Sabine and Baldwin, and some excellent music by the "Irrepressible" and Bro. Thielley, the meeting was brought to a conclusion, and the brethren returned to town.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—A meeting of this new but prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, when there were present Bros. C. Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, &c., S.W. (Freemason); H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; S. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. and Secretary; M. Samuel, S.D.; W. Potter, I.G.; Strugnell, D.C.; Hart, Honorary Organist; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Tomkinson, S.W. 97; Butt, J.W. 907; and J. H. Wildash, 1662. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Eberhardt was raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the I.P.M. The W.M. having resumed the chair passed Bro. T. Simpson to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Messrs. Richards and A. Wildash, and having been proved unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the question of the bye-laws was again postponed. The lodge having been duly and formally closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by the caterer, Bro. Acland, and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and done full justice to. The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal abilities of several of the brethren.

BLACKBURN.—Lodge of Fidelity (No. 269).—The above lodge held a meeting on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Edward Brooks, W.M.; Samuel L. Buckley, S.W.; James Heap, J.W.; Allen Blenkhorn, I.P.M.; John Troop, P.M. and Treas.; Thomas Parkinson, Sec.; William Fletcher, S.D.; William H. Cunliffe, P.M., D.C.; Nathaniel Jones, I.G.; William Barton, S.S.; John Tomlinson, J.S.; William Croft, Tyler; John Shaw, Org.; William F. Townley, P.M.; Miles Aspinall, R. Bradshaw, F. W. Vernon, 782; Thos. Preston, W. C. Bantle, N.

Gillett, George H. Holt, 345; R. C. Duckworth, P.M. 345; John B. Leopold, 1775; J. T. Hall, S.D. 1519. Mr. Thomas Parker, having been balloted for and elected, was ably initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., and the charges most impressively given by Bro. John Troop, P.M. The lodge was closed at eight o'clock in peace and harmony, when the brethren retired from labour to refreshment.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Bro. John Roger Lever, W.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Michall, J.W.; Daniel Doubavand, I.P.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, S.D.; Joseph Halliday, J.D.; John Church, Sec.; Ezra Cohen, I.G.; John Bladon, D.C.; W. J. Cunliffe, Org.; J. Wilson, Stewart; and J. Sly, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. Dawson, P.M.; Samuel Titmas, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; E. J. Rex, N.D.; Jas. Smith, George Heywood, Henry Furbaw, H. Walmsley, R. Bradshaw, Francis Hilton, John W. Edwards, — De Yongh, — Holmes, and H. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. Bostock, 1212 and 1612; C. H. Stephenson, 1632; and Michael Scheelsfeld, 1262 (West Yorkshire). The lodge was opened at 8.20 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Ellis Jones was then balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Mr. D. G. Wenham was next balloted for, and was also elected. During the preliminary arrangements necessary for initiating Mr. Ellis Jones (Mr. Wenham not being present) Bro. Francis Hilton, who was eligible for passing to the F.C. Degree, was interrogated and answered the queries very satisfactorily indeed. Mr. Ellis Jones being admitted, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual able manner, and also explained the working tools. Bro. John Church, Secretary, delivered the charge in good style and without a hitch, and it is the more pleasant to record this fact as this was the first time an opportunity had presented itself of displaying his powers of memory. On the retirement of Bro. Ellis Jones and Bro. Hilton, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and on the re-appearance of Bro. Hilton he was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, the W.M. performing this ceremony also and presenting the working tools. The ceremony of passing being ended, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree. The W.M. announced that it gave him great pleasure to state to the brethren that the application which had been made to Grand Lodge, for the relief of the widow of the late Bro. Walker, had met with a satisfactory response, the Board of Benevolence having in the most generous manner sent him the sum of £30, which added to the sum of £15 previously sent by them made £45; this, in addition to £5 kindly forwarded by the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution, made a total of £50, which he need scarcely add would be very acceptable to the widow. He further stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Walker acknowledging her gratitude to him and the brethren of the lodge who had signed the petition in her favour. "Hearty good wishes" were then expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in due form at 8.20. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, as were also the toasts of the candidates, visitors, &c., &c., and the brethren separated before eleven o'clock, after spending an enjoyable two hours and a half, which were considerably enlivened by some good singing by Bros. C. H. Stephenson, Cunliffe, Walmsley, and J. H. Greenwood, as well as some well rendered recitations by Bros. Donbavand, Bostock, and Bracewell.

LEIGHTON.—Beaudesert Lodge (No. 1087).—The installation of Bro. Green, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, Leighton. The Installing Master was Bro. Past Master Gotto. Among the officers chosen by the W.M. were Bros. George Holdom, S.W.; Grafton, J.W.; T. C. Tidmarsh, S.D.; Dr. Sandell, J.D. The ceremony being concluded in the Town Hall, the brethren repaired to the Bell Hotel, where a banquet, consisting of every delicacy of the season, was provided by Bro. Pickering, the worthy host. Among the visitors were Bros. Wilmer, Beart, King, Bradshaw, Cubbing, and Walker. The cloth being removed, the usual toasts were proposed in a most admirable manner by the W.M. That of "The Grand Officers" was suitably responded to by Bro. King. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Past Master Gotto," was proposed by Bro. Dr. Gross, who eulogised the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. This toast was enthusiastically received. The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed, and briefly, but very heartily, responded to by each highly congratulating the lodge upon their choice of Worshipful Master, who is deservedly held in the highest esteem among his brethren in the lodge. The evening's entertainment was enlivened by several good songs from Bros. George Holdom, S.W.; Willis, Bradshaw, Walker, and others.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; Wm. Hale, P.M., Treas.; C. Sawyer, I.P.M., Sec.; Wm. Rudge, S.D.; Jas. E. Woodbridge, Steward; F. Sargeant, Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Jas. Noke and W. H. Hook; Bros. Jas. Cooper, Jno. Woodbridge, C. T. Young, E. Dickman, Wm. Pile, and J. H. Heckford. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Banks, W.M. Amherst, 1223; Babington, Hopkinson, and G. Trench, of the Faversham Lodge. The Auditor's report was received and approved. Bro. Wm. Pile raised. Ballot being unanimous, Messrs. C. Firbank,

G. W. Holmes, and M. Ovenden were duly initiated. After the banquet the usual toasts were given. In replying to their toast the Past Masters each spoke very highly of the excellent and impressive way in which Bro. John G. Horsey, their W.M., had worked the First and Third Degrees for the first time. Bro. Hale said that during the many years he had been a member he had never heard better working. Several of the visitors expressed themselves in a similar manner.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—The W.M. of this lodge, Bro. W. Hickman, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, at its last regular meeting received as visitors the W.M. of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 359 (Bro. T. Lashmore), and a large number of the Past Masters and officers of that lodge. Several brethren were passed to a superior degree and a candidate was initiated into Masonry, the ceremonies being conducted by the W.M., and the charge to the newly-admitted brother ably given by the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. Le Feuvre, P.M., an honorary member of the lodge). At the subsequent banquet the toast of "The W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony" was very heartily given, and ably responded to by the W.M., Bro. Lashmore, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the toast of "The Officers of the Albert Edward Lodge," which was acknowledged by the S.W., Bro. Harle.

SHOREHAM.—Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the appointed meeting house, the Royal George Hotel, where a goodly number of brethren put in an appearance. Six well established and influential members of Freemasonry were unanimously elected joining members. Five candidates were also elected and, being in attendance, initiated. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466, acting I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, who was called away to Ireland. It is pleasing to notify the unanimous open good feeling existing among the brethren, also the easy masterly manner the officers perform their duties, an evidence that their hearts are in the work. The presence of several P.M.'s and W.M.'s of other lodges was very encouraging, and we think the brethren who laboured in founding the lodge may congratulate themselves upon their success, and the noble auspices under which they commenced their labours. A lodge of emergency will be held on Thursday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of initiating three candidates and electing four joining members. The regular meetings are arranged to be held the first Thursday in each month, and we feel assured brethren travelling south will be gratified in attending and heartily welcomed by the brethren of the new lodge.

INSTRUCTION.
DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1544).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. J. L. Payne, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; F. Jacob, J.W.; C. Lorkin, S.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Precept; J. Williams, Sec.; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Ferrar, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. F. Jacob seconded, that Bro. J. Lorkin be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday evening—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Mark Masonry.

MALTA.—Broadley Lodge (No. 248).—This lodge, which has been recently founded by a number of influential and well-known Mark Masters in this island, held its first meeting on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, No. 27, Strada Stretta, La Valletta, Bro. C. E. Coffey, W.M., who had been previously installed at a meeting of the Keystone Mark Lodge under a provincial warrant from Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M. of the Province of Tunis and Malta, in the chair. After the warrant of constitution had been read by the Secretary, a ballot was taken for two joining members and six candidates for advancement, which proved unanimous. The joining members were then admitted, and five of the six candidates being present, were, after due preparation, advanced to the rank of Mark Masters. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room. After the usual Masonic toasts had been given, "The Success and Prosperity of the New Lodge" was given, and received with enthusiasm. "The Health of the W.M. and Officers" was afterwards proposed, and the joining members congratulated them warmly on the excellent manner the ceremony of advancement had been carried out.

In connection with the Horbury Floral and Horticultural Society, held on Saturday, August 9th, there was an open air glee contest, when the first prize was awarded to the "Batley Orpheus Quartette," Bros. Buckley, Fox, Sheard, and Brearley (Trafalgar, No. 971), who sung "Gently sighs the evening breeze," by Tarwood, and "Of a the airts the win can blaw," by Shaw, as also the best glee, "The Sycamore shade," by Sir John Goss, selected by the Committee.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

This lodge was held on Monday at Ventnor, the place of meeting being the Assembly Rooms. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was attended by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. Hickman, of Southampton; the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Secretary, and other Past and Present Grand Officers, to the number of between thirty and forty, filling the dais, which had been very beautifully decorated by the Ventnor brethren with a choice collection of stove and greenhouse plants and flowers.

The roll call was responded to by representatives of nearly every lodge in the province, numbering thirty-one, and extending from Bournemouth and Ringwood in the west, to Aldershot and Basingstoke in the north, and Petersfield in the south of the county. The Portsmouth brethren, as was inevitable from their numbers and comparative proximity to Ventnor, were in considerable strength; the Island, too, contributed a very respectable contingent, the total attendance probably numbering between three and four hundred, among whom we noticed the familiar face of Bro. Binckes.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts formed the first business, and showed a balance in hand of £274 14s. on the current year's transactions, exclusive of fees of honour. Two amounts of £20 each, one of £10, and one of £5, were voted to the widows and families of deceased brethren, and the accounts having been approved Bro. Mark Frost was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer amidst very warm applause.

Several committees having been appointed for the ensuing year, the Prov. G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Grand Officers, prefacing it by remarking that the province had now become so large and extensive as to embrace more than thirty lodges. As he had only about ten offices at his disposal, even according to that eminent authority Cocker (a laugh), he thought the brethren would recognise that it would be impossible for him to confer honours on every lodge. Under these circumstances he asked the brethren to allow him to assure them that if names were sometimes passed over it was rather because there was no possible place for them than because of any indisposition to recognise their merits and labours in their respective lodges. In connection with this matter, he would remind the brethren that the offer of a Steward's collar was by no means to be misunderstood; it was to be regarded rather as a reminder to brethren that they were not entirely forgotten than as implying any want of due recognition of their efforts in the respective spheres they occupied in Masonry; and in fact, in so large a province the office of Steward would probably in the future more than in the past have to be regarded as a stepping to higher honours as the opportunity offered. He then invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows, special recognition in their plaids being paid by the brethren to those whose labours are best known in the province:—

Bro. W. Hickman, P.M. 130	... Prov. D.G.M.
" F. Newman, P.M. 551	... Prov. G.S.W.
" W. Parsons, P.M. 694	... Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. G. Brown, P.M. 132	... Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. H. E. M. Hughes, W.M. 151	... Prov. G. Chap.
" E. D. Godwin, P.M. 76	... Prov. G. Reg.
" M. E. Frost, P.M. 487	... Prov. G. Treas.
" J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130	... Prov. G. Sec.
" C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130	... Prov. G.S.D.
" G. A. Green, P.M. 309	... Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Threadingham, P.M. 487	... Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. V. Helsdon, P.M. 1373	... Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. Houston, W.M. 551	... Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. Johns, W.M. 1428	... Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Wilton, 1428	... Prov. G. Org.
" J. Friedeberg, P.M. 342	... Prov. G. Purst.
Bro. J. C. Holliday, P.M. 132; R. B. Chiverton, P.M. 151; J. W. Wilmot, W.M. 342; J. Clay, P.M. 804; and C. B. Whitcomb, W.M. 1705	... Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. J. Biggs, 130, and J. Exell, 487	... Prov. G. Tylers.

The Prov. Grand Lodge being closed, a few of the brethren sat down to a cold collation, which had been provided at the Literary Institute, but the majority, including the Grand Master, were compelled, by the exigencies of the train and boat services, to leave Ventnor within an hour of the termination of Prov. Grand Lodge business.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The General Committee of the Institution met on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel J. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. G. Dilley, J. M. Case, W. Clarke, J. H. Leggatt, J. G. Stevens, F. Newton, Wm. Stephens, Edgar Bowyer, George Penn, James Brett, C. J. Hogard, T. Goode, W. Hilton, Jas. Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th July were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported the deaths of four annuitants as having taken place since last meeting.

The Secretary read a list of the sums payable at this term, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the same.

Applications from the widows of two deceased annuitants for the allowance of half their late husbands' annuities were granted; and petitions from three female and one male candidates were received and examined, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for next election.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.—The names of Comps. H. Adams, M.E.Z., and J. Linzell, J. of Enfield Chapter, were omitted from the list of those present in our report last week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

Ex. Comp. Viscount Holmesdale, Superintendent of the Kent Royal Arch Chapter, and a goodly concourse of Royal Arch Masons from all parts of the province, assembled at Plumstead on the 6th inst., for the business and pleasure of the annual meeting, the arrangements for which were made by the local chapter, the Pattison, No. 913. As soon as they learnt that their invitation to Plumstead had been accepted by the province, the members of the Pattison set about their preparations, and the result was one on which they were warmly thanked and complimented by the visitors. The large covered building at the Skating Rink in Eglinton-road was engaged for the purpose, and, being partitioned by curtains, served the purposes of reception room, lodge room, and banquetting hall, under one roof. At one p.m. the Grand Chapter was opened with the ancient ceremonies, and the business proceeded.

Among those present were the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. the Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.H.; Comps. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.G. Treas.; B. K. Thorpe, P.G.S.E.; T. S. Warne, P.S.; J. D. Ferson, P.G. and Asst. S.; J. S. L. Ellerme, P.G. Reg.; H. W. Moore, P.G. Org.; E. Denton, P.P.G.P.S.; C. Coupland, P.Z. 915, P.P.G. Std. B.; R. P. Atkins, P.Z. 829, P.P.G.S., F.S.A.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 77; Jas. Tason, P.Z. 199; H. C. Fuhr, P.Z. 784; G. Ker, P.Z. 503; J. S. Holmes, P.Z. 349; S. Smith, P.Z. 829; T. Hastings, P.Z. 829; T. Paget, P.Z. 829; W. Gamble, P.Z. 13; W. Bickerstaff, P.Z. 13; A. Furr, P.Z. 784; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.Z. 829; A. Spears, P.Z. 158; S. Wilmot, P.Z. 874; H. Penfold, P.Z. 1174; A. Penfold, Z. 913; J. McDougall, P.Z. 913; H. Butter, H. 913; T. D. Hayes, J. 913; W. B. Lloyd, P.S. 913; W. J. Batchelor, P.S. 79; F. W. Edwards, J. 20; H. Pryce, S.E. 913; H. D. Williams, S.E. 874; R. Croisdale, S.N. 913; Jas. Smythe, 1; G. Kennedy, S.E. 13; W. A. Weston, J. 13; H. Mason, A.S. 913; E. Du Rey, S.E. 199; J. Topp, 913; Eugene Sweny, J.A.S. 913; D. C. Capon, 913; T. Cartland, 913; W. H. Myers, 913; W. Muster, 913; J. F. Randall, 913; J. H. Letton, 913; S. Beaver, 913; E. Palmer, 913; H. Mabbett, 913; W. T. Vincent, 913; F. Lyons, 913; J. H. Roberts, 913; W. Rees, 913; D. Deeves, 13; H. Orchard, 13; J. Scott Mutch, 13; H. De Gray, 13; J. Warren, 13; J. Rowland, 13; H. J. Thompson, J. 229; G. White, 1174; E. Penny, H. 158; J. B. Docker, 77; R. Pidcock, 92; J. Wilken, 459; S. W. Iron, 591; J. Skulley, 582; F. Carpenter, 829; W. Hinks, 829; R. French, 829; G. Teder, 554; W. Piper, 503; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, and the roll of chapters in the province called.

The report of the Audit Committee was then read and passed. In it was a recommendation that the second seven chapters on the list be granted ten guineas each for Life Governorships in the Boys' School.

Ex. Capt. Thorpe was then unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. Smith Eastes, P.Z. 503, 507	... Prov. G.H.
" Alex. Fred. Sam. Bird, P.Z. 784	... Prov. G.J.
" Thos. Sam. Warne, P.Z. 20	... Prov. G.S.E.
" Henry Penfold, P.Z. 1174	... Prov. G.S.N.
" Everett Denton, P.Z. 913	... Prov. G.P.S.
" Edward Wickens Fry, P.Z. 199	... Prov. G. 1st Ast. S.
" Robert Collins Burfield, P.Z. 20	... Prov. G. and Ast. S.
" Benj. Kelly Thorpe, H. 709	... Prov. G. Treas.
" Benj. Sidney Wilmot, P.Z. 874	... Prov. G. Registrar.
" George Ker, P.Z. 503	... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" John McDougall, P.Z. 913	... Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Thos. Matthew Paget, P.Z. 829	... Prov. G.D.C.
" Heinrich Carl Fuhr, P.Z. 784	... Prov. G. Org.
" John Cooke, 709	... Prov. G. Janitor.

That being the whole of the business, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in solemn form, and the companions repaired to the banquet, which was elegantly served by Bro. Wain, of the Pier Hotel, Erith, the tables, which were arranged in the shape of a trident, and well decorated with flowers, having an admirable appearance. Upwards of a hundred guests sat down, and the pleasures of the feast were enhanced by the sweet music discoursed by a selected orchestra of the Royal Artillery Band, led by Bro. Quartermaster Sergt. Smith. The Masons dined "in clothing," which is to say that they wore their sashes, aprons, and jewels, thereby heightening the picturesque effect of the scene, but the guard upon the doors had terminated with the conclusion of the secret conclave, thus affording an opportunity for introducing as spectators a number of ladies in one of the galleries. There the scene and the music for the enjoyment of the wives and daughters of the members, while the members themselves discussed the more solid enjoyments at the tables below; and although towards the end of the banquet there were ample supplies of wine and fruit sent to the galleries, the somewhat late attention hardly compensated for the first hour's neglect, for the fairer and the sweeter sex are but human, with appetites, perhaps, as keen as coarser man, and they must have been angry indeed if they did not employ that awkward hour in scrutinising and criticising, with mental notes for future service, the exhibition beneath them. However, they had the advantage of seeing a good specimen of a public dinner, and of becoming acquainted with the style in which the gentlemen enjoy themselves on such occasions, and let us hope that they will exercise the knowledge mercifully.

When the cloth was removed, a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, as follows:—

The Chairman: Companions, before submitting to your notice any of the toasts upon this list, I must remind you that as the presence of ladies in the gallery renders this

portion of the day's proceedings not purely Masonic, it will be necessary to dispense with the usual Masonic forms in doing honour to these toasts. Premising this, I shall propose the first toast without comment, and ask you to drink "The Queen and Royal Arch Freemasonry."

The toast was heartily received, and a few verses of the National Anthem were sung, the solos being rendered by Miss Jessie Royd.

The Chairman: I have now to ask you to drink "The Health of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Most Excellent the Pro Grand First Principal, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon." The Prince of Wales, as you are well aware is a most earnest Freemason, and is devoted to the interests not only of the Craft but also of Arch Masonry. I may say the same thing of the Most Excellent Pro. Grand First Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon, who is second only to the Prince of Wales in the position he holds among us; he devotes a great deal of attention to our interests, and we are grateful to him for the time he gives to Arch Masonry.

This toast also was enthusiastically received, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by the company, after which Arne's fine song "The Soldier tired" was sung by Miss Jessie Royd.

The Chairman: Brethren and companions, I now ask you to drink "The Health of the Second and Third Principals, the Most Excellent Lord Skelmersdale and Lord de Tabley, and the other Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter." The remarks I made about the First Principal will in a smaller degree apply to those most excellent companions named in this toast. They all perform the duties devolving upon them with the greatest ability and interest; and I am sure that this toast to their health will be received with the honour that it well deserves. I give you "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Officers of Grand Chapter."

After this toast Bro. Stedman sang "Mary of Argyle" very effectively.

Comp. Robinson: I have the honour to be permitted to propose the next toast, which is the toast of the day, and I hasten to do it before more companions have left the room. The toast which I now present to your notice is "The Health of the Grand Superintendent for Kent, the Most Excellent Viscount Holmesdale, M.P." No language I can use would be too strong to express our sense of the admirable manner in which he performs the duties of his high office or of the advantages we enjoy under his rule. Arch Masonry in this province proceeds with increasing prosperity under his superintendence, and we hope and trust that he may continue to rule over us for a long period. Two years ago Lord Holmesdale kindly consented to accept the superintendence of this province, and by doing so he gave an impetus to Arch Masonry in the district—the various chapters obtained the privileges and happiness of meeting together on occasions like the present, and each received an impetus to endeavour to make theirs the best chapter in the province. I am sure, companions, I need not add any more words in presenting this toast. I give you "The Health of the Most Excellent Viscount Holmesdale, our Noble Chief;" may prosperity and happiness attend him as long as he lives, and may he be spared many long years to preside over us.

This toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. When the applause subsided Miss Kate Leopold sang "Amor Misterioso," from *Carmen*.

The Chairman: It has always been my good fortune when I have come amongst you on such occasions as the present to bear my health proposed in very flattering terms, and to note the kindly response it has always met with at your hands. It has been so proposed and received on the present occasion; and I can only say that as years go on I am heartily glad to see that that toast has not lost its popularity. It is evident that interest in Royal Arch Masonry is increasing in the province, and I trust that it will go on prospering and to prosper; and I think we may say that the progress made in the last few years is remarkable. We, of course, aspire to very much larger numbers, but we may nevertheless think that these meetings are not the less pleasant, because, though considerable, they are not overcrowded. If it should go on increasing and prospering, all I can say is, companions, I think we should have reason to be proud of the hold modern Arch Masonry had taken upon the Craft, and should not consider the lessened personal comfort of these meetings, pleasant as they are. When we consider what our principles are (I am not going to tell the ladies in the gallery what those principles are) we shall make the further extension and further development of those principles the first consideration.

The Chairman: I have now, companions, to ask you to drink "The Health of the Second and Third Principals of the Provincial Grand Chapter," "sweet and low." We all know that sweetness is connected with all that is Masonic. I think we should not separate without honouring the health of the Second and Third Principals. The working of the chapter devolves a good deal upon the second of the Principals; his work is of a very important nature, and I think we should not let this occasion pass without drinking his health. I shall couple this toast with the name of Comp. Eastes, whose appointment for the ensuing year I am sure cannot fail to give satisfaction. I call upon you to honour the toast to the Second and Third Principals of Provincial Grand Chapter.

Song. "Sweet and Low."

Comp. Eastes: Most excellent companions, I return you the very sincere and heartfelt thanks of the Third Principal and myself for the toast that has been proposed by our Grand Superintendent, and I thank you for the heartiness with which you have been pleased to receive it. Companions, His Excellency has been pleased to appoint me to the honour of Second Principal, and has been very kind in the remarks he has made in connection with that appointment. It is true that I have endeavoured, and shall endeavour, to perform my duties satisfactorily, and if I

do not succeed in pleasing every one, I hope I shall be able to please the Grand Superintendent. I must, however, ask the companions to show a little forbearance towards me now that I have become a member of Provincial Grand Chapter. I think that every Arch Mason ought to aspire to do so, whatever the position may be; and in the future arrangements that may be made I hope you will feel assured that I have done my duty to the best of my ability, and, if only I have done that, a man can do no more. I hope to see the chapters in the province multiply; I feel that every lodge ought to have its chapter; and I think we ought to use our influence to bring that to pass. If we do not use that influence I think it will be a disappointment to our Grand Superintendent. And with regard to the lodge entertaining us to-day, I feel that they must be very gratified to know that they have done their utmost for the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in this province on this occasion, and I am sure we must all be struck with the arrangements made for decorating this room, and the preparation of that for the Royal Arch Chapter to-day.

Comp. Bird (Third Principal) also replied in a few appropriate words to this toast.

The Chairman: I now ask you to drink "The Health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past." I trust that they will all be good enough to do their best to uphold the dignity of this Provincial Grand Chapter. If we secure the efforts of the Officers of Grand Chapter we may reckon on an increase in our numbers and an increase in our prosperity. I am sorry to say the Provincial Grand Treasurer was compelled to leave early on account of a death in his family, which I regret to say deprives us of his company now. With this toast I shall couple the name of Comp. Warne.

Comp. Warne, in returning thanks, said that while it gratified his ambition to become a member of Provincial Grand Chapter, there was still a deeper feeling of gratification in being considered worthy to receive the honour at his lordship's hands. He was pleased to see that one step had been taken (or rather a flight of steps) towards the admission of ladies on these occasions; that day they were admitted to the gallery, but he lived to hope that they would be in closer companionship on future days.

The Chairman: Before the next song, as I am reluctantly obliged to leave very shortly, I wish to propose "The Health of the Principals and Past First Principals of the Pattison Chapter, 913, the Receiving Chapter." I regret that the weather has been so unfavourable as to deprive us of the pleasure of enjoying the beauties of the grounds, but I am sure that none who have attended this Provincial Grand Chapter can say that they have not been well received by the Pattison Chapter. Their arrangements have been most thoroughly satisfactory; and I was anxious to give this toast myself, that I may heartily drink to the success and prosperity of the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Penfold, in replying, said that the Pattison Chapter was fully sensible of the honour conferred upon them by the very kind and generous way in which his lordship had spoken of their reception of Provincial Grand Chapter, which was really on a moderate scale, because his lordship had been understood to say on a former occasion that it was not desirable for the different chapters to try to cut each other out. That had been kept steadily in view by them, although, on the other hand, they had been most anxious to do what was requisite to maintain the dignity of Provincial Grand Chapter.

At this period of the evening his lordship retired, amid the cheers of the company.

Comp. Robinson, having taken the chair, proposed "The Health of the Visiting Companions," coupled with the name of Comp. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys, who returned thanks.

The Chairman said that though the toast was not in the programme he could not declare the meeting at an end without asking them to drink to "The Health of the Ladies," who had added grace to the occasion by their presence in the gallery. He trusted that on future occasions they would be able to imitate the example (to which Comp. Binckes had referred) that had been set at the last Boys' School Festival, when the ladies and brethren dined together. He should call upon Comp. Butter to respond to this toast.

Comp. Butter thereupon ascended to the gallery, and said: On behalf of the ladies, I tender you our sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have drunk our health. We consider it is a very long lane that has no turning, and we are glad to observe that the long lane of Masonry is taking a turn at last; the mysteries of the banquet-room are at length revealed to us partially; on future occasions we hope for a closer acquaintance with them. With this we should be satisfied. We do not know what took place on the other side of that curtain, and we hope you will believe—in spite of our reputation for curiosity—that we do not want to know. We know that it is very important business; and when you come home at 11 or 12 o'clock—if not later—we do not mind, we know that you have been engaged on important business. These, I assure you, are our true sentiments; but we do hope that, if we do not object to your employing your time on important business, you, on the other hand, will not be averse to admitting us to participate in your banquets on future occasions.

NOTABLE MANUFACTORIES.

GEORGE KENNING, GOLD, SILVER, AND TINSEL LACE, EMBROIDERY, JEWELLERY, &c., LITTLE BRITAIN, FLEET-STREET, LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER, AND GLASGOW.

(From *Land and Water*.)

There is little likelihood that even the most civilised of mortals will ever become utterly indifferent to the wearing of decorative stuffs and materials. The love of finery is instinct in man, and those who speak disdainfully of the poor savage with his bead necklets, armlets, anklets, &c., are oftentimes the greatest offenders in respect of the very fault they condemn so severely. The Indian chief is not more proud of his tuft of feathers than are some among us of the jewellery they wear so profusely. Even those who affect the severe simplicity of republicans bear a kind of negative testimony to the justice of this view, for it is the absence of the gewgaws which gives them a conspicuousness they would not otherwise receive. Wherever, therefore, men do congregate together in cities and towns, there will be found both the much-desired emporiums for the sale of jewellery and the places where they are manufactured. And, further, we may be very certain that wherever there is a tolerably well-filled purse to draw upon, there will be frequent calls made upon it for the satisfaction of that particular desire for personal adornment which, as we have said already, is so characteristic generally of the human race, especially in the case of that one moiety of it which constitutes the fair sex. Again, where in bodies of men there are different gradations of rank, &c., it is thought desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that the ensigns by which each is distinguished should be worn conspicuously on some part of the uniform or dress, the making of these insignia will be sure to find a place among the recognised manufactures of the country. Societies which are formed for some special purpose, be it of simple pleasure or severe business, are likely to adopt some characteristic emblem. Even in the dry routine of everyday business it is often found expedient that people who are engaged in them should wear some numerical or other badge by which it may be possible to distinguish individuals. All these requirements of modern times have necessitated what may almost be regarded as a new branch of trade, while, the love of personal display remaining at least as conspicuous as it ever has been, there are the same inducements for people to trade in those articles which tend to foster that love as ever. There is this difference, perhaps: with at least an equal amount of taste and inventive power, the mechanical means at the command of the manufacturer are far more considerable, and far more ingenious, as well as far more complete than formerly. The steam-engine plays a conspicuous part in the manufacture of nine-tenths of the goods that are turned out of our workshops. Nor has it lessened the amount of manual labour which is also required. In a business of any extent it will be found there are as many hands employed as before. Thus, with the old inducements and the new, and with the old requirements supplemented by new, and oftentimes by others which are of great importance, it cannot be doubted there is a wide and ever-expanding field for the exercise of our energies, and with a fair field before him and no favour, a man may in a very few years build up a business of great proportions. In this instance, at all events, Mr. George Kenning has shown what he is capable of, and more than one provincial branch of his business bears testimony to the success of his efforts. Be it our present purpose to describe the principal articles he manufactures, on so large a scale that, if we include the outdoor as well as the indoor staff of workers, we shall not be far wrong if we set them down at several hundreds.

GOLD AND SILVER LACE.

First in order, if not in importance, in the several branches of Mr. Kenning's business, must be mentioned the manufacture of the different kinds of lace, and it will doubtless interest our readers to learn briefly and free from all dry technicalities the various stages through which the metal passes before it reaches that rich and effective material which plays so conspicuous a part in decorating the uniform of our military and naval officers, the quiet and unpretentious as well as the more gorgeous State liveries of our gentlemen, and what are commonly known as the regalia of our numerous societies, political and non-political, charitable, temperance, and the like. But few, perhaps, of those who at some time or other in the course of their existence have donned a volunteer's uniform have ever given a thought to the time and labour bestowed on the manufacture of the badges of honour they may have earned, or the emblems of the rank they hold—the chevrons of the non-commissioned or the lace of the commissioned officer—nor are we aware if the study of lace manufacture and the art of embroidery has a place in the mystic rites of the Oddfellows or the Antediluvian Buffaloes. Yet assuredly it is most interesting to go through the different workshops of Mr. Kenning where these things are made, and note the successive stages of their manufacture. Hand labour and mechanical labour both play their part, the motive power of the latter being a gas engine, which, if necessary, will work up to 5-horse power, while skilled men, women, and girls supply the former. But the gold and the silver and the less precious but oftentimes as effective metals, how are these fashioned into such exquisite stuffs? Well, the solid ingot having been in the first place converted into wire of the requisite size, the process which is known as puri-making begins—that is, one end of the simple wire is made fast to a fine steel needle, and is then passed rapidly by handwork through the machine on which it is placed, and, presto! the simple wire is exquisitely-wrought according to the particular pattern needed, and all ready for the embroidery-room. In the flattening-room the wire is flattened out by means of steam rollers, and then taken to the spinning-room, where the threads are wound on the braid machines.

In the braiding department may be seen a great variety of these machines, each having a different number of spindles, and working, therefore, a different pattern of braid. It is very curious to watch the regularity and precision with which the bobbins keep moving round to the right and left, as the case may be, while, as the work is done by machinery, the braid when manufactured is perfection itself. It is needless to say that all these processes are carried out methodically, and the utmost order prevails in each of the departments, while the machinery is carefully fenced round, so that, except in cases of wilful stupidity or carelessness, it is impossible for an accident to take place. In the weaving-room are a number of looms, single and double shuttle, where is manufactured the gold lace. In this, as indeed in the other branches, the principal workfolk are young women and girls, whose labour is superintended by foremen of skill and experience. Other processes there are in the preparation of the different kinds of lace. Thus, there are embossing and crimping machines, the mere mention of which will suffice to indicate their respective purposes, and again some of the spindles are used in making flat braid, and others braided cord.

EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT.

Having got our gold and silver thread and lace, we now enter the department where these materials are utilised. The quality of the work done in the embroidery department varies from the simplest to the most elaborate patterns. For the latter the designs are all drawn most carefully. They are then pricked out for the purpose of being affixed to the cloth or silk or other material which they are intended to adorn, and then the pattern is worked in gold, silver, or both. All this is done by hand, very rapidly and very deftly we may be assured. Where a high relief, as in the case of grenades, crowns, &c., is necessary, there are several layers of the cloth or other material placed under the design, while, in the case of such ordinary insignia as the chevron the marksman's badge, &c., it is merely a case of stitching. Our readers will understand this description if we mention, for instance, such insignia as are worn on the collars, caps, shakos, &c., of naval and military men, the devices on the banners and bannerettes of different societies, as well as on the sashes and belts worn by men of high rank in those societies. In the show room we had submitted for our inspection several of these latter, and, as may be imagined, the effect was very pleasing, not to say brilliant; in fact, were a number of them grouped about a hall or other building the rich hues of the costly silks and velvets, set off with the gold and silver and precious stones or paste, would be even magnificent.

THE WORK ROOMS.

Here are manufactured the different articles, such as sashes, aprons, and the like, the rosettes, grenades, and more elaborate designs being also sewn on. Here, too, we saw the process of making tassels, such as are affixed to velvet cushions, sword knots, &c. Indeed, it is in this department where the several parts of the numerous articles made in this establishment are completed. Both in this and the preceding branch the work is done by females.

COCKADES.

The way in which these are made is very simple. The material used is leather. When the pattern has been punched out, it is placed in a pickle, and when dry, is again placed under the punch for the purpose of being fashioned into the necessary shape, additional pieces being jammed hard into the bosses, or raised parts. It is then dipped into another pickle, somewhat similar to the first, in order that the leather may be sufficiently hardened, this process being rendered necessary by the porous character of the material used, and if this and the former pickling are not well done, the result is a failure—in the first case as regards the colour, which must be a dead black, and in the second as regards the substantiality of the cockade. The different parts are then put together, and the cockade only needs a coat of varnish in order to be complete.

JEWELLERY DEPARTMENT.

It is not our purpose to describe at any length the character of the work done in this department, for the simple reason that those who are already informed of the interior economy of a jewel manufactory must be well advised of what is done in this. The distinctive feature of this branch of Mr. Kenning's establishment is the amazing variety of the jewels manufactured for the different societies established in this country and our colonies—the different Masonic bodies, the Order of Foresters, the Oddfellows, Orangemen, Ribbonmen, Good Templars, Buffaloes, &c., and as in each case the different grades of officers wear different jewels, while in many the rank-and-file also carry a distinguishing symbol of the body they belong to, it may be imagined that the work done in this branch embraces a far wider range (in respect of variety at all events) than is done in the workshops of an ordinary manufacturing jeweller. It were hardly possible to give an adequate idea of the effect produced by an array, such as may be seen here, of the quaint-looking—we use quaint in the sense of unaccustomed—devices in gold and silver, squares, levels, plumblines, cross-pens, cross-keys, Maltese and every variety of cross, badges with enamelled centres, &c., to say nothing of the usual contents of the jeweller's tray, such as rings, chains, bracelets, and the gold, silver, and bronze medals and medallions which are awarded as prizes at schools and by agricultural and other societies. One branch of this department is devoted to engraving, gilding, and plating. In the last two processes are used, in the case of gilding, a Daniell's battery, containing a solution of sulphate of potassium—the foreman told us he had also tried the late Mr. Smee's batteries and found them most serviceable—while for plating a battery with bichromate of potassium is required. During our brief visit a few bars, such as are worn on the ribands of our war-medals, were subjected to the process of gilding. These bars were hung to a piece of copper wire, the latter portion being twisted so as to form a circle. They were

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Faultless Antidotes.—Whatever may be the cause of fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, and similar ailments, it is well ascertained that these diseases are rampant in summer, and it should be as well known that they can be safely and successfully subdued by these purifying preparations. Holloway's Ointment, well-rubbed upon the entire abdomen, his Pills taken internally, and his dietary rules strictly observed, embrace the domestic and medical management of these diseases, which, when neglected, weaken if they fail to prove fatal. These remedies remove the causes of complaint from the system, and no sufferer, whether his disease be chronic or acute, should despair till trial has been given to these medicines.—ADVERT.

then dipped into a solution of cyanide of potassium, and after remaining a few seconds—a longer or shorter time is necessary according as the gilt coating is to be thicker or thinner—were taken out and brushed by machinery, the utmost delicacy of manipulation being necessary in this last stage, or else the coating of metal will be no sooner on than it is again rubbed off.

OTHER ARTICLES NOT SPECIFIED IN THE ABOVE REMARKS.

These include naval and military accoutrements of every kind such as are in use in the sister services—namely, swords, helms, pouches, cocked hats, forage caps, shakos, busbies, sashes, &c.; implements used in laying the first stones of buildings, and the furniture and implements that are in use in Masons' lodges and those of other societies. As regards the last mentioned, those of our readers who are members of one or other society know well enough already the admirable character of the work which issues from Mr. Kenning's establishment. As to specifying these different articles and implements, that is interesting to Masons, Foresters, Druids, and the like rather than to the general public. Then there is the tinsel used for stage purposes, in which term we include not only the spangles worn by harlequin and sprite, and the coloured stuffs which look so bright and glittering, as well as the simple but showy trimmings of ballet dresses, but also the richer and more effective laces and fringes which, albeit composed of metal that is not precious, are in their way precious costly. Those on whom devolved the expenses of producing *Babil and Bijou*, with its rich dresses and magnificent spectacles, will bear out this statement. Even the twist used in dressing dolls and for making up cosques and bon-bons, as well as the so-called gold and silver shavings which form part and parcel of the humblest "ornaments for your fire stoves," may be had here, by the ton if necessary.

FISHING GIMP AND LINES, &c.

Mr. Kenning manufactures these in two kinds. One is of wire, in several patterns, spun on silk, and the greater strength required, the greater is the proportion of silk used, the strongest gimp being equal to bearing the strain of the largest fish. The other leading speciality in this branch is a silk and hair tapered line for fly-fishing, which shows the most delicate workmanship, and the merits of which have been already proved in all parts of the United Kingdom. Here also may be seen the gold and silver threads and tinsels which are placed round the bodies of the artificial flies used in salmon and trout fishing, and here, likewise, the llama-fringe, as we believe it is called, which, with gold and silver threads, &c., plays so conspicuous a part in the manufacture of artificial flowers.

CLOCKS AND WATCHES.

The articles we have enumerated above are manufactured at the premises, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain, and 175, Aldersgate-street. No. 198, Fleet-street, is in a great measure devoted to the sale of clocks and watches. Several of the specimens of workmanship were shown to us, and our advice to intending purchasers of this class of article is that they should go and judge for themselves.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have by no means exhausted the branches of business in which Mr. Kenning is engaged; but, as those which yet remain hardly come within the scope of this article, let it suffice if we mention that he is the publisher and proprietor of several Masonic periodicals, all of which are printed as well as published at the Fleet-street branch, and amongst which the *Freemason* occupies the foremost place, while he is also a Masonic bookseller and printer and publisher of Masonic works on a very extensive scale. In addition to his two London establishments he can boast of three others, severally situated in as many of our largest provincial towns, viz., one at 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow; a second at 2, Monument-place, Liverpool; and the third at 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. He does also a very large trade with India and the colonies. It will be understood that a position in business such as this can only have been achieved by energy, ability, and enterprise; and we trust there are none so churlish as to grudge success to the man who has shown himself the possessor of these qualities.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE, No. 1472.

One of those pleasant outings that the brethren of the above excellent lodge annually indulge in, and to which their fair and amiable b-longings are invited, took place on the 30th ult., and being well arranged and carried out was, as the result, most enjoyable. The start took place from Bro. E. West's house, the Three Crowns, at North Woolwich, and the party proceeded by boat to Gravesend, which was reached at about two p.m. The Clarendon Hotel, where the banquet was to be held, was first visited, and there Bro. Neale, the worthy proprietor, received the brethren and ladies, and after partaking of refreshments they embarked in two handsome breaks and went for a drive through the beautiful country around, and returned about five o'clock, when a splendidly appointed and admirably served banquet was partaken of.

Bro. W. T. Turner, the W.M., presided, and Bros. Dr. W. Vance and E. J. Lloyd, Senior and Junior Wardens, filled their respective chairs.

Among the officers and brethren present were Bros. J. Ives, Sec. and P.M.; E. West, P.M.; Jas. Elder, S.D.; V. J. Holloway, D.C.; E. T. Lewis, W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; W. Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler; G. Plum, Caley, R. W. Hawkes, C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others.

The ladies, among whom were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Ives, Miss West, Mrs. Caley, Mrs. Frost, and others, were tastefully and elegantly attired, and added a rare charm to the feast, which was highly commended by all.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, but without the fring.

Bro. Past Master Manney, in giving the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of the courtesy and urbanity he had always displayed in his intercourse with the brethren, and of the pleasure they all felt at seeing him presiding over them upon that occasion, when the ladies, whose presence so much enhanced the pleasure of their proceedings, had kindly consented to honour them with their presence. He wished him and his amiable wife many years of happiness. (Cheers.)

Bro. Turner, in his response, trusted to see ere long the Henley Lodge one of the most influential and prosperous in the metropolitan district, and thanked the brethren especially for their good wishes towards him.

Bros. Turner and Lloyd had the honour of responding for "The Ladies," and did it well.

Bros. West and Ives responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Vance for "The Officers."

Bro. Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and under the management of Bro. M. Sherwin some pleasing harmony enlivened the proceedings, until an early departure for town broke up a gathering at once Masonic, social, and pleasant.

Bro. Neale presented some handsome bouquets to several of the brethren for the ladies, and was heartily thanked for his excellent catering.

OUR FIRST NOBLE GRAND MASTER.

(Concluded.)

Turn we now to his public career, and a relation of those events in his life which bear evidence to his character. His grace was born in 1688 or 1689, and in March 1708-9 succeeded to the title on the death of his father. In 1715 he married Mary, fourth and youngest daughter and co-heir of the illustrious John, Duke of Marlborough. At the coronation of George I., on the 11th October 1715, he acted as Constable of England. Subsequently he became Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. In 1718 he was made Knight of the Garter, and on the revival of the Order of the Bath, in 1725, the King appointed him Grand Master. He likewise held the office of Master of the Great Wardrobe, an office in the Royal Household which had been styled on his father by patent, with remainder to himself. He was also "Lord Proprietor and Captain General of the Islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent, in America," probably, says Lodge, by virtue of grants which reverted to the crown at his death. In August, 1733, he was appointed Governor of the Isle of Wight, and in June of the following year Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners. In 1736 he was sworn in a member of the Privy Council. Though, in his lifetime, he held many military appointments, his grace never saw any active service. He received his commission as Major-General in 1735, and became Lieutenant-General in 1739. In May, 1740, he was appointed Master-General of the Ordnance, and Colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Horse. He was also in this year, and in the years 1745 and 1748 likewise, one of the Lords Justices appointed to administer the Kingdom during his Majesty's absence in Hanover. On the outbreak of the Jacobite Rebellion, in 1745, the duke raised a regiment in the counties of Northampton and Warwick, of both of which he was Lord-Lieutenant, and in acknowledgment of his loyalty he was made General of Horse. That a nobleman, however distinguished, who held such a number of appointments should provoke sallies, good or ill-natured, as the case might be, is not to be wondered at, accordingly, we find Sir Charles Hanbury Williams writing of his grace as follows:—

"Three regiments one duke contents,

With two more places, you know;

Since his Bath Knights

His Grace delights,

'In tria junct' in uno."

The duke died of a fever at his house in Privy-gardens, Whitehall, on the 16th July, 1749, without male issue, but leaving two daughters his co-heirs, of whom one—Isabella—married (1) William Montagu, Earl of Manchester, and (2) Edward Hussey; while the other—Eleanor—married George Brudenell, fourth Earl of Cardigan, who, in 1766, assumed the family name, and in whom the titles of Marquis of Monthermer and Duke of Montagu were revived, only again to become extinct on his death without male issue in 1790.

Lodge speaks of the subject of our sketch as an eccentric humorist, but with a heart overflowing with kindness and generosity, and his irresistible affection for the surprising and the ridiculous seldom failed to insinuate itself even in those noble acts of beneficence which ought to immortalise his name. The neighbourhood of Brighton, his favourite seat at Northamptonshire, still cherishes abundant anecdotes of his disposition; while his tenderness—and this must be regarded as the truest test of its genuineness—extended to every class of animated nature. His tenants and dependents were strictly charged neither to work nor kill their old and disabled cattle, but to bring them to his park, a portion of which, called the "reservoir," was set apart for their reception, and there they remained until, in the order of nature, death put an end to their existence. He also is said to have kept a dog which, owing to its ugliness, he treated most kindly, because, as he said, it was too intensely hideous to have any claim on the kindness of others. We gather further, from the memoirs of the "Kit-Kat Club," that "he was constantly seeking for objects whereon to exercise his benevolent propensities, and was remarkable for performing acts of charity and kindness with a singularity and dexterity of achievement which at once astonished and confounded the persons on whom his favours were lavished, and he used to declare that it was this very surprise on the party which afforded him so much delight and amusement, and that the pleasure with which he bestowed a benefit on a deserving in-

dividual was precisely in proportion to the opportunities he had of making the reverse so much the more extraordinary and unlooked for." As to his personal appearance, he is described as having been of middle stature, but inclining to be tall, with a dark complexion and a very expressive eye. We close this notice with the following anecdotes—(1) of his foliosome disposition, (2) of his great generosity; and we are assured our friends will read them with the greatest pleasure. On a certain occasion the duke gave an entertainment at the well-known Devil Tavern, Temple Bar, to several of the most considerable among the nobility and gentry, one John James Heidegger, a sort of reformer in the conduct of operas and masquerades, being also one of the guests. Within a few hours after dinner Heidegger was made so intoxicated that he was carried out of the room insensible and laid upon a bed—at the time we are writing of extreme conviviality was the order of the day. While he was in this state, a mould was taken of his face, from which a mask was made, and a few days before the next masquerade, at which the King and Countess of Yarmouth had arranged to be present, his grace obtained information of the dress Heidegger would wear. An exactly similar dress was made and fitted on a man of the same stature as Heidegger, who could imitate his voice and gestures exactly. The day arrived, and when the King had taken his seat, Heidegger, as usual, ordered the musicians to play "God Save the King." The moment, however, his back was turned, the false Heidegger ordered them to play "Over the Water to Charlie," to the no small consternation of the guests who were not in the secret. The true Heidegger at once flew to the music gallery, where he stamped, swore, and raved like a madman, accusing the musicians of being drunk or engaged in a conspiracy to ruin him. So long as he remained, all went well, but the moment he went to the drawing-room the counterfeit appeared in the gallery and ordered the musicians to play the above-mentioned treasonable tune. At length the uproar became so great, and the cries of "Shame" so loud and continuous, that the officers of the guard were on the point of rushing into the gallery and kicking the musicians out, when the Duke of Montagu gave the real Heidegger to understand that he must immediately make a most abject apology to the King, who was in a most violent passion, and could not be otherwise appeased. Heidegger had no sooner done so than his "double" presented himself, to the intense astonishment of the real Simon Pure, who looked round and at once became speechless. The laughter which followed when the mask was removed from the face of the counterfeit and the plot explained may be more easily imagined than described.

But, however laughable a practical joke of this kind may have been to those who witnessed it, it only illustrates the broad humour instinct in the duke's character. The following shows how generously he could behave to those whom misfortune had overtaken. Soon after the peace in 1748, his grace noticed that a middle-aged man in a kind of military dress, the lace of which was much tarnished, while the cloth itself was worn almost threadbare, was in the habit of making his appearance every day in the Park, and walking about or sitting down in a state of melancholy abstraction. Accordingly he made inquiries, and very soon learned that the man was a gentleman who had invested the whole of his small fortune in the purchase of a commission; that he had fought bravely during the war, and that when peace had been concluded he was one of those unfortunates who had been compelled to retire into private life on half-pay. The duke further ascertained that the gentleman had a wife and numerous family, whom he had sent down to Yorkshire to live as they best could on one moiety of his half-pay, while he eked out his existence on the other half in London on the chance of finding some suitable occupation. Having gathered these particulars, his grace one day sent his valet to the gentleman with an invitation to dine with him on a certain day, he himself standing some distance off and watching the amazement of his future guest. The invitation was accepted, and on the day fixed the gentleman appeared, and was ushered into the presence of the duke, who received him very cordially, and told him he had invited him expressly to meet a lady who was an old friend and deeply interested in his welfare. The gentleman at once replied that his grace must be labouring under a delusion, as he knew no lady who was a mutual friend of theirs. At that moment dinner was announced, and, on entering the room, the officer, who was in a state of no little perplexity, bowed low to the assembled guests, when, on recovering himself, what was his astonishment to find his wife and children present. The lady was equally astonished. She had been induced to come up to town from Yorkshire on some pretence or other, and had no more expected to meet her husband than the latter had expected to meet his wife. The sequel may be told very briefly. A legal gentleman had been specially invited to attend with a deed or instrument all ready prepared, and conveying to the gentleman a handsome competence for life. The astonishment of the fortunate couple may be imagined, as well as the fervour of their thanks and the pleasure of his grace at having performed so generous a deed.

We are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Jacob Norton for having directed our attention to these two out of the many anecdotes which might be related of his Grace of Montagu our first noble Grand Master."

Bro. Major Charles Mercier was on Thursday last presented with a testimonial in recognition of his services as Honorary Secretary in connection with the interchange of visits made by the *Garles Civiques* of Belgium and the *Volunteers* of Great Britain. The presentation was made by Alderman Sir James Clarke Lawrence, Bart., M.P.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire held their annual gathering on Thursday at Tredegar, under the banner of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098. The brethren arrived by special train, and business commenced at high noon, the opening ceremony being performed by the Right Worshipful P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne, in the presence of the Very Worshipful Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray. At the conclusion the P.G.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

- Bro. H. J. Gratte Prov. G.S.W.
- " R. Bond Prov. G.J.W.
- " W. Pickford Prov. G. Treas.
- " Rev. E. Jones Prov. G. Chap.
- " C. Rowe... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " W. Dovey Prov. G. Reg.
- " Joseph Coates Prov. G.S. Deacon.
- " James Horner Prov. G.J. Deacon.
- " L. P. Graveron Prov. G.D. of C
- " G. G. Golding Prov. G. Org.
- " C. H. Olive, jun. Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " T. Harby Prov. G. Purst.
- " T. Preece... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

The business being completed, the brethren formed a procession, and, to the strains of the famous band of the 11th Monmouth Rifle Volunteers, led by Mr. T. Hardy, marched to St. George's Church, to attend Divine service. The sermon, a most stirring one, was preached by the newly-appointed Prov. G. Chaplain (Rev. E. Jones, vicar). The choir was stronger than usual, and the music was specially selected for the occasion. The Psalms, Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Gregorian tones, the anthem being "Judge me, O God" (Mendelssohn). The vicar arranged the service, and had a few hundred copies printed for the use of the congregation, thus obviating the use of any books. The organist of the church, Mr. Caird, presided at the organ during the singing of the anthem and service, and Bro. Giles Golding, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Organist, also rendered assistance. In the anthem the organ was supplemented by a select party of instrumentalists, conducted by Mr. Hardy, bandmaster, and the effect was most striking. After the singing of the Hundredth Psalm (old version), the procession was again formed, and, led by the band, the brethren marched back to the Masonic Hall, when the lodge was closed in due form.

An adjournment then took place to the Town Hall, which was fitted up in elegant style, for the banquet, which was prepared in such a way as to sustain to the fullest extent the well-earned reputation of Bro. Walter Taylor, of the Castle Hotel. The banquet was to have been held at the hotel, but the death of Bro. Taylor's only child, which took place on Monday, necessitated the change, and the use of the Town Hall was kindly conceded by Mr. Colquhoun, of Bedwellty Park. The tables were laid out most artistically, and, what with pictorial and floral decorations, the old hall was completely metamorphosed, the presence of Captain George Homfray carrying one back to far brighter times than now prevail. After dinner the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

MASONIC MUSIC.

A very interesting and instructive lecture on this subject was given by Bro. Dr. Spark, of Leeds, P.P.G.O., P.M. 289, to the brethren and visitors of the Lodge of St. Germain, Selby, on Friday evening, the 8th inst., under the auspices of Bro. T. M. Weddall, P.P.G.S.D. The lecture was divided into two parts—the first consisting of music adapted for the various ceremonies of the Craft, and the second of that used at Masonic festive gatherings. The illustrations, which were most efficiently given by Bros. Blagboro and Dodds (of Leeds), and Rawling (of Selby), were taken from the "Masonic Liber Musicus," edited by Dr. Spark, who also took part in the vocal examples, and played the necessary piano accompaniments. Mendelssohn's "Like as a father pitieth his children," Mozart's "Guide us, oh, Thou Great Jehovah," and the lamented Henry Smart's "I will wash my hands in innocency," were much appreciated amongst the adapted music of the first division of the lecture; whilst of the music specially composed for Masonic ceremonies, a quartette, "Now the evening shadows," by Dr. Spark, and a Sanctus with a tenor solo and a soft responsive chorus by the same composer, were greatly admired, the solo in the latter piece being beautifully given by Bro. Blagboro. In the second division of the lecture, "Hail! Masonry divine," an inspiring composition specially written by the lecturer for the ceremony of installation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, was very effective. A very quaint old English tenor song, "The pretty flowers," composer unknown, was much applauded, and was given with that charming sweetness and purity of tone for which Bro. Blagboro is so justly celebrated. For obvious reasons we cannot enlarge upon the subject of the lecture, applying as it did to ceremonies known only to the initiated. But this we may say without violating any Masonic secret, that the worthy Doctor was, as might be anticipated, a strong advocate for the alliance of good and appropriate music with the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry, as we believe is the case in Germany. The first part of the lecture was of course *au sérieux*, but in the second part the lecturer found scope for that humour which seems so natural to him. The literary merits of the lecture were considerable, and seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by the brethren present, whose enjoyment was further enhanced by a capital repast, provided by the generous hospitality of the Worshipful Master, at the Londesborough Arms, after which harmony again was in the ascendant. If all lectures had

such conclusions, the lecture-going public would, we imagine, be very largely increased.—*Selby News*, August 9th, 1879.

NEW MASONIC HALL, CLUB, AND LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

The shareholders of "The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company," of which the Mayor (Bro. W. D. King) is Chairman, Bro. Councillor G. T. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman, and Bro. E. S. Main, Secretary, held an extraordinary meeting at the offices of the Portsea Island Gas Company, Commercial-road, Landport, on Saturday morning, the 9th inst., and after the business had been transacted an adjournment was made to the eligible site between the gas offices and the Theatre Royal, on which the Freemasons' Hall and Club is to be erected. The directors and a number of shareholders and other Freemasons, with several ladies, were present, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was represented by the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Hickman; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and others.

The building will be in the plain Italian style of architecture, and the front, which will have a gable, with terra cotta terminals on either side, is to be constructed of red bricks with Bath and Portland stone dressings, with ornamental tile panels. On the upper floor there will be a bay window projecting on an ornamental corbel, and, in a circular panel immediately over the centre plate, will be engraved a Masonic emblem. The building will have a frontage of 20ft., with a depth of 63ft., and its height to the extreme point of the gable will be 54ft. The ground floor is to be let off as offices, and the room on the first floor, 30ft. 6in. long by 18ft. wide, will be appropriated to the Chamber of Commerce, while the upper storey will have a Masonic club-room of equal dimensions, together with an ante-room 22ft. by 14ft. At the rear of the building are the Roman Catholic Schools, which, having been included in the purchase, will be converted into a banqueting-room and a lodge room, with the requisite ante-rooms.

The foundation stone was of Portland, and bore the following inscription:—"This foundation stone was laid by his Worship the Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), Chairman of the Company, August 9th, 1879. E. J. Smith, architect. W. D. Lewis, contractor.

The trowel used for the occasion was of silver, elaborately chased, with an ornamental ivory handle, and had inscribed upon it "Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company. Presented to his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.) on his laying the foundation stone of the Club House, Commercial-road. W. D. Lewis, contractor. Emanuel J. Smith, architect. August 9th, 1879."

The Mayor, in declaring the stone well and truly laid, alluded with satisfaction to the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., and described the negotiations which had led to the purchase of the site. A few energetic Masons had recognised the necessity of establishing what had long been wanted in the borough, a central meeting place for the purpose of carrying out the principles of Masonry. They at once set to work, and the brethren generally cordially co-operated with them, with the result that they would shortly have a decent building, in which pleasure and instruction might be advantageously blended. If they were assembled that day merely as speculative Masons, his position could not have been more fully occupied by Bro. Beach; but they were there as operative Masons, and he could not, therefore, refuse to take part in the erection of a building which would be a credit to the borough, and reflect honour upon its designer and the contractor. (Hear, hear.) From his knowledge of the Directors he had very little doubt that a few months hence they would again meet to celebrate the opening of the club, and they would then readily accord to one and all who had been associated with the erection of the building that meed of praise to which they were fairly entitled. (Hear, hear.) It was in contemplation to open another Masonic lodge, and those outside the Craft would be glad to learn that Masonry was fast spreading in the borough, so that its principles were taking a firm hold upon those who came together to help each other not only while they were in health but, what was far more material, when they were in sickness. He was much obliged to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for his presence, and hoped to have the pleasure of again seeing him at no distant day to celebrate the opening of that building and the consecration of an appropriate room.

The constitution of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, for which a warrant has been granted under the signature of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, took place in the handsome Assembly Room at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea, on Saturday afternoon, the 9th inst., in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft, including a strong muster of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers and Worshipful Masters and Past Masters.

The ceremony was impressively performed, and the Prov. G.M. expressed the great pleasure which he experienced in taking part in the constitution of the new lodge, as it showed the extent to which Freemasonry was spreading in the province, and particularly in that locality. It was by no means satisfactory to found a new lodge when there were grave doubts as to its success. In this instance, however, they need not entertain any such apprehension, but they might rest perfectly certain that under the auspices of the present Worshipful Master (Bro. Henry Cawte) who had had so much experience in Freemasonry, and others who would assist him, the lodge would attain a very good position in the Craft. After referring to the impetus which a new lodge often gave to Freemasonry, the P.G.M. said it was very gratifying to him to see, the way in which

Freemasonry was thriving. He reminded the W.M. and the brethren of the new lodge that considerable responsibility rested upon them, and it was for them to show that they were worthy of the confidence which was placed in them, and that they were determined to make the lodge worthy of the locality, of the province, and of the Craft. No doubt, actuated by these sentiments, they would achieve success, and that when he had the pleasure of attending the lodge again he should find not only his anticipations realised but exceeded.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed. Bro. F. Wilton presided at the harmonium, and the vocalists consisted of Bros. G. Pearman, 487; G. Grant, S.W. 1705; J. W. Stroud, J.W. 1703; Batchelor, 1708. Prov. G. Org.; and G. F. Lancaster, Prov. G. Deacon and P.M. 903. An appropriate oration was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. S. Scott. The plan used in the consecration of the lodge was lent by Bros. H. M. Emanuel and Sons. The W.M. designate (Bro. H. Cawte) was installed by the P.G.M., who referred to his deep interest which he had for many years taken in Freemasonry. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Thomas Good, S.W.; George Mason, J.W.; S. R. Ellis, Treas.; W. D. Parkhouse, Sec.; G. F. Brown, S.D.; Geo. Banning, J.D.; J. W. Willmott, Dir. of Cer.; T. Larcom, I.G.; Trivess, Steward.

A cold collation was afterwards served in the corridor adjoining the Assembly Room, the Mayor presiding, supported by the P.G.M. and the Present and Past Provincial Officers.

On the conclusion of the repast, the Mayor gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Constituting and Installing Officer; the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman; and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," the Mayor thanked the P.G.M. for his presence at the laying of the foundation stone of the hall and club, thus showing his desire for the success of the undertaking. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bros. Hickman and Le Feuvre, and other officers of the Grand Lodge.

The P.G.M., in responding, referred to his devotion to Freemasonry, and to the gratification which he experienced in opening new lodges, and mentioned that in the ensuing week he should be called upon to instal the Prov. G.M. elect of Devonshire. He had been asked to attend the laying the foundation stone of a new hall and club. That was a work in which Freemasons must take a warm interest. They were in the present day speculative Freemasons, but they could not be insensible to the fact that their ancestors who laid the foundations of the Order were operative Freemasons, and as such won fame, and handed down that fame to future ages. He could not, therefore, but take the warmest interest in the work of operative Freemasonry, and he was pleased to stand by and see the Mayor performing the work he was called upon to do. It was not surprising that the directors of the new company, which would conduce to the prosperity of Portsmouth, inasmuch as it would afford accommodation for some of its inhabitants, should ask the chief magistrate to lay the foundation stone, and he had pleasure in being present to afford him the sanction which the head of the Freemasons of this province could afford to the good work. He proposed "The Chairman of the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, the Worshipful the Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. W. D. King, J.P., the Directors, and Success to the undertaking."

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and the Mayor, in reply, referred to the successful manner in which the preliminaries connected with the company had been carried out, and predicted that the undertaking would prove remunerative to the shareholders and give an impetus to Freemasonry in the neighbourhood.

The other toasts were "The W.M., Bro. Henry Cawte, P.P.G.W., and Success to the Duke of Connaught Lodge," "The W.M.'s and Representatives of neighbouring Lodges," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

ARRIVAL OF DISTINGUISHED CANADIANS.

Among the passengers by the Allan steamship *Sarmatian*, which arrived in the Mersey at nine o'clock on Monday, the 4th inst., after a very rapid passage from Quebec, were Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, and Lieut.-Col. Sir A. T. Galt, K.C.M.G., D.C.L. Sir J. A. Macdonald, though not very old, has performed great services for Canada, and won a distinguished place among Dominion celebrities. His father was a Sutherlandshire man, who migrated to Canada, and settled at Kingston, Ontario, where the Sir John was born on the 11th January, 1815. He studied for law, was called to the bar in 1838, and was made a Q.C. ten years later, and is head of the extensive law firm of Macdonald, Macdonald, and Marsh, Toronto. He is the Grand Representative in Canada of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and now is a P.G.S.W. of the Freemasons of Canada. For more than thirty years he has occupied a prominent place among Dominion politicians, and in various ministries filled such posts as Receiver-General, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Attorney-General, Minister of Militia Affairs, Minister of Justice, and Prime Minister. The Premiership was offered to him as far back as 1865, but he then waived his claim. In 1873 he was unanimously appointed leader of the Canadian Liberal-Conservative Opposition, and last year he became Premier and Minister of the Interior. Lieut.-Col. Galt is the youngest son of the late Mr. Galt, a well-known writer of fiction, and for some years a Commissioner of the Canada Land Company. Lieut.-Col. Galt was born at Chelsea, in England, and educated in this country; but has served Canada, in many ways, and at present fulfils duties in connection with several public bodies in the Dominion.

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BIRTHS.

BIRLEY.—On the 14th inst., at Mitcham House, Mitcham, the wife of Mr. F. H. Birley, Barrister-at-Law, of a daughter.

SAUNDERS.—On the 10th inst., at Malabar House, Church-end, Finchley, the wife of Mr. Albert Saunders, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

EVERETT—FISHER.—On the 6th inst., at St. James's, Clapham-park, by the Rev. Charles Aubrey Price, George Land, eldest son of George Everett, Esq., of Clapham-road, to Mary, youngest daughter of the late Henry Fisher, Esq., of Brooklands, Wandsworth-road.

DEATHS.

POLE.—On the 10th inst., Mr. Charles R. Van Notten Pole, late of Wyck-hill House, Gloucestershire, in the 83rd year of his age.

QUAYLE.—On the 7th inst., at Bognor, Louisa Young, widow of the late Rev. T. Quayle, Vicar of Arrington, Cambridgeshire.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1879.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

The demands for warrants for Royal Arch chapters are happily progressing and progressive at a marked rate of increase. We are glad to note it. It has long been our opinion that the restriction of chapters was unwise and unsound, and that the time had come when every lodge after twelve months' existence might fairly ask for a charter for a Royal Arch chapter to be attached to it. All lodges, in our opinion, ought to have chapters belonging to them, except in the case where one chapter can be made to do for two lodges, as may well often happen in London. But the present rule works hardly for Royal Arch Masonry and no better for Craft Masonry. A lodge is founded and consecrated in a good provincial town, twelve months elapse, the lodge is numerous and flourishing, and thirty Master Masons wish to obtain the Royal Arch Grade. Where can they get it? Well, they have to go to another town to obtain that which they ought to be enabled to obtain at home. Thus, over and over again, the "status" of the Craft lodge is weakened, because its members going elsewhere for Royal Arch Masonry join the lodge also elsewhere, and equally the Royal Arch Grade suffers, in so far that a large proportion of Master Masons have never taken the Royal Arch Grade. At this moment not one-twentieth of Master Masons are Royal Arch Masons. And there is no reason for this. The ceremonial is most interesting, the tradition of the Grade is striking, and all its accessories are both pleasing and attractive. Indeed, we speak from personal experience, when we say how much pleasure and profit we have found from Royal Arch Masonry, and we can remember a remark of our good old friend and companion, John Boyd, which was marked by all his common sense and knowledge of the subject, "that it was quite unaccountable to him why the Royal Arch Degree was so much neglected, as no more beautiful degree existed." We trust that better days are in store for Royal Arch Masonry, and we hope that ere long we may hail a removal of all restrictions as to granting Royal Arch charters, which militate with the happy progress and expansion of this stately and picturesque Grade. Twelve months are quite sufficient time, as we said before, for a lodge to establish its position and exhibit its working qualities, its cohesion, and its concord; and we are not without hopes that so reasonable a reform will commend itself ere long both to our rulers and the majority of Grand Chapter.

SCENES AT ELECTIONS.

We think it right to express our approval of our distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton's letter on this subject, as we feel sure that all our readers will share in his surprise and regret at such an expression from our Past G. Chap., Bro. Simpson. Like our esteemed Grand Treasurer, we feel sure that there is some "mistake" in the matter, and that either our excellent brother has been "imposed upon" by some gossiping brother or sister, or "more hibernico" has "imposed upon himself." We do not remember seeing Bro. Simpson at any of our Quarterly Courts, and we do not think that he is a life governor of either the Girls' or the Boys' Schools, but we may be in error on this point. Therefore his remarks must apply to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we think we see Bro. Terry's face when he realizes that such an imputation rests on the election proceedings of that great Institution he serves so well. We must leave our esteemed Past Grand Chaplain to the tender mercies of Bro. Terry, who is a host in himself, and we, who have often heard his eloquence and admired his energy, know well, that he is able efficiently to defend both the interests and reputation of a most useful and benevolent Masonic Charity. Again we ask, like the Grand Treasurer, what are the "scenes?"

TRUTH—NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

We are immensely amused with the expansive pertinacity with which the editor of *Truth* affects to assume the position of the "Great Revealer of Masonic Secrets." It puts one in mind, more than anything else, of the old showman at Greenwich fair, "Walk up, ladies and gentlemen; take care, my little dear, you pays your money, and you takes your choice." There is a flavour of Bohemian audacity about it which is immensely striking. It is quite clear, despite his categorical statements, that the writer knows nothing whatever about Freemasonry, Royal Arch, or any other, himself, and simply goes to a "crib" for information, which he then with "pompous preludes" declares to be his own original and personal information. In the present instance this excellent and admirable representative of *Truth*—pure and simple; truth "semper eadem," truth one and undefiled, through all changing vicissitudes and startling epochs of the world's history—has had recourse to the so-called "Revelations" of that viler impostor Morgan, which have a lie on their brazen front, and are utterly worthless as an authority, being equally incorrect and contemptible. What a pity it is that when editors will express their opinions on subjects on which they know nothing, they do not get some meritorious but sensible "sub" to post them up in the facts, and to keep them from blunders and follies of various kinds. Freemasons, especially Royal Arch Masons, will laugh heartily at this last professed exposure of Masonry, which, like many another of similar savoury antecedents, will go the way of worldly disbelief and oblivion. For us, we regret to see *Truth* wasting type and space on such absurd and fictitious statements, which, positively deceptive and unfounded in themselves, are a disgrace to *Truth*, and a reflection on decent journalism. What can Mr. Labouchere be about to allow some "Anser Maximus" so to impose on his ignorance and credulity and on that of his patient readers?

MANNERS AND MORALS.

We feel bound as honest journalists to call attention to a growing evil amongst us all—this haunting of law courts in which spicy or startling cases are heard, this love of the sensational and the morbid, the questionable and the unwholesome, which affects so many readers of all classes amongst us just now. There seems to be a tendency to read matters and cases which our forefathers and foremothers carefully eschewed, and some papers devote their publication, (to please for instance domestic servants and others), to the record of what is criminal, and appalling, or discreditable and debasing. All such sensational narratives are greedily read, all such doubtful cases are curiously attended, until, in our humble opinion, the public taste is greatly vitiated, and personal morals are gravely relaxed amongst us. In a recent melancholy trial, in a well-known court, Sir Henry James, very properly, called attention to the number of ladies attending this deplorable exhibition, and we quite concur in the gist and tendency of his appropriate remarks. Certainly such scenes and such trials ought to be avoided by ladies, and nothing can more decidedly point to the decadence of moral feeling amongst us than this intense desire to listen to evidence in which the basest and the worst passions of human nature are unfolded, in which, as recently, we hear much which is discreditable to honour and morality, degrading to virtue and truth, and calculated to throw a lasting suspicion on the motives of the professed religious, and to discredit openly the sacred name of religion itself. We cannot commend the publication of such reports and proceedings, because, in our opinion, they tend to deprave public manners, to loosen private morals, and to shake to its very foundation the whole fabric of our social existence. To assume that such a "cancer" exists in the very bosom of society, often hidden, partly unsuspected, which a recent trial exhibits is alike saddening and humiliating to all thoughtful minds, and we cannot too much deplore the fact that such purient statements and such mourn-

ful episodos are carefully and eagerly conned over by large numbers of old and young amongst us. Is it not a melancholy picture, is it not an unwholesome fact, which that distinguished judge, Sir James Hannen, shows and states so clearly and effectually, that a large proportion of those who apply for a divorce only want to marry some one else? We think so, and no doubt in so far it is a most melancholy reality in itself, look at it as you will, regard it as you may. We wish we could hope that the leaning we fear of most of us to what is sensational and dubious just now, both in manners and morals, might in any way be checked or diverted, but at this moment we are, as it were, in mid stream, and the current is very strong, and we ourselves are eagerly running along at a good pace. Let us trust that healthier views and a better literature may lead many of us to turn away from reading that which is hurtful, from sensationalism which is morbid, and from a representation of manners and morals which is humiliating to us all, and which seems to portend grave evils alike to the future happiness of all classes, whether in personal, domestic, or national life.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A more disingenuous answer could scarcely have been made to a plain and simple question than that given by Bro. Moutrie in answer to Bro. R. B. Webster at the last General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Webster asked "whether it was true that the House Committee had refused to accept Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., as arbitrator in the dispute between them and Bro. S. B. Wilson, and if it was true, what was the reason of such refusal." Bro. Moutrie replied "that it did not appear upon the minutes which had been read that any such proposition as that referred to had been refused." Now, it can hardly be conceived that Bro. Moutrie, being a member of the House Committee, could be ignorant of the fact that my proposition to refer the matter to Sir H. A. Hunt had been declined, as the following letter, sent by Bro. Binckes to my solicitors, clearly shows:—

"Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
Office: 6, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
19th July, 1879.

"Messrs. Baylis and Pearce,

"Dear Sirs,—

"Re Mr. S. B. Wilson.

"Yours of the 26th. June was submitted to and considered by the House Committee at their meeting yesterday.

"The Committee decline to accept Sir H. A. Hunt as referee.

"I am instructed to refer you further in this matter to Mr. J. Stanley, solicitor, 22a, Austin Friars, with whom I hope to communicate personally on Monday.

"I am, dear Sirs, yours faithfully,

"FREDK. BINCKES,
"Secretary."

I am very much mistaken if the great majority of the General Committee will allow the matter to be treated in this hole and corner fashion.

I am at a loss to imagine why the House Committee are acting to me in a spirit of hostility, as I can hardly suppose that my refusal to support the penny wise and pound foolish ideas that some of the members entertain for the sustentation of the buildings and grounds of the Institution can influence them, and it must be apparent to any unprejudiced person who looks over my account against the Institution that the charges I have made are fair and reasonable, in which opinion I am supported by two eminent architects of large practice, who gave me independent valuations of the proper charges for the work that I have done, and who will both give evidence to this effect should the House Committee drive the case to trial.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,
9th August, 1879.

TRUTH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think you have taken the right line, (excuse me for saying it), as regards two most sensational articles in that truth-loving paper *Truth*, and therefore I do not propose to take up much of the space of your columns, to be filled with much better matter, with any comment on all this "rubbish." But I do wish to point out, that if, as this great authority tells us, Masons "by making either their arms, legs, feet, hands, or fingers assume a position in which a perpendicular line rests as a horizontal line (how very fine), make themselves known to each other," he clearly omits that most important sign of all, vulgarly called "taking a sight," which he ought to know, if he

knows anything, is always a Masonic sign, especially to cowans and donkeys.

Yours fraternally and sisterly,

SAPPHIRA JONES.

MASONS' MARKS IN INDIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The *Athenæum* of the 9th inst. contains the following paragraph, under the head "Fine Art Gossip":—"Mr. H. Rivett-Carnac has sent us a copy of his essay 'On Masons' Marks from Old Buildings in the North-West Provinces of India,' reprinted from the *Indian Antiquary*. General Cunningham recommended that the stones of these edifices should be examined for such marks, but he did not give any of them in his accounts of the ruins of Sarnath or the Bhilsa Topes. Mr. Carnac has, to a certain extent, supplied these omissions in the plate of fifty-six marks from Sarnath and from Jaunpur, which accompanies this essay, selected from many thousands of similar examples, most of which are hidden, and all of which were originally concealed by the outer facing, now removed from the former structure. This subject is extremely curious and obscure, and hardly yet studied, even with regard to European buildings. No one has done more for it than Mr. Street, who, in his *Gothic Architecture in Spain*, reproduced a considerable number of Spanish examples."

Can any reader of the *Freemason* inform me how a copy of Mr. Carnac's essay can be obtained? I am anxious to procure one for the library at the Freemasons' Hall in this town.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A.,

P. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.

Leicester, August 13th, 1879.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.—THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

Your readers can well imagine the boon a day in the country is to poor children who live in the crowded streets of East London, and, as many of them have assisted the London Cottage Mission in giving for seventeen weeks during the winter Irish stew dinners to poor children, we are hopeful that through your valuable columns they will assist us in providing a trip for our children, who (despite the wet weather) are looking forward with the greatest anxiety for this unspeakable pleasure.

The smallest gift will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or by,

Your obedient Servant,

WALTER AUSTIN.

14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

August 6th, 1879.

THE PONTE SISTO FOUNTAIN AT ROME.

To the Editor of the *Times*.

Sir,—I see with satisfaction that your Correspondent in Rome has expressed something of the bitter regret which all who know and love Rome feel at the destruction of the Ponte Sisto fountain. To destroy this beautiful and most uncommon ornament of the Rome of the Renaissance is but one of the many execrable outrages on art and history which have marked the "Liberal" occupation of the capital of the world. I sketched, painted, and wrote of the fountain, which is, as your Correspondent says, the centre of the whole story of my "Ariadne," until I regarded it, perhaps, with an affection that hardly any one else can share. But in the pain and the disgust with which the wholesale injuries now done and doing on the architecture of this city fills me, I am but one among a multitude of, alas! impotent artists and scholars who, day after day, see monuments effaced that nothing can restore, and landmarks levelled that the archaeologist of the future will mourn for in vain. A writer in *Blackwood* last month (whose noble love of art makes it easy for all who know him to recognise his pen) speaks of the frightful destruction of the Farnesina gardens in the questionable works now in progress on the Tiber; of the levelling of avenues 300 years old, and the impending ruin of the great Raffaele frescoes, to say nothing of the destruction for ever of that exquisite view from the Ponte Sisto, which was a joy never to be forgotten by those who gazed at it in the golden lustre of the sunset hour. I write these lines now in hope that the utterances of the English Press may excite some shame in the breasts of Italians, who work more havoc on their own country than any horde of Gauls or Goths ever worked in olden days. For the hand of the invader is hot and heavy, but only lies on a land for a season; the ruin wrought by national ignorance and cupidity is a blight that never passes, and, like the worm, revels in corruption and putrefaction. It is this blight which now is destroying Italy. Her people, singularly enough, have lost all sense of the beautiful and all reverence for art. In the main terribly ignorant, they have altogether lost that instinct towards the arts which one would have imagined would have been bred in their bone. Oblivious of all that in the past made them famous, they seem only now ambitious of imitating the follies of greater nations, as boys imitate the vices and vanities of men. As their youths in high life are mere bad, exaggerated copies of the Paris *gommeux*, so every petty civic council aspires to be a Lilliputian Haussmann. The result is that the country is overrun with jobbers and intriguers of every kind; that contracts are sold and resold until no one save a few unscrupulous speculators benefit; and that the most venerable relics and noblest beauties of art and architecture perish that *concessionnaires* may pillage and attorneys gorge. Against such a state of things has not Europe

the right to protest, since Italy is not merely the slave of any petty municipality of the moment or ephemeral Government of the hour, but is the treasure-house of history, the sanctuary of the Muses, and the heritage of all mankind?

Yours obediently,

OUIDA.

August 2nd.

[We publish gladly this eloquent appeal, which appears in our contemporary, from the gifted pen of "Ouida," as quite homogeneous with Masonic sympathies, and a noble protest against Italic Vandalism.—Ed. F.M.]

Reviews.

THE EARLY HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF FREEMASONRY. By Bro. Geo. Fort. G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

We are pleased to see the fourth edition of this very valuable work, for it is a recognition, both by the Craft and public, of its striking merit and its intrinsic value. Just now Masonic toleration is at a discount, and as some ignoramuses and party writers like to say that Freemasonry has "no literature," we are glad to call attention to a work which, at any rate, is a striking rebuff to that ignorance and that malevolence which seem to find in Freemasonry, (though why we know not), an object for meaningless sarcasm or mendacious bathos.

ARTS, INDUSTRIES, AND INVENTIONS, with Illustrations. By Percy Russell. Wyman & Sons, 81, Great Queen-street.

This cheap and useful little "handbook" deserves notice, and merits perusal. It is clear and concise, and gives an effective explanation of matters of which many are ignorant, and of details which are important for those whose business or interests lie in the direction of the technicalities of arts and industry, and scientific inventions and discoveries. It is a most readable little book.

BUDA PESTH.

This is the official organ of Johannite Grand Lodge of Hungary, and though we are not privileged to read, much less understand, Hungarian, we are glad to recognize a contemporary well-printed, and which, no doubt, is of deep interest to all its Masonic compatriots.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONS, COMPANY OF.—Is one of the Livery Companies of London, but not one of the twelve great ones. In the reign of Edward III., however, it was represented in the Council. The Company had a coat of arms granted them by Wm. Hawkeslowe, Clarenceux King of Arms, in the fourth of Edward IV., 1464, confirmed by Thomas Benett, alias Clarenceux Kyng of Armes of the South, in the twelfth year of King Henry VIII., 1521, and entered by Henry St. George Richmond, 1634. See Arms of Freemasonry. It is doubtful, somewhat, when this Company was actually incorporated by Royal Charter. It has been said, not until the reign of Charles II. Ashmole mentions a meeting in the hall in Basinghall-street, in 1684; but the minutes of the Company do not refer to it, and Ashmole was not a member of the Company. It was, in our opinion, entirely distinct from the "Society of Freemasons," though many of the Freemasons mentioned by Ashmole as present at the meeting in Basinghall-street were members of the Masons' Company. Indeed, the fact that they were members of the Masons' Company, and yet admitted into the "Fellowship" in Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, is a proof to our mind that the two Associations were entirely distinct. No record of such meeting exists in the books of the Company, and the Masons' Company did not dine that day or that year at the "Half-Moon, Cheapside." Indeed, when we come to look into Ashmole's words critically, it is plain, we think, that at that memorable meeting two events took place,—1st, that he himself, as he says, was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasonry; and 2ndly, that several other persons were admitted into Freemasonry. In what Ashmole's admission consisted, we are not told. He calls himself the "Senior Fellow" among them (his terminology being neither very critical nor correct). He probably means no more than this: that he was the oldest Freemason actually amongst those present. Whether Ashmole was admitted to what we call the Second Degree, or Third Degree, is impossible, we apprehend, to say; though, following the advice of the *Scottish Minute Books* as far as they are decisive on the subject, as we have so far no available English evidence of that date, we should be inclined to say Fellow of Craft. The "Fellows" seem to have been nine in number. The allusion to William Wise, Master of the Company in 1684, which is historically correct, proves that there was an essential difference between the two associations—the one being the Masons' or Freemasons' Company, the other the "Society of Freemasons," to which "Worshipful Society of the Freemasons of the City of London" Robert Padgett Clerk belonged who transcribed the *Antiquity MS.* in 1686, and who, we are assured by competent authority, did not belong to, nor is his name to be found in the books of, the Masons' Company. We then come to the conclusion that the Masons' Company was one thing, the Society of Freemasons, like those lodges mentioned by Dr. Plot as existing in Staffordshire in 1786, quite separate and sui generis.

ZERUBBABEL.—Dr. Mackey has devoted considerable space in his *Masonic Encycloppedia* to a sketch of the "Prince of Judah," and has also embodied in the article

Although not a Roman Catholic priest myself, I was once invited to take my post as such in a confessional, and by the orderly officer of the day, the confessor himself. Like most people, I have felt some prurient curiosity in my time, and one manifestation of it, some twelve years ago, was to embue myself—to saturate my mind—with the details of a work, then popular among a certain class, called "The Confessional Unmasked." From assiduous perusal of this refining work then I learned all the duties of the office of a spiritual director in the Catholic Church. I happened to be residing at the time in that fine old town in Rhenish Prussia, Trier, or Trèves, where the celebrated Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, is said to have been born and to be buried, and, as I had very little to do, I wiled away my time by masquerading in a Capuchin friar's cowl and gown, and deceiving some of the ignorant inhabitants of the renowned ecclesiastical city. I was fortunate enough to obtain from a poor Luxemburgian fraulein, in a low quarter of the town, some delicate information under the supposed seal of confession, which whetted my appetite for more. She spoke the Lohengrin or Lorraine patois, but inasmuch as I am acquainted with all languages, and every dialect of each, ever spoken on the face of the earth, it was exceedingly easy to understand her. I suppose she was deluded by my flannel and clothes line. I observed she looked somewhat dubiously upwards to my occiput as I stooped to say the *Par Fobiscum* over her. I began to think that I was an impostor. However, when we parted, I retired to my hotel, the Rotes Haus, and re-attiring myself in the dignified habiliments of the British snob, i.e., a suit of "reach-me-downs," at 42s., I adjourned to the nearest pharmacie, where a silver groschen, invested in white sticking plaster, a pair of compasses, and a pair of scissors enabled me to effect a more than usually good representation of the tonsure. This I clapped on the back of my pate, resumed my "flannels" and "cords," and sallied forth again.

The good old priest who was deputed to perform the "offices" in the Dom Kirche that day hid at the hour of duty an appointment to keep at "Gegenuber dem Ship Markt, No. 92."

I do not know the establishment.

Many priests go there privately to confess the young women, of whom there always appear to be a great number on the premises.

It is probably a regi-try office for domestic servants.

The aged father, however—the news was brought to my knowledge—was confined to his room, too overcome with Schnapps to be able to attend.

I arranged with the venerable Sacristan, who takes snuff and knows, or affects to know, a great deal about the Holy Coat and a very little about St. Helena, or the Emperor Constantine, to go in the confessor's stead.

By the by, the ancient servitor parried one of my questions about the legend of *In hoc signo vincit* with a conundrum, "Sare, Monsieur, illustrious Herr, sat is ze diff'rence between a dead Englishman and a dead Frenchman?"

For the first and only time in my life I owned that even to me ignorance was possible.

The senile one chuckled and poked me in the ribs.

"Ze von is no more and ze ozzer is à la mort," was his reply to his own idiotic question.

And then he chuckled again and took snuff.

He likewise took a thaler which I disbursed liberally from my pouch—not like you, dear Freddy—didn't you cavil with the box keeper the other night whether it was a threepenny or a fourpenny piece you parted with at the T.R., never mind where? Sweet boy, the eye of yours truly is ever upon you.

For that thaler I had the free run of the property room of the Theatre Royal—I mean access to the vestiariu[m] of the Cathedral of St. Helena, Trèves, on the Moselle.

Be sure I did it—proper—Oh the "larx!" as Joe Gargery spells the word—What secrets were communicated to me in that confessional box—Well, there!

I sometimes amuse myself with retelling what I heard to a select party of *contines* and lady friends. The "leggiest" actresses of the T.R., Madame Angot, and a few peers, friends of mine, sometimes do me the honour to partake of a strawberry five o'clock tea at my little villa at Twiggintin on Sunday afternoons.

I never bore people with my anecdotes. I narrate a good one and then relegate my guests to their sports. The ladies tuck up their *jupons*, and then, their superbly laced *calecans* being well displayed, challenge my aristocratic guests to play leapfrog. The innocent, child-like, joyous chirp of "tuck in your twopenny" resounding over my lawn on a summer Sunday afternoon is a wholesome protest against conventional propriety, a fitting rebuke to straight-laced Pharisism, a deserved lesson to Philistine morality, to stiff-necked society.

I am not in Society, as it is so called, but I have often amused myself by pretending that I am one of its members. If Society disclosed its secrets it would lose little worth keeping and the world would gain little worth acquiring.

I sometimes assume the disguise of a respectable man. One day I penetrated the innermost recesses of Belgravia in the character of "the party who had called from the company to look after the gas meter." In this capacity I obtained a considerable insight into the esoteric secrets of society.

I am under no obligation not to communicate them to the world.

The secrets consist of a sign, token, and word. The sign, or test, is given, when an individual pretends to be one of the initiated, by crooking the index finger of the right hand to represent a note of interrogation (?) as implying doubt. This, on the part of the communicator, is accompanied by a frowning expression of countenance, and the utterance in English of the denunciatory word "Lying!" The token is then communicated, by the assuming member, whose profession is doubted, pointing to his open mouth, and giving the second part of the word in French "La Bouche." The emeritus, convinced, then strikes his breast, and completes the recognition by pronouncing the third part of the mystic abracadabra—this time in English, "Here!" Thus the compound word duly given, received, and reciprocated, combining the two languages most generally spoken over the surface of the globe—for Society is one—cosmopolitan, universal—expresses "Lying! La Bouche! Here!"

It was formerly considered ungentlemanly illegitimately to obtain information and dishonourable to impart the knowledge thus gained.

We are far beyond those antiquarian constructions of the definition of the "grand old name of gentleman," derived from obsolete feudal traditions.

Likewise reverence for one day in seven, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is an exploded superstition.

Besides, we have no Sabbaths now. We keep—some of us affect to keep—the "first day," as the Quakers say. Only the Jews assume to preserve the traditions of the seventh—the day of rest. And I know the Jews—Oh, don't I?

Again, how absurd the surviving old prejudices about the honour and dignity of the corporal person.

Do those prejudices linger? I have been, as I have said, occasionally mistaken for a gentleman, and I have in that assumed character been kicked in Hombourg and caned in London, and have practically ridiculed the effete notion of the character by meekly turning my other cheek to the smiter, and have superbly submitted and sticken not again.

Mawworm liked to be despised. I think to be personally chastised in addition is condiment adding zest to the enjoyment.

If any of my readers will thus contribute to my relish for life I pledge my honour—but that is an obsolete term, and with me savours of a past period, into the feeling of which I have never been able to enter—well, I pledge my circulation that they shall learn no more of the little agreeable variation of the monotony of their and my existence than can be acquired from attendance on a summons at a Police Court or appearance before one of Her Majesty's judges in an action (for damages) for assault and battery.

L. L.

I cannot make out what these initials mean. The second—the surname—abbreviation is apparent enough, but the first L., is it Lawrence or Lying?—Pr. Dev.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply to a petition from the members of the Era Lodge, 1423, has given his consent for the removal of the lodge from the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, to the Albany, Twickenham, and the lodge met there on Saturday last for the first time.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 164.—The annual garden party of this lodge will be held at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, on Friday, August 29th.

The portrait of Bro. Sheriff Burt, which has been exhibited in the Royal Academy, has now been removed for inspection by the large body of subscribers who have joined in the presentation. It is arranged that a deputation from the subscribers shall proceed to Swanage, where the presentation will be publicly made—it is hoped—by the Lord Mayor, who with the Lady Mayores will shortly be the guests of Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mrs. Burt. The portrait of Mrs. Burt, which is intended for presentation by the members of that lady's family, will be presented at the same time. Both portraits have been painted by Mr. J. Edgar Williams.

Mr. H. Rivett-Carnac has sent us a copy of his essay "On Masons' Marks from Old Buildings in the North-West Provinces of India," reprinted from the *Indian Antiquary*. General Cunningham recommended that the stones of these edifices should be examined for such marks, but he did not give any of them in his accounts of his ruins of Sarnath or of the Bhilsa Topes. Mr. Carnac has, to a certain extent, supplied these omissions in the plate of fifty-six marks from Sarnath and from Jaunpur which accompanies this essay, selected from many thou-

sands of similar examples, most of which are hidden, and all of which were originally concealed by the outer facing, removed now from the former structure. This subject is extremely curious and obscure, and hardly yet studied even with regard to European buildings. No one has done more for it than Mr. Street, who, in his "Gothic Architecture in Spain," reproduced a considerable number of Spanish examples.—*Athenæum*.

THE TURNERS' COMPANY.—The Rev. Bro. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., was presented with the honorary freedom and livery of the Turners' Company on the 7th inst., pursuant to a resolution passed at a court of the company held at Guildhall on July 3rd. The following is a copy of the resolution: "That the honorary freedom and livery of the company be presented to the Rev. John Edmund Cox, Doctor of Divinity, vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, with St. Martin Outwich, in recognition of his high attainments in literature, music, and archaeology, of unwearied efforts in the cause of charity, and of his long services as a clergyman in the City of London." The proposer (Mr. Past Master Smithers) and seconder (Mr. Past Master Charles Hutton Gregory, C.M.G.) both highly eulogised Dr. Cox, the proposer confining himself to his public career, and the seconder to his personal worth and private character.

BRITISH ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—The members of this society started from the Star Hotel, Great Yarmouth, at nine o'clock Wednesday, the 14th inst., for an excursion to Burgh Castle, the property of Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, and went thence to St. Olave's Priory, Suffolk, under the guidance of the owner. The former building was thoroughly examined, and its history and principal features were described. Mr. E. P. Loftus Brock, F.S.A., gave an account of St. Olave's Priory. Mr. H. E. Buxton, of Ritton, entertained the party at his residence, and a short drive soon brought them to Herringfleet, where Colonel Leathe joined them and assisted in an explanation of the points of antiquarian interest contained in the parish church. Proceeding towards Lowestoft a halt was made at St. Margaret's Church, on the history and architectural features of which Mr. J. L. Clemence gave a few notes, but no other buildings were visited in the town. The archaeologists next accepted the invitation of M. J. J. Colman, M.P., to visit Corton, where they were entertained; and, after a cursory inspection of the beautiful grounds, a return was made to Yarmouth. A meeting was held the same evening in the Town-hall, when Mr. Charles H. Compton and Mr. Henry Prigg read papers.

The town of Barnstaple was on Tuesday en fête in recognition of the presentation to the public by Mr. W. F. Rock, a native of the town, of a beautiful park between seven and eight acres in extent. The park is pleasantly situated beside the River Taw, and is a continuation of the plot of ground known as Chaner's Green, which was dedicated to the public in 1863.

The liquidators of the West of England Bank have succeeded in selling the premises occupied by the bank in the centre of Bristol. The price first asked was £50,000, but they have been sold for £30,000 to the new Bristol and West of England Bank, which has transacted business there since its establishment in February.

THE FIRTH OF FORTH RAILWAY BRIDGE.—The Board of Trade has given its formal sanction to the plans submitted to it for the erection of the great railway bridge across the Firth of Forth. The Company is bound by the Board to keep open during the progress of the work one, at least, of the two navigable channels, to exhibit such lights and signals as the Board shall require, and to undertake no temporary works without having obtained special sanction. The central spans of this great structure will be 150 feet above high water mark.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.—The following have consented to accept the presidential offices in connection with the Congress to be held at Manchester from the 1st to the 8th October:—The President, the Bishop of Manchester. Presidents of Departments: Jurisprudence, Sir Travis Twiss, D.C.L., Q.C., F.R.S.; Education, the Hon. Lyulph Stanley; Health, F. S. Powell, Esq.; Economy, the Right Hon. Lord Reay; and Art, Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart.

The Empress Eugenie has expressed to Col. Pemberton, 60th Rifles, her gratitude for the services performed by him during his recent voyage home from Natal, when he had charge of the remains of the late Prince Louis Napoleon. Her Majesty has also sent letters to the Cape thanking the officers and men of the Zulu expedition for the respect shown by all ranks to the memory of their deceased comrade in arms.

The annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for 1879 (36th annual Communication), prepared under the skillful eye and by the ready hand of Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, the veteran Grand Secretary, are full of interest, and very handsomely issued. There are steel engraved portraits of Bros. A. C. Abbott, G.M., and the late Thos. H. Benton, Jr., Past Grand Master, and nephew and namesake of the great Missouri Senator and Statesman.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, August 22, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Board of Gen. Purposes.
Lodge 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bge.
Chap. 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Edgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

Com. Grand Lodge.
Lodge of Benevolence.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Djlwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton.
" 1320, Blackheath, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 23, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.H., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liacard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 23, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.
" 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
Chap. 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
" 277, Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 1052, Callender, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 1534, Concord, George Hot., Prestwich.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 325, St. John, M.H., Islington-sq., Salford.
" 581, Faith, Drovers' Inn, Openshaw.
" 633, Yarborough, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hot., Lloyd-st., Chorlton-on-Medlock.
" 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.
Chap. 288, Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden.
Mark 18, Rectitude, Boar's Head, Newchurch.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
" 345, Perseverance, Old Bull, Blackburn.
" 367, Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Small-bridge, Rochdale.
" 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.
Chap. 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Towara-road, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Newton. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. James Summers, a candidate for Masonry, who was duly elected, and he was then admitted and made an E.A. Mason. Bro. Craven proposed that each candidate be presented with the Book of Constitutions, which was seconded by Bro. Huntly, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Lowes, P.M., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. All business done, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, in due form. The brethren then retired to refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., at 7.30. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jonathan Hollins, a candidate for Masonry, who was declared duly elected. Mr. Joseph Cowan, a candidate previously elected, was then admitted and made an E.A. Freemason by the W.M., who gave the charge in this Degree in a most impressive manner. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Bros. Burns and Cawthorn were then examined and gave satisfaction; they then retired for preparation, when the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Cawthorn and Burns were admitted separately, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. P.M. Pearson. The lodge was then closed to the Second, then to the First Degree. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due form, when the brethren retired to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the whole of the proceedings were marked by the truest spirit of brotherhood and cordiality. Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., was in his place at the appointed time, and the attendance also included Bros. Fredk. Barnett, P.M.; John C. Jobinson, P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; John Whalley, S.W.; H. Wynne Parry, J.W.; J. Kellett Smith, Treas.; Robert Collings, Sec.; W. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jenaway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; David Cangle, S.; Thos. Joseph, S.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. B. J. Parry, J. Morrin, T. Grindell, J. P. Jones, M. W. Thornton, M. Goldstone, Thos. Poyser, S. Johnson, John N. Pendleton, Frederick Cooper, James Whitney, J. Nicholas, Wm. Pyc, John Baines, John Harries, W. Loxian, R. G. Bradley, J. Sykes, John Pyc, Henry J. Pyc, Peter Ball, William Hazell, Alfred Samuel, J. Williams, J. Leather, Robert Thomas, Richd. Fitzgerald, William Gamble, James Messenger, John Cribbin, James White, John Harvey, J. H. Walter, Fredk. J. Porter, A. Draper, and H. Hyman. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Robert Jones, 1182; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; Edwin Hartnell, 1264; Robert Bethell, 1094; C. Goble, 594; H. M. Davies, 667; John Corlett, 1325; T. Gray, 1325; Wm. Flintoff, 64, Scotch Constitution; R. Scott, 241; Thos. Johnson, 823; Thos. Brown, 477; Wm. Leatham, 594; Wm. Arthur, 438, Scotch Constitution; R. Maddox, 594; and John Crompton, 823. The lodge having been opened according to ancient form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two candidates, Messrs. H. Waggett and R. Roberts; for an honorary member, Bro. Hugh Edwards, P.M.; and for Bro. Alfred E. Ewart, Org., as a joining member, and all were declared duly elected. Mr. Griffiths, who had been duly balloted for and elected at a previous meeting, and Messrs. Waggett and Roberts

being in attendance, were admitted and initiated according to ancient custom. Two candidates for the Second Degree, Bros. Leather and Grindall, were examined, and proving themselves proficient, were entrusted with the test and retired. The lodge was during their absence opened in the Second Degree, when the above-named brethren were re-admitted and passed. Bros. Hazel and Pyc having proved their proficiency, were entrusted and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when they were re-admitted and the Third Degree was given them. The Three Degrees were worked in a manner which was highly creditable to all concerned, from the W.M. downwards. According to the circular two degrees, the First and Third, were only to be given, but as Bro. Leather, who was initiated in October last, had just returned from sea, and had not had an opportunity of taking his Second, Bro. Corbett, W.M., considered it his duty to stretch a point in his favour; hence the Three Degrees were given in one evening. The lodge was duly closed down to the Second and First Degrees. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, and a gentleman proposed for initiation, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then sat down to refreshment, provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Owing to the amount of business gone through it was late before the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

CHINGFORD.—Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).—This old established lodge met on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the New Forest Hotel, to inaugurate that building, (prior to the public opening), which is one of the handsomest structures in the county of Essex. It stands in the most romantic and picturesque part of what now remains of the grand old forest, that less than a hundred years ago covered 60,000 acres, and is in close proximity to the ancient Hunting Box of Queen Elizabeth. This stately edifice, built in that fine style which matches so well with woodland scenery, the Elizabethan, commands extensive views over Epping and Hainault Forests, so rich in events and incidents connected with the history of England. It has been erected by Bro. John Egan, under the superintendence of Bro. Saunders, whose architectural designs deserve the highest encomiums. Striking as the hotel is in outward appearance, it is no less effective in its internal arrangements. Built expressly for an hotel, it is replete with everything that can add to the comfort and convenience of visitors, and we learn that the tariff will be framed to meet the requirements of all classes. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. Glass, W.M., assisted by Bros. Egan, I.P.M.; Corble, P.M.; Martin, S.W.; Holloway, J.W.; Wren, S.D.; Beck, J.D. Bros. Corble, Sibley, Pearson, and Glass, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Prior to the closing of the lodge, Bro. R. Martin, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Corble, P.M., Treasurer. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall of the old lodge, formerly occupied by Good Queen Bess, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. F. Gordon, of the Holborn Restaurant (assisted by a very efficient staff), which gave great satisfaction to all the brethren present. The usual toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Frank Toole and others amused the brethren until nearly nine o'clock, when the company separated. Twenty-three sat down to banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—Dukes of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1183).—The annual installation meeting of this numerous and admirably conducted lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when Bro. George Musker, W.M. elect, was duly placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a gathering which numbered about 100, "all told." The lodge was originally consecrated at Wavertree, and met there for several years, but for "sundry divers and important reasons" it was thought wise to remove its meetings to the Liverpool Masonic Hall, where it has greatly prospered in all its chief concerns, increased largely in numbers, and adding to its influence amongst the eighty lodges of the Province of West Lancashire. There were no fewer than thirty-one W.M.'s and P.M.'s present on this festival occasion, and the gathering was, therefore, one of no common interest. The retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Davis, took the chair, supported by Bros. John Williams, I.P.M.; Capt. W. Williams, P.M.; T. B. Myers, P.M.; J. A. Edginton, P.M.; George Musker, S.W.; G. D. Hesketh, J.W.; William Brown, Treas.; H. Barclay, Sec.; Thomas O. Dutton, S.D.; John O. Rea, J.D.; H. Haynes, I.G.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., D.C.; T. Wareing, S.; T. C. Holden, J.S.; and P. Ball, P.G.T., Tyler. The members present included Bros. T. Wright, J. H. Tyson, S. Wilkinson, A. Barnes, T. Davis, R. Jones, J. Potter, H. Finger, T. Ward, J. Roberts, T. H. Pierce, H. Sawyer, J. F. Jarvis, J. Holder, W. W. Chapman, J. Rushton, J. J. Ratchford, J. MacIntyre, J. Newport, J. Wilson, E. Paull, J. Coates, R. Hargreaves, J. P. Harvey, J. Waddell, T. J. Thursby, J. Jones, T. Banks, and others. The visitors present were Bros. John Jones, 1035; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; J. Johnson, J.W. 1675; J. H. Hunter, 1356; T. Whitefield, 203; G. W. Saul, W.M. 1201; W. Barley, W.M. 786; W. Williams, 1609; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; B. Russell, 1393; J. Keet, J.W. 1356; J. L. Houghton, P.M. 594; F. P. Hugo, 1035; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; H. Firth, W.M. 677; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1356; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; T. Saiter, W.M. 241; W. C. Erwin, S.W. 1393; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; L. Herman, S.W. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; H. Barrows, P.M. 673; A. Child, 1505; R. E. Mitton, 1356; I. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treas. 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. Seddon, J.W. 673; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; W.

Brackenbury, W.M. 673; T. Boswell, W.M. 594; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Jacobs, 724; W. Forrester, 1035; J. Bryan, 203; C. Waterson, 1035; H. Dunlavy, 594 and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Musker, was presented by Bro. Captain Williams, P.M., and Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M., and effectively installed. The first part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Davis, and the second by Bro. T. B. Myers, both doing their onerous duties in an admirable manner. The following officers were then invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Davis, I.P.M.; A. D. Hesketh, S.W.; A. Barclay, J.W.; W. Brown, Treasurer (re-elected for the thirteenth year); T. O. Dutton, Sec.; W. Davies, Organist; J. O. Rea, S.D.; H. C. Haynes, J.D.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., D.C.; T. Wareing, I.G.; T. Holden, J. H. Tyson, F. Wright, and R. Baines, Stewards. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren sat down to dinner, provided by Bro. Chaplin. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was responded to by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who congratulated the brethren on the progress made by their lodge since its formation, and its position in regard to the Masonic Charities. Their P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. would be set free from their Parliamentary duties on the coming day, and he was sure the brethren would give them a hearty welcome back to Lancashire at the approaching P.G. Lodge meeting, which would this year be held at Morecambe Bay, on Wednesday, the 1st of October. He expected that Lord Skelmersdale would be present on that occasion, and that all the arrangements would meet with the approbation and conduce to the comfort of the brethren. It had given him (Bro. Alpass) great pleasure to be present that evening at the installation of a lodge, at the consecration of which at Wavertree he took an active part. It was started under very good auspices, and although there had been many changes he was glad to find the lodge had weathered the storm, and that it was still well worked and well officered. He was likewise pleased to find that the members had not neglected the duty of contributing something towards the Charities, as shown by the balance-sheet for the year, which would compare very favourably with others. As Freemasons it was their duty to be always giving, to meet the circumstances which might arise, and he was glad to find that the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge did its duty in this respect. He concluded by appealing for their liberal support of the decoration scheme in connection with the Masonic Hall, and by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year. The "W.M." was enthusiastically honoured, and "The Installing Masters" was proposed by Bro. W. Williams, P.M., and cordially received, the Installing Masters responding. "The Past Masters" followed, and the W.M., in a few hearty words, presented Bro. T. Davis, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, a gift which was suitably acknowledged by that brother. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and other Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M., was acknowledged by Bro. R. Brown, joint Hon. Secretary of "The West Lancashire," P.M. 241, who said that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge a scheme for clothing as well as educating the children would be proposed. Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., also responded on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Charities in London, appealing most impressively to the brethren to give these Institutions their cordial and continued support. "The Visitors," given from the chair by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; and Dunlavy. The toast of "The Officers," proposed by Bro. E. Paull, Treasurer 1356, in eloquent terms, was acknowledged by Bro. A. D. Hesketh, S.W. Other toasts followed, and the harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by Bros. A. Child, 1505; C. Waterson, 1035; T. Foulkes, W.M. 1325; Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; and W. Forrester, 1035; the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. J. P. Bryan, 1035. The annual picnic in connection with the lodge took place at Lymm, near Warrington, last Thursday, the 21st inst. A special train left Lime-street Station, Liverpool, at 10.30 a.m., and arrived at Lymm at 11.15 a.m. Dinner was provided at the Plough Hotel, near the station, at 1 o'clock, and tea was served at the same place at 6 o'clock. A military band was in attendance. The return train left Lymm at 8.50 p.m., arriving in Lime-street Station about 10.15 p.m.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. John B. Shakelton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, W.M.; Bro. E. Sacop, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Hammond, officiating as S.W., and the remaining offices were filled by the brethren appointed at the previous meeting, viz: J. W. Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br. J.W.; Fred. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary; H. Gloster, P.M., S.D.; Thos. Stone, J.D.; Steinbauer, I.G.; F. Knight, D.C.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., hon. mem.; T. W. Adams, John Thompson, C. W. Baker, J. E. Smith, F. Dye, J. Mc Naughten, W. J. Smith, A. J. Rogers, J. Lawrence, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.M. 76; T. Butt, J.W. 957; J. Hancock, 1657; and T. M. Butt, 1623. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and election made of Bro. C. Paulson, 1309, as joining member. Bros. W. J. Smith and F. Dye were raised to the Degree of M.M. Four propositions for initiation at next meeting were submitted, and it was intimated that probably a lodge of emergency would be called for an early date. Three brethren were recommended to Prov. Grand

Lodge for honours, and there being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer. After a ramble by the river side for about half-an-hour, the brethren again assembled for refreshment. A very excellent and substantial "high tea" had been provided, to which all present did justice, and which appeared to afford more satisfaction than an elaborate and expensive banquet could have done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured to the accompaniment of a "grog and a cigar," and a very pleasant and harmonious hour or two were passed before the 8.30 train whisked off the metropolitan brethren to their respective homes. Bros. Barrett, Butt, Marsh, and Stevens effectively aided the genial intercourse of the evening, the former producing a fine old song not often heard now-a-days, and the latter reciting, in his most able manner, his increasingly popular "Mason's Vows." Order, peace, and harmony ruled throughout the entire proceedings, and this meeting of the Lebanon Lodge will long be remembered with satisfaction by all those who had the privilege of being present.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 6th inst., and, although not so largely attended as usual on such an occasion, passed off with great satisfaction to the brethren present. The retiring W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, who had held office for thirteen months through the untimely death of Bro. Ebbs, W.M. elect, opened his lodge at 2.50, ably supported by Bros. Helsdon, P.M., acting S.W.; W. Shury Marshall (W.M. elect), as J.W.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; Roy, S.D.; Long, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; Vincent, I.P.M.; Middleton, Tyler; and F. T. Honeywell, Prov. G.O. for Middlesex, Organist; Paten, Darby, Buck, Biggs, Rickett, and Felton. Visitors; Bros. H. C. Levanter, 1415, P.G. Sec. Middx.; Pimiger and Taffs, 186; and Porter, 1719. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree to admit of the examination of Bros. Biggs and Puckett, prior to being raised to the Third Degree, which proving satisfactory, the lodge was opened to that Degree, and those brethren further advanced by the W.M., and duly enlightened as M.M.'s. The W.M. then resumed his lodge to the First Degree, and initiated Mr. W. Marshall, who was accepted on the ballot at last meeting, in his usual instructive manner; he then vacated the chair in favour of his I.P.M., Bro. Osman Vincent, who was privileged to proceed with the ceremony of installation, himself presenting Bro. W. S. Marshall, the respected J.W., to receive such benefit at his hands, and which, after the worthy brother had assented in due form to the ancient charges, was most ably and impressively performed, he placing the candidate in the chair of K.S., amidst the hearty congratulations of the several P.M.'s present. On the re-admittance of the brethren, who had necessarily retired for a short time, the new W.M. received the customary salutes in each Degree, and on resuming to First Degree, Bro. P.M. Helsdon with his wonted excellence delivered the usual interesting addresses from the pedestals; the W.M. then selecting and investing his officers for the coming year as follows: Bros. Roy, S.W.; Long, J.W.; Rogers, Treas.; Veal, Sec.; Hall, S.D.; Darby, J.D.; Helsdon, I.G., pro. tem., and D.C.; and Vincent, W.S. He then, having previously invested the retiring W.M. as I.P.M., in the name of the lodge very appropriately presented a handsome Past Master's jewel on his leaving the chair, which was very suitably acknowledged. A few minor matters having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" received from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. All then adjourned to the customary banquet, served à la Russe, amidst perfume and flowers, which passed off admirably, the new W.M. displaying equal knowledge of the banquet-table as in the lodge-room. He gave the usual Masonic toasts with great effect, and all were heartily responded to, that of "The Prov. G.M. and his Officers" receiving hearty response from the Prov. G. Sec., who also, with the visitors, thanked the W.M., for their hospitable reception. The brother initiate made a brief but creditable reply, and received the E.A. song from the Secretary, with the usual successful chorus. Bro. Honeywell, the Prov. G.O. for Middlesex, discoursed sweet music in his superior manner to the enjoyment of all, and in which many of the brethren ably assisted. Last, but not least, the W.M. made a truly eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Boys' School, and successfully completed a plan, originating last year with the previous W.M., of collecting subscriptions in small sums at the banquet-table, thus reaching the amount of ten guineas, and securing a vote in perpetuity for the lodge to bestow on the acting W.M. at each election, the result receiving hearty applause. This, with the Tyler's toast, completed an enjoyable meeting, and the brethren dispersed at 10 p.m.

Black Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. After the permanent committee had made their arrangements for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Robinson, S.W., which takes place on Wednesday evening, the 27th inst., the lodge was opened, there being present Bros. W. F. Lamouby, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; W. Paisley, T. Mason, and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. Bro. T. Weatherston, Lodge 151, was also present as a visitor. The business before the lodge was the advancement of Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., of Dovenby Hall,

Skiddaw, Craft Lodge No. 1002, son of the late Bro. Dykes, who was successively D.P.G.M. of Cumberland to the late Right Hon. Sir James Graham, M.P., and G.M. of the United Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, being the predecessor of the Earl of Bective, M.P., the present P.G.M. Bro. Dykes being in attendance, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren named, the lodge was closed with the usual address from the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon was held at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Hugh Fortescue, Viscount Ebrington, was installed Provincial Grand Master, and one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons ever held in the county took place.

The first Grand Master for Devonshire, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England, was Sir Chas. Warwick Bampfylde, Bart., who was elected on the 27th December, 1774, after initiatory steps had been taken by the Union Lodge, which became extinct in 1789. This lodge numbered amongst its members such names as Ellicombe, Carew, Drake, Rous, Foulkes, Pine, including two clergymen afterwards raised to the Episcopal Bench, Dr. Henry Bathurst, Bishop of Norwich, and Dr. Herbert Marsh, Bishop of Peterborough.

This lodge met at the Globe Tavern, and in conjunction with the lodges held at the Old Valiant Soldier and the Bear Inns, now Nos. 39 and 112, elected Sir C. W. Bampfylde on the above date, and he was duly installed on 10th December, 1775, by Bro. John Codrington, W.M. of the Union Lodge. Sir C. Bampfylde held the office for 44 years, and was succeeded by the late Earl Fortescue, in 1819, who held it for 42 years until his decease in 1862. The province was ruled by the Rev. John Huyshe as Deputy until 1866, when he was appointed P.G. Master, and was installed on the 24th May in that year by V.W. Bro. E. McIntyre, Grand Registrar of England. The brethren took the opportunity to present him with a Provincial Grand Master's superb gold chain of office, of the value of 100 guineas, in testimony of their esteem, and to mark their appreciation of his long and valuable services to Masonry, especially as D.P.G.M. of this province. He resigned a few months since on account of the infirmity of age—the venerated and beloved brother having been born with this century.

The present P.G.M.'s grandfather was installed by Col. Tynte, M.P., P.G.M. of Somerset. Dr. Carwithen was appointed Deputy P.G.M. Old Masons will remember the Masonic work carried out under the noble earl's rule. We find that under his auspices sermons were preached and collections made in aid of the North Devon Infirmary, the funds of the Southmolton Bell Schools, the Chudleigh Bell Schools, the South Devon Hospital, and the Royal Female Orphan Asylum. On September, 23rd, 1841, a handsome set of four silver dishes and covers, weighing 218 ounces, were presented by the province to the Rev. W. Carwithen, D.D., D.P.G.M.; and the brethren presented a very handsome Masonic silver candelabrum, weighing over 228 ounces, to Earl Fortescue, P.G.M., on May 19th, 1847. Lord Fortescue, as P.G.M., also laid the foundation stone of the Exminster Asylum and the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Devonport. At the decease of Earl Fortescue, on Sept. 14th, 1861, the brethren established the Fortescue Annuity Fund—an institution intended as a permanent and characteristic memorial of the Masonic virtues of the then late revered Grand Master of Devon after having fulfilled this distinguished office for forty-two years—for the purpose of providing annuities for life for aged and infirm Masons of the province.

The present P.G.M. has been happily chosen for this important office by the Prince of Wales as, Grand Master, as he may be considered somewhat hereditary in Masonic office, being the grandson of the noble earl whose memory the Devonians have cherished by the statue in the Castle Yard. The present earl also is an old Provincial Grand Officer. Curiously enough, in an upper chamber of the premises in Gandy-street, now occupied as the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, some old lead-work glass was found, with the inscription cut in, apparently with a gem, "John Faithfull Fortescue," with the motto, "I lift my heart to Thee, my God and guide;" and on other panes were "William Fortescue, 1725 (?)" also coats of arms and crests. The Rev. R. H. Fortescue, M.A., the present rector of St. Paul's, in which parish the premises are situated, has elicited the fact that the Fortescues had some connection with the parish, as appears by the parish registers, and probably lived in the above historic street and house.

The Committee of Petitions met at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, at ten o'clock, under the presidency of the Chairman, the Right Worshipful Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M. The report of the Secretary having been read, several petitions were considered, and a sum of money (amounting in the aggregate to forty-five guineas) was voted to each. The following notices of motion were considered, viz.:—By W. Bro. C. Godtschalk, P.M. 70, 1255, P.P.G.D., "That this Committee recommend the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons," and by V.W. Bro. S. Jones, P.M. 112, P.G.J.W., "That this Committee recommend the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons." The result was that a sum of fifty guineas each was recommended to be granted to the

movers of both resolutions. On the motion of the V.W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P.P.G.S.W., the Committee recommended that the sum of fifty guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was also recommended that a sum of twenty guineas be voted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

At eleven o'clock Viscount Ebrington was duly installed Worshipful Master of a lodge in St. George's Lodge, No. 39, by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Installing Provincial Grand Master.

At twelve o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Victoria Hall, which had been decorated and arranged as a Grand Lodge by Messrs. Goff and Gully, of Exeter. The room was adorned by the banners of the various lodges in the province, the Fortescue arms occupying the centre of the balcony, and flanked on either side by the shields and banners of the Knights Templars. The throne was placed in the orchestra, and the brethren who were not entitled to vote had seats assigned to them in the balcony. The hall and balcony were well filled with Freemasons from all parts of the county, and the effect of the different decorations was most brilliant.

Among the brethren present at the Grand Lodge were the Right Worshipful the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall; the Right Worshipful W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Installing P.G. Master; Rev. John Huyshe, P.P.G.M.; the Hon. Walter Hylton Jolliffe, P.M. 1285, P.G.S.W.; S. Jones, P.G.J.W.; W. R. Woodman, W.M. 444, P.G.S.B. England; Rev. R. Swansborough, G. Chap.; Robt. Bishop Twose, G. Treas.; P. Stewart Kersteman, P.G. Reg., 303; W. G. Rogers, P.G. Sec.; Hy. Woodgates, P.M. 847, G.S.D.; Wm. Brodie, I.P.M. 1254, W.M. 1753, P.G.J.D.; Edgar Tozer, P.M. 1443, G. Supt. Works; Saml. Loram, P.M. 1443, G. Dir. of Cer.; J. F. Long, P.M. 39, G. Asst. D.C.; Geo. Jno. Bishop, P.M. 106, G. Swd. Br.; H. D. Thomas, P.G.S. 444; Benj. Barber, P.M. 1254, P.G.S.; A. Bodley, P.M. 39, P.G.S.; D. Box, P.M. 156, P.G.S.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Hine-Haycock, P.P.G.S.D. 13, 114, 164, P.M.; R. M. Worlock, P.M. 1388, G. Sec.; Bristol; L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M.; Charles Godtschalk, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Brewer, P.M. 251; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B. England; Rev. Jno. Carwithen, P.P.G.C.; Col. Peard, D.P.G.M. Cornwall; Thomas Perry, P.P.G. Treas.; Major-General Henry Bartlett, P.P.G.A.D.C., 394; J. Tanner-Davey, P.P.G.J.W.; Jas. Heammick, I.P.M. 248; W. E. Warren, P.M. 1358, P.P. G.O.; Jas. Russell, P.M. 372; T. Parkhouse, P.M. 1125; W. H. Reed, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.D.; W. Passmore, P.P. G.T., P.M. 444; W. H. Carwithen, P.M. 112, P.P.G. Chaplain; R. G. Bird, P.M., Sec. 1550; Jas. Davy, P.M. 421, P.P.G.S.W.; R. G. Tippet, W.M. 1550; L. J. Webber, S.W. 1550; M. C. Lakeman, J.W. 1550; F. Horspool, P.M. 1254; T. Hancock, P.M. 251; J. Russell, P.P.G. Chaplain; Alex. Bailey, P.M. 444; J. Lemarchand, P.M. 639; James Mills, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Sanders, J.W. 1284; J. B. Paterson, P.M. 1125, P.G. Steward; J. Blechenden Crabb, I.P.M. 1125; Geo. Heath, P.M. 710; Samuel Roach, I.P.M. 70; John Beer Witheridge, P.P.G.P., 223; E. T. Fulford, S.W. 1254; E. B. Colston, P.M. 248, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Bishop, J.W. 106; H. Elford, P.M. 977, P.G.S.W.; John Northcote, P.M. 164; V. Bird, P.P.G.T., 954; W. Haynes, P.P.G.P., P.M. 106; John Toby, J.W.; Rev. C. W. H. Holley, 357, 1753; G. W. Gould, 282, Sec. 1753; G. W. Madge, W.M. 372; W. Knott, P.M. 372; J. Towning, P.M. 372; W. G. Moore, P.M. 666; Chas. Stevens, W.M. 1138; H. Hooper, P.P. G.R., P.M. 444, 1254; R. Love, P.M., P.P.G.P.; O. Knowles, J.W. 159; G. T. Derry, J.W. 1212; J. P. Horn, 106; T. Freeman, P.M. 106; P. L. Blanchard, 444, P.G. Tyler; J. Page, P.M. 39; T. Obsworthy, P.M. 251; W. Marsh, W.M. 156; W. Creasy, W.M. 106; H. Willey, W.M. 1284; J. Thorne, W.M. 1332; J. Rowe, J.W. 1332; W. Blake, P.M. 106; W. A. Goss, jun., S.W. 1402; J. H. Warren, P.M. 1254; G. W. Legge, P.M. 106; G. C. Maynard, P.M. 106; S. J. Blackmore, S.W. 106; C. Waters, P.M. 954; L. Osborn, S.W. 945; J. Croaley, J.W. 954; J. R. Dugdale, W.M. 954; T. S. Jackson, W.M. 1212; J. J. Marshall, S.W. 156; C. J. Workman, W.M. 303; J. Harper, P.P.G.J.W., 251; Richard H. Watson, P.M. 710; G. Croydon, J.W. 189; T. Browning, P.M. 105; C. Willshire, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 251; F. H. H. Orchard, W.M. 164; W. J. MacLean, P.M. 248; J. Widgery, P.M. 421; W. Cole, P.M. 421, P.P.G.P.; J. Woods, P.M. 421; H. Melhuish, W.M. 112; A. Kingdon, P.M. and Treas. 421; J. C. Palmer, S.W. 372; A. A. Carter, P.M. and Sec. 106; J. Page Phillips, 253, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; R. Blight, S.W. 223; J. Shapley, P.M. 223, P.P. G.D.C.; J. Woodman, P.M. 444; S. B. Harvey, P.M. 1255; J. Templeton, I.P.M. 1332; J. Kingdon, W.M. 421; A. Pidsley, I.P.M. 372; W. Elphinstone Stone, P.P. G.J.W., 37; R. Cawsey, W.M. 230; J. R. W. Harris, S.W. 230; R. Ellis, J.W. 230; W. R. Northway, S.W. 282; J. H. Tonkin, P.M. 282, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Banks, J.W. 156; W. C. Oliver, P.M.; 251 Isaac Latimer, 187 P.P.G. J.W.; T. W. Lemon, I.P.M., P.P.G.C.; Robert P. Morrison, J.W. 257; W. H. Ley, P.M. 1091; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; W. Odam, S.W. 70; E. Sont, J.W. 70; T. Perry, P.P.G.T., 1402; J. Dodge, W.M. 1402; A. Hynes, P.M. 1205; T. Gibbons, W.M. 1205; G. Chadwick, P.M. 444; J. Cock, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 421; C. C. Kendrick, J.W. 1254; W. T. Orchard, S.W. 164; W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C., 1138; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T., P.M. 106; W. Ward, J.W. 847; H. L. Brewster, P.P. G.R.; T. W. Gray, P.M. 112, P.P.G.R.; E. Murch, W.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; R. Grylls, S.W.; T. Acland, S.W. 847; T. G. Sutton, P.M. 847; J. Killingley, 122, P.P. G.D.C.; G. Searle, S.W. 248; H. S. Eland, S.W. 1284; H. J. Yelland, P.M. 1284; J. S. Whidborne, I.P.M. 1443; A. F. Luke, P.M. 112; T. S. Herbert, 251; B. B. S. Richards, I.P.M. 282; J. Pigott, P.M. 328; W. D. Web-

ber, W.M. 328; C. H. Edmonds, P.M. 444; R. Brewin, P.P.G.S.W., Sec. 444; T. Lascelles, P.M. 1284; E. Furse, P.M. 421; J. Bassett, S.W. 1212; G. Jackson, W.M. 189; C. R. Bardin, S.W. 189; H. E. Lambie, I.P.M. 1486; W. E. Lambie, P.M.; H. D. W. J. W. 282; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; J. T. Goodridge, P.P.G.R., 1308; R. Pengelley, P.M. 70; P. G. L. Pearce, J.W. 1247; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247; B. Elliott, S.W. 1247; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402; G. L. Pollard, J.W. 1306; J. S. Saunders, P.M. 1138; J. Foote, P.M. 1438; C. Cooper, P.M. 105; T. M. Webber, P.M. 494; C. Parker, P.G.L. Camb.; F. Dey, P.M. 421, P.P.G.R.; D. D. Sutherland, W.M. 710; W. B. Maye, P.M. and Treas. 710; P. L. Pearce, P.M. 1402; J. E. Nichols, W.M. 1099; H. Conquer, S.W. 1099; S. Panter, S.W. 1099; J. Square, W.M. 1486; G. J. Forbes, W.M. 1247; J. Harris, 1091, P.P.G.T.; T. S. Bayley, P.M. 189; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; D. Brushfield, P.P.G.W., 1307; Lieut.-Col. Fitzgerald, S.W. 189; J. Harris, 1091, P.P.G.T.; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; H. Martin, S.W. 1138; W. Lambie, P.M. 1396; H. L. Friend, W.M. 1243; J. H. Dobbs, P.M. 1091; E. Tozer, P.M. 112, P.G.S.W.; A. W. Palk, J.W. 1358; J. W. Valentine, J.W. 303; F. Littlejohn, W.M. 159; W. B. Shears, S.W. 159; O. Knowles, J.W. 159; J. Stroud Short, P.M. 1433, P.P.G. Org.; J. P. Sawyer, W.M. 1091; W. H. Mackay, S.W. 1091; J. R. Quinn, I.P.M. 954; F. O. Hallett, P.M. 303; B. C. Gidley, P.M. 112, P.P.G.R.; Henry Bale, P.M. 856, P.G.S.W.; S. R. Force, P.P.G.D.C.; F. R. Tomes, P.P.G.D.C.; James Chapple, S.W. 1396; W. T. Bracewell, W.M. 1396; P. B. Clements, P.M. 156, P.P.G.O.; G. Stockman, jun., P.M. 1138; W. Easton, P.M. 39, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. E. Curtis, P.M. 189, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Sandford, J.D. 444; W. Pidsley, W.M. 1254; E. Atkin-Davis, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Rev. P. Williams, P.P.G. Chap.; H. M. Burrow, W.M. 489; H. Ascott, J.W. 489; G. Pollard, S.W. 489; J. Brewer, I.P.M. 251; and H. Ford, S.W. 1181.

On arrival, Bro. Huyshe, who was so feeble as to have to be led to his seat, was very warmly received.

The Grand Lodge having been duly formed and opened, the Installing Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Rev. John Huyshe, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Metham, were saluted, and a deputation of seven Installed Masters (of the seven oldest lodges in the province, Nos. 39, 70, 105, 106, 112, 156, and 159) were sent to attend on and introduce the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (designate). On being placed before the pedestal, the patent of appointment of Viscount Ebrington as P.G.M. was read by the Grand Registrar. Viscount Ebrington was then heartily cheered, and attired in his robes of office, the Past P.G.M. putting around his neck the gold chain which had been presented to himself personally. Having been conducted to the throne by the Installing Master, the P.G.M. was received with a flourish of the trumpet.

In addressing the P.G.M. designate, Bro. Beach pointed out to the noble lord that he was about to succeed in an important office a brother who had been the admiration of the Craft, not only in this county, but throughout the whole kingdom—(applause)—and he need scarcely express the sorrow which he experienced on learning that increasing years rendered it impossible for him any longer to continue in his high office. The P.G.M. would have a worthy example to follow in the discharge of the important duties of an office for which, indeed, he seemed to have a family qualification. He trusted he would prove himself worthy of the confidence which the Grand Master of England had imposed upon him. (Hear, hear.) The P.G. Registrar then read the patent of appointment of Bro. Walter Goddard Rogers as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Dr. Clarke Whitfield's anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was then sung by the musical brethren, Bro. E. M. Vinnicombe presiding at the harmonium. The following address to the new P.G.M. on his appointment was then presented by the P.D.P.G.M. Bro. L. P. Metham, on behalf of the lodges of the province. It was signed by the W.M.'s of all the lodges in the county, and probably represented the united voice of over 2000 Masons under the rule of Viscount Ebrington:—

To the Right Worshipful Hugh Fortescue, Lord Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Devonshire.

We, the Freemasons of the Province of Devon, of every rank and degree, desire to convey to you our most sincere congratulations on your elevation to the august office of Provincial Grand Master.

Under any circumstances an address presented to the eminent brother who had been selected to preside over the province would faithfully reflect the spirit of loyalty and affection which always characterises the tone of Freemasons towards their chief; but in your case these feelings are greatly enhanced, for the province preserves a grateful recollection of the kind and honourable rule of your noble grandfather.

We entertain the hope that the Masonic virtues which so greatly distinguished him are inherited by you, and that you may be enabled to maintain for the Province of Devon that prominent position which has been achieved by our two last excellent and beloved Provincial Grand Masters.

We shall at all times deem it our duty to co-operate loyally and cheerfully in furthering your efforts to maintain and extend the grand principles of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased in His infinite wisdom and goodness to grant you a long and prosperous Masonic career to rule and guide with pleasure and profit the brethren of this province.

Bro. L. P. Metham, P.D.P.G.M., in presenting the address, said: There is not, I am confident, a Freemason present who will not re-echo, with acclamation, the good wishes this address expresses—that health, happiness, and a prosperous reign may wait upon our newly-appointed Grand Master. There is not, I trust, a brother in this

room who will not agree that he ought, and that he will, as far as his own conduct goes and as far as his influence extends among his fellow Masons, resolve that our Grand Master shall never have cause to regret that he has taken on himself this important and onerous office. With the moral and well-regulated efforts of the Craft to sustain him, his onward progress will be smooth and successful. The road he will have to travel has already been distinctly marked out by his predecessors, and he will have but to tread in their footsteps, keeping his eye steadily fixed on the landmarks of the Order, which they, by their lives and conduct, have so fully and brightly illustrated, to render his rule light and pleasant to himself and advantageous to those over whom he is placed. For myself, Right Worshipful Sir, I am grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that I, who, more than a generation ago, received my first Provincial honours from your noble grandfather, am permitted to stand here to-day, to take part in this ceremony, and to be the mouth-piece of my brethren of this large province, in welcoming as the successor of my beloved and revered friend a scion of the house of Fortescue. The young who live for what the years to come may bring, and who find the greatest delight in devising ambitious schemes which they sanguinely believe will crown their future with success, think that the old have no pleasures that can equal theirs. But that is a great mistake, as to-day can testify, for if the past carries in its bosom no sting born of an illspent or useless life, but if, on the contrary, there are abiding green spots in bygone memories on which the mind can dwell with satisfaction when life's busy part has been well played, and the shades of evening are surely but tranquilly closing round, advanced life must possess many pleasures unknown to those who have as yet realised no expectations, and who are still struggling towards the goal which the old have reached and passed. You will all understand to what and to whom these remarks apply. We have to-day prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to speed on his noble mission our newly-installed Master, and, with one mind and one voice, cordially welcomed him to that chair to which he has so strong an ancestral claim. But we have one other duty to perform, without which I am quite sure you, Right Worshipful Sir, would be the first to declare that the ceremony of to-day was incomplete. We have to bid farewell to him—happily only in his official capacity—who, for so many years, has not only been our genial Master, but the steadfast counsellor, sincere friend, and affectionate brother of us all. At his installation, now many years ago, it was my pleasing privilege to present to him an address of welcome such as I have been honoured in presenting to you, his successor, to-day. Then I dwelt, as I truthfully could, without flattery or exaggeration, upon his private virtues and excellent public qualities, as well as upon the services he had rendered not only to the Craft in particular, but to humanity at large, all welded together into one harmonious whole by the daily practice of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" in their best and widest sense. I prophesied then that when the day came which should close his rule over us, the Freemasons who should live to see that day would be able to say, as we said so long ago, with fervent, sincere, and grateful feelings for all that he had done for us and for the Craft: "He led us with a true and faithful heart, and ruled us prudently with all his power." Said I not well then, brethren? Say I not well now? Dear Bro. Huyshe, as sincerely as we have to-day welcomed our coming ruler with loyal acclamation do we, in the face of this great gathering, and in the face of the Masonic world, pray the Great Architect of the Universe to speed you, our parting ruler, and bless you with mental and bodily health to look back, as I know you will, with kindly feeling and affectionate regard to us, your brethren, who on our part shall continue to love and respect, as we have always loved and respected, you.

Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe then rose and shook the new P.G.M.'s hand, and Bro. Metham called upon the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe to say a few words of congratulation on behalf of his Province of Cornwall.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who was warmly received, addressing the P.G.M., said he was glad that he had been afforded the opportunity of making a few remarks, because he attended that day to represent in some measure a great many other brethren who were unable themselves to be present on that interesting occasion, but who were anxious, nevertheless, to convey their congratulations to the brother who had just been elected to so high an honour. He himself was especially desirous of doing so, inasmuch as he was a member of the Province of Devon, having received "the purple" from the hands of the grandfather of the present P.G.M. Since he had been installed P.G.M. of Cornwall he had been in many ways linked to this county, having at the outset been inducted by the P.G.M., who had just vacated that office. And during the time he had held the dignity he had not looked in vain to Bro. Huyshe for the assistance which he had often required. He trusted that many years would be spared their respected brother to enjoy the sympathy and rest he had so richly earned. The P.G.M. of Cornwall proceeded to mention that if he had been unable to attend the gathering himself the sister county would not have been unrepresented at those proceedings, for he observed that there were present two officers of high degree from his province. He trusted that the sympathy that had so long existed between the two counties would long continue. He might vouch for its so doing on his side of the Tamar, and he had no doubt that the brethren present would readily admit that the same sentiments prevailed on theirs. In conclusion, he would once more congratulate the noble lord on having attained to such a position, and he expressed a fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to grant him long life, so as to

enjoy a lengthy tenure of office, and when his term came to an end he trusted that he would be able to regard what he had done with as much satisfaction as his predecessors had had cause to do. (Loud applause.)

The P.G. Master, in reply, said he was heartily thankful for the address, and to the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.M. of Cornwall for their kind congratulations. The very kind words were all the more gratifying from the reference they contained to his honoured grandfather. It was seldom, he believed, that so young a man as himself had been appointed to the distinguished office which His Royal Highness the Grand Master had conferred upon him, and the proper discharge of its duties was not rendered easier by the high standard which had been established by his predecessors. He could hardly hope to equal them, but he was encouraged by the confidence of those present as shown in the address, and that they were not insensible or forgetful of duty well done he was reminded by that banner, preserved all those years in honourable remembrance, and by that gold chain, the proof at once of how well the Freemasons of Devon could appreciate life-long and devoted service, and of the love for the Craft, which was so conspicuous in the warm reception given to his predecessor, whom they were all gratified to see present. (Loud applause.) With the help of the Great Architect of the Universe, he would do his best to walk in the footsteps of those who had gone before him, and to administer the province honestly and impartially, and so in some way to verify the hopes expressed in the address, for which he again thanked them. (Prolonged applause.)

Bro. Rogers said the P.G.M. had asked him to read the following paper, being himself so feeble to address them, and his eyesight too imperfect to allow of his seeing to read it himself:—"I am most anxious that the beautiful and costly chain so affectionately presented to me on my installation as P.G.M. of Devon, on May 24th, 1863, by my Masonic brethren, should become an heirloom in the province, descending from each retiring Prov. G.M. to his successor. I have great satisfaction in knowing that the first of these is the grandson of my old and venerated chief and predecessor, Earl Fortescue. To Viscount Ebrington's charge I commit this splendid badge of office, to be by him worn as Prov. Grand Master of the Freemasons of Devon, whensoever he sees fit. May the G.A.O.T.U. give him grace, health, and strength to preside over this large province, with benefit to the Craft and satisfaction to himself; winning the esteem and affection of every worthy brother, through a long series of years. This is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of, my dear brethren, your aged and affectionate P.P.G.M., John Huyshe." (Applause.)

Bro. W. G. Rogers was then invested with his D.P.G.M.'s regalia by Bro. G. Hirtzel, W.M. of Lodge No. 39, of which lodge Bro. Rogers is a Past Master of twenty years' standing. The regalia had been subscribed for by the members of that lodge, and presented to Bro. Rogers as a token of their esteem and regard.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Okehampton, were read and confirmed.

The P.G.M. said he anticipated that it would be the unanimous wish of all present that a minute be inserted in the records of this Prov. Grand Lodge, expressing their regret that failing health and infirmity had obliged Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe to give up the office which he had held for so many years with such advantage to the province, and thanking him for the handsome present to himself and successors of the chain of office, which was presented to him on his installation by the Freemasons of Devonshire. He was very sensible himself of the kindness of Bro. Huyshe, and of the assistance already rendered to him in everything connected with the duties of his new office. He was also sure that all felt equally grateful to him for kindnesses received at his hands in time past. (Applause.) The motion was carried unanimously.

The bye-laws of the province were confirmed, and the report of the P.P.G. Sec. was read.

Bro. Rogers remarked that all the lodges had made their returns and none were in arrear.

The Treasurer reported that the whole of the dues and fees of honour had been paid. The total receipts for the year, including a balance in hand at the commencement, were £543 14s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand at the present time of £228 3s.

Bro. F. Pollard, Sec. to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, reported a balance in hand from last year of £64 17s. 7d. The total receipts for the year had been £256 0s. 7d., leaving a balance due from the Treasurer of £79 7s. 1d.

The report of the Committee of Petitions was read by Bro. Gover, the Secretary, and the recommendations contained therein were adopted.

Bro. Metham bore testimony to the value of the work of the Committee, and of the indefatigable exertions of the Secretary; and he presented to Bro. Gover, through the P.G.M., a cheque for £50, collected by private subscription.

In acknowledging the testimonial, Bro. Gover said he had held the office of Secretary for ten years, and he had looked upon his duties as a labour of love, requiring no recognition.

Bro. Rogers proposed the addition to the Committee of Petitions of the name of the P.D.P.G.M., but Bro. Metham declined the honour on account of increasing age.

The report of the Auditors was read, and a Committee formed to carry out a suggestion made therein.

On the motion of Bro. S. Jones, seconded by Bro. Curtis, Bro. Henry George Beachey, of Lodge No. 1138, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. Brewer, seconded by Bro. Rogers, Bros. Curtis, 189, and W. S. Pasmore, 444, were appointed to audit the accounts of the year.

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BIRTHS.

GIBSON.—On the 8th inst., at Willersey Rectory, Gloucestershire, the wife of the Rev. Houghton Gibbon, of a son.

MELLOR.—On the 16th inst., at 2, Ennismore-gardens, S.W., the wife of Mr. James Mellor, of a daughter, still born.

MARRIAGE.

THOMPSON—HEWETT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mary's, Marylebone, by the Rev. W. W. Kelly, John Carby, son of Mr. Charles Thompson, of Hammersmith, to Emily, daughter of Mr. James Hewett, of Witney, Oxon.

DEATHS.

CASE.—On the 17th July, at Mount Lavinia, in Ceylon, William Henry Case, son of Mr. John Case, of Maidstone, solicitor.

FINCH.—On the 16th inst., at Highgate, Forest-row, Sussex, Catherine, wife of Mr. Henry Finch, of 51, Belgrave-avenue, Hampstead.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1879.

FREEMASONRY IN THE AIR.

Is it possible? Do our eyes not deceive us? No! We read, by the courteous remembrance of our distinguished Bro. A. Fabien, of Paris, that a "profane" was actually initiated in the "circumambient aether!" On the authority of that interesting letter we print with a translation elsewhere, a lodge was held, not on the "highest hills," as of old, but amid the "airs of heaven," and not only a lodge was held, but a profane was actually initiated and received the light and atmosphere of Freemasonry. A French lodge, No. 239, under the Scottish Rite at Paris, "the true brethren united and inseparable," went up in a balloon, and after the lodge was opened and closed, and the initiation completed, returned safely to their mother earth, and to suitable refreshment, (we trust), after so daring an excursion and such arduous labours. We are amused and interested at the same time with the note of our good Bro. Fabien, and congratulate the lodge on so successful an ascent, so safe a descent, and on so amusing and original a summer excursion. We need hardly point out to our many readers that thus in Masonry, as in the world in which we live, there are always "things not dreamt of" in our "philosophy." This is a novel and striking way of making our summer "excursions" linger in our memories, being at once scientific and sensational in the highest degree. What new ideas and fresh emotions might come to some of our good brethren, wearied with the "march of life" and the "sameness of lodge assemblies," in thus ascending in a balloon, and looking down on that dirty little speck beneath their feet, which we call the earth on which we live, with the dignity of enlightened Masons and the complacency of elevated philosophers. Indeed, we forbear to let our minds dwell on the airy scenes and imaginative regions to which such an excursion might conduct some of our worthy brethren, intent upon an exciting and sensational journey, for fear we should be put down at once by some of our "heavy squad" as altogether in "nubibus" ourselves. We simply record the fact, pleased to receive Bro. Fabien's letter, and we leave this successful ascent and this completed initiation to the calm consideration and fraternal appreciation of those who have the benefit and privilege of reading the *Freemason*, and thus realizing week by week what Freemasonry is, what it does, what it says, and where it can go to. We have a special gratification in turning away from the untoward strife setting in for the Rite Ecossais, from malevolent remarks and angry attacks, to such a pleasant scene of fraternal amity, interest, amusement, good humour, and good will, and we thank Bro. Fabien sincerely once more for communicating the incident to our columns.

THE CONFLICT IN THE FRENCH RITE ECOSSAIS.

In the *Chaine d'Union*, of August, we note that this deplorable contest is extending and increasing in bitterness, and, we venture to think, in destructive principles of theory and action. Bro. Hubert says himself, the able Editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, at p. 359: "We are no longer in presence of a difference, but we are in presence of a separation, of a revolution." As that esteemed brother does not seem quite to realize the full bearing of the views we have ventured to express on the subject in dispute, and as we are always anxious to agree with him, we think it well to repeat once more the reasons which have led us to support the "Administrative Commission" of the Rite Ecossais in this deplorable and inopportune conflict. We may say, as we know Bro. Hubert will believe, that we speak most seriously and carefully, fully weighing our words, and understanding what we write about. We wish that there should be no possible misunderstanding or misrepresentation of our humble but

honest opinion, and, therefore, we will proceed categorically to state why it is we deem the present agitation in the French Rite Ecossais alike unbefitting, unreasonable, and unjust. We are quite aware of the professed difference between the reforms asked for by the "Premiere Section" of the "Grande Loge Centrale" and the alterations carried out in the Grand Orient of France. But, as we have shown before, in our opinion, the reforms which are claimed constitute a revolution in the Rite Ecossais, and are neither admissible nor defensible. For our Bro. Hubert is, we fancy, too far-seeing not to realize, as we do, that after all the motive principle of action, however it be covered over, is the same in both jurisdictions, and that the "idol" of the movement party in the "Grand Orient" is also the "idol" of the movement party in the "Rite Ecossais." We think that even our able opponent, Bro. Caubet, will not deny that however Professor Littré's initiation may have given an impetus to the movement, to Bro. Massol's initiative must be fairly attributed the great revolution eventually accomplished after many years in the Grand Orient of France. And though it be the fact, that at present, as Bro. Hubert says, only a "modus vivendi" is sought for by the Symbolic Lodges, or rather, to put it in honest language, the preponderance of the Symbolic Lodges in the Administrative Commission as in the Grande Loge Centrale, yet, if that be granted, which amounts to a complete annihilation of the superior rank and authority of the Thirty-third Degree, what is to prevent a majority repeating in the Grande Loge Centrale the system of revision, purgation, and revolution, successfully carried out in the Grand Orient? At this moment a commission of revision is considering the necessary changes to be made in the ritual of the Grand Orient, and what that report to the approaching "Convent" is likely to be, to accord with the views of an ardent majority, it does not require a prophet to foretell. It is this exaggeration of views in respect of the teaching and objects of Freemasonry, it is this fanatic intolerance of all opinions, except one which suits an excited majority, which constitute the great danger for all French Freemasonry. It is this idle cry for reform, this Jesuitism of assumed intolerance, which render this new movement in the Rite Ecossais, veiled though it be by professed principles of moderation, so full of peril to the Rite Ecossais itself. For where is it to end? What are its actual limits of thought and action? If the Symbolic Lodges are to be paramount, alike in the Grande Loge Centrale as in the Administrative Commission, what is there to prevent a complete modification of the teaching and ritual of the "Rite Ecossais," an entire approximation to the "Syllabus" of the Grand Orient? Is it not the case, that some of the most active brethren in this movement in the Rite Ecossais are warm admirers of Massol? Do they not also heartily approve of the proceedings and present position of the Grand Orient? What is to hinder this childish desire of being, as they say, "in harmony with the principles of the hour," completely ruling the words and actions of an active and, we fear, inconsiderate party? What is to save the Rite Ecossais from a Vandalic overthrow, either by the craze of "Positivism" on the one hand, or the suicidal folly of the "Morale Independante" on the other? All Theistic principles must then be disavowed. Behind, then, this seeming vindication of professedly innocent changes, (but which are tantamount to a revolution), lie, in our opinion, the destruction of lawful authority, the development of un-Masonic theories, the actual weakening and the eventual dissolution of the Rite Ecossais itself. In saying this we feel sure that we are only expressing the opinion of a large number of the members of the French Rite Ecossais, very anxious at the present aspect of affairs in that distinguished body. Probably the result of this angry controversy will be, as Bro. Hubert seems to anticipate, the creation of a spurious "Grande Loge Centrale Symbolique," but in this struggle between lawful authority and malcontents the sympathy of English Masons, whether Craft or High Grade, will remain actively and warmly with the Administrative Commission. No such body could or would be recognized in England. At a meeting of the "Premiere Section" of the

"Grande Loge Centrale," July 15th, at Paris, a Bro. Chemalé is said, in Bro. Hubert's careful report, to have declared that the "grossest insults had been published by the *Freemason* against honourable and devoted brethren," and Bro. Clement, whose letter has already been alluded to in our columns, wished to know the name of the brother who had translated and distributed the article of the *Freemason* attacking Frere Massol. A Bro. Metayer asked that this brother should be punished for translating and distributing the article. We smile, as our readers will smile, at such childish bombast, and we may perchance gain a measure of the minds to whom this wild scheme of change is palatable. We beg to say that the *Freemason* never displays personality in its leaders, but it claims for itself what those liberal brethren seem to wish not to accord it,—liberty of thought and words. We can only conclude this article, as we began it, by saying that our sympathies entirely go with the "Administrative Commission of the Rite Ecossais in Paris."

EXAGGERATION.

What a striking characteristic is this amiable but hurtful mistake of all common conversation and current literature to-day! We live in an age of exaggeration, and everything around us assumes the appearance of want of proportion. We speak exaggeratedly of everything and everybody. We form exaggerated ideas of things and persons; the speeches we make, the books we write, the lives we lead, all are tinged with the prevailing colour of wholesale exaggeration! Hence arises so much of that unsatisfactoriness of all modern conversation, or oratorical addresses, of the normal literature of the hour. We are not anxious to speak or know the truth, and so we indulge in innumerable glosses and fashionable equivocations, until society itself has become unreal and unmeaning, both in its aims and existence, and is simply dominated by a love of ostentation and profession, the "shimmering" and the tinsel of rampant vulgarity, that barbarism of mere wealth, without taste or teaching, refinement or culture, which drags us all down to a common level of ineptitude and worthlessness. Everything thus for us wears the gaudy hues of exaggeration. We cannot keep to quiet words or tranquil expressions, but indulge in "superlatives" of all kinds, both meaningless and mischievous. Not caring for truth ourselves, and living in an habitual atmosphere of deliberate exaggeration, the prevailing tone of conversation in all classes alike leans to the sensational and the scandalous, the narration of high-spiced adventure, the facetiae of dubious morality, and the baseness of personal detraction. And so in the same way as regards our orators: how true it is also that the spirit of "high falutin" and hopeless "bunkum" seems to have seized them, with some, happily, notable exceptions. Hardly a day passes but we take up the broad sheet of the *Times*, for instance, and read a speech which we know is not true, and is simply marked by a ruling spirit of exaggeration and excess. It is not "truth" that the speaker was seeking to establish, but "party," self, a paradox, a parody on all that bears the sacred name of truth. It is lamentable often to think and to note into what excesses this tendency to exaggeration leads many of our contemporaneous public men to bow at the shrine of the loathsome "fetish" of mere party spirit. In its most exaggerated development, they are ready, nay eager, to sacrifice the welfare of the many, and even the peaceful progress of mankind. As for our literature, what can we say of it, but that it represents the "avatar" of exaggeration. Take the books we see announced day by day, open them, read them. Of how few of them can we conscientiously declare that truth is the object either of their professed aim or actual teaching? Of how many of them must we not declare, on the contrary, that exaggeration of theory, argument, sentiment, as the case may be, marks every line, and is blatant on every page? When old Carlyle, writing years ago, gave as his advice to a young generation "keep clear of bottled moonshine," he certainly was a

good "mentor" for us all. But equally to-day the teacher and the philosopher may say to us all, old or young, "Avoid exaggeration." It is now a serious evil, affecting the pulpit and literature, the press and the stage, the society we frequent, the conversation we take part in, the associations we indulge in, the very existence we call our own. Nay, more than this, it is undermining perceptibly the better teachings of "truth" in us all, alike in our public and our domestic life.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

AN INITIATION IN A BALLOON.

A la gloire du Grande Architecte de l'Univers. Au nom et sous les auspices du Supreme Conseil du Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté pour la France et ses dependances. Par 48° de latitude Nord et par 29° de longitude Ouest du méridien de Paris. A 900 metres d'altitude au dessus du monde profane abord du baloon Captif de Paris.

Le 12 Aout, 1879.

T. C. F. Kenning,—

Il est sept heures du soir. La Loge 239, "Les Vrais Freres Unis Inseparables" est entiere au sein des airs, dans la nacelle du grand ballon de Paris transformé pour la premiere fois en loge aérestatique. Le maillet retentit, un profane recoit la lumiere, et nous lui expliquons qui s'il domine ainsi le monde profane qu'il voit bien loin sous ses pieds c'est l'emblème de la hanteur a laquelle la Maçonnerie cherche à élever les ames au dessus des passions humaines. Dans la région élevée ou je me trouve en le moment, les instants sont si comptés que je me borne à ces quelques mots que je vais livrer à la poste aussitôt sorti du temple extraordinaire dans lequel je vous écris.

A FABIEN, 33°.

TRANSLATION.

To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. In the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Ancient and Accepted, in France and its dependencies. By 48 of latitude N. and 29 of longitude W. of the meridian of Paris. At 900 metres of altitude above the profane world, on board the balloon "Captive of Paris." August 12, 1879.

Very dear Bro. Kenning,—

It is seven o'clock in the evening. The Lodge 239, "Les Vrais Freres Unis Inseparables," (The True Brethren United and Inseparable), is altogether in the bosom of the air, in the basket of the grand balloon of Paris, turned for the first time into an acrostatic lodge. The gavel of the Master resounds, a profane receives the light, and we explain to him that if he thus dominates the profane world which he sees very far off at his feet, it is an emblem of the height to which Masonry seeks to elevate the souls of men above all human passions.

In the elevated region where I find myself at this moment, the instants are so numbered that I confine myself to these few words, which I will deliver to the post as soon as I have emerged from the extraordinary "temple" in which I write to you.

A. FABIEN, 33°

[We have received, and publish with a translation, our distinguished brother's letter with the greatest pleasure. We allude to it elsewhere. For its publisher and editor return Bro. Fabien fraternal thanks.—Ed. F.M.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hear that at the meeting of the House Committee, before which the claim of Bro. S. B. Wilson was taken into consideration, it was decided not to appoint any Mason as referee in the dispute between the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Bro. S. B. Wilson.

Will some member of the Craft explain how this can be reconciled with the principles of Masonry, and thereby enlighten,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly give a reply to the following questions in your next issue?

1. Is a Warden, invested by proxy, after having served his year of office eligible as a candidate for the chair of K.S.?
2. The W.M. not having sufficient time to conclude the business of the evening, calls off from labour to refreshment and resumes the next evening. Are candidates initiated at the latter meeting legally made Masons? If not, supposing that the calling off and resuming were inserted in the summons a week previous, would that make it legal?
3. The I.P.M. of a lodge being elected Treasurer, which office should he take in open lodge, and what should be done with the other collar?

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M.M. 711.

[1. No. 2. No; adjournments are illegal. 3. I.P.M., but he can wear both if he likes.—Ed. F.M.]

CHARITY REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me once more to add a few words of comment on your last article. and to correct one or to great misapprehensions under which you labour.

I never put forth any plan, "little" or big, for "reforming our Charities," but I have ventured to point out some great abuses which attach to the election system adopted by our Charities and many others. These abuses cannot be defended by a little innocent banter, such as your article contains, but by some solid argument to prove they have a raison d'être for their existence. This has not been attempted, and, perhaps, for the best reasons. From information I have received, I believe there is an "entire" absence (not of "investigation" of some kind, but) of proper investigation into the claims of candidates. There is a little investigation, which, like a "little learning," is "a dangerous thing." I am glad to find you are one with me in a desire for reform in this point.

The "scenes" of the polling day—with widows and orphans and voters running about, and canvassing, and exchanging, and purchasing, and waiting for the verdict, and their jubilee and wail—why, Sir, all this is a proverb, and, let me add, a bye-word too; so much so, that the *Graphic* or *Illustrated London News* not long ago had "the scene taken" at the London Tavern or Cannon-street. My good Bro. Creation can see for himself on any of the sensational days to which I allude. The elections can be as "open, honest, and above board" without the abuses as with them, and far more so; and be assured, dear Sir, and Brother, we will never rest until we get rid of them.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

14A, Clement's Inn,

August 16th, 1879.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.—REPRESENTATIVE CLOTHING, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As my esteemed friend and our R.W. Bro. William James Hughan in his letter in a late number of the *Freemason* calls on me to send you a description of our Irish Grand Lodge representative collar and jewel, which is presented to each Representative on his appointment, I gladly do so.

The collar is a small but very neat one, made of sky blue (called in Ireland Masonic blue) corded silk, two inches deep in front, narrowing to one inch in back, bound with gold lace of quarter of an inch, and in front (where there is an opening for jewel to hang) gold fringe of a half inch.

The jewel of office is silver gilt, made in the shape of a buckle ring, 2½ inches in diameter, the ring being of Masonic blue enamel, on it, in gold letters, the words "Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland." In the centre of the ring is an Irish Past Master's jewel, being the square and compass, gilt, and between them the letter "G" in Masonic blue enamel. This collar and jewel are the property of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Until very recently each Representative on his appointment was presented by the Grand Lodge of Ireland with an Irish Junior Grand Warden's clothing, consisting of collar, jewel, apron, and gauntlets, but owing to the large increase of representation to foreign Grand Lodges a change had to be made, and the Representatives have now to purchase their own apron and gauntlets.

I may mention that the Irish Grand Officers' clothing is of a different pattern from all others, and the gauntlets, I am sorry to say, are seldom worn in Ireland. The clothing of the Grand Lodge of England is garter blue, every part of it being very beautifully ornamented in gold lace. In Scotland it is thistle green, the collar being a simple piece of corded silk ribbon, but the apron being beautifully ornamented. The gauntlets are also handsomely ornamented, but the cordon, or sash (not worn in England or Ireland) is, like the collar, plain corded silk ribbon, with six inches of gold fringe at the end of it. The grandest clothing certainly is that of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, which consists of a collar of a most peculiar shape, being pointed back and front as also over both shoulders. This collar is five inches deep, save in front, where it is eight inches. It is dark green, and made of the richest Lyons (silk) velvet, magnificently embroidered with the lotus leaves (signifying fertility and devotion) in silver lace, meeting in front, where there is what is commonly known as "a true lover's knot," also in silver lace. This collar is edged with red silk ribbon, also embroidered in silver lace, with an exceeding neat chain pattern, in silver, on it (green and red being Egyptian colours). Over the knot and between the lotus leaves is a crescent in gold lace, between the points of the crescent three stars, and over them "Cons. Del. G. Maestro."

My collars were presented to me on my being honoured by being made an Hon. Senior Grand Warden. I am aware the cost of this collar in Egypt is nearly £ to 10s.

The jewel is gold or silver gilt, being a Senior or Junior Grand Warden's jewel, according to rank in Grand Lodge or by commission, and contained within a ring three inches in diameter; at the bottom of this ring is a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, at the top the word "Egypt."

The gauntlets are dark green, silk bound, with silver lace and fringe half an inch deep, and a Warden's jewel on each. The apron is, of course, the lambkin, bound with dark green silk ribbon and silver lace, half an inch deep. The flap is of the Scotch circular pattern, also bound with silver lace, half an inch, and fringe one inch, and on it the letters C. D. G. M. This apron has also levels in gold on it. The collar alone is presented by Grand Lodge, and on death or resignation of Representative (unless it be presented to holder as a special mark of honour) is to be

returned to Grand Lodge. The rest of the clothing is procured by the Representative.

Many of your readers will, doubtless, be surprised at this variety in clothing, but it is well to have it so. But the clothing does not vary more than the working in points non-essential, as no two Masonic bodies work in exactly the same way. This I look on, and I have by experience learned to be, one of our greatest safeguards against impostors. I am aware that many think there should be a perfect uniformity all over the world, in non-essential, as there is in every essential, and by knowing which essentials every true Mason, come he from north, south, east, or west, can obtain admission into any lodge he may wish to visit.

Our valued and R.W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Sec. of Iowa, has truly styled this vain idea of uniformity in non-essentials as "a myth." I would go much further and call it an evil, which, I am sorry to say, some Irish and Scotch brethren, not understanding or apparently appreciating the grandeur and beauty of the Masonic working in non-essentials in England, Ireland, and Scotland (when taken separately, and as each of them being a perfect system of working within itself) are, in their ignorance, trying to import (especially into the grand old Irish working) somewhat of the English working, and thus doing vast injury to both.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

5, Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
16th August, 1879.

Reviews.

THE BANK HOLIDAY. C. Goodall, Printer, Cookridge-street, Leeds.

This is a facetious performance by a learned but anonymous brother of ours, in which the adventures of Daniel, the groom, and Mary, the parlour-maid, on St. Lubbock's Day, are "amusingly described." We agree with the writer that the "rhymes occasionally to be found in this composition are altogether unnecessary," and that they "have been allowed to stand out of consideration for readers not yet educated up to the appreciation of a purely classical metre" is a proof of much consideration for his readers on part of the author. Poor Polly's sufferings may serve to show that the "course of true love never did run smooth," but we refer our readers to the affecting and edifying little tale itself.

GREENHOUSE FAVOURITES. Groombridge & Sons.

Part III. maintains its position as a work of art and interest. The illustrations are beautiful. To all who have greenhouses the work is invaluable.

AT NIGHT IN A HOSPITAL. By E. LYNN LYNTON.

This interesting little pamphlet, which seems to be intended for private circulation only, is a reprint from "Belgravia." It gives a most graphic account of the work of that most admirable institution, the London Hospital, and will well repay perusal and thought. Its statistics are very remarkable. This much needed hospital has a paid income of £14,000 per annum, but its expenditure is three times that amount. During 1878, of 6448 in-patients, 4794 were admitted free, and 1654 cases were recommended by Governors. Of 49,791 out-patients, 29,215 were treated free, and 20,576 were recommended by subscribers. As the writer truly says of its accounts "these items are not uninteresting." From seventeen to eighteen cwt. of artificial ice are used weekly. The milk bill is over £2100 yearly, eggs over £820, and vegetables a few pounds less. Bread stands at £1386 14s. 3d., meat at £5777 18s. 6d. The water bill is £190 7s. 8d., and coals and light come to £2658 7s. 2d. Thus it is virtually a "Free Hospital," nearly three-quarters of the patients being received without the recommendation of subscribers, and admitted into wards according to the severity of their cases, as adjudged by the medical and surgical officers, while no accident or similarly urgent case, from whatever quarter it comes, is ever turned away. Need we say anything more to prove the value of this noble institution to the humbler classes, and the absurdity, in our opinion, and the irreligion of the movement which is seeking on grounds of political economy, or rather of Pharisaic selfishness, to interfere with these great free hospital institutions of ours, and make them self-supporting and remunerative. Happily, so far, it is only a very small section of the medical profession, always benevolent, which patronises such retrograde notions.

THE FOUR ELEMENTS. By FRATER JOHN SARTAIN.

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This is a very mystic paper by a Rosicrucian adept, and more fitly belongs to our good contemporary the "Rosicrucian." What it means, or to what it tends, we are positively unable to say. The four elements represent "earth, air, fire, and water," but what they have to do with us, or we with them, in this mystic sense, it is impossible for us to guess, much less explain. But we are struck with the eloquence of the writer, and his ingenious moral application of mystic speculations. We can only suppose that it is our personal denseness and want of Rosicrucian light which prevent us deriving all the benefit we ought to derive from so abstruse and well written a production. To us it is "Chalde," to Rosicrucians it will, no doubt, be "Caviare."

KELET. Buda Pesth.

This is the official organ of Johannite Grand Lodge of Hungary, and though we are not privileged to read, much less understand, Hungarian, we are glad to recognize a contemporary well-printed, and which, no doubt, is of deep interest to all its Masonic compatriots.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.—(continued.)

The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 39	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. Walrond, 303	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Hine-Haycock, 164	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Swansborough, 1181	}	...	Prov. G. Chaplains
" Rev. C. W. H. Holley, 1753			
" H. G. Beachey, 1138	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Hirtzel, 39	...	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. D. Thomas, 444	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Alfred Latimer, 189	...	...	Pr. v. J.G.D.
" T. B. Patterson, 1125	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Alfred Bedley, 39	...	...	Prov. G. D. of Cer.
" B. Barber, 1254	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" E. M. Vinnicombe, 39	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Major Swann, 847	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" D. Box, 156	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
Bros. F. Pollard, 1284; J. Jerman, 39; Wm. Pidsley, 1254; E. Furse, 421; Harris Square, 1496; and E. J. Knight, 202	}	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. Peter Blanchard, 444			
" John Rogers, 202	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Rogers, 202	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Tanner-Davy, the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge were given to the retiring Auditors, Bros. J. Way and V. Bird, who had most satisfactorily performed the duties of that office for several years.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.S.W., viz., "That, having regard to the difficulty in securing the election of the adopted candidates of the province for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, it is expedient to found an educational scheme confined to the province, which, whilst not antagonistic to the Charities before mentioned, will secure speedy relief being afforded to a larger number of deserving cases than can be hoped for with the means at present at the disposal of the province; that it be referred to the Committee of Petitions to draw up such a scheme and regulations for the management thereof." However, after expressing his views on the subject, he withdrew the motion.

On the proposition of Bro. Curteis, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, Bro. Beach, for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of that day.

In response, Bro. Beach thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the compliment paid him, and said he echoed the good wishes expressed on behalf of the new P.G.M. for a long life and a prosperous rule over the province.

The banquet was held at four o'clock, at the Royal Public Rooms, which were prettily decorated for the occasion. A splendid collation was supplied by Messrs. Palmer and Battershall, and it gave unqualified satisfaction. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bros. Beach, Rogers, Swansborough, Rev. John Carwithen, Hon. Hylton Joliffe, Tanner-Davy, Curteis, S. Jones, Perry, Hine-Haycock, Elphinstone Stone.

The toast list commenced with "The Queen and the Craft," proposed from the chair. Viscount Ebrington remarked that when a law was passed interfering with secret societies, the Ancient Society of Freemasons was specially excepted, and he was sure that they were not now less loyal than they were then.

"The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was also proposed from the chair. In doing so, the noble Chairman said that His Royal Highness had, since his connection with Freemasonry, been of great advantage to the Craft, for he had brought to it the same interest and attention which made the English department of the Paris Exhibition such a grand success. (Hear, hear.) It was gratifying to know that His Royal Highness would soon be in that province again on the errand of laying the foundation stone of the Eddystone Lighthouse. That building seemed to him to represent in the water the three great principles of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and charity. On his journey, he was sure that His Royal Highness would have the good wishes of all. (Applause.)

In proposing "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," the Chairman remarked that their Senate could challenge the Senate of the nation on two points—the speediness of their legislation—for obstruction was not one of those hidden mysteries of nature and science which had yet received much attention—and with regard to the illustrious names on its rolls. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Woodman, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, and Past Master of No. 444, Union, Devon, who responded. He said it had given him the greatest pleasure to witness the ceremony of the day, by which they had all acknowledged the rule of one whose position in the province might be considered all but hereditary. The Order was never more prosperous nor in greater favour than it was at present, under the rule of our Royal Prince, assisted by such chiefs as Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and supported by the rest of the Grand Officers, who were ever ready at the call of duty to do whatever work they might be required to perform, whether for Grand Lodge or for their respective provinces; and he was proud in their name to thank the Grand Master of Devon for the manner he had proposed their health, and the brethren generally for their cordial response to the same.

The Right Worshipful the Installing Master proposed, "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington." He said that the Chairman had that day taken upon himself a position which involved large and important duties, but he was sure that all would agree that from the earnestness he had shewn that day they need not entertain any apprehension of the way in which he

would discharge the duties of his office, or that he would not justify the expectations formed of him. (Hear, hear.) The duties of his office were by no means light, but he had entered upon them with the full sense of his responsibility, and he was sure he would do his best to carry out the duties to the fullest extent. He would have active, energetic, and able Masons to support him, and he would, no doubt, conduct their business in a manner which would draw forth the encomiums of all the Masons in England. (Hear, hear.) He asked the brethren to drink long life and prosperity to the P.G.M. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for the kindness expressed towards him, and he could only hope that half the good things said about him would be accomplished. If such were the case, he did not think that either they or himself would have reason to complain. But among all the virtues and good qualities ascribed to him, the speaker was not able to reckon that of experience in Masonry. He had one advantage, however, in that respect, for it could not be said of him that he was too old to learn. (Laughter.) He meant to do his best to rule the kindness wisely and well, and in a manner worthy of his predecessors. He would promise that he would do so honestly, and with an impartial regard for the true interests of the Craft. In the West they were proud of their character for hospitality, and they heartily welcomed a stranger, even if he had no other recommendation than that he was one. But the brother whose health he should now ask them to drink came to them from Hampshire, with the reputation of being a good landlord, a good neighbour, a good magistrate, a good member of Parliament, and a good master of hounds. (Laughter and loud applause.) Besides all those recommendations, he brought the reputation of being a very good Mason, which should be of especial weight in such an assembly as that. (Hear, hear.) At various times he had served no less than six years as W.M. of a lodge, and now for many years he had been P.G.M. of the extensive Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Of his love for the Craft they had him there as a living example, for he had come a considerable distance, at no slight personal inconvenience, to assist them that day. He (the Chairman) was therefore sure that those present were as grateful to the R.W. Bro. Beach as he was for the way in which he had performed the ceremony that morning, and he believed that they would show their appreciation of him by heartily receiving the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. Beach returned his warm thanks for the manner in which his name had been received. He was not quite a stranger, for a good many years ago he came to Devonshire to seek a wife. (Hear, hear.) But, if he had been a stranger before, the welcome and kindness he had received that day would make him a stranger no more. He was glad of the opportunity afforded him that day of seeing the admirable way in which Freemasonry was carried out in Devonshire, and he should take the first opportunity of attending one of the lodges in the province. (Hear, hear.) As the Order extended, so the responsibility of each Mason increased, and it behoved every one to sustain the credit of the Craft and to maintain its ancient principles. The change of principles in other countries had been most disastrous, but in England there had been no disturbance of attachment to the Order.

Bro. Tanner-Davy proposed, "The Health of the R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master of Devon, the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C. England." He regretted that Bro. Huyshe had been obliged to resign an office which he had filled for so many years to the entire satisfaction of every Mason in the province, and an office the duties of which he had discharged with great courtesy and firmness. (Hear, hear.) He had known the P.P.G.M. as an intimate personal friend, and he would assure his brethren that he was as good in his private life, as thorough and sincere, as in the discharge of his Masonic duties. He was always ready to dispense acts of kindness or charity to anybody who required them, and in his own parish he was looked upon as a sort of "prophet, priest, and king." Col. Tanner-Davy went on to congratulate Viscount Ebrington on his elevation, and said that Bro. Huyshe was exceedingly gratified at the selection of his successor.

The toast was heartily received, three cheers being given for the P.P.G.M., and three for Mrs. Huyshe.

Bro. the Rev. J. Carwithen acknowledged the compliment, in the absence of the P.P.G.M. He said he was one of Bro. Huyshe's oldest friends, and perhaps the oldest Mason in the room. The P.P.G.M. was much pleased at the appointment of Viscount Ebrington, and was sure that he was the right man in the right place, and that he would add lustre to Masonry. The Chairman's grandfather first made him P.G. Chaplain.

In proposing "The V.W. the Deputy P.G.M. of Devon, Bro. Rogers, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," the noble Chairman said that he felt sure of the same support and assistance from all of them as had been kindly and freely given to him by the P.P.G.M. (Applause.)

Bro. Rogers said he was very gratified at the manner in which his name had been received, and he could not but think that his distinction was due to some extent to his late chief. The ordinary ambition of a man had been more than realised in his case, and he hoped to deserve the confidence placed in him, to carry out the duties of his office with satisfaction to everybody, and that none of its dignity would be lost in his hands. In conclusion, he thanked his brethren of Lodge 112 for presenting him with his beautiful Deputy Provincial Grand Master's regalia, in token of their fraternal esteem and affection. He valued the gift highly, and gratefully acknowledged the feelings which prompted it. (Hear, hear.)

In proposing "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province, Present and Past," the noble Chairman claimed

for the Province of Devon as prominent a place in Masonry as she held in everything else, and that position it would ever be his earnest endeavour to maintain and advance, and it was to the W.M.'s of lodges and their immediate predecessors and successors that he must look to for help to do that. With the toast he gave the name of Bro. J. Jerman, the W.M. of the ancient lodge which held the proud position of heading the long list that begun with 39, and ended—he hoped only for the present—with 1753. (Applause.)

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jerman, his I.P.M.—Bro. John Stocker—responded to the toast.

"The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. the Rev. R. Swansborough, P.G.C., and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," by the P.G. Tyler, Bro. P. L. Blanchard, concluded the toast list.

Bro. S. Jones, P.P.G.J.W., had charge of the arrangements, assisted by the P.G. Sec. and a Committee of the P.G. Stewards, and the W.M.'s of the three Exeter Lodges, Nos. 39, 112, and 1254.—*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette.*

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the three chairs. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, J. B. Shackleton, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, H. Garrod, Neville Green, Charles Atkins, Herbert Dicketts, W. Hilton, Dr. W. Hill Evans, Thos. Senior, A. Lamarque, R. E. K. Wilkinson, T. F. Knight Smith, J. H. Matthews, Alfred Withers, John Holden, W. Body Date, John Lee, George B. Brodie, J. G. Robinson, W. Foulsham, Henry Speedy, Dr. W. Hope, E. Farwig, J. J. Cattle, Thos. Wm. Bond, George S. Elliott, A. Timothy, G. F. Seigé, E. Squirell, W. W. Gray, Robert Harman, D. Belfrage, George Coope, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £410, made at last meeting, and then proceeded to the new list, on which there were eighteen candidates. Five of these cases were dismissed and two were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £425, consisting of two grants of £100 each (£200); one of £50 (£50); three of £40 (£120); one of £30 (£30); one of £15 (£15); one of £10 (£10); and two of £5 (£10). Lodge was then closed.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE BERKHAMPTED LODGE.

The summer outing of the Berkhampted Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bro. W. C. Maddever, G.S.D., W.M., presided. Upon the arrival of the London train, 11.25, the visitors and others were met, and all adjourned to the Old Castle Green, in the Earl of Brownlow's park, where a substantial luncheon, under a marquee, was waiting. After the brethren had fully paid their devotions to the viands, &c., four drags were soon occupied, and, under weigh through the vast park, staying for a while to view the most attractive spots and distant landscapes, which this part of the country is noted for. Just before arriving at the Bridgewater Monument a drenching storm came on, which rather damped the ardour of the party, keeping them under the trees for a time until the sun again showed. On again, however, and stopped at one of the park lodges to wet the inner man, now thoroughly wet outside, and after another short sojourn were on the road again, making for the Earl's beautiful house and gardens. Having done the gardens, rosary, fountains, &c., which are, indeed, rare specimens of artistic taste and high-class cultivation, the company were ready to leave, when the Countess sent one of her attendants to know whether the gentlemen would like to view the chapel. Of course, all did like, and replied to that effect, thanking her ladyship for her condescending kindness.

Whilst in the chapel a surprise took place—the Steward of the house asked if any among the company would try the organ?

Bro. Haakins, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364, said he would, and taking a brother with him to blow, he quietly went into the organ gallery and pealed forth some most exquisite music, to the delight and great gratification of his hearers, who had not (until they heard the organ) the remotest idea they were going to be in for such an intellectual treat in the day's programme.

After a little more walking all took their places, and were rattled off at a good pace to the King's Arms Hotel, in the town, where a most recherché banquet was partaken of. Only a few toasts were given. Songs were sung by some of the brethren, and at 9.25 all were ready to start by the last train for London.

The utmost praise is certainly due to Bro. Wilson, the Secretary, who carried out the arrangements so thoroughly, and whose good taste, forethought, and great kindness were the means of all enjoying a pleasurable day, although it did rain bucketsful at one time during the drive.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle and acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headachy, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a beggar to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[Advt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Arrangements are being made for the opening of a new lodge at St. Leonard's, and a petition has been lodged for a warrant authorising the lodge to be opened. The petition is supported by the old Derwent Lodge, No. 40, and there is no doubt that Masonry will soon find a home and habitation in the western portion of the town, the non-existence having been long felt by the members of the Craft residing in that locality.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Tredegar, on the 7th inst., Bro. Jos. Gibbs, P.M. 471, and P.P.G.S.B., was appointed Steward to represent the province at the next annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a sum of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on his list in the name of the P.G.M.

The name of Comp. W. Stephens, M.E.Z. Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, was inadvertently omitted from our report of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent as one of the companions present at the convocation.

MAJOR CHARD, R.E.—Major Chard, R.E., the hero of Rorke's Drift, was formerly quartered in Exeter, and is a Freemason and a member of one of the Exeter lodges, the brethren of which have had the following address beautifully illuminated for presentation to him on his return home: "To Brother John Rouse Merriott Chard: We, the undersigned, Master, Wardens, and brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, desire to express to you our great admiration of the determined and well-sustained courage and gallantry with which you defended the post of Rorke's Drift against an overwhelming force of Zulu warriors on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd of January, 1879, our sincere congratulations on the well-deserved honours in the shape of a majority in the army and the Victoria Cross for valour with which her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to recognise your gallant feat of arms, and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to serve your Queen and country with that devotion and courage you have so early evinced."

On Saturday last, at the Shire Hall, Dorchester, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Sir C. Whetham) took the oaths as a magistrate for Dorsetshire. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Bro. Sheriff Burt, to whom he has been paying a visit. In the evening the Lord Mayor presented the portrait of Bro. Sheriff Burt, on behalf of a deputation from 1000 of the employes of Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., in which firm the Sheriff is senior partner, the deputation having travelled to Swanage for that purpose. A portrait of Mrs. Burt, the gift of members of her family, was presented to her at the same time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London have become patrons of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., has taken Ockenden Park, Sussex, one of the residences of Bro. S. W. W. Burrell, for a short term.

Among the list of visitors present at the late Grand Chapter of Kent meeting, held at the Skating Rink, Plumstead, should have been the name of Comp. H. Shaw, P.S. Union Waterloo Chapter, 13, and W.M. United Military Lodge, 1536.

BIGOTRY IN AUSTRIA.—A sad story of heartless fanatical bigotry comes from Prague. A nun of the English Cloister for Young Girls has at a moment's notice been turned out into the streets, without a florin in her pocket, for having given shelter during one night in her cell to her sick and destitute father, who had paid her a visit during the day, and who, as he was leaving his daughter, said that he had not the wherewithal to procure himself a night's lodging. He was at last persuaded by his daughter to remain all night in the convent. He was once a cavalryman, and very well off, but lost his money in speculation; beyond this there is no harm in the poor fellow. In most countries he could have procured some relief, and perhaps have been sent back to his native town had he desired and deserved it, for he is a Mason, but in Austria the Craft is at a discount, for its members—as, alas! is the case in many continental lands, notably in Italy and France—have had the imprudence to meddle with politics. The consequence is that, unlike their brethren in England, Germany, Sweden, &c., who boast sovereigns or heirs-apparent amongst their members, the Austrian Freemasons are looked upon with a jealous eye by the police. Indeed, no lodge is allowed within six miles of Vienna, the nearest being at Klasterneburg. A subscription is being got up for father and daughter, and great indignation is expressed at the intolerant and summary way in which the latter—a charming girl of eighteen—has been expelled. Doubtless the proverbially and hard-hearted world will in this instance prove more humane than Mother Church. It will not be the first time.—*Yorkshire Post*, August, 13th.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge is to be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on the 30th inst. The Consecrating Officer will be Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke, P.G.D., assisted by Bros. Capt. G. N. Philips and Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Advt.]

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for sleepless, neuralgia, and Hay fever. 2s. per box. Homeopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.

Public Amusements.

OLYMPIC.—"Davy Crockett." The main interest of this play is centred in a certain backwoodsman whose name gives the play its title. The plot is very simple and not very original, the incidents having a flavour of a happy combination of many plays. But the leading actor, Mr. Frank Mayo, portrays the character of *Davy Crockett* with such vigour and pathos that we are fain to be interested when we should otherwise be bored. It is only the clever acting of this clever actor that saves the piece, for the plot is, as we have said, very simple, and there is not a smart or clever saying in the whole five acts, and the way in which a certain fair actress reads some lines from Scott's "Young Lochinvar" is so bad, so devoid of all feeling and spirit, that we are only saved from laughter by keeping our attention fixed on *Davy*, whose face plays to the lines as they should be delivered, not as they are. If fairly cast all round, "Davy Crockett" might hold the boards for some considerable time, instead of, as announced, for four weeks only. We must not forget to give a word of praise to Mr. Meade, who played the villain remarkably well; he certainly showed great presence of mind and wonderful control over the risible muscles of his face when he delivers the line "No matter, the time will come." We strongly recommend our readers to see Mr. Frank Mayo as *Davy Crockett*; it is most refreshing, for his style is altogether new to English playgoers. The new farce "Cut and Come Again," from the pen of Mr. R. Soutar, produces much merriment and is decidedly clever.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, August 29, 1879.

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.**
Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Maswell Hill.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 25.**
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.**
Chap. 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-st., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.**
Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound H., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.**
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Ross, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Princes Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

LOCOS OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgwar e-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 30, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 De Grey & Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1516, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 30, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
 " 999, Robert Burns, M.H., Manchester.
 Chap. 219, Justice, M.H., Todmorden.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys, Burnley.
 " 1774, Mellor, Guide Bridge Hot., Guide Bridge.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
 " 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
 " 277, Friendship, M.H., Oldham.
 " 1083, Townley Parker, Mosley Hot., Beswick.
 " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.
 " 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Strangeways.
 " 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., West Gorton.
 " 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.
 " 1723, St. George, Commercial Hot., Town Hall-sq., Bolton.

" 1775, Leopold, M.R., Commercial-st., Church.
 Chap. 42, Unanimity, Derby Hot., Bury.
 Rose Croix Chap. Phillips, M.R., Athenaeum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
 " 286, Samaritan, Green-Man, Hot., Bacup.
 " 344, Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.
 " 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samsbury.
 " 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate.
 " 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
 " 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
 " 816, Royds, Spring Grdns. Inn, Wardle, Rochdale.
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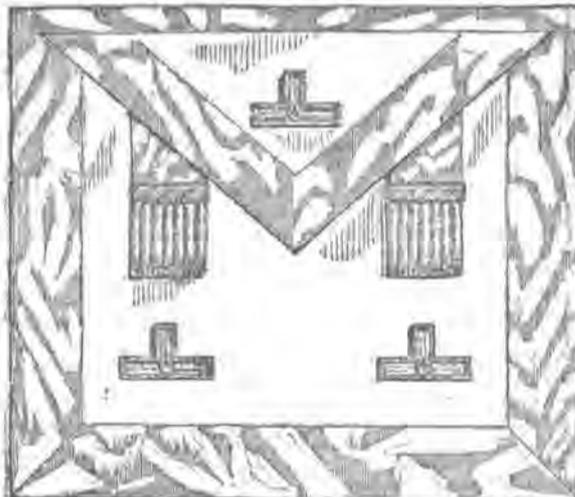
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Seven Sisters, Page Green, Tottenham. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Stephens, who was supported by the following officers and Past Masters:—Bro. G. Burford, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Farrin, J.W.; D. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; T. Cunningham, P.M., Sec.; Past Masters John Maller, G. Townsend, W. Dance, W. Steedman, W. Kelly, J. Linzell, and J. Jones; H. V. Clements, S.D.; T. H. Thompson, J.D.; Wm. Tegg, I.G.; J. Garrod, D.C.; J. Very, Tyler; and several members. The following visitors were also present:—Bro. G. C. Young, 820; J. F. Brown, J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; S. Hill, 109; W. W. Morgan, Jun., 1385; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472; J. H. Thompson, 1580; J. Barber, 933; H. B. Carter, 1435; J. Badkin, 1365; J. Pinder, H. Cleverly, 1107; J. B. Reid, 946; J. E. Pinder, 1707. The lodge having been regularly opened and the usual formalities observed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted. Bro. Mitchell was passed, and later on Bro. H. Cooper was raised. Bro. Dance, P.M., then presented Bro. Burford, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. A Board of Masters being formed, that brother was regularly placed in the chair, and in due course he appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bro. Farrin, S.W.; Clements, J.W.; Roberts, Treas.; Cunningham, Sec.; Thompson, S.D.; Tegg, J.D.; Garrod, I.G.; W. S. Blenkinsop, D.C.; Stevenson, Steward; Lewis, Asst. Steward; Very, Tyler. The installing Master, Bro. Stevens, then gave the addresses usual after the installation ceremony. One candidate for initiation having been proposed, the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most enjoyable repast was provided by Bro. Oddy. At the conclusion of the banquet, and grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," followed, and was most heartily received. The toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next honoured. After a song, Bro. Stephens proceeded to give the toast of "The W.M." He said he could not speak much of his ability as W.M., as he was new to that position, but as a member of the lodge, and a faithful officer, he paid him a great compliment. The W.M. had ever been at his post, and was well qualified to fill the position he now occupied. He trusted that at the end of his year of office Bro. Burford would be able to look back upon as successful a year as he, Bro. Stephens, had just passed through. The S.W. having favoured the brethren with a song, the W.M. replied as follows:—Brethren, I have to return my very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have accepted the toast proposed by Bro. Stephens. I am sure it is a very great honour to be elected as W.M. of the High Cross Lodge. There are few metropolitan lodges that can boast as many members as the High Cross Lodge, and if they have as many they have not so great a number of sincere Masons as we have. I cannot do more than thank you for placing me in the chair. Whatever I may do I will endeavour to do my duty, and work in unison with you all, and thereby please the members of the lodge. Should I seem to be averse to some of your wishes you may rely that I am differing only in the interests of Freemasonry. Ideas are not the same in all brethren, it being natural that we should have different views on certain subjects. It will be my endeavour to carry out the duties of my office satisfactorily, and I hope that I shall have a successful year; but to secure this I must ask for the aid of the brethren and my officers. The next toast the W.M. characterised as a most pleasing one for him to propose, it was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Stephens." He was sure that those brethren who had been in the lodge during the past six or seven years must agree with him that Bro. Stephens had had one of the most successful years on record in the High Cross Lodge. The brethren must be all agreed that he had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, and the result, he considered, had been proved

without a doubt to be a success. More especially was this the case with regard to the handsome surplus he had left in the hands of the Treasurer. The W.M. then proceeded to place on Bro. Stephens's breast the jewel that was voted to him at the last meeting. In doing so, he expressed the great pleasure he felt in presenting this mark of the esteem of the lodge to so worthy a brother. Bro. Stephens, in reply, after thanking the brethren for the reception that had been accorded him, said: I do not know if I am deserving of the many kind things that have been said of me to-night. I have endeavoured to do my utmost while in the chair for the benefit of the lodge, and, as you are all aware, I have in a measure succeeded. If I have pleased you I am more than amply rewarded for any exertions I have made. I thank you most heartily for the splendid jewel your W.M. has just placed on my breast. I hope it may be handed down to my children and their children as a token of the respect in which their father and grandfather were held by the High Cross Lodge. I must again thank you for the kind way in which you have supported me during my year of office. The W.M. announced that the collection made on behalf of the Charity Fund of the lodge amounted to thirty-three shillings. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of "The Visitors." The W.M. said this was one always well received by the High Cross Lodge. Scarcely a meeting passed but they had a goodly array of visitors. On the present occasion they did not fall short, but had many visitors around them, all of whom were welcome. He considered that the lodge would hardly be complete without its array of visitors. With the toast the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Driscoll. That brother, in reply, said: It will be my endeavour to do as much justice to the toast as will, I hope, satisfy my brother visitors. If the reception accorded this evening is an indication of the usual welcome given by the members of the High Cross Lodge, we can only hope for another invitation. For myself, I am an old hand, having been present at the anniversaries of the lodge for several years past. One thing I have noticed with pleasure at this lodge is the interest taken in its affairs by the Past Masters. On the present occasion I hear there is only one absent, and he, I believe, is far from home or would be among us. This fact must be a great pleasure to you all, and the way in which the brethren who have passed the chair are honoured should be an incentive to young members to take an interest in the lodge. The W.M. in giving the next toast said it was one that would doubtless be new to most of those present. That day happened to be the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of the High Cross Lodge. Most of those around him could form their own opinion of the position of the lodge at the present time, but few could remember what was its condition at the time of its formation. They had one brother, however, who could tell them something on the subject, he having been the first initiate. The W.M. hoped that in another twenty-one years' time the lodge would number on its roll twice as many brethren as at the present time, and that it would ever remain in a flourishing condition. He then called upon the brethren to drink to "The Prosperity of the High Cross Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Steedman, who was initiated on the night of its consecration, twenty-one years since. Bro. Steedman said: Brethren, you have thought proper to associate my name with a very peculiar toast, and I feel very peculiar in rising to respond to it. Our lodge was founded 21 years since, next Friday being the anniversary of its consecration. If you refer to the warrant you will find that at first the meetings were held every fortnight. This was continued for about three years, at which time the lodge found itself in debt to the extent of £250. I could recite other difficulties that the lodge has gone through, but will content myself, as we are now only concerned with its prosperous career. Bro. Steedman concluded by wishing that the lodge might be in as good a position twenty-one years hence as it was then, and trusted he might be there to see it. "The Health of the Past Masters" was next given, the W.M. referring to the great interest shown in the lodge by those who had passed the chair. He stated that he had received a letter from their only absent P.M., explaining that ill-health precluded his undertaking a long journey in order to be with them, but he hoped that at no distant date he would again be among the members present at their regular assemblies. The W.M. expressed his pleasure at having so large a Board of Masters to assist at his installation, and considered it something for the lodge to be proud of when eleven of its own Past Masters came to assist in placing a new Mason in the chair they each in turn had filled. He felt he could rely on their support during the term of his presidency. Bro. Wells was the first to reply. He tendered the heartiest thanks of the Past Masters for the way in which they were at all times received, and hoped that the newly-installed Master would be enabled to conduct the affairs of the lodge with satisfaction—he could assure the W.M. that he would at all times have the co-operation of those who had preceded him in the chair. Bro. Dance followed to the same purport, specially referring to the indebtedness of the lodge to Bro. Cunningham, P.M., the Secretary, who had, he said, faithfully discharged his duties for the whole of the time he had filled the position. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. The W.M. was extremely gratified at having two such worthy brethren to rely on. Bro. Treasurer replied, thanking the company for the way in which the mention of the names of the Treasurer and Secretary had been received. He had, he said, watched the lodge for a matter of twenty years, and was pleased to see it now in so prosperous a condition. Bro. Secretary followed, adding his thanks. Although it was some time since he had raised his voice to express his thanks for the kindness of the members it was not that he had not thanked them. He did so at all times, and only hoped he might continue to deserve the respect and esteem

of his brethren that he now enjoyed. The work of Secretary of the lodge was no light task, but the thanks which he received from the members from time to time were ample to repay any little trouble he went to in carrying out the duties of his office. The toast of "The Press" was next given, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this well known lodge was held at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 25th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, was assisted by the officers as follows:—Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; R. B. Reed, P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; John Duckitt, acting J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treas.; Edw. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; John Mout, J.D.; Jos. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddle, S.S.; J. W. A. Boyatt, A.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the brethren of the lodge and the visitors present were:—Bros. Jacob Mathews, Matthew Swinburne, Jas. Liddle, B. P. Ord, I.P.M. 1527; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; J. F. Taylor, P.M. 1676; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 1643; John Duckitt, Jun., S.W. 481; R. A. Forster, 481; E. A. Gibson, 424; G. S. Sims, 1342; T. O. Smith, 991; T. McDermott, 24; E. Marston, J.D. 1676; W. H. Dunn, 1676; and others. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after 7 p.m. by the W.M., after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Donald McLeod, who was duly elected. The candidate being in attendance was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the acting J.W., and the charge was given in an impressive manner by the S.W. Bro. Matthew Swinburne afterwards was examined as to his proficiency, received the test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Swinburne was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. The S.W. explained the working tools. The lodge was again closed down to the First Degree, when the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren. There were three candidates proposed for initiation during the evening. The lodge was closed shortly after nine p.m., when an adjournment was made for refreshment, and, in spite of the very hot weather, an enjoyable evening was spent in harmony. The usual round of Masonic toasts was given and responded to. The first ballot of the second tontine for Life Governorships to the Masonic Charities was given in favour of Bro. G. S. Sims. The lodge appears to be in a thriving condition, judging from the quality and quantity of the new members, and we are pleased to see that it keeps up its reputation for good work.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at Mr. Thomas Pearson's, Half Moon Hotel, High-street, Bro. Jesse Marchant, P.M., W.M., presiding, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. A. G. Anderson, P.M., S.W.; John Mackay, J.W.; W. F. Poat, Sec.; John F. Boyes, S.D.; E. A. Gibson, acting J.D.; G. W. Wealleans, I.G. There were also present Bros. John Beeby, Joseph Probert, P.M.; Robt. Nicholson, John Shipley, T. S. Miller, Robt. Colquhoun, and William Colquhoun. Visitors: Bros. Jacob Mathews, 48; M. J. Wheatley, 48; J. Boyett, I.G. 48; J. Usher, W.M. 481; Thos. Prentice, S.D. 481; William Healey, 405; M. H. Dodd, J.D. 1119; J. E. Macdonald, 124; J. J. Taylor, P.M. 1676; Jos. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, 481 and Thomas Smith, P.M. 541. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second, or Fellow Craft Degree, when Bro. T. Prichard was examined as to his proficiency ere being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. Prichard was re-admitted, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Marchant, in such a way so as to elicit great praise from all present. Bro. John Mackay, J.W., explained the working tools in his usual and careful manner. The lodge was closed from the Third down to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" were then expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated after having spent a most pleasant evening.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul's Lodge (No. 615).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Avenue Hall, and was a most brilliant and impressive affair throughout. The hall was nicely decorated with flags and appropriate mottoes on tastefully designed shields, and over the Master's chair hung the silken banner of the lodge. Outside the hall, and across the road, fluttered variously coloured flags, imparting an air of festivity and welcome to the scene that had the effect intended. The brethren began to assemble soon after 3 o'clock, and then the W.M., Bro. G. W. Churchley, took the chair, and the lodge was duly opened. The minutes of the past meeting were read and passed. The lodge was then closed for refreshment, and after a short time resumed for labour again. Among the company present, besides the W.M., were Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School, &c.; Dr. Spurrell, P.M., W.M. 829 and P.P.J.W. Kent; T. W. Knight, P.M. and P.P. Dir. of Cer. Kent; E. Macknay, P.M., 299, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T. Smith, P.M. and Treas. 829 and P.P.G.P. Kent; J. R. Foord, W.M. 503 and P.G.S. Kent; R. Stone, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. Fletcher, J.W.; R. G. Stone, Sec.; E. Tomkins, S.D.; G. Fletcher, J.D.; C. L. Boardman, I.G.; S. Chittenden, J. Hutton, W. Hills, J. Allud, J. C. Sheffield, and C. Bishop, all of the lodge; W. W. Medcalf, W.M. 1671; C. Eltham, W.M. 1827; H. Tuff, W.M. 1273; W. Barlow, W.M. 77; G. H. Cruell, P.M. 1050; T. Best, P.M. 700 &

J. Brown, P.M. 1066; J. Scott Mutch, P.M. 706; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; R. J. Warren, J.W. 1671; R. Challoner, Sec. 1178; H. King, 1622; J. Hart, 503; H. De Gray, 13 and 706; G. Mitchell, 700; H. Hammond, 913; M. Sherwin, Org. 1472; G. Baker, 503; G. Tedder, 11 and 1107; G. H. Hill, 700; R. Jamblin, 299; W. Bradbrook, 299; C. White, 299; F. Fletcher, 1732; W. Canty, 913; J. Boulden, 1050; J. S. Randall, 1089 and 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge having been resumed, Bro. Stone was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Churchley, for the benefit of installation, and having consented to the ancient charge, a Board of Installed Officers was formed, and he was with the usual honours installed in the chair of K.S. The brethren then saluted and Bro. Churchley invested the officers as follows: Bros. E. Tomkins, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; H. H. Poole, Treas.; G. Churchley, P.M., Sec.; R. G. Stone, S.D.; J. Hutton, J.D.; C. Bishop, Org.; W. Hill, I.G.; J. C. Sheffield, Steward; S. Chittenden, D.C.; and Martin, Tyler. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. Churchley, whose fine declamation was rewarded with the unstinted applause of the brethren at its conclusion. Bro. Knight, P.M., was then unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charitable meetings. It was then proposed by Bro. Knight, seconded by Bro. Spurrell, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks should be tendered to Bro. Churchley for the splendid manner in which he had that day carried out the duties of Installing Officer, the same to be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Churchley briefly returned thanks, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been given from representatives of every lodge present, the lodge was closed. The musical part of the ceremony was under the charge of Bro. C. Bishop, who with Bros. Cliff White and J. Fletcher, sang from the "Liber Musicus" the service incidental to the installation ceremony in excellent style. The "Liber Musicus" used was presented to the lodge by Bro. Churchley. The banquet took place at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and was in every respect a most delightful one. The room, however, was rather small, and we heard complaints of the difficulty felt by some of the brethren in being served, however, Bro. R. G. Stone was indefatigable in looking after the comfort of every one, his efforts, like the hospitality as displayed in the menu, being simply unbounded. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured and responded to. The W.M. then, in glowing terms, proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was duly honoured. The name of Bro. Spurrell was coupled with the toast. Bro. Spurrell, in reply, said he was proud of having his name connected with so important a toast. It would be impossible for him to tell them one-tenth of the amount of work done by Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes for the wellbeing of the Craft, and Freemasonry in general in the province. He was exceedingly sorry that he was not able personally to attend the late Prov. Grand meeting at Maidstone, but had been to a meeting the day previous. When he was in office he attended a great many of the lodge meetings in the province, and had always met with a most flattering reception, which showed him that the Masons of Kent were loyal to those placed in position by the Prov. G.M. He had nothing very new to tell them, but must heartily thank them for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Bro. Churchley then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it would be an evil day for the lodge when the health of its W.M. was passed over, especially upon such an occasion as the present. It was not the custom to appoint W.M.'s in that lodge unless the brethren were sure those so appointed could, and would, do their duty. Their W.M. was, however, but mortal, and it was impossible for mortals to attain perfection, but they loved him so that if there were any faults they would not see them, but rather magnify his good qualifications. He could assure him in their name that anything he undertook—and in most things he undertook he succeeded—that would be for the benefit of the lodge, he would be supported by the brethren to the utmost, particularly in carrying out those grand principles upon which Freemasonry was founded. From the first time Bro. Stone had set his foot inside that lodge up to the present he had never been wanting in his efforts for its success, and there had never been a call upon his purse that had not been answered in a most kind, hearty, and brotherly spirit, and, therefore, he wished to assure him that during his year of office he could not call upon any brother of the lodge to carry out his wishes in any way without that brother feeling a pride and pleasure in so doing. He (Bro. Churchley) felt an especial pride in proposing this toast, because their esteemed W.M. was his father in Freemasonry, but to-day he (W.M.) was his "little boy." Bro. Stone, after thanking them for the toast, said it should be his constant endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him in every shape and form. He then presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Churchley in the name of the lodge, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members, and in pinning it on his breast, said nothing could have given him greater pleasure than the task now placed in his hands. He wished Bro. Churchley many years of life to wear it, for none could have more fairly earned it, or more deserved to wear it. The toast of "The Past Masters" was then given, and, in responding, Bro. Churchley said he had many things to be thankful to them for, not the least was their kindness in presenting him with the handsome jewel so kindly tendered to him by their W.M. He should always wear it with a deal of pride and satisfaction, because he felt sure that if he had not deserved it they would not have given it to him. He must congratulate the lodge upon its vitality; there was a time when it seemed destined to an early extinction, but, thanks to some of its members,

in now was prosperous and flourishing, and what might it not yet accomplish? If they could do these things in the green, what might they not do in the dry? For himself, he should as long as he lived remember with pleasure the universal kindness he had received from every member of the lodge. This was an especially happy evening: here harmony and brotherly love prevailed, and every one must feel that here at least he was in good hands. He trusted their esteemed Master might have a good and prosperous year of office, and concluded by again thanking them for their hearty good wishes. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Barlow and Michael replied. Bro. Binckes was then honoured as the representative of the Masonic Charities, and was enthusiastically received. Bro. Churchley, in putting the toast, spoke highly of the energy, zeal, and tact displayed by Bro. Binckes in his office as Secretary of the Boys' School, and of the great and good work done by him for the cause of charity generally. Bro. Binckes, in reply, said he was an old member of the lodge before it became in a state almost of decay. This lodge used to be conspicuous for the large amount it gave to Masonic Charities, and now he asked them to think of the Boys' School, and not at the next festival, in June, 1880, to be conspicuous by their absence. If time had permitted, he had intended to have made a most elaborate speech, but he could not give it that night because the trains would not wait, but he would thank them in the first place for their kind reception of the toast, and in the next for their reception of him as the representative of the Masonic Charities, more especially the Boys' School. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to. "The Health of the Treasurer" was made a special toast, and Bro. Poole, who had held the office for some time, now met with a most flattering reception when his name was mentioned. Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The musical arrangements were entirely in the hands of Bro. C. Bishop, who, with Miss Matilda Roby, of the Royal Academy of Music, and Bro. Cliff White, sung a choice selection of ballads.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.J.G.W., as W.M. (in the absence of Bro. W. Cooper, W.M., who was unavoidably absent from the town), Bro. J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D. of C., as S.W.; Wm. Whittaker, J.W.; W. H. Burton, Treas.; G. Cay, Sec.; J. Bland, S.D.; James King, J.D.; Thos. Day, D.C.; C. Webster, I.G.; E. Horne and Jas. Copstick, Stewards; E. Holden, Tyler; John Brown, P.M., P.G.J.D.; James Taylor, P.M.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Smith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; F. L. Smith, H. Fowkes, P.M.; W. W. Poplewell, T. Carter Wigg, P.M.; H. H. Lewis, William Knight, Visitors: Bros. A. Schofield, P.M. 1028; Wm. Rowbottom, 1028; E. R. Ward, W.M. 253; Thos. Hughes, 103; J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253; J. O. Manton, J.W. 1085; A. J. Waller, 802; and H. Glover, 802. The lodge was opened at 7.15, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. After the election of two candidates for Freemasonry, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree. The lodge was then advanced to the Third Degree. The W.M. said that he would at once proceed to the principal business of the evening, which was to listen to a lecture, which they were all expecting with very great interest, from one of the visiting brethren. The subject was one which he (the W.M.) had studied, and in which he found an inexhaustible and fascinating charm. He would at once introduce to them Bro. W. Rowbottom, the orator of the evening. Bro. Wm. Rowbottom, Royal Alfred Lodge, 1028, rose to deliver his lecture, entitled "The Great Pyramid of Egypt; its Masonic Origin and Teaching." It should be said, in passing, that for the intellectual treat afforded by this lecture the lodge is indebted to Bro. H. Barn, P.M., by whose influence it was arranged some months ago, but the somewhat heavy work of the lodge prevented its earlier delivery, and it speaks highly for the character of the lecture, and the strong interest felt in the subject, that at this holiday season so many brethren attended, some from long distances. One of the most remarkable signs of the progressive state of Masonry in the present day seems to be that we are not content to limit our attention exclusively to speculative Masonry, the ordinary and beautiful ceremonies of our ritual, or the attractions of the Fourth Degree, but there is an increasing desire to penetrate and study the historic work and teachings of our ancient brethren in the far-off ages of the past, in which they left their mark upon the world, "in records that defy the tooth of time." It is quite impossible in a short report to give anything like a fair resumé of this admirable lecture, which was delivered quite orally and in the number of figures and statistics proved Bro. Rowbottom's memory to be one of the most retentive. In eloquent language the lecturer

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Of long past human things,"

showed how architecture "is the printing press of all the ages," giving the Masonic history of every time, from the Pyramids of the Pharaohs to the cathedrals of our own day. The theory and construction of the Great Pyramid, and its dependence on the proportions of the square and circle, were dwelt with in a masterly manner, proving clearly their connection with Masonic ritual and teaching. By observing the tendencies of analogous formations, it is most interesting to trace the links in the design of this wonderful and mysterious structure, and their intimate connection with general Masonic laws. Every great national architecture "is the manly language of a people inspired by resolute and common sense," and rendering resolute and common fidelity to the legible laws of an undoubted Great Architect of the Universe. In summarising the symbolical

teaching of the mystic numbers in the cubic measurements of the passages leading to the centre, or king's chamber—the corner stone—the grand base and apex of this four-square pyramid, or perfect pentagon, the lecturer concluded by proving an eloquent parallel between the time of its construction, and the days of the later Temple, in the course of which the chronological symbolism of the passages was explained, and its result applied to the sacred narrative. In an eloquent peroration, showing how all this ancient symbolism, worked in imperishable stone, which time ever consecrates, and which, though grey with age, still more eloquently teaches—illustrating the unity and consistency of that old and illustrious brotherhood, whose immemorial watchwords have been "Love, Relief, and Truth"—the speaker brought his most interesting lecture to a close. Bro. Whittaker, J.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Rowbottom for his exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture. For his own part he had been delighted to listen to it, and, judging from the rapt attention of the lodge, he had no doubt he was expressing the sentiments of every brother present. Bro. Taylor, P.M., seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Wm. Rowbottom, in reply, said that it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening with the Arboretum Lodge; and if anything had given him more gratification than another it was the great attention with which the brethren had been pleased to receive his lecture. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, and the lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then adjourned to supper, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., in the chair. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. After a most enjoyable evening, interspersed with excellent songs and instrumental music, amongst which ought to be especially mentioned an inimitable flute solo by a distinguished brother, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of this prosperous country lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Owing to the bad state of the weather on that day, the muster was not so great as was anticipated, but still a goodly array of brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion. Amongst the members present were the following: V.W. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts; Bros. A. Malcolm, W.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; S. Jacobs, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Knight, J.W.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, Sec.; J. Fisher, S.D.; J. Noyes, J.D.; J. Robinson, D.C.; G. Eversfield, I.G.; J. Lumsden, W.S.; E. Price, W.S.; C. Lacey, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; F. Drummond, P.M.; E. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J. Tydeman, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Essex; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Herts; Blackmore, W. Bradstock, Brewster, J. Bull, W.O. Bull, Cooke, Goodall, Holdsworth, Kent, Lewis, Newman, Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Herts; Richardson, Rogers, Walker, Wiggs, Woolley, Streeter, and Sampson. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Dawson, P.M., P.G. Sec. Herts; Rev. C. E. Mayo, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Herts, 869; Liddall, 53; Roddam, 212; Driscoll, 30, P.M., P.P. G.P. Middx.; Tanner, 1797, P.P.G.D. Herts; and Osgathorp, 1437. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the auditors' report given, and the W.M. then deputed Bros. E. West, W. Gilbert, and T. Reilly, Past Provincial Grand Officers of Hertfordshire, to meet Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, Dep. P.G.M., and J. E. Dawson, P.G. Sec. Herts, at the railway station, and on the arrival of these distinguished brethren at the lodge house, they were conducted in ancient form into lodge, and had due honours paid to them, Bro. P.M. West acting as D.C. Two gentlemen were duly invested, viz., Mr. J. Shuter and Mr. George Sampson. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Jacobs, was very ably proceeded with by the W.M., Bro. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P. Herts, assisted by Bro. E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.D. Herts, the Board of Installing Masters numbering twelve. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. A. Malcolm, I.P.M.; J. Knight, S.W.; J. Fisher, J.W.; E. West, P.M., Treasurer; T. Reilly, P.M., Secretary; J. Noyes, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; J. Gaskell, P.M., D.C.; W. W. Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Herts, Org.; W. A. Rogers, I.G.; J. Lumsden, W.S.; W. Lewis, W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to banquet, which was very neatly served up. The effect of the floral decorations was heightened by a contribution of some very choice plants by Bro. Fred. Drummond, P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The Dep. P.G.M. Herts, Bro. Iles, in responding for "The Provincial Officers," was pleased to express his hearty approval of the manner in which he found the business of the King Harold Lodge conducted. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. Malcolm, the retiring W.M., in token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Malcolm thanked the brethren in an able speech. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close, which was enlivened by very good harmony.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—This lodge held its regular lodge meeting at the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. James Ellershaw, W.M.; W. Parker, S.W.; H. Hartley, J.W.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon Sec.; R. Cleminson, S.D.; Jos. D. Belc, J.D.; J. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; William Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; E. Shepherd, Asst. Tyler; John Barrow, P.M.; J. Simpson, S. S. Lees, H. Stinzaker, E. Smalley, Geo. Bleyard, T. Derome, T. B. Row, J. M. Belc, G. W. Smelt, D. Shaw, J. S. Stork, W. Drinkale, C. A. Beckett, and W. M. Miller. Visitors: J. Atkinson, S.D. 281; W. Butterfield, Sec. 1085.

The lodge was opened in due form at 6 p.m., by Bro. J. Ellershaw, W.M. Two candidates were balloted for and unanimously elected. The W.M. initiated the two candidates and they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second, there were two candidates for the Third Degree. Bro. J. Ellershaw, W.M., raised one, and Bro. J. Acton, P.M., Sec., raised the other. The W.M. gave the historical, the charge, the lecture and the working tools. Thus a good, long, and enjoyable evening was spent, and the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock p.m.

OKEHAMPTON.—Obedience Lodge (No. 1753).—The first annual installation of W.M. of this lodge, held at the White Hart Hotel, took place on Monday, the 25th inst. The lodge was consecrated on the 26th August of last year, on which day the Grand Lodge of the province was held at Okehampton. That was the last Provincial Grand Lodge at which Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe presided, and Obedience Lodge was the last lodge which Bro. Huyshe consecrated. There was a large gathering of Freemasons from all parts of the county; and, as this was the first lodge constituted in Okehampton, the proceedings created a great deal of interest. The lodge was founded mainly through the efforts of Bro. William Brodie, then W.M. of Semper Fidelis Lodge, 1254, who was installed its first Master. He, however, received considerable assistance from members of the Craft resident in the town. In April last, when the appointment of Viscount Ebrington as P.G.M. (in the room of Bro. Huyshe, resigned through age and infirmity) was notified, the Obedience Lodge passed a complimentary resolution to the R.W. brother, reminding him that he presided at his last Provincial Grand Lodge in Okehampton, and that Obedience was the last lodge that he consecrated. The lodge has flourished with considerable vigour during the twelve months of its existence, and it now numbers twenty members. There were seven initiations and three members joined from other lodges. Monday's proceedings commenced about 2.30 o'clock, a large number of visiting brethren being present, amongst whom were Bros. W. Brodie, P.P.J.G.D.; B. Barker, P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; Rev. C. W. H. Holley, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. R. Nankivell, P.P.G. Chaplain; H. M. Body, P.P.S.G.D.; G. C. Bignell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Pidsley, W.M. 1254, P.G.S.; J. W. Boon, J.W., W.M. elect; G. W. Gould, Sec.; A. J. G. Waters, S.D.; J. J. Ball, J.D.; A. Paddoo, I.G.; W. Burd, Taverner, Brendon, Trelliving, J. Wood, W. Yeo, C. Dacie, J. Horswell, Nos. 39, 106, and 1254; John D. Barker, 70; F. C. Hallett, 303; L. A. Stockham Myrten, 619; J. B. Elliott, 773; F. W. Brodie, 1254; S. Palmer, 1254; Thos. J. Smith, I.P.M. 1255; Lewis J. Hudd 1426; Dr. Pears, 1753 and 1550. The lodge having been duly formed and opened, Bro. James William Boon was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the customary way, and he was heartily congratulated on his taking the chair. Bro. Brodie performed the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Boon then appointed the following as his officers for the year:—Bros. W. Brodie, I.P.M.; the Rev. C. W. H. Holley, S.W.; G. W. Gould, J.W.; R. T. Relf, Treasurer; J. Ball, Sec.; W. Burd, S.D.; W. Yeo, J.D.; John Wood, I.G.; and J. Coombe, Tyler. The next business was the presenting to the retiring W.M., Bro. Brodie, of an elegant and chaste gold Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The jewel bore the name and number of the lodge, and on the riband the arms of the Borough of Okehampton in gold and coloured enamel relief. The back of the jewel bore the following inscription, "Presented to Bro. William Brodie, P.P.J.G.D., by the Officers and Brethren of Lodge Obedience, No. 1753, Okehampton, in appreciation of his services rendered as first W.M." In making the presentation Bro. Boon said it was a most pleasing duty to him. The lodge had only been established twelve months, and Bro. Brodie had worked zealously for its interests, and had spared neither trouble nor expense to make it prosperous. In recognition of his energy, his brethren asked his acceptance of that handsome jewel as a memento of his year of office, believing that he would feel proud to wear it. The lodge freely acknowledged its obligations to Bro. Brodie, and the gift was made with their heartiest good wishes. What Bro. Brodie had done in the past they felt sure he would continue to do in the future, and that the gift would be regarded as a mark of their respect. Bro. Brodie, in acknowledging the great compliment paid him, warmly thanked the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge for their handsome and valuable present, and assured them that it would be always highly prized by him as an expression of their goodwill and esteem, and as a proof of their appreciation of his services. His work in the lodge had been a source of great pleasure, and altogether a labour of love. A good deal of time and trouble had been expended upon it, but he had been far more than repaid by that substantial gift, and by their kind feelings towards him. The jewel would ever remind him of the liberality of the brethren, and of the pleasant time he had spent amongst them, and he desired nothing more than the prosperity of Lodge Obedience. Bro. Boon said that there were two other brethren—Bros. Barber and Pidsley—who were also entitled to their warmest thanks for the great assistance they had lent during the past year respectively as I.P.M. and S.W. They, too, had been instrumental in bringing the lodge to its present successful state, and in retiring from office the brethren desired them to accept a small jewel each, which he handed to them. Although the gifts were small, they were presented with the best and grateful thanks of the members. Bros. Barber and Pidsley briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them, and remarked that they would continue to take the warmest interest in the prosperity of the lodge. Before closing the lodge, Bro. Boon said he had a melancholy duty to perform, and that was to inform the brethren of the death, on the previous day, of Bro. Sydenham James, who had only a short time been made a member of

that lodge, and to ask their sympathy for the orphan son and daughter who were left to mourn their loss. Bro. James only left the town a few days before in apparently good health, but he was taken ill and had died at a distance from his home. The funeral would take place on Tuesday, at four o'clock, and he would like to meet at the lodge as many brethren as could make it convenient, for the purpose of following his remains to the grave, and of performing a last mark of respect for their departed brother. The installation banquet was afterwards held in an adjoining room, when about thirty of the brethren sat down to a repast, which was served by Bro. Ball in a style which gave the most unqualified satisfaction. Bro. Boon presided, and was supported on the left by the I.P.M. The toast list commenced with "The Queen and the Craft," which was given by the Chairman, who followed with "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro and Deputy G.M.'s, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and "The Provincial Grand Master of Devon, and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." The name of Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe was heartily received, and it was feelingly alluded to by the Chairman. Bro. Boon said that Bro. Huyshe paid that lodge a great compliment in coming to consecrate it last year when he was so aged and infirm. He had also greatly honoured Bro. Brodie in heading the subscription list for the jewel with a donation, but it was also a compliment to the lodge. That a little place like Okehampton should attract such notice was very gratifying, and would tend to make the lodge even more successful than it had already proved to be. Bros. Holly and Barber responded, and the latter feelingly alluded to Bro. Metham, P.D.P.G.M. of the province, whose name was received with much applause. In conclusion Bro. Barber proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Installing Master, Bro. Brodie." He said that no one was more entitled to their thanks than the Installing Master for the admirable way in which he had performed his duties that day, and for the deep interest he had taken in the lodge since its foundation. Bro. Brodie not only had won the good feeling and respect of the brethren in Okehampton, but of members of the Craft throughout the country, and especially at Exeter in his own lodge. His only fault was perhaps that he was a little over-zealous. Bro. Barber then read a letter from Bro. Huyshe, in which he paid a high compliment to the Installing Master and to the lodge, and the speaker suggested that a copy of it should be made in the minutes. Bro. Brodie, in reply, returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and said it would be his study to deserve all the kind things that had been said of him. Provincial honours had early come to the lodge, no less than four brethren in the room owing their provincial collars to the foundation of Lodge Obedience. In conclusion, he proposed "Health, Long Life, and Prosperity to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Boon." The Chairman, in response, remarked that he had been twenty years a Mason, having been initiated in Lodge Benevolence, No. 303, at Teignmouth, in which he attained the dignity of Senior Warden, but he declined to take the chair. He had come to Okehampton, and had helped to form that lodge, the chair of which he had been prevailed upon to take with great reluctance. He highly appreciated all their kindnesses, and the honour so many visiting brethren did him in being present. He hoped to prove himself worthy of their confidence, and to obtain the hearty support of all his officers and brethren. He trusted that the lodge would prosper under his rule, and that neither he nor they would have any cause for regret when he left the chair. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Officers," to which all of those present responded. Bro. Holley said that he was initiated twelve years ago in the Apollo University Lodge, but he then thought that Freemasonry would never be much use to him. When, however, he became the rector of a large parish, he found that his connection with the Craft brought him into real brotherly love and connection with a large number of his parishioners and neighbours. Bro. Boon proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Hallett, Nankivell, Barker, and Hudd responded. "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," brought the toast-list to a termination. The death of Bro. James threw a gloom over the whole of the proceedings for the day, and the greatest sympathy was expressed for his relatives.

BRIGHTON.—Ailingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The first regular meeting of this recently consecrated lodge (a full report of which appeared in our issue of July 26th) was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at five o'clock. There were present Bros. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, &c., Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, W.M.; James Robertson, S.W.; H. G. Martin, P.M. 404, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts, J.W.; G. Smith, P.M. 732, P. Prov. G. Purst, Sussex, Treas.; G. S. Godfree, Sec.; J. N. Stone, P.M. 56, S.D.; W. Newsome, J.D.; S. P. Weston, I.G.; J. M. Newham, Chap.; S. Peters, D.C.; Paige, Steward; and the visitors were Bros. C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; M. B. Tanner, M.D., P.M. 811, Prov. J.G.D. Sussex; Himmens, 487; F. Downard, 315. After the minutes of the consecration meeting, the careful entry of which reflects great credit on Bro. Godfree, the Secretary, had been read and confirmed, ballots were taken separately for the following gentlemen as candidates for initiation:—Messrs. J. B. Macfarlane, A. Loader, W. J. Bramwell, R. Allison, J. B. Hannay, John Field, R. A. Pearce, Thos. Berry, R. Burfield, and R. Hayler, all of whom were unanimously elected. Two joining members were elected by ballot—Bros. A. Henderson, M.D., of Scotch lodge, 243, and Heidmans, of Scotch lodge, 225. Messrs. Macfarlane, Loader, Bramwell, and Allison, being in attendance, were separately initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. G. Smith, Past Master 732, and the charge after initiation was given in a most impressive manner, eliciting the warmest commendation of the bre-

thren, by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466. The lodge was called to refreshment, which was served in the ante-room. On the lodge being resumed the Bye-laws Committee presented their report, which, after a short discussion, was approved and passed. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and three brethren for election as joining members. During the evening the W.M. announced that Bro. Edwin Booth had most kindly presented the lodge with a very handsome set of folding Tracing Boards, mounted in oak, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the donor for his very thoughtful and useful gift. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and an emergency meeting was held next day, at three o'clock p.m., when there were present the W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M., Past Provincial S.G.W. Middlesex; Bros. James Robertson, S.W.; H. G. Martin, P.M. 404, P. Provincial J.G.W. Herts, J.W.; Godfree, Sec.; J. M. Stones, P.M. 56, S.D.; W. Newsome, J.D.; S. P. Weston, I.G.; Paige, Steward; S. Peters, D. of C.; Loader, Bramwell, Allison, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex (H.M.); and J. S. Eidmans. The visitors comprised Bros. James Curtis, P.M. 315, S.W. 17; Hawkes, P.M. 315, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, W.M. 1636, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C. Sussex; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; E. Jones, P.M. 192; G. R. Lockyer, S.D. 315. Messrs. John Field, Thos. Berry, B. Burfield, R. Hayler, and R. A. Pearce being in attendance, were separately initiated into Freemasonry, the work being well done by the W.M. and his officers. The charge was again most effectively delivered by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466. All business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren and visitors, nearly thirty in number, adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, North-street, where Bro. Paige, Steward, had provided a first-class dinner, which reflected great credit on the resources of this hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the after dinner proceedings enlivened by songs and recitations. The company separated shortly before 11 o'clock, fully impressed with the vitality of the Ailingworth Lodge, which under its present management bids fair to be a well worked and successful lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 27th inst. There were present Bros. F. Jacob, W.M.; C. Lorkin, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; J. Dignam, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; also several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation of was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. Payne seconded—"That Bro. C. Lorkin be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. C. Lorkin seconded—"That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. F. Jacob, for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—This old and popular chapter met on Thursday, the 21st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Amongst those present were Comps. J. Dawson, Z.; J. E. Lees, H.; W. Norris, J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bladon, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Bearer; S. Henson, P.Z.; Jno. Smethurst, P.Z.; W. P. Groves, P.H.; W. Nicholl, S.E.; W. Sowter, P.S.; J. J. Lambert, R. Davies, W. H. Bailly, D. Donbavand, J. Oldham, St. Patrick Riley, M.D.; A. Middleton, J. Sly, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Comps. Jno. Baker, P.Z. 1345; J. R. Levers, S.E. 1496; E. Brundreth, 1487; Cook, 1045; Sinclair, 163; and M. Thomson, 163. The chapter was opened at 6 p.m. After the usual ratification of the minutes, &c., the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Wilson, W. H. Cunliffe, and M. Owen, respectively, and declared in favour. The three candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. by Comp. Dawson in a truly impressive manner. At the close of the ceremony the visiting companions expressed their "Hearty good wishes," and the chapter was closed in due form, after which an adjournment was made to the banquet-room, where toasts, songs, and recitations were admirably given and duly appreciated.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—This chapter held its bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; J. Potts, H.; John Rains, P.H.; J. E. Lees, H. 317; W. P. Groves, P.H. 317; R. Davies, S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.N.; J. G. Batty, J. elect; D. Williams, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. Brundreth, W. Chesshyre, Janitor, and others. The chapter was opened at 6.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and duly ratified, Comp. J. G. Batty was installed as J. (he having been unavoidably absent from the previous meeting) by Comp. Sillitoe, Z. Subsequently, Bro. W. Norbury, who had before been duly elected, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. by Comp. Sillitoe, Z., who also delivered the Symbolic and Mystical Lectures. The Historical Lecture was delivered by Comp. J. E. Lees. The P.S. work was most admirably performed by Comp. Williams, who is himself but a young Royal Arch Mason, and his proficiency in the working elicited high commendations from all present. The chapter was closed in due form at 8.30, and an enjoyable evening around the social board ensued.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1879:—
The minutes of the Quarterly Communication on the 4th June for confirmation.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707, Edmonton	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand	50	0	0
A brother of the Caveac Lodge, No. 176, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop's Stortford	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, Yorks	50	0	0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August inst., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £5183 14s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th August, 1879.

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1827, Alliance, Gresham-street.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Shepherd's Bush.
1829, Burrell, Shoreham, Sussex.
1830, Castlereagh, Coonamble, N.S.W.
1831, Victoria, Ashfield, N.S.W.
1832, Charles Warren, Du Toits Pan, Griqualand, South Africa.
1833, St. Keyna, Keynsham, Somersetshire.
1834, Duke of Connaught, Portsea.
1835, William Kingston, Tunis.
1836, Collegium Fabrorum, Kingston, Jamaica.
1837, Lullington, Farningham, Kent.
1838, Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The installation of Viscount Ebrington as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, in succession to the Rev. John Huyshe and the late Earl Fortescue, the present P.G.M.'s grandfather, is an interesting event in the annals of Freemasonry; and the meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., in the Victoria Hall, Exeter, very fairly represented, both as regards the numbers of the brethren in attendance and their earnest unanimity, how strongly they feel in testifying their respect to those most able administrators of the Province of Devon, within the memory of the ancients of this present generation. The reports so ably furnished in the *Freemason* and other journals, north, south, east, and west, especially in Devonshire—all prove the existence of the same spirit of devotion to the interests of Freemasonry in the West of England. Where all has been so admirable it would be invidious to make comparisons except for the generous purpose of promoting nobler rivalry. We refer our readers to the journal before-named for a detailed account of the general proceedings, beginning with the muster at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, to the banquet's termination at the Public Rooms. It is satisfactory to find that the Masonic Charities, as reported by the Committee of Petitions, have been enabled to continue their aid to the aged members of the Craft, and the widows of deceased Masons, as well as to the orphans, male and female, of brethren requiring pecuniary aid. We may heartily congratulate the venerable and beloved Past Prov. G.M. of Devon, Bro. Huyshe, that he has reaped so ample an harvest even during his life-time, and feel assured that his remaining years will be most gratefully refreshed by the recollections of his Masonic labours of love. The golden chain of office, which he handed to be placed on the neck of his successor, Viscount Ebrington, young in years, but earnest to acquire experience, emblematises the more secret but not less desired linked affections of the general brethren, whether young or old, or whatever their circumstances. We conclude these remarks by the following lines, dedicated to Freemasonry in Devonshire:—

Descend, blest Spirit! from the realms of bliss,
As when Elijah mounted to the sky,
Nor let the soaring thought be aught amiss,
Which humbly prays thine aid for Masonry!
Descend! though not by falling mantle seen,
Nor bid us gaze, by anxious straining sight;

But rather let our judgment truly deem,
The golden yoke of office may be light!
Light as the labours of a well-spent life,
That tread the steps of faith, hope, charity;
So speed thou, Bro. Huyshe, o'er earth's strife,
To God's grand mansions of eternity!
And may the golden chain of tender love,
Bequeathed for Bro. "Ebrington" to wear,
Be like a charming faculty to move,
Each heart Masonic from a weight of care!

WM. LANGLEY POPE, D.D., and P.P.G.C. Devon.
Newton Abbot, Devon,
August 15th, 1879.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Devon was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., under the banner of Fortitude Lodge, No. 66, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M., presided, supported by the following officers of the year:—W. Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, P.S.G.W.; H. Horton, P.J. G.W.; C. Godtschalk, P.G.M.O.; and W. Vicary, P.G. Treas.; V.W. Bro. V. Bird, Past G.M.O. of England; W. Bros. R. Lose, P.G.S.D.; E. Binding, P.G.O.; J. H. Stephens, P.G.St.B.; F. Littleton, J. Allen, and L. D. Nicholls, P.G. Stewards; and John Rogers, P.G. Tyler. Among the brethren present were also R.W. Bro. W. Jas. Hughan, Past G.W. of England, and P.P.G. Sec. of Cornwall, and the following Past Prov. G. Officers and lodge officers of the province:—V.W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, Past G.D. of England, and P.P.G.J.W.; W. Bros. T. S. Bayly, P.P.J.G.W.; Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.M.O.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.M.O.; I. Latimer, P.P.G.S.O.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chaplain; R. B. Twose, P.P. G. Treasurer; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.J.D.; G. H. Evans, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Pengelly, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Toms, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Croydun, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Roseveare, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Knight, P.P.G.S.B.; H. H. Arnold, P.P. G.O.; R. G. Bird, P.P.G.O.; Jno. Lynn, P.P.G.O.; E. D. Farnell, P.P.G. St. B.; H. Miller, P.P.G. Purst.; B. B. S. Richards, W.M. 23; W. Harris, W.M. 215; T. C. Lewarn, W.M. 76; J. R. H. Harris, S.W. 91; Geo. Jackson, S.W. 35; H. G. Beachey, S.W. 215; J. W. Collins, S.W. 16; Jno. James, J.W. 50; T. S. May, S.O. 96; S. Griffin, S.O. 50; Jno. Horswell, J.O. 15; Jno. Ingle, J.O. 215; G. R. Barrett, J.O. 35; E. Tout, J.O. 50; Adm. F. H. Glaspe, 66; H. Bridgeman, M.O. 91; J. R. Lord, 50; H. R. Langmead, J.O. 16; W. Collins, J.D. 48; J. D. Barker, O. 50; Geo. Mitchell, I.G. 50.

At the Board of General Purposes there were present R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, W. Bros. Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, C. Godtschalk, V. Bird, W. Vicary, S. Jew, J. B. Gover, and L. D. Westcott.

The accounts were audited, and showed an available balance for disposal of over £44.

The Board resolved to recommend a vote of forty guineas to the Devon Educational Fund, and "That the said sum be given in the name of the R.W. the P.G.M. for the time being, thus giving him fifty votes for the disposal of the fund for twenty years."

A brisk discussion on that proposition occurred between the members of the Board, some of them considering the vote proposed too large, and recommending that the amount should be reduced to twenty guineas. The majority, however, determined on recommending forty guineas.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was subsequently opened, and the admission of brethren became general.

The P.G. Secretary (V.W. Bro. Bird) reported that the returns of all the lodges in the province had been sent in with the exception of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 26, at Totnes, which, it was feared, was hopelessly dormant.

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Vicary) reported that the receipts for the year had been £33 0s. 6d., which, added to a balance in hand from the previous year of £23 2s. 7d., made total receipts of £52 13s. 1d. The payments had been £8 1s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £44 11s. 10d.

The P.G. Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes.

W. Bro. Gover proposed that the Board's recommendation should be carried out, and forty guineas voted to the Devon Educational Fund.

W. Bro. W. Hylton-Jolliffe seconded the proposition.

W. Bro. C. Godtschalk proposed an amendment that the vote should only be for twenty guineas. He thought it unadvisable to vote away the whole of the available balance to a local fund. When the Devon Educational Fund was being established it was asserted that it would not in any way interfere with the support of the London Great Masonic Charities, but if the revenues of the Provisional Grand Lodges were to be voted away in the wholesale manner proposed in that lodge such action would certainly interfere with the London Charities. The Province of Devon was deeply indebted to the London Charities for the great assistance extended to the province, and he thought in gratitude they should not be deserted. W. Bro. Lethbridge seconded the amendment.

W. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies supported the amendment. He thought that the principle so hastily introduced should be carefully considered. He approved of the Education Fund, but thought the attempt made by its officers to absorb all the disposable money in the province in the support of that project alone should be resisted. The support of the Education Fund should come from the individual contributions of members in the province. That was understood to be the source from which it was at first proposed to maintain the fund, and it would shew the in-

terest taken in the fund by the brethren; but now all the old sources for maintaining the London Charities and voting to other benevolences were to be absorbed by the Education Fund. There was also another question. Was the forty guineas to be capitalised? or was that money to be used as revenue? If large sums were thus to be voted by the Prov. G. Lodges that matter should be settled first.

W. Bro. Stephens supported the amendment. W. Bro. Whitley supported the proposition. He did not see that any valid objections to the measure had been proved. A scrutiny was called for in the voting, when, of the brethren entitled to vote, twenty voted for the amendment and twenty-eight for the proposition. The forty guineas were, therefore, voted to the fund, and the question of how it should be used left to the Committee of the Educational Fund.

W. Bros. Saml. Jew, T. S. Bayly, C. Godtschalk, and Richard Lose were elected the Board of General Purposes. Bro. John Ingle, the J.D. of the Devon Lodge, No. 215, was elected the Treasurer.

The P.G.M.M. then invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:—

V.W. Bro. P. H. Newnham (by proxy)	Prov. G.D.M.
W. Bro. Admiral Glaspe, C.B., 66	Prov. G.S.W.
" Lewis Riccard, 9	Prov. G.J.W.
" Jno. James, 50	Prov. G.M.O.
" Geo. Jackson, 35	Prov. G.S.O.
" H. Cole, 100	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Geo. Warner, 215	Prov. G. Chap.
" Jno. Ingle, 215	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. G. Beachey, 215	Prov. G. Reg.
V.W. Bro. V. Bird, 66	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Bro. J. Galliford, 5	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Harris, 219	Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Miller, 91	Prov. G.S. Wks.
" Jno. Horswell, 15	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Littleton, 48	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Jno. Allen, 96	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. D. Nicholls, 23	Prov. G.St.B.
" Jno. D. Barker, 50	Prov. G.O.
" H. R. Langmead, 16	Prov. G. Purs.
" J. C. Lewarn, 76; S. B. S. Richards, 23; and Geo. Mitchell, 50	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Jas. Gidley, 50	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at Walter's Farley Hotel, Colonel Tanner Davy presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of the Province of Cornwall was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th inst., in the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro. W. Bro. W. Tweedy, Deputy P.G.M., presided, supported by W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.S.G.W.; I. Paul, P.J.G.W.; T. C. Polglaze, P.G.J.O.; W. Tregay, P.G. Treas.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec., P.P.J. G.M.W.; J. Q. James, P.S.G.D.; S. Michell, P.G.J.O. Wks.; S. Harvey, P.G.D.C.; E. M. Cock, P.G.A.D.C.; Captain W. E. Michell, P.G.S.B.; R. H. Heath, P.G. Org.; W. Rooks, P.G.I.G.; T. Davey, P.G. Steward; and J. Langdon, P.G. Tyler.

Among the brethren present were R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.P.G. Sec., and P.G.W. of England; W. Bro. George Brown, P.G.M.O. Leicester and Rutland; Bro. H. S. Hill, M.O. Charity, No. 76; and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers and lodge officers of the seven lodges in the province: Bros. John Thomas, P.P.G. Organist; T. Chirgwin, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Middleton, P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; C. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Mason, W.M.; R. Lean, S.W.; J. T. Tillman, M.O.; W. P. Smith, S.O.; W. J. Trythall, J.O., and J. C. Furness, J.D. 78; F. H. Pool, P.P.G.M.O.; James Pool, P.P.G.J.O.; J. G. Osborne, S.W. 87; W. F. Newman, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Little, P.P.G.S.B.; Harry Tilly, J.W. 94; Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Hooper, W.M. 101; J. Eastlick, J.O. 101; and H. Trembath, S.W. 175.

Bro. W. J. Hughan said the first business would be to enter into the minutes of the province a record of the lamented death of the late Prov. Grand Master, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. Bro. Hughan commented on the great regret felt by the brethren on his death, and of the interest which Sir Frederick always took in Mark Masonry since its introduction into the province in 1867, of which they had a lasting memorial in the handsome set of jewels, the most handsome in England, which their late P.G.M. had presented to the lodge. He moved that a minute expressing their regret should be entered, and that Colonel Peard should be empowered to convey the same personally or by letter to Lady Williams. W. Bro. W. H. Bloxsome seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer reported a balance of £9 13s. in hand, and Bro. Tregay received a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Treasurer since 1874.

Bro. W. Tweedy spoke of the gratification all must feel in seeing Colonel Peard appointed as Prov. G. Master; and of the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M. of the senior Province of Devon, attending for the purpose of the installation, and of their desire to promote good fellowship with their sister county.

A deputation was then appointed to receive R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Davy, who was appointed Installing Master by the M.W.G. Master, and he was placed in the W. Master's chair and saluted by the brethren.

The patent of the appointment of Bro. Peard as the second Prov. Grand Mark Master of Cornwall was read by the Prov. Secretary, and a deputation received Bro. Peard and conducted him to the pedestal.

Bro. Davy expressed the pleasure it gave him to instal Col. Peard. He congratulated him on the high honour conferred upon him, and the brethren of the province on the selection that had been made. The name of Colonel Peard was known, not only in England, but throughout the world, and he was known as one who thoroughly discharged whatever he undertook, and whatever duties devolved upon him. Courtesy and firmness would characterise his ruling, and satisfaction would be given to the Grand Lodge no less than to his province. Colonel Peard, he felt sure, was not insensible of the great responsibility devolving upon him, since the character of the Provincial Grand Lodge would in a great measure depend on his skill. He hoped that the Grand Overseer of the Universe would help him, and that Colonel Peard would make His revealed word his guide.

Colonel Peard was then installed into the chair, after taking the obligation, and was duly proclaimed and saluted.

The returns of the lodges in the province showed that Meridian, No. 73, Redruth, had 34 members; Fortitude, 71, Truro, 50; Cornubian, 87, Hayle, 49; Love and Honour, 94, Falmouth, 17; Boscawen, 101, Chacewater, 27; St. Michael, 175, Helston, 22; and Fort, 206, Newquay, 21; total 221 members.

Thanks were voted to R.W. Bro. Davy for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed his duty; and a hope was expressed that he would again visit the province.

Colonel Peard could only endorse what had been said, and tender his own very cordial thanks.

Colonel Davy said he had met Colonel Peard in Craft lodges in Devon, and under his rule he hoped to see Mark Masonry flourish in the province. He (the speaker) was the first to bring Mark Masonry into the West, and it had spread and taken deep root.

It was resolved that Bro. Hughan should edit a directory of the members of the Mark Masons' lodges in the province.

The P.G.M.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. Chirgwin, 78	...	...	Prov. G.D.M.
" W. Tweedy, 78...	...	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" E. M. Cock, 34...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" C. Truscott, 78...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. E. Michell, 206	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Thomas, 73	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" M. Little, 94	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. G. L. Church, 101	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Tilly, 94	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Johns, 78	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. T. Davey, 101	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. F. Hooper, 101	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Geo. Bray, 73...	...	...	Prov. G.I.O. Wks.
" S. Hawvey	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. W. Mason, 78	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. Davey, 175	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. H. Heath, 73	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Rooks, 78	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Husband, 87; H. Trem-	}	Prov. G. Stewards.	
bath, 175; and W. Huth-			
nance, 87...			
" J. Langdon	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. W. Tweedy was elected Treasurer. The P.G.M.M., Deputy M., Wardens, Secretary, Chaplain, and Registrar were appointed a Committee of General Purposes for the province.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and in the evening there was a banquet, under the presidency of Colonel Peard.

HOW BRO. JONES SPENT HIS HOLIDAY.

Bank Holiday on Monday next! Nearly three whole days from the smoky, noisy Manchester streets. But the question is, where shall I go to? Here, boy, run for a penny Bradshaw! Now for it. What about Wales? let's see—Rhyl four hours and forty minutes in the train. That's too long. Ah! glorious, only one hour and twenty minutes! Jones, my boy, Blackpool is the place for you. Having thus far settled how to spend my Bank Holiday, I retired to rest on Friday with a kind of boyish delight, contemplating the pleasures in prospect, for I had never visited the Northern watering place.

Saturday "Old Sol" managed at last to give us just one of his glorious summer warmings, and some two hours before my usual time for closing I issued the command to "Tom to up shutters," much to the delight of that urchin, who grinned all over his face when I announced to him the fact that he need not present himself again until Tuesday morning.

Dressed in my new tweed suit (which had been lying by for some weeks ready for summer), my best stove pipe go-to-meeting hat, real new gingham, and travelling bag, all complete, I started early for the L. and Y. Railway Station, thinking that I would have the pick of seats in the train, but, to my astonishment, I found that hundreds of others were of the same mind, and that instead of being first at the station I was at the tail end of a long human stream, which was moving at a funereal pace towards the pay-desk. All things have an end, so at last I faced the mild-looking young man who stood behind the counter. "Third-class, Blackpool," said I, putting down a gold coin. "No thirds by this train, all first express," replied the mild young man, at the same time exchanging my coin for a small piece of paste board and another coin just one-half the size of the one I gave him. Before I had the least chance of expostulating I was propelled along to the platform. Mentally calculating how my expenditure would have to be curtailed in consequence of having to pay extra fare, I arrived alongside a long train

of coaches. Out of one of the windows suddenly came a hairy cap, having underneath a merry-looking face, and a well-known voice called out "Why, hang it, here's Brother Jones. Come in, old boy; just room for one," and in popped the hairy cap like an overgrown "jack in the box." Approaching the compartment from whence the friendly invitation came, I found my friend Bro. Tomkins, with four other brethren of the mystic tie, smoking away like factory chimneys.

"Why, I thought you were a regular third-class parliamentary swell," said one of the party, adopting, as is usually the case when on pleasure intent, the Lancashire dialect. "A'int he coming it extravagant, going a gallivanting first-class?" said another. The bell rang, the "iron horse" snorted, and off we dashed over the house tops. "Who's for a game?" says Tomkins, pulling a pack of cards out of his satchel. "Just to while away the time," says another. "Only a tanner a game," says a third. Not being an adept at whist, I respectfully declined taking part in the game, but was exceedingly amused at the remarks with which my loquacious and humorous fellow passengers diversified the play. "Now then, crack yer whip," says one, when a little delay occurred. That's too big for my fireplace," says another when unable to beat a card laid down. And so the game went merrily on until we reached the Hounds Hill Station. That being our destination, and bidding my friends adieu, I made for the sea-shore, which I was told was but a few yards distant. Goodness gracious! had I been dreaming? or was I at the time wide awake? Being satisfied on this important point I came to the conclusion that by some means I must have got into a wrong train and been landed at some new station in Manchester, for surely what I behold must be Knott Mill on a fair day. There certainly was a broader sheet of water than the Irwell. Still, near me sat the Deansgate boy without hands, whining in his usual nasal twang, and accompanying his doleful voice with a concertina. "The Moody and Sankey Minstrels" were calling upon everybody to "Hold the fort," another well known Knott Mill musical nuisance. A man playing a groaning harmonium was grinding out discords. The acting blind man was addressing his "kind Christian friends," and alternately uttering under his breath anything but blessings upon those who passed him by without increasing his ill-gotten store; Cheap Jacks bawling out the sale of their wares with their husky voices, and a lot of other itinerant impostors making the place hideous with their incessant yelling.

After passing along a continuation of this Babel of sounds, I struck out into the side streets for the purpose of finding a resting place, but even these were crowded by a rough mob of excursionists. In the winter gardens, on the pier, in the rink, the rabble and noise never ceased.

Feeling somewhat wearied, and anxious to find some hostelry wherein to refresh the inner man, I strolled towards the only quiet looking part of Blackpool, viz., "Claremont Park." Immediately after I had paid my admission copper and passed the entrance gate, I was hailed by a welcome—"Hullo, my boy; where do you think you're off to?" and the robust form of a jovial brother impeded my progress. Noticing my almost forlorn appearance, he kindly led the way to the magnificent hotel at the extreme limit of the promenade, where my bodily wants were soon supplied. During the repast I related to him my adventures and disappointment with Deansgate-on-the-Sea, and expressed my intention to return home the next morning if he could only find me a lodging for the night. Out came the brother's watch. "Just in time," says he, "not a minute to spare, so come on;" and by means of elbowing and jostling through the motley crowd for about a mile I found myself at the same station at which I had landed that afternoon.

Thinking that he intended returning to Manchester that evening I ventured to suggest that a little rest would be acceptable before undertaking the journey home. "Home," shouted he, laughing like a great hyena, "who's going home? Why, I'm going to take you where you can have a quiet night's rest—a peep at the sea, plenty of fresh air, and as good a dinner to-morrow as you ever sat down to."

"Now," said I, "I'm not in the humour for joking, so where are you taking me to; fair play and above board, you know?"

After mopping his jolly old face with his handkerchief, he managed to get out, "St. Ann's."

I was just on the point of turning away in disgust, for I really thought he was playing off one of his jokes, for the only St. Ann's I could then think of was the church and square so called in Manchester. At that moment a whistle sounded, and I was pulled into the train. "It's all right," said my jovial brother, "we shall be there directly," and in a few minutes the train slackened, and he pointed to a large board, on which was painted "St. Ann's-on-the-Sea."

When the train stopped we alighted, and passed out of the pretty little station. A few strides brought us in front of a beautiful hotel, wherein we entered. Every one seemed to know my companion, and on all sides we were heartily welcomed. After a "short nip" he left for his diggings, and I adjourned to the extensive and handsomely furnished coffee-room, just in time for a Lancashire "thick tea." This much needed meal dispatched, I mounted my *smoke stack*, and puffing away through the strong sea breezes reached the splendid promenade, which is laid out and walled for about two miles along the shore. The bracing air immediately revived my spirits and served to dispel from my mind the annoyances of the previous part of the day.

Here, thought I, I can enjoy my holiday in quietness, and with that pleasing idea I retired to my hotel, and at an early hour was snoring in my comfortable bed.

Sunday morning. A beautiful breeze blowing, and the sun making periodical attempts to burn through the thick

clouds. Breakfast over, I strolled about the wide streets of semi-detached houses, across the numerous sand hills, covered with "star grass," along the shore, and back through rural walks amidst the farmsteads and cornfields in time to take part in the morning service in the quaint little church, wherein I heard an excellent sermon, and afterwards returned to "mine inn."

Having seated myself upon one of the comfortable garden chairs I determined "to enjoy a quiet weed," but judge to my surprise to hear my name called out from an open conveyance then pulling up in front of the hotel, out of which jumped my companion railway travellers of the day before. "Caught you at last, old boy," says one. "Nothing less than a white neck will do," says another. "Mumm's the word," says Tomkins, and, seeing a waiter at the door, he beckoned him to us; and without consulting either my desires or the length of my purse an order was given, and, said Tomkins, "to be put down to Jones's bill." "Bravo, we're in luck," shouted one of my noisy visitors. "Why, here's the Egyptian," meaning my jovial friend, who was just taking an appetiser on the shore. "Hi! Hi! there's old Pyramid!" bawled out another; "we're just come a lookin' for yer."

It is needless for me to endeavour to relate what passed in the half-hour before dinner, beyond the remark made by the waiter as the carriage containing the Blackpool contingent drove away, "That's a merry lot, sir, and just the sort to enjoy themselves," which I think will convey to the reader's mind a sufficient idea of their proceedings. After dinner I strolled along the beach to the picturesque town of Lytham, which is prettily situated at the mouth of the Ribble, and returned to St. Ann's by rail—so finishing the day.

Monday morning, in spite of the intermittent heavy showers, I commenced my day's peregrinations by visiting the public gardens, thence along the shore towards Blackpool, passing the Star Hotel, which is celebrated for fresh caught cockles; also the gipsies' encampment, the rendezvous of the young maidens who possess a desire to know the colour of the eyes and hair and the height and breadth of their future husbands. About an hour's walk brought me to what is termed the south shore, or, as I think, it may be more aptly termed "Juvenile Bay"—about two miles from the centre of Blackpool. Here was paterfamilias in all his glory, surrounded by his olive branches, furnished with the inseparable spade and bucket. Here, too, were the indigenous donkeys—galloping along the extensive sands with their juvenile burdens. Perambulators in scores occupied the wide promenade—and the joyous shouts of the hundreds of happy youngsters bore a cheerful contrast to the noisy rabble in the central part of the town.

From time to time I caught sight of some familiar face enjoying the bracing sea breeze, surrounded by his little flock; and now and again a hearty "Hullo, Jones; you here," came from the open windows as I passed by. The throng of human beings increased as I proceeded; the South Pier and the central beach were simply a living mass, and it was amusing to see the steamboats crowded as thick as bees in a hive.

The North Pier is evidently reserved for the upper ten, and here all the hideous fashions of the ladies' dresses are seen to perfection. One thought occurred to me, i.e.: supposing an alarm of danger should be raised, how would the ladies manage to escape? because to run is entirely out of the question, the longest steps permissible by their tight costumes being about six inches. Why do our fair friends try to imitate the Egyptian mummies? This pier is certainly one of the finest in Europe. At the extreme end stands the music-hall, capable of seating 2000 people, and in which an excellent band, conducted by Mr. Risegari, performs each evening; on special occasions some of our leading vocalists are engaged.

A stroll along the cliffs to Uncle Tom's Cabin and back brought the day as well as my holiday to a close, and at the appointed time I met my fellow passengers at the railway station, and, enlivened by the recital of their various adventures and experiences, I arrived at smoky Manchester.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, Col. James E. Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, Joshua Nunn, S. Rosenthal, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary); and H. Massey (Freemason).

There was but one petition before the Committee, and that was deferred on account of unsatisfactory reading on the part of the child.

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BIRTHS.

DUNCUM.—On the 24th inst., at Broomfield, Weybridge-heath, Surrey, the wife of Mr. William Duncum, of a daughter.

LAKE.—On the 25th inst., the wife of Mr. Edward Lake, Bury St. Edmunds, of a daughter.

TAYLER.—On the 24th inst., at 224, Lewisham High-road, the wife of Mr. Francis T. Tayler, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MÜLLER—KROLL.—On the 21st inst., at the Parish Church, St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, Bro. Capt. A. Müller, Lodge "Germania," Shanghai, to Doris, eldest daughter of Mr. Ernst Kroll, 15, America-square, London. No. cards.

DEATHS.

GUNNELL.—On the 20th inst., at Lexden, George W. Gunnell, son of the late Mr. George J. Gunnell, aged 48 years.

QUINCEY.—On the 25th inst., at South Hackney, Mr. J. Harcourt Quincey, in his 80th year.

RUMSEY.—On the 25th inst., at Clevedon, Mr. John Rumsey, aged 86 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1879.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

Such is the name to be given to a "fund" about to be started, under very high auspices, and to which Bro. Dick Radclyffe has called our attention, being in one sense, we believe, the founder of it. Among several distinguished brethren who have already given their patronage to it we find Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., P.G.W., Prov. G. Master Oxon; Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., P.G.M. Scotland, 33°; His Grace the Duke of Athole, K.T., Past Grand Master Scotland; Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.S.G. Warden, S.G.W.M.M., P.P.G.W. Suffolk; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bt., M.P., Prov. G. Master Berks and Bucks; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G. Master Suffolk; F. Adlard, P.M. 7, P.Z. 214, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Essex; Sir John Bennett, Grand Stewards' Lodge; W. Biggs, P. Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Bradley, Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks; Colonel Frederick Brine, R.E., P.M., 30°; J. O. Carter, Sec. 209, P. Prov. G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; Baron Fielder, P.M., P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; J. Jacobs, P.M. 482, P.P.G. Reg. Staffordshire; George Kenning, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; Andrew Pears, W.M. 865; Robert Roberts, W.M. 209, Prov. G.J.D. Berks and Bucks; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; A. Withers, W.M. 211; and others. Many more will no doubt soon join the movement, and it will easily be got into working order. Its object is practically to "look after" our pupils leaving our excellent Schools, and assist them in meeting the difficulties and dangers of life as they start on their journey. It appears to us a practical scheme, and one likely to commend itself to all who interest themselves in our Masonic orphans, and who feel that the associations of our lodges, and the pleasures of Masonic social intercourse, are enhanced and expanded in wonderful measure when we seek to extend to the poor children of those who once were our "mates and confrères" in many a pleasant gathering of "auld lang syne," the kindly hand of Masonic charity, or the warm sympathies of Masonic benevolence. There is nothing about this plan grand or pretentious, chimerical or Utopian. It is a plain and practical development of what is right, needful, and truly considerate. In all similar praiseworthy movements, for some time past, in this country, there has been existing, happily, a growing conviction that our duty to the orphans we seek to educate, that our interest in them, cannot and do not cease with the conclusion and limits of the "school age." All over the land great anxiety has been evinced of late years to discover a method and elaborate a plan, by which our girls and boys on leaving school might find a continuance of culture and care, friendly help, and genial "surveillance," if we may so use the word, by which in the most dangerous period of life they may be shielded from the temptations which lure, and the perils which beset, young and ardent minds, bursting out with the feelings and vigour of youth, and emancipated from needful control or kindly advice. This is the main point of this new Masonic scheme, as we understand it, and as such we give it our warm approval. Our Institutions grant a sum for outfit and advancement in life, but there they stop. This new society will seek to carry on the good work, and watch over the progress of our pupils from the time they leave their respective Institutions, and will seek to find suitable positions for them, and in every way act as friends, counsellors, and helpers to those who from their peculiar position as orphans are too often friendless, and require much fostering care to enable them to reap the benefits of that admirable education which has been given to them. We are aware that this is not the best of times to make appeals or to found new charitable

institutions, but we think the useful, the needful, and the practical so predominate in this simple and straightforward scheme, which we print elsewhere in detail, that we have thought well to call the attention of our readers specifically, if shortly, to it. As the Society increases in size and commences its work in good earnest as we doubt not, we shall from time to time have much pleasure in noting its reports and reprinting its proceedings, for the information and gratification of our readers.

CHARITY REFORM.

We must fairly confess that, in common, we fancy, with most of our readers, we are greatly disappointed with Bro. Simpson's reply to the Grand Treasurer's letter. As regards our own remarks, we do not see that Bro. Simpson attempts to answer them. It is plain to us that he is altogether ignorant—we say it most respectfully—of the position which Provincial Charity Committees now occupy in the question, and we can only repeat, what we fancy ninety-nine out of every hundred Masons will also say, "if great abuses exist, we do not know where or what they are." As regards the "investigation" into cases, which proposed reform Bro. Simpson took from us, and has now made part of his own little programme, he mentions "information he has received." We fancy that even in this respect he does not realize what it is he is proposing. There are now certain formalities laid down which must be complied with, and certain pre-requisite conditions which must be satisfied before candidates can be placed on the list. But that is not "where the shoe pinches." The only one real difficulty is a comparative question of poverty, of need. And this is a most difficult and delicate subject, as all who have looked into or handled Charity cases can testify at once. It is all very well to indulge in general propositions, in magnificent utterances and mysterious hints, but what we want is the reality and, above all, the truth of careful, conscientious enquiry. We need least of all the "crotchets of reformers," or the "high falutin" of the stock sensationalism, the "bombast" of the childish fallacies of the hour. "All that glitters is not gold," and all the professions of philanthropy, all the demands for change, the agitated craving for public discussion or popular approval, so rampant and so pretentious often just now, have not the slightest effect on the minds of those who understand their business, who care little for mere excitement or the platform, and who have watched the real wants of such institutions and have realized the true position of affairs. As regards the "scenes on polling days," we think our brother the Grand Treasurer will be as amused as we are with our worthy brother's gentle "casuistry" on the subject. For there is a "casuistry," as we have sometimes observed before, not purely of Roman origin, not alone practised at Stonyhurst. The illustration in the *Graphic* or *Illustrated London News* did not refer to a Masonic Charity, and it is idle, and worse than idle, in a discussion on Masonic Charities to bring in other charities. It is not quite respectful to the Craft or Bro. Col. Creton, when asked what are the scenes at Masonic elections, to be told they exist in other associations. The Craft wanted "particulars" not "generals." However, we do not wish to seem even to find fault. No proved abuses exist in our Masonic Charities. If our Past Grand Chaplain thinks so, let him openly say so, and point them out. But if not, the charge ought to be withdrawn at once, as detrimental to the character and derogatory to the imputation of the subscribers. We have said all this in the interests of our Charities, openly and fearlessly, but, we trust, also courteously and fraternally.

SERVANTS' CHARACTERS.

A good deal of controversy has arisen lately upon this very difficult and delicate question, and some amusing letters have been written, and some striking illustrations have been adduced to demonstrate the evils and inconveniences of the present system. Certainly, at present, everything is as doubtful and uncomfortable as

well can be. The anxious housewife, rightly ever on "hospitable thoughts," and desirous of pleasing her "lord and master," seeks for a good cook, a comfortable housemaid, an active butler. Alas, poor woman! many are her difficulties, her drawbacks, and her dangers. The characters too often which she receives contain both a "suppressio veri" and a "suggestio falsi," and she soon finds that the "good cook" is a very indifferent performer, the housemaid who "knows her duties" is slatternly, and idle, and "cheeky;" and that the butler who is "thoroughly conversant with the requirements of his place" is a frequenter of the neighbouring public and a liberal dispenser of his master's "cellar." And so it goes on until the evil has reached a pitch which is almost unendurable. To say nothing of "false characters," reduced to a system, by which either information is sought for by "special agents" or notoriously unfit persons are comfortably located in a "genteel family," with an eye to business, pleasure, and "white soup" combined, we have daily to meet with untrue statements and dishonest replies. And why is all this? Simply because of the want of that rare commodity—truth—solely because we will not obey the golden and Divine law of "doing to others as we would be done by." Persons to get out of a scrape with a troublesome servant, or anxious to save their own pockets, deliberately slur over notorious shortcomings, judiciously suppress proved offences, and by an evasively worded and intentionally deceptive character or letter, mislead the anxious enquirer and palm off a discarded servant on a suffering fellow creature. Among the most absurd suggestions we have seen for mending the matter, improving the present most unwholesome state of things, is that from the well known Mr. (brother?) Pollaky, of Paddington-green, recommending the foreign "Dienstbuch" for servants. The "Dienstbuch" has, no doubt, its good points in Germany, like a similar Book of "Service" in France, Belgium, and Russia, but it has its bad ones. It has greatly and gravely broken down as a preventive of the very evils we have to contend with, and like the passport system is practically useless. It does not help the good; it can, and does, serve the bad, as no one knows better than Mr. Pollaky himself. Any such plan is utterly unsuitable to the habits and traditions of our people, and, though it might help certain parties amongst us, would be no guarantee to employers, on the one hand, no aid to servants on the other. No! all we want, to use a common expression, is "honour among thieves," a little more truth, honesty, uprightness, and faithfulness in our dealings one with another. Since we wrote the above we have seen another letter from Mr. Pollaky in the *Times* of Saturday, on the same subject, which suggests many serious considerations. We fancy that our skilled detectives in the City and in Scotland-yard will smile heartily at such remarkable statements and such sagacious suggestions, and that "polite letter writer" who favoured the *Times* with that striking epistle, must believe the English people to be very easily "led by the nose," if he can suppose for one moment that such flippant remarks about "constitutional difficulties," and the like, can dispose of the question or induce all classes amongst us to acquiesce, in what would be a social revolution. Mr. P. is enamoured of the "Dienstbuch." Be it so; he has quite a right to be so if he so pleases, but he cannot expect us to share his raptures, the more so as we, with others, well know what qualifications may be fairly adduced to the system, as a system. A letter, signed "A. B. C.," in the *Times*, fully confirms our views. Mr. P.'s last letter, like the preceding, is solely a special agent's letter, from a special agents views and interests, and can have no possible effect on the discussion, which requires English, not foreign, treatment. There is one sensational touch about "lost jewels," which as the old saying runs, is "worth a Jew's eye," (ought it not be a Jewess's?) and we can imagine how Mr. Bailey and Mr. Williamson will have laughed at this characteristic bit of "chaff." We trust that Sir E. Y. Henderson may be spared reading the threatened report which Mr. P. promises, as it is altogether a grave mistake to attempt to graft on our

social life, a system which originates from an entirely different theory of government and legislation. We feel sure that this proposal is altogether inexpedient and unsound, and if persevered in could only tend to favour the game of "special agency," and to destroy all confidence between employers and domestics, that great, important portion of our community on which so much of its peace, happiness, and comfort hourly depends.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.)

SCENES AT MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is just as I expected. Bro. Simpson has made a mistake, or has been misinformed. He does not really mean our Masonic meetings, though his words might lead fairly to that inference in his original letter, but he alludes to other societies and other meetings not Masonic. I am very glad that it is so, as here my part of the controversy happily ends.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. CREATON.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your paper I am desirous of putting the Almoners of lodges and members of the Craft in general on their guard with respect to one who called on me on the 20th inst., and gave his name as William John Hutchinson, Hiram Lodge, No. 97, Belfast, but whose real or assumed name I am led to believe is Thomas Blain, and whose address has been at some time No. 14, Dock-street, Belfast. On his first application I referred him to the lodge Almoner, but he shortly after returned, and informed me that that brother was not at home; he was about half-an-hour too late for him (this I have since learned was untrue, as the Almoner was at home, and he was told by this individual that I had sent him to him; he was relieved, and receipt taken for the same). He, therefore, gave me his name, and produced a certificate, and very smartly answered the three or four questions I put to him. I relieved him, and as he begged hard for some old clothes, his being shabby and wet through, I gave him a coat and vest; he again shortly returned with some letters he found in the pockets, and unintentionally left his own letters and certificate, which have led me to take further interest in this individual. I immediately wrote off to Chichester and Arundel, and have since heard that he applied for relief the next morning at Chichester, but as he could not answer the questions put to him, he cleared out sharp. He says "that he is a mechanical draftsman, has lately returned from America," which he much regrets, and hopes soon to return again; he has a son in the R.E., who is on the Ordnance Survey Branch, and he has lately been at Aldershot to try and find him (one of his letters has been re-addressed to Aldershot). He is about 5ft. 10in. in height, slightly built, of dark complexion, and dark moustache, no beard or whiskers, and has something of a military bearing about him.

I am, yours faithfully,

T. F. 804.

P.S.—From the quantity of begging Masons, and some of them worthless fellows, being about, it is time that a better system of relief was organised. I would suggest that Almoners of neighbouring lodges should communicate with one another, and if each of them were required to make out a quarterly return of the particulars of those who called for relief, and the same forwarded to the G.S.'s office, where the lists should be analysed and then published with the G.L. quarterly report, it would in time weed out these parasites and make it much better for the genuine brother in distress.

T. F.

[The certificate and letters I have forwarded to the G.S. of the G.L. of Ireland.]

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At this season of the year there is not so much to occupy the mind of the Masonic public, and hence it may be a fitting opportunity to draw some attention to the great advantage which has arisen from the establishment of lodges of instruction in all parts of the United Kingdom, and the many reasons existing for their encouragement and further consolidation.

It is to be presumed that most Masons are well acquainted with the origin of these admirable institutions, and also with the way in which they came into existence, viz., by the authorisation of regularly warranted lodges, under whose aegis they have flourished, and it is to be hoped will continue to flourish. We have in especial two lodges of instruction, the Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for Master Masons, and the Stability Lodge of Instruction. These two lodges have effected signal good in bringing up the standard of Masonic delivery to a point of excellence. They are supplemented by many more, and the value of these lodges can scarcely be over-estimated, inasmuch as by their means that impressive elocution is acquired which renders a lodge meeting something more nearly approaching its original purpose.

To hear the solemn words of our ritual droned out without a thought of their infinite and touching meaning

has often been my unlucky fate; to hear the Master of the lodge prompted at almost every word in the course of a ceremony has not unfrequently been my fate; but to hear the solemn obligations administered by an inadequate authority has been the worst infliction.

I am aware that there are elocution masters, members of the Craft, who do their best to produce not only perfect intonation and due stress upon words, but if the spirit be absent, letter perfectness does little to convey to the person initiated, passed, or raised, the actual meaning of the grand and noble fraternity he is joining or is receiving advancement in.

This is a most important point—and it is partly overcome by the existence of these lodges of instruction, where, at an almost nominal cost, he can perfect himself not only in the essential parts of the Craft ceremonies, but in many instances in the Sectional Lectures as well. But it is hardly to be anticipated, unless lodges of instruction are further spread over the land, that the majority of Masons can be expected from the regular meetings to become accomplished either in the ceremonies or the lectures. Many of these lodges of instruction are permanent, and as they are duly advertised in the *Freemason*, no really studious Mason need plead ignorance of the source of knowledge.

But there exists another class of lodges of instruction very much to be deprecated. I allude to little coteries of Masons, otherwise very worthy, who occasionally meet without the sanction of the warranted lodges at places of entertainment, and there rehearse the ritual ceremonies, with the prospect of a chop and a pint of stout, and perhaps a glass or so of whiskey after it. This kind of lodge of instruction, and of such there are hundreds in the metropolitan district, is to be discouraged. They meet without authorisation—without paraphernalia—without fitting rooms—and, I may say, without that observance of secrecy and decorum which should mark all Masonic proceedings.

The existence of such conventions is undoubted—and I am not singling out one only for notice on the present occasion, nor am I imputing to the holders of them motives at variance with the spirit of our institution. I mention their existence, however, with a view of directing the attention of Masonic authorities to a grave error. I will put it this way. What would a Church of England clergyman say if the solemn offices of the Church of England were, I will not say travestied, but to some degree dishonoured by hole-and-corner conventions of the kind? What would a Dissenting minister say to a service conducted mainly for the purpose of ending in a "merry bout" of pipes and beer? I do not presume to suggest, but I, for my own part, should regard the matter with the utmost suspicion and horror.

Hence I venture to offer some ideas, in the hope that they will be accepted, as I enounce them, in a fraternal Masonic spirit.

First. I would propose that all lodges of instruction should be registered in a sub-register, duly authorised to rehearse the ceremonies and sections—of course without power of actually working—and that their places of meeting shall be invariable.

Second. That no lodge of instruction, thus registered, shall be allowed to continue without a quarterly report of its proceedings and the brethren present being sent to headquarters.

Third. That duly authorised and qualified inspectors be at any regular meeting of the lodges of instruction entitled to attend and report to headquarters.

And, fourth, that refreshments, except once or twice a year, be not supplied to members attending such lodges, but that a fair sum shall be paid out of the entrance money to the persons at whose homes they may from time to time be held.

I would also suggest that regular minute books be kept, showing the names of the brethren and the numbers of their lodges as they may attend.

In this manner I feel sure that the better class of lodges of instruction would take a higher standing in the Craft than they do now, and would in the end educate the fraternity more fully for the noble purposes it has in hand.

There are many Masonic instructors, and it would be invidious to mention any one in especial. These brethren work hard and receive little encouragement at present, but their status and importance in the Craft would be raised, without derogating from the authority of the regularly warranted lodges or their officials, by such a proceeding.

Wishing all properly constituted lodges of instruction every future success in any case,

I remain, very dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

Hounslow, August 26th, 1879.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Grand Lodge meeting of this province took place at Ventnor, on Monday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. Beach, assisted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the P.G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, and it is this part of the proceedings that requires some notice.

The P.G.M. made his usual introductory speech, about the difficulty of distributing ten collars among thirty lodges, and that the six Stewards' collars, which he intended giving to W.M.'s and P.M.'s of lodges, must not be considered as a bar to their future advancement, but, on the contrary, should be regarded as a recommendation for honours in years to come.

Now, a Steward's collar, we all know, is never received as an honour by the Master or Past Masters of a lodge, and but for their dread of creating a scene in Prov. Grand Lodge they would almost invariably refuse to accept it, as its possession subjects them to continual annoyance from the jests of their brethren.

We all freely acknowledge the difficulty of dividing the honours equally, but fail to see how this desideratum can be obtained by nearly always giving the honours that are worth having to the same set of lodges, the others getting only Stewardships—or nothing.

I will not presume to say that the fact of what may be called the permanent officers of P.G. Lodge being members of these lodges has anything to do with this, but many brethren have this belief, and reference to the accompanying table, showing the distribution of honours

since 1868, will shew that they have some excuse for their opinion.

There being some twenty-nine working lodges in the province, it follows that each lodge can only expect one Wardenship in about fifteen years, but these fortunate lodges average about one in three years.

It is abundantly evident that some alteration is necessary, and if the province is so large that justice cannot be done to the lodges comprising it, let it be divided into two—say the five Isle of Wight lodges, the nine lodges of Portsmouth and Gosport, together with Fareham and Havant, in all sixteen, under the title of East Hants; and the remaining fifteen lodges as West Hants. This or some similar division would clear the way for provincial honours and give satisfaction to all parties.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, AN OLD P.M.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL OFFICES from 1868 (inclusive) to the present time. Not including D.P.G. Master; P.G. Treasurer; P.G. Secretary; P.G. Chaplain; P.G. Organist; or P.G. Stewards.

LODGE.	No.	S.G.W.	J.G.W.	G. Regr.	S.G.D.	J.G.D.	G.S.Wks.	G.D.C.	A.G.D.C.	G. Sd. Br.	G.P.	Total.
Medina, Cowes, Isle of Wight	35	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	3
Economy, Winchester...	76	1	...	3	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	7
Royal Gloucester, Southampton	130	2	2	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	8
Unity, Ringwood	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
Albany, Newport, Isle of Wight	151	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
E. Medina, Ryde, Isle of Wight	175	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hengist, Bournemouth	195	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	6
Phoenix, Portsmouth	257	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Harmony, Fareham	309	1	...	2	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	7
New Forest, Lymington	319	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	1	...	6
Royal Sussex, Portsea	342	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	2	7
Peace and Harmony, Southampton	359	...	...	...	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	7
Southampton, Southampton	394	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	6
Portsmouth, Portsmouth	487	...	3	...	...	1	1	2	2	1	10	10
Yarborough, Ventnor, Isle of Wight...	551	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	2
Oakley, Basingstoke	604	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	6
Ryde, Isle of Wight	698	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Panmure, Aldershot	723	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	5
Twelve Brothers, Southampton	785	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not working.
Carnarvon, Havant	804	...	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	6
Gosport, Gosport	903	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	7
Friendship, Petersfield...	928	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not in active
United Brothers, Southsea	1069	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Vale of Avon, Fordingbridge	1112	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Aldershot Camp, Aldershot	1331	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
St. Hubert, Andover	1373	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
United Service, Portsmouth	1428	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Claudentum, Woolston	1461	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prince of Wales, Gosport	1705	Constituted in 1877.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Landport, Landport	1776	"	...	...	1878.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connaught, Portsea	1834	"	...	...	1879.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

- A. The R.W.P.G. Master is a member of this lodge.
- B. The D.P.G. Master and P.G. Sec. are members of this lodge.
- C. & D. The P.G. Treasurer is a member of this lodge.

IMPOSTORS.

The following reasonable and amusing letter in our contemporary last week we republish for the information and warning of our readers.—Ed. F.M.

To the Editor of the "Times."

Sir,—During the past year it would seem that impostors, who trade upon the kind-hearted and rob the really poor, have been more than usually active and ingenious in plying their trades. The following, which have all come under my own notice and have been proved to be impositions, may be taken as specimens of the *modus operandi*, and may serve to put your readers on their guard. First, there is the neatly-dressed young lady, the niece of a clergyman in the country, who has brought a girl up to a blind institution and finds that a few pounds more are required for clothes. Then there is the relieving officer, who has come up from the country with some people about to emigrate, and who has not enough to get certain necessities. There is the military-looking, middle-aged man, who is interested in getting a blind child into a school. There is a smartly-dressed man, calling himself a relieving officer of a West-end union, who asks help for a man whom the guardians cannot legally assist. There is a lady who finds herself in South Kensington, and, having lost her purse, does not know how to get home to Islington. This is occasionally varied by a poor woman, in a great flurry, in Grosvenor-square, who has been summoned to see her daughter, who is dying at Norwood, and who has had her pocket picked—purse and telegram and all are gone. There is the old sergeant who claims to have served with officers in every branch of the service. There is the old woman with the basket of fresh (?) eggs who has been sent by the master of the house all the way from the City to far Tyburnia. There is the young woman who is selling scissors in order to provide for her husband, who is waiting to be admitted to the hospital. There is the smartly-dressed, fashionable-looking man, who is collecting subscriptions for a song about to be published in aid of some charitable object. There are the two ladies who are collecting orders for a book in course of publication, the proceeds to be given to an aged governess. And last, but most heartless of all, there is the scoundrel calling himself the agent for a widows' gift charity, who, after getting all particulars from an unfortunate widow, finds he has not got the necessary 2d. for his omnibus fare, and promises repayment when he brings the gift.

Now, I think you will agree with me that all these not only directly rob the poor, for we none of us possess the purse of Fortunatus, but they tend to steel our hearts against genuine appeals, unless, in order to discriminate between the false and true, we avail ourselves of the services freely

offered by the Charity Organisation Society, of which I may claim to be

A WORKING HONORARY SECRETARY.
Army and Navy Club, August 18th.

FREEMASONRY IN SUFFOLK.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Having been away from town at the time Bro. Neilson's letter on the above article appeared in your columns, I have only just read it. Permit me, therefore, to inform him, through the medium of your esteemed journal, that this is the second of a series of articles I am writing, and that in the first, which described the rise and progress of "Freemasonry in Essex," I acknowledged Bros. Gould and Hughan's books as the principal sources from which I got my information. I do not think it necessary I should go on stating and re-stating this in each fresh article, but if it will be any satisfaction to Bro. Neilson, I will state now, and once for all, that in every similar article I may write for the *Freemason*, my information will be derived principally from Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," and Bro. Hughan's "Register," &c.

I remain, fraternally yours,
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.
London, August 21st, 1879.

DEATH OF SIR ROWLAND HILL.—We regret to announce that Sir Rowland Hill died at his residence at Hampstead, where he had lived many years, at half-past four on Wednesday morning last. He had been for many hours unconscious, and seemed to die without pain. It had been feared, owing to the painful character of the malady from which he suffered, that there might be a return of the paroxysms, but, happily, this was not the case. Sir Rowland was the son of Mr. Thomas W. Hill, a schoolmaster, near Birmingham, and was born in 1795. He was consequently in his eighty-fourth year. He is best known as the author of the penny-postal system. A public testimonial of the value of £13,360 was presented to him in 1846. From 1843 to 1845 Sir Rowland Hill was engaged in the management of the London and Brighton Railway, and in 1846 he was appointed Secretary to the Postmaster-General, becoming Chief Secretary in 1854. He was made a K.C.B. in 1860, and retired in 1864 on account of failing health. The Treasury issued a minute acknowledging the full success of his plans, and awarded him for life his full salary of £2000 a year. He also received a Parliamentary grant of £20,000.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

WILLIAM PRESTON'S INITIATION.

I think there are few Masons who have not heard of the name of William Preston, author of the "Illustrations" (which, from A.D. 1772 to the present day has commanded an extensive circulation), and yet, with all that has been known or said about this enthusiastic member, his early career as a Freemason has never been fully explained. In the "Freemasons' Magazine" of A.D. 1794-5, as also in the "European Magazine" for 1811, are recorded particulars of our zealous brother, but there is a lack of preciseness in the details afforded, and subsequent historians appear generally to have been contented with accepting the sketches in these papers by Bro. Stephen Jones (his old and valued friend) without further enquiry, sometimes acknowledging their indebtedness, and at others simply presenting the materials without a word as to their origin. Bro. Robert Freke, Gould, in his "Four Old Lodges," has contributed to the subject, and, as usual with him, credits the magazines named accordingly, but since the issue of his unique work he has succeeded in tracing the entry of Bro. William Preston's initiation in the "Ancient" Records (*Seceders*). Knowing the importance of this, and that hitherto the matter has been left in obscurity, I at once communicated with the author of the "Four Old Lodges," who has kindly obliged me with all the particulars.

It appears that on Preston's arrival in London, A.D. 1760 (vide "F. Mag.," &c.), a number of other gentlemen from Edinburgh were desirous of forming a lodge in the City under Scottish auspices, but, on the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, applied to the "Grand Lodge, according to the Old Institutions, or "Ancients" (London), for assistance, and by that body a dispensation was granted to form a lodge and make Masons. "They accordingly met at the White Hart, in the Strand, and Mr. Preston was the second person initiated." *

According to the evidence Bro. Gould has submitted to me, the authority was granted as follows: "Bro. Robt. Lochhead petitioned for dispensation to make Masons at the sign of the White Hart, in the Strand, &c., and a dispensation was granted to him to continue in force for the space of thirty days" (G. L. *minutes*, March and, 1763, vol. 4., letter D.) At this period there was no lodge really formed, but the dispensation (usual at that time) answered every purpose. On the 20th April, 1763, the Lodge No. 111 was duly constituted, twenty-nine names in all being recorded under date 1st June, 1763 (*respecting fees*), the *twelfth* (not the *second*) being our Bro. William Preston. The second was William Leslie. It is quite clear that No. 111 was the mother lodge (so to speak) of Bro. Preston's under the "Ancients." Bro. Lochhead was a member of No. 81 (*now 73, Mount Lebanon, London*), and was the first Master (so Bro. Gould has found) of No. 159 (1769), which, in 1792, bought the vacant number 10, and is now No. 19, *Royal Athelstan, London* †

No. 111 was left or surrendered in the following year by Preston and his friends, as they preferred the regular Grand Lodge ("Moderns"), and so he and others received a warrant from the rival Grand Lodge (*the Grand Lodge, in fact*), dated Nov. 15th, 1764, to assemble at the Half Moon, Cheapside, from which period to the present day it has been aptly known by the name of the *Caledonian Lodge* (now 134). The warrant, evidently surrendered by Preston and the other members, was dormant until Nov., 1805, when it was re-issued to some brethren at Colchester, receiving the No. 135 after the union of the two Grand Lodges in Dec., 1813, but on March 5th, 1828, it was erased, with some sixty others. W. J. HUGHAN.

T.G.A.O.T.U.

(From "Diderot." By JOHN MORLEY, Vol. 1, p. 100. Chapman & Hall, 1878.)

Diderot refers (Letter on the Blind) to "the ingenious expression of an English geometer that *God geometrizes*." He is unaware apparently of the tradition which attributes the expression to Plato, though it is not found in Plato's writings. Plutarch, I believe, is the first person who mentions the saying, and discusses what Plato exactly meant by it. In truth, it is one of that large class of dicta which look more ingenious than they are true. There is a fine Latin passage by Barrow on the mighty geometry of the universe, and the reader of the *Religio Medici* may remember that Sir Thomas Browne pronounces God to be "like a skilful geometerian."

"3, 5, 7, OUT OF MASONRY.

(From "Rousseau." By JOHN MORLEY, Vol. 2, pp. 314-15.)

"The best of the musings are masterpieces in the style of contemplative prose. The 3rd, the 5th, the 7th especially, abound in that even, full, mellow gravity of tone which is so rare in literature, because the deep absorption of spirit which is its source is so rare in life."

ANCIENT MASONIC DIPLOMA.

It is with great pleasure we publish the following letter from Lodge 45, of Pittsburg, to Dr. Alfred Creigh, of this place. The letter speaks for itself in unmistakable language, which we commend to every one who takes an interest in ancient relics.

In connection with this subject, we may state that Allegheny County was not organised until 1788, seven years after Washington County, and before its organisation Pittsburg was in Westmoreland County. Lodge 45 was organised in Pittsburg in 1785, and is the oldest lodge west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Lodge 54 was chartered in 1791, and established in

* "F. Mag.," 1795, p. 5.
† Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register of Old Lodges" (George Kenning).

Washington. Its charter members were from Lodge 45, and some of the Eastern lodges. We shall recall the names of a few of the early members of Lodge 54 as an inducement for the present members of our Masonic bodies to imitate their example, as citizens and as Masons. The lodge consisted of such high-minded and honourable men as Dr. Absalom Baird, James Ross, David Reddick, John Hoge, Joseph Ashbrook, David Acheson, John Wilson, John Israel, Joseph Pentecost, Alexander Reed, Thomas H. Baird, and a long list of such honourable worthies, some of whose descendants are members of the fraternity in this place and are emulating the lives of their ancestors by adhering to the undying principles of Masonry:

Pittsburgh, April 2, 1879.

To Bro. Past Master Alfred Creigh,
of Washington Lodge, No. 164,
Washington, Penn'a.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 45, F. and A. Masons, held at Masonic Hall, 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday evening, March 26th, 1879, Bro. George S. Haines, W.M., of Ionic Lodge, No. 525, in a few graceful and kindly words presented on your behalf to this lodge a diploma issued to Bro. David Reddick, bearing date June 6, 1799.

The interest attached to this venerable document is of no ordinary character. Having been granted at a time long prior to the birth of any living member, when not only this lodge but Masonry as an Institution was in its infancy in this locality, and Lodge 45 was the only Masonic body west of the Allegheny Mountains, it is very easy to conceive that a certain value was attached to it then, how much more should we value it now, and how much greater should we prize it, surviving as it has done all the trials and tribulations through which the fraternity has so nobly and so successfully passed.

The splendid state of preservation in which this relic reaches us, with the seal uninjured, the parchment scarcely worn, and the writing so clear and distinct that it might have been written to-day, demonstrates how thoroughly well the work was performed in the first place, and specially points out how sacredly it has been guarded through the nearly four-score years of its existence. It thus becomes a connecting link between the past and the present—the old time and the new—the bridge which spans the dark and troublesome days in Masonic history which so "sorely tried men's souls"—and leads us step by step to our present era of peace and prosperity.

Next to its value as a Masonic relic and the intimate relation it bears to our lodge, comes its record as a memento of a past century—of a time that has been; and in this connection, we can understand how sore a trial it may have been to part with so valuable a treasure, and can admire, whilst scarcely hoping to imitate, the self-denial practised by one to whom such rare articles are so dear. No poor words of mine can express our appreciation of, and sincere and cordial thanks for, so valuable and interesting an addition to the archives of our lodge.

We shall show our appreciation of this valuable relic—the diploma of a true-hearted Mason—by placing it in a frame worthy of so valuable a donation, and whilst we view its beauties and ponder over the vicissitudes of its strange and long history, we shall ever respect and admire its generous donor—and thus hand down the gift and the name of the giver to the latest posterity. Yours fraternally,

FRED. H. LACEY, W.M.

[L.S.] Attest:
D. A. STEVENSON, Sec.

THE MONDE MACONNIQUE FOR AUGUST.

The "Monde Maconnique" for August gives us some interesting facts, as pointing out clearly the increasing "embroglio" and difficulties of French Freemasonry in the Grand Orient of France. Its friends like to declare that everything is "couleur de rose," and that "all is for the best" in this "best," not of "worlds," but of "jurisdictions." Those of us, however, who are behind the scenes are perfectly well aware that when the tinsel, and the fireworks, and the coloured lights are at an end there remains but a sad "residuum" of doubt and dissatisfaction, of fear and confusion for French Freemasonry to-day. The "Convent" which is to be held on September 8th, at Paris, of the Grand Orient, having dealt with the usual number of foolish, childish, and impracticable "vœux," that is, so to say, practical suggestions, or amendments and changes, has two most important matters before it—"the revised rituals," and the "payments from lodges" to the Grand Orient.

There can be no doubt as to what the report of the Council of the Order will be as to the "revised ritual," which "it has," says Bro. Grimaux, reassuringly "placed in harmony with the changes effected in the Constitution." This act of harmonizing means suppression of the name of God. Bro. Grimaux adds, that the new ritual is not to be "obligatory," but that "the lodges will always have the liberty of choosing between the new and the old." We shall hope that Bro. Grimaux's anticipations may turn out to be correct, that so tolerant a programme may be realized. But we confess that we have both fears and doubts on the subject. Nothing, alas! can now bridge over the chasm between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France, and when Bro. Cousin tells an English brother, as we read in a recent "Bulletin du Grand Orient," that the divergence between the two bodies arises from a "mal entendu," a "mistake," we only wonder what he means, and ask if "words" are really "words" and "facts" are really "facts?" or if there be not a Masonic as well as a Jesuit non-natural use of words? But when the changed ritual is a "fait accompli" we ought not to hear anything more of a "mal entendu" at any rate, and we feel sure that Bro.

Caubet is too honest to accept any such position or state of the case. We have not always been "in accord" with Bro. Caubet, as our readers know, but we have always done justice to his sincerity. We honestly disagree, and we say so, on both sides, without any loss of mutual respect or Masonic good feeling. With regard to the "contribution from lodges" a good deal may be said, as Bro. Grimaux puts it, on both sides. In England we pay a "capitation" fee, according to the numbers of members in our lodges, and it seems that all the French lodges, if we understand Bro. Grimaux rightly, now pay a "cotisation," if numbering forty members of seventy-five francs, or close into £33s. in round numbers annually. It is now proposed to make each lodge pay a fixed payment, according to numbers, to be settled by the annual Convent. Bro. Caubet and others object that if one lodge, for instance, pays fifty francs and another pays 300 francs, the lodge paying 300 will want more votes than the lodge only paying fifty francs, and that all lodges are equal.

Bro. Grimaux points out that the present system is illogical, for if the lodge has forty-one members it pays 120 francs, or £5, so that lodges keep down the numbers to forty. If the Grand Orient would only turn its attention to its own financial position and leave "burning questions" alone, how much better would it be for French Freemasonry, nay Freemasonry "all the world over."

MASKELYNE.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

The course of training followed by the Masonic Educational Charities, in common with many similar institutions in various parts of the country, is looked upon as more or less successful in proportion to the results that can be shown as emanating from the pupils themselves. It is not only necessary that a girl or a boy should receive a good education, but it is likewise desirable that they should prove that such education has been of service to them in after life—indeed, that it has been the means of their securing a position which without such education they could not have attained. With a view to assist in this object the Committees of very many of the English Charities make it a part of their duty to interest themselves in the future of the pupils who have been educated under their care. This they do by obtaining for those whom they deem deserving situations in offices presided over or belonging to one of their number, who they are assured will act as parent or guardian to their charge, and by apprenticing, or otherwise starting in life those who, being orphans or from other causes, may need more aid than is forthcoming from relatives generally. The practicability and success of such a scheme can be vouched for in numerous instances where it has been in work for years past; and were it necessary the records of some of our largest Charities would give ample evidence of the satisfaction derived from keeping an account of each scholar's proceedings in after life. It has frequently been found that a little advice, counsel, or help has proved to be the starting point of success.

With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something be done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lead them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the eighty-first anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said: "I will tell you a little fault, and I am sure I need only mention it to find it immediately corrected; and the fault that I am going to find is this—that it is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys may leave the School homeless and in need. It may be that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career, but it may also be that the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period. It may be that having derived all the advantage that they could from their study, and from their religious training in your Institution, they may leave it to fall into evil courses and evil ways, or even to suffer penury and poverty. I would appeal to you once more, as that is the only blot I can find in your excellent Institution, to try and amend it, that the pupils may derive the full benefit of your bounty and your charity."

It is now proposed to raise a fund which shall act as an adjunct to the two Masonic Schools, and be the means of supplying the want set forth above; and for this purpose your support and aid are earnestly solicited.

It is proposed that an early date shall be fixed for a meeting of those who may express approval of the scheme, and thereat the various rules for the government and conduct of affairs shall be discussed, Committees appointed, and general arrangements made.

It is hoped that the fund when once established will grow from year to year, and that the dividends of the subscriptions—which will be invested in approved securities—may in themselves prove sufficient for the various objects aimed at.

Further particulars of the scheme will be announced as they are arranged; but in the meantime we ask you fraternally to lend your aid to the furtherance of the desired object, by making it known to your friends, offering suggestions, or in any other way you may deem desirable.

The main objects of the fund will be:—
To provide situations for the pupils on their leaving the Masonic Schools.

To watch their progress and offer aid and advice where needful.

To advance small amounts to aid in the purchase of tools, outfits, and, later in life, goodwills of businesses, &c.

To assist pupils who may have gained scholarships at the Universities, or boys who may desire to enter the Army or Navy, and aid them in obtaining commissions.

And generally to watch over the future of the pupils, and help them in securing success in life.

Circulars and forms for collecting, together with other information, may be had on application to Bro. Dick Radclyffe, 129, High Holborn, London, W.C.

SPECIMENS OF SOCIETY JOURNALS

No. II.—SPECULUM.

Feluti in speculum.—Latin Proverb.

Salisbury: Stand by, or I shall gall you, Faulconbridge.
Bast: Thou wert better gall the devil, Salisbury.

**** Put up thy sword betime,
Or I'll so maul you and your toasting iron
'That you shall think * * *

[For context see the play itself.]
—King John Act IV., sc. 3.

I am not myself a Freemason, but I have often amused myself by passing for one.

Freemasons are the most ignorant and credulous of mankind. I know—but then it does not become me to reiterate assertions, which sound like bragging, and, of course, as I am acquainted with everything, it amounts to a platitude to repeat that I am aware of this—I know more of Freemasonry than the brethren do themselves.

For instance, how few, or how many, Freemasons have ever enquired into the cause of the curious fact that the vast majority of the members of the Craft follow the avocation of undertakers?

It is so. I assert it. I know. That settles it.

Which postulate granted—as, of course, it must be—why is this thus? What is the reason of this thudness? as my most intimate and dear friend, the late Count Cavour used to say.

The immorality throughout Great Britain was never more hideously dreadful than it is at the present moment.

I lament it; I need not say this. The whole course of my previous life will attest the sincerity of my indignantly righteous denunciations of the prevalence of immorality.

But immorality has material results.

Alas!

Of all the useful handicraftsmen the necessities of an artificial state of society compel its votaries to employ, the undertaker is perhaps the most indispensable.

But may not his aid be sometimes invoked to conceal the results of vice, as well as with dignity and solemnity to hide the fragile tenement of clay that once clad the soul of the respected and lamented "loved and lost?"

An assistant schoolmaster, with whom I contract to supply me with the very little knowledge of English history I require in my business of gossip purveyor, sometimes most agreeably communicates his information over a glass of vermouth and a cigarette.

I invariably smoke the very best cigarettes.

My vermouth is the same as that supplied to His Excellency the Pasha of Beyrouth.

When I was in the House of Commons I served on the Members' Refreshment Committee. I endeavoured to procure the introduction of absinthe and vermouth.

I was defeated in this laudable object.

I was indubitably the most popular, and probably the most influential man in the House, but I was out-voted in the matter of vermouth and absinthe.

My instructor, the A.S., informs me that there existed a tradition, during the great civil war, that Lunford's Dragoons, then in arms for His Majesty's cause, used to breakfast on broiled babies.

I have breakfasted and dined upon almost everything, but I have never partaken of broiled babies. Boiled, with bread fruit sauce, they are very good eating.

The banquets of Freemasons are notoriously coarse and gross.

Undertakers are convenient purveyors.

The seal of secrecy is obviously an advantage.

When John Colman's son desired to descend a coal pit his father asked him why he wished to run the risk. He replied, "In order to say that he had been down a mine." Says Père, "What a fool you must be. Can't you say you have been down without going?"

I wouldn't be guilty of such mendacity for the world,
Remember, I have never asserted myself to be a Free-
mason.
I have gone no further than saying that I have often
been mistaken for one.
Perhaps I ought to have undeceived the deluded.
But I didn't.
To be taken for what you are not is perhaps, as the song
says, "Naughty; but it's nice."
But I have passed the veils, as they say in the Order or
Degree—the precise term is immaterial—of the Imperial
Aqueduct. Oh, yes, I have passed the veils very often. I
could never pass one without attempting to look under it.
Sometimes it would be raised,
Sometimes it wouldn't.

A. S. S.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, takes place this day (Saturday) at Freemasons' Hall. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. Captain Webb and Bro. Captain Boyton are matched to swim a race of twenty miles, the former without artificial assistance and the latter with his buoyant suit and paddles.

THE LATE SIR ROWLAND HILL.—Bro. W. D. Keyworth, jun., has been permitted to take a cast after death of the late Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B. It is Bro. Keyworth's intention to model a bust of the late Sir Rowland.

Bro. W. S. Daniel, of 84, Fleet-street, has established offices at 40, New Kent-road, S.E., and at Loughborough Junction (opposite booking offices of London, Chatham, and Dover Railway), for receiving advertisements for the *Freemason*.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, the Secretary of the Great Western Railway of Canada, has written a letter to the Grand Trunk Company in reply to one received from Sir Henry Tyler. He announces that Mr. Childers has retired from the board of the Great Western Company.

A lodge of instruction—which promises to be a very large and popular one—has just been formed at Putney, a spacious room at the Railway Hotel having been set apart for the use of the brethren. Bro. Charles E. Goldring, solicitor, is the Secretary. The time for meeting is eight o'clock on Monday evenings.—*Mid Surrey Standard*.

INSTRUCTION.—A meeting of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, which has been removed from the Spread Eagle Hotel, was held on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wandsworth. Bros. J. J. Holland was the W.M.; F. Reed, S.W.; A. Newens, J.W. The two degrees were well worked. Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Treasurer (Bro. J. J. Holland), and Secretary (Bro. A. A. Denham), for this service.

We understand that that well-known and deservedly popular author, William Andrews, F.R.H.S., is about to publish a new work, entitled "Historic Romance, Strange Stories, Scenes, Mysteries, and Characters in our National and Local History." A somewhat novel and attractive feature of this forthcoming history is, that Mr. Andrews offers advance sheets of his new book, for simultaneous publication in a limited number of provincial journals, for twenty-six weeks, commencing in October 4th, 1879, each paper occupying about one-and-a-half column in length. An author so scholarly and notable for literary skill should command the attention of many of our leading journals, where his articles cannot fail to find favour with the general reader. We shall be glad to find that his "Historic Romance" runs its widening way from John O'Groats to the Land's End. Early communications should be sent to William Andrews, F.R.H.S., 4, Tinsley-terrace, Stamford Hill, London, N.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

SUSSEX ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—This Society visited Brighton on Wednesday, the 27th inst., when, despite drenching rain, there was a large attendance of members, associates, and friends. They assembled at the Pavilion, Museum and Library. Trips were taken to Rottingdean and Ovingdean, the ancient churches of which were visited, but a journey to Telscombe had to be abandoned owing to the weather. Returning to Brighton, the parish church of Old St. Nicholas was inspected, and a page on Sussex churches, by Archdeacon Haimes, read, and the party then adjourned to the Pavilion, where they dined. In the evening a soiréé on a large scale was given by the local committee.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, September 5, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30.

House Com. Ben. Institution, at 3.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Piclico.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-End-rd.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
Red Cross Premier, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Dumair, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Quar. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havlock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Lodge 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club, Lecture Hall.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hinj, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-avenue.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Towne.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Chap. 1489, Ezra, 90, Ball's Pond-road, W.
Mark 223, W. Smithfield, N. Market Hot., Smithfield.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourn-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 6, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
Evcrtou L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 680, Selson, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, September 6, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, F.M.H., Bolton.
" 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
" 381, Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hot., Market-st., Over Darwen.
" 1009, Shakspeare, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.
" 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleborough.
" 1134, Newall, F.M.H., Salford.
" 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Mark 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
" 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
" 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch.
" 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale.
" 645, Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hot., Kersley Far-worth, Bolton.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

" 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hot., Lower Broughton.
Chap. 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
Mark 36, Furness, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 56, Temperance, M.H., Todmorden.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 215, Commerce, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
" 266, Naphtali, M.H., Market-place, Heywood.
" 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn.
" 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton-under-Lyne.
" 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hot., Bury.
" 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hot., Padiham.

Chap. 325, St. John, F.M.H., Salford.
" 348, St. John, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate.
Mark 20, Faith, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
Hugh-de-Payens Preceptor, Old Bull, Blackburn.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 44, Friendship, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 219, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.
Lodge 1458, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, occupied the Most Worshipful Grand Master's chair. There were also present the following Grand and Past Grand Officers:—Bros. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, as Past Grand Master; Montague Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, as Deputy Grand Master; Major General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., as S.G.W.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., as G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chaplain; Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; John B. Monckton, Pres. of the Board of Gen. Purposes; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; George Mellor, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G. Sup. of Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; S. Mullens, G. Swd. Br.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; William Wilson, G.P.; James Kench, Asst. G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. Sir Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. Warner Wheeler, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; John M. Wike, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; E. S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Peter De L. Long, P.G.D.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; John Wright, P.G.P.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. John Read, P.M. 720, acted as Organist. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th of June, which were then put to Grand Lodge and confirmed.

Bro. Buss afterwards said he had received letters of excuse for being unable to attend Grand Lodge from Bros. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Henniker, Past G.W.; Lord Kensington, G.S.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; McIntyre, G. Reg.; and he had to announce that the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, was too ill to attend, but he was happy to say that Bro. Hervey was improving in health. (Loud Applause.)

General Brownrigg said he was very happy indeed to hear that good news.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., then said: M.W.G.M., before we proceed with the business of the evening, may I ask the attention of Grand Lodge for a moment when I ask them to join with me, which I am sure they will do, in expressing our hearty sympathy with the Grand Secretary under the heavy trial which has lately befallen him, bringing him down by sickness, and our earnest and heartfelt prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe for his complete recovery. (General cries of "Hear, hear.")

General Brownrigg: I trust you will allow me to direct Bro. Buss to convey our feelings to the Grand Secretary. We all heartily endorse what has been said by the Grand Chaplain, and we all heartily wish that we may soon see Grand Secretary here safe among us again. Perhaps, Bro. Buss, you will be good enough to convey these expressions to Grand Secretary.

Bro. Buss then read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707, Edmonton	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand	50	0	0
A brother of the Caveau Lodge, No. 176, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Amphy, No. 1319, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Maybury Lodge, No. 960, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Alfred			

Lodge, No. 340, Oxford ... 100 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop's Stortford ... 100 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, Yorks ... 50 0 0
 Bro. Joshua Nunn, as Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, is placing these recommendations before Grand Lodge for confirmation, said in reference to the first, that when it was proposed at the Lodge of Benevolence to give the brother £100 he (Bro. Nunn) objected to the amount as being too large. The brother had only been nine years and a-half a Mason. It was true he was a Past Master of his lodge, to which he subscribed down to the date of his application. Although Bro. Clabon had said previously at Grand Lodge that he did not think it was proper that Grand Lodge should go on increasing the large fund it had got, still he (Bro. Nunn) thought Grand Lodge ought to be just as well as generous, and he was bound, as Chairman of the June meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, to bring this grant before Grand Lodge. He might say, however, that he did not recommend to Grand Lodge that the grant should be £100, and he should propose as an amendment that the grant be £50.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., we are led to believe and suppose that the Lodge of Benevolence carefully look into all the details and all the particulars of the cases of those members of the Craft who apply to it for relief. I know nothing of either of the parties in this case. Unfortunately, my avocations prevented my attending the Board of Benevolence on the day when it was suggested that £100 should be granted to this brother; but £100 having been recommended, although I regret so much having been granted provisionally by the Board of Benevolence, and although I quite admit that the careful investigation that our Bro. Joshua Nunn gives to every case that is brought before him carries with it a sort quasi conviction, yet, I think that the Grand Lodge, before they decide to reduce the vote of £100 to £50, should be in possession of something more than merely the statement that Bro. Nunn has made. (Hear, hear.) I think so, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair. I have no proclivity either for one or the other, but I think it is only fair, if this sum of £100 is too much, and Bro. Nunn thinks that £50 is sufficient, that this Grand Lodge before they decide upon it should be in possession of something like an idea and a sketch of the motives and grounds upon which Bro. Nunn founds his amendment. I dare say Bro. Nunn is quite able to give his reasons, and I am far from saying he is not; but I think before the question is decided that he should give us some particulars in addition to the statement he has already made.

Bro. W. J. Murlis, Bro. G. P. Britten, and Bro. Russell, P.M. 77, rose together, and Bro. General Brownrigg called upon Bro. Russell to address Grand Lodge.

Bro. Russell, P.M. 77, then said: M.W.G.M., I much regret that the Vice-President has departed from the usual routine in this case. I fail to discern anything differing in the position of a Vice-President from that of an ordinary member serving on the Lodge of Benevolence after that a grant has been decided on. It is an incumbent on him as on any other member of that Committee to bow to the decision of the majority, except in the case of undue influence or of solicitation, neither of which is alleged to have taken place in this instance. Before the vote was taken the Vice-President strenuously opposed it. Well and good so far. But after the decision had once been arrived at I maintain that a graceful acquiescence would have been an appropriate part for him to have played. Besides, Grand Lodge is now placed in this invidious position—it is called upon to pronounce a decision, yet it has no evidence or anything worthy of the name of evidence placed before it whereby it is to be guided to that decision. On the other hand, a number of zealous and expert brethren are assembled expressly to dispense a charity fund, and meet at a time appointed for that purpose. Applications are made; full investigation is required; information is furnished; prescribed rules are complied with, and a grant is decided on. Surely, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the brethren with all that detailed information before them ought to be better judges of the amount to recommend than Grand Lodge, who have no special information before them. However, I will do what I can to remedy that defect, and put concisely before you the whole information connected with this case. Bro. ——— is about thirty-seven years of age. He was initiated in 1868, therefore, he was about twenty-six years of when he was initiated, a proper age for a man to join the Craft. He joined Royal Arch Masonry in 1870. He assisted to found the Erasmus Wilson Lodge at the end of 1874 and beginning of 1875. He was Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, No. 77, in the year 1874. To show Grand Lodge, M.W.G.M. in the chair, what his Masonic position at that time was in our province I would say that Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, selected the town of Gravesend in his year to hold the provincial festival, where it was held under the auspices of the lodge of which our Bro. ——— was Master, and in consequence he received the high honour of the Junior Provincial Grand Warden's collar. Bro. ——— is also a Life Subscriber to the Benevolent Institution. So much for his Masonic career. Now for his private life. I must inform Grand Lodge that he has a wife and seven children, the eldest only thirteen and a-half years of age. His father and mother are still living, both aged, and one bedridden. They having but a poor pittance, during his prosperity our Bro. ———, like a good Mason, devoted part of his income annually to assisting them, so as to as far as possible render the close of their days happy and comfortable, but now, alas! I fear as he is in distress he cannot render them that assistance to which they have been accustomed, and I am sorry to say their grey hairs must descend in sorrow to the grave. Finally, M.W.G.M. in the chair, Bro. ——— is afflicted

with chronic rheumatism, from the effects of which he is permanently lame, and often for days is entirely confined to his house, and unable to do anything for a living. Since he failed he has eked out a miserable subsistence by teaching music, the sale of his furniture and valuables, and on the charity of a few private friends. The two latter sources are now nearly exhausted, and I very much fear that should he not speedily succeed in getting a situation Christmas will find him and his family without a roof over their heads. This sad fate Grand Lodge has in its power to avert, and I ask this Grand Lodge by its vote this evening to grant that sum which the majority of your representatives in the lodges of the Craft decided to recommend for him. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

General Brownrigg: Brethren, I do not wish to stop any discussion on this or on any other matter, but I do think, after all we have just heard, that we should not depart from our usual rule. I think we should be treading on very dangerous ground if we do not follow the recommendation of the Lodge of Benevolence. We have a Board of Benevolence, and it is for them to look into all these cases; and I think that unless some very strong ground is shown for refusing the grants recommended we are bound to endorse them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. P. Britten: M.W.G.M. in the chair, may I be permitted to say a few words? From your own remarks, and the evident feeling shown by Grand Lodge, I take it for granted that this vote is already assured. But there is something in this matter of still greater importance and wider scope than voting £50 or £100 to Bro. ———. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge it will be in the memory of the brethren that Bro. Clabon brought forward a motion to the effect that the funds in the hands of the Lodge of Benevolence were excessive, and he made a very eloquent speech, setting forth with great clearness what he thought ought to be done with those funds; and then he withdrew his motion, thereby preventing any brethren stating their views on the subject. A good many of us thought that the fund of the Lodge of Benevolence is more especially a fund for Masonic Charity than, perhaps, either of the three other Masonic Charities. It is established for brethren in distress, the relief of whom is a duty enjoined upon us at our initiation, and impressed upon us in every step in Freemasonry, and it may justly be denominated the peculiar characteristic of Freemasons. Not having an opportunity of appealing to Grand Lodge on last occasion, some of us thought it was desirable to raise this question in another form, and this vote of £100 to Bro. ———, undoubtedly excessive as compared with the usual practice of the Lodge of Benevolence, was expressly proposed and carried, because (our Bro. Joshua Nunn, who was in the chair on that occasion, said that when it came before Grand Lodge he should oppose it)—this was expressly carried for the purpose of asking Grand Lodge to pronounce its opinion whether the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence should be held sacred to their legitimate purpose, or else voted to some other purpose, very good in itself, but altogether alien to the purposes of the Lodge of Benevolence. I hope that Grand Lodge by an overwhelming vote will confirm this grant, and, therefore, declare their view that the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence are to be dispensed in objects of charity.

Bro. Joshua Nunn said as he had been asked to give his reasons for opposing the recommendation, he would give them. He would make no reference to what had been said by the last speaker. He (Bro. Nunn) told the Lodge of Benevolence that it would be his duty to bring up the recommendation to Grand Lodge, but that he could not advise Grand Lodge to confirm it, and for this reason, that on the same night that the recommendation of this large amount was made, a Mason, who had been twenty-eight years in Masonry, was assisted with only £40. He was of opinion that the lodge should be just as well as generous, and he thought it was not just that a Mason of nine years' standing should have nearly three times as much money granted to him as a Mason of twenty-eight years' standing.

Bro. Binckes, who was met with loud cries of "Vote," said with reference to the remarks of Bro. Britten, that on a question of this kind, the relief of a distressed brother, Grand Lodge ought not to be asked to decide on a by-issue. He (Bro. Binckes) should support the £100 recommendation, but on totally different grounds to those of Bro. Britten. He asked Grand Lodge to vote on the issue of relief, and on no other issue whatever.

The recommendation was then carried, and the other recommendations having also been adopted, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, the report of the Board of General Purposes having been first received and adopted.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Lion-square, Hampton. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, W.M., opened the lodge. A letter, which had been signed by three Past Masters and addressed to the Secretary, was read. Ballots were taken separately, and were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters (son of the Secretary), Edwin Charles Percy Stevens (son of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, Great City Lodge), Lewis Cohen, John Vickers Willis, Robert Follett, John Henry

Ewen, and William Skerritt. The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., &c., in reply to the courteous offer of the W.M. to permit him to initiate his son Tristram, said his son would not be twenty-one years of age until March 24th, 1880, that he would prefer waiting until the next regular meeting in May, when he would gladly accept the kind and gracious offer of the Worshipful Master. In the same kind, courteous manner the W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, offered the chair to Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., for the purpose of initiating his son, who was present. The W.M., in a sensible speech, expressed the great gratification he felt in knowing that two such well-known and highly distinguished Masons should have selected the Lebanon Lodge, 1326, to have their sons (one, the Secretary's, being his firstborn) initiated there, both candidates being under twenty-two years of age. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., took the chair. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M., having expressed his wish that in all lodges in his province the candidates should be introduced separately, his wish is most religiously carried out here; the Lebanon Lodge greatly distinguishing itself in the way each candidate is introduced into the lodge. Amidst the most profound silence Mr. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens was introduced as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, then, in a way that has never been surpassed, and but very seldom equalled, Bro. James Stevens initiated his son Edwin into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. He gave an explanation of the Tracing Board and the charge, which he supplemented with choice and beautiful language, so appropriate to the candidate. It must be recorded that (to use some words we heard made use of between the veteran Secretary and Bro. T. Poore, the subject being the initiation of Bro. E. Stevens) the ceremony was beautifully rendered, so correct, impressive, and soul-stirring. It was an intellectual treat, well worth "coming up from Leicestershire," or any where else to listen to. It would be an impossibility to enquire the initiation of Bro. E. Stevens or to bring the presiding W.M. before the footlights, but, to gratify the desires of those who were present, and at the express desire of the W.M., he initiated Mr. Lewis Cohen, who (being Hebrew) caused the ceremony to be a little varied. The W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, took the chair, and, in an admirable manner, first initiated Mr. John Vickers Willis, and completed the afternoon's labour by initiating Mr. Robert Follett. The lodge was then closed. It was arranged to hold another emergency meeting in September. Refreshment followed labour. There were present besides those mentioned Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.W.; D. Steinhauer, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Org.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Stevens, P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; R. Meyer, P.M.; C. Lucop, C. W. Baker, H. Potter, P.M., W.S. The visitors were Bros. W. J. Meek, Sec. 199; R. Masters, 1656; and others.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Baldwin Lodge (No. 1389).—On Wednesday week the installation of Bro. James Garden as W.M. of this lodge took place in the lodge room, at the Castle, the installing officers being Bros. Thomas Dodgson, P.P.G.P., and R. Pearson, P.P.G.P., 995. Prior to the ceremony, a beautifully finished and remarkably striking likeness (in oil) of the recipient was presented to Bro. Baldwin, the founder of the lodge. In thanking the brethren for their gift, Bro. Baldwin said that if a place for it could be found in the lodge room, he would have great pleasure in giving it back to the lodge. This offer was accepted with thanks. A banquet was afterwards partaken of in the Wellington Hotel, provided by Bro. F. Bell in his usual excellent style. There was a fair sprinkling of visiting brethren. During the after proceedings Bro. Garden presented a jewel to Bro. Hosking for his services during the year. The officers for the incoming year are as follows: Bros. J. Garden, W.M.; R. Hosking, I.P.M.; T. Grieve, S.W.; R. Blake, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chap.; C. Godby, Treas.; R. Whiteside, Sec.; T. Trembath, S.D.; E. B. Mitchell, J.D.; G. B. Ashburner, Org.; R. Fownley, I.G.; J. T. Lawn, S.S.; F. Postethwaite, I.G.; and W. Pratt, Tyler. The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. John Case, P.M. 995.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—On Friday evening, the 29th ult., there was an emergency meeting of this lodge at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Plumstead, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of removing the lodge regalia from the New Masonic Hall adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, where the meetings have hitherto been held, to the Lord Raglan, with the view to the future meetings of the lodge being held at the latter place. Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, I.P.M. (in the absence through illness of Bro. Shaw, the W.M.), occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Daniel Deeves, S.W.; William Welding, J.W.; Weston, P.M.; Murphy, Treasurer; George Kennedy, Secretary; and a strong muster of brethren. The ordinary business of the lodge having been disposed of, Bro. Walter Hume, of Lodge 160, S.C., and Bro. Daniel Baker, of Lodge 190, were duly balloted for and accepted as joining members. Mr. Thomas Hunt was regularly initiated into the rites and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Waldron was passed to the Second Degree, with the usual formalities. The acting W.M. informed the brethren of the circumstances under which it had become necessary to bring the question of removal from the Sir Robert Peel before the lodge, and left the matter to the discussion of the members. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Bros. Weston, McClelland, Kennedy, and Watkins took part, when it was ultimately decided to remove the lodge furniture and regalia to the Lord Raglan, the necessary authority being obtained from Grand Lodge for such removal. Doubts were expressed as to the capability of the hall at the Lord Raglan for the accommodation of the lodge, there being over 140 members on its books.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The brethren connected with this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th ult., and as this was the election meeting all the greater interest attached to the gathering. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst his officers there were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas., W.M. 1356; John Atkinson, Sec.; R. Burgess, Org.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savwell, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The list of members included the names of Bros. T. J. Adams, J. Ballard, J. W. R. Brown, P. F. Buck, J. Bayliss, C. Courtenay, J. de Frece, J. Hill, W. Heap, R. H. D. Johnson, P. Lowndes, H. Y. Pitts, J. Penny, H. Round, J. L. Shrapnell, D. Saunders, M. P. Tueski, E. H. Thompson, R. Williams, Dr. R. Williams, and others. The visitors who were present included Bro. Harry Jackson, Cyril Searle, H. C. Sidney, H. Firth, W.M. 667; G. Maxwell, Wright, and others. Bro. J. Bayliss, having been passed to the Second Degree, the brethren afterwards proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the S.W. (Bro. MacKenzie) was unanimously chosen to fill that important office. Bro. A. Woolrich was again elected nem. con. to the office of Treasurer, a position which he has held since the consecration of the lodge, and in connection with the election, the W.M. spoke in high terms of the manner in which Bro. Woolrich had fulfilled the onerous duties of his office, and the compliment was feelingly acknowledged by the Treasurer. Twelve guineas were voted for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel for presentation to Bro. L. Courtenay, W.M., and after a substantial sum had been voted for the relief of a distressed widow, the lodge was closed according to ancient form. A banquet followed, and during the evening the toasts of "The W.M." and "The W.M. elect" were cordially proposed and warmly received. Bro. Cyril Searle responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and the proceedings closed about seven with the Tyler's toast. Songs and recitations of an enjoyable kind were given by Bros. Sidney, Harry Jackson, C. Searle, Chapman, R. Williams, and others; and a piano solo and accompaniments were played with masterly effect by Bro. R. Burgess, Organist of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; A. McDonald, S.W.; F. Jacob, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; and other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. F. Jacob seconded—"That Bro. A. McDonald be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected as officers of the lodge:—Bros. W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; C. Lorkin, and J. Williams, Secretary. Bro. J. Lorkin proposed, and Bro. F. Jacob seconded—"That the fifth Wednesday in every month be at the use of the Secretary." Carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. Lorkin seconded—"That the annual supper of the lodge take place on Wednesday, 1st October." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

BURY.—Chapter of Unanimity (No. 42).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Derby Hotel on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the absence of Comp. G. O'Neill, Z., through illness, the chapter [was opened by Comp. Halliwell, P.Z., assisted by Comps. J. Randle Fletcher, H.; W. Balmer, J.; W. O. Walker, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; and other members. There were also present as visitors Comps. C. N. Beswicke Royds, P.Z., P.G.H.; and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, P.P.G.D. of C. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Comp. Sillitoe installed and invested the following Principals and officers, viz.: Comps. J. Randle Fletcher, Z.; W. Balmer, H.; F. Probert, J.; S. Hamer, S.E.; A. Hopkinson, S.N.; W. Barrett, P.S.; W. Hutchinson, 1st A.S.; the Rev. W. R. Clayton, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Kenyon, Treas.; H. Bates, Janitor. At the close of the installation ceremony, Comp. Fletcher, Z., in very eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and valuable assistance, which was seconded by Comp. Balmer, H., and carried with acclamation. Comp. W. O. Walker desired to mark the pleasure the chapter had experienced from the visit of their Provincial Grand Second Principal, and proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Royds for his attendance. Comp. Halliwell, P.Z., seconded the same. Comp. Royds, in reply, assured the companions that he was always ready to do anything within his power to promote the interests of that or any other chapter in the province. The chapter was closed in solemn form. The companions adjourned to a banquet, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening followed.

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PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday last, the W.M., Bro. William Poore, P. Prov. G.J.O., in the chair. The members present were Bros. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M.; Pulman, P.M. (W.M. elect); J. Stevens, P.G.J.O., Sec., P.M.; J. J. Gibson, P.P.G.S. of Werks; W. Ackland, Mitchell, Gunner, Vincent, Spiegel, Whittaker, and W. Steedman, Tyler. After confirmation of the minutes the ballot was taken for Bros. C. B. Gibson and Hawkins, and they were duly advanced by the W.M. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., then took the chair to instal the W.M. (Bro. Pulman), who was presented by the retiring W.M. The ceremony was performed in Bro. Poore's usual style, to the great delight of the brethren assembled, and at its conclusion the officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. J. Gibson, S.W.; W. Ackland, J.W.; W. Mitchell, M.O.; J. Syer, S.O.; H. Baldwin, J.O.; G. Lilley, Treas.; W. Gunner, Secretary; W. Vincent, S.D.; Whittaker, I.G.; W. Steedman, Tyler. A motion was brought forward, and carried unanimously, for a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to be worked in connection with the Panmure Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form. The only visitors were Bro. G. Lovegrove, Prov. G. Sup. of Wks., and Bro. Sheadd. The usual toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Past Masters" being responded to by Bro. Stevens, the founder of the lodge, in a most eloquent and effective manner. The newly-invested officers responded to the toast in their honour, and promised to assist the W.M. to promote the welfare of the lodge.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The first anniversary of this young but progressing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. It is only twelve months since the lodge was consecrated by the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and only six weeks prior to that when a warrant was applied for; yet during the first year marked progress has been made, as, in addition to the six charter members, ten brethren have been advanced to the Honourable Degree, whilst another was proposed on the anniversary night. The brethren assembled at seven o'clock, when there were present Bros. W. F. Lamson, W.M., P.P.A.D.C. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; and W. Paisley. The remainder of the members were an unavoidably out of town. The visitors were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec., Grand Steward of England; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G.J.W.; G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G. Swd. Wr.; J. H. Raven, J. Quay, J. Wilson, J. W. Robinson, 151; and J. B. Paisley, 60. After the lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, the officer of the Grand Lodge mentioned was announced, and on his entry was saluted. Three members were then elected to serve on the permanent committee for the ensuing year, after which Bro. Black was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as also Bro. Hewson, Tyler. Bro. R. Robinson was then presented to the W.M. for installation by Bro. Gardiner, and he was regularly placed in the chair of A. After the presentation of the working tools, warrant, &c., on the re-admission of the brethren generally, the following officers were then invested:—Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W.; Capt. Sewell, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; W. Shilton, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; Geo. Brash, Steward; T. Mason, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, and those to the Overseers and brethren of Faithful Lodge, were delivered by Bros. Gardiner and Dalrymple respectively, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. Bro. C. H. McCall, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was then proposed as a candidate for advancement, and, after the usual closing address from the I.P.M., the brethren adjourned to the Rampant Bull, where a most excellent supper awaited them, thanks to the well-trying catering of Bro. Peacock and his better half. The remainder of the evening, up to midnight, was spent in the most happy manner, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, and the customary Grand Lodge, provincial, and complimentary toasts were honoured. In the intervals, too, some delightful harmony was contributed, the gems of which were "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and "The Village Blacksmith," admirably sung by Bro. J. B. Paisley, whilst "Tam O'Shanter" was recited by Bro. Dalrymple in a style not to be approached by any but a native of "Caledonia stern and wild."

Jamaica.

PHOENIX LODGE (No. 914).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at Port Royal on the 5th August last, a large number of brethren gathered to assist in the installation of the Master elect and officers for the ensuing year. The installing Master was the W. Bro. G. P. Myers, who called on the W. Bro. L. C. Hollar to present the Senior Warden, Bro. John Tyndall, for installation. The following is a list of the administration: W. Bros. J. Tyndall, Master; G. P. Myers, I.P.M.; Bros. W. C. H. Hastings, S.W.; J. Feesy, J.W.; J. Anderson, Treas.; A. Duffus, Sec.; W. Organ, S.D.; M. H. Smyth, J.D.; J. Wenman, I.G.; W. B. Hannan, Tyler. The brethren having completed their labours, were called to refreshment, and under the charge of the Junior Warden enjoyed a most pleasant evening. It may be interesting to state that the administration is

entirely formed from brethren connected with H.M. Naval Department, and their positions are as follows:—Wor. Bro. John Tyndall, Surgeon H.M. R.N. Hospital; Bros. M. C. H. Hastings, Lieutenant H.M. Sur. Schr. "Sparrow Hawk;" J. Feesy, Clerk, R.N. Hospital; E. Anderson, Chief Clerk, H.M. Dockyard; A. Duffus, Dispenser, R.N.; W. Organ, Master Carpenter, H.M. Dockyard; M. H. Smyth, Lieut., H.M. Sur. Schr. "Sparrow Hawk;" J. Wenman, Warrant Officer, H.M. S. "Urgent;" W. B. Hannan, Warrant Officer, H.M. S. "Urgent," (retired).

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, was consecrated last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., who was assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as S.W.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, Past Grand Steward, as D. of C.; T. C. Walls, Past Prov. Grand Org. Middlesex, as I.G.; and several other brethren, among whom were Bros. J. W. Brooke, T. C. Corpe, W. Gibson Bott, J. W. Dewsnap, Henry Cruse, George B. Smith, jun., Alfred Stokes, G. F. Smith, J. C. Wilkins, Adolph Baumann, Rev. S. B. Harris, P.M. 538; J. T. Calkin, 586; James Dann, P.M. 72; J. Shirley Hodson, 1706; John P. Sadler, 1670; Henry Gadsby, 1706; G. M. A. Low, S.D. 1589; F. H. Gruggen, 1670; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke said: Brethren, we have met here to-day for a very important purpose, viz., to add one more unit to the number of the great family of Masonic lodges in England—a lodge which has been honoured in being permitted to bear one of the titles of our Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I feel sure that the founders will feel greatly the honour thus conferred on them, and I hope, and fully believe, from what I have heard of the high character of the Master designate and the founders of the lodge, that they will so conduct this lodge in every respect as never to give His Royal Highness cause to regret having given permission to the lodge to use his name.

The usual ceremonies were then gone through, and the following oration was then delivered by the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, who said: Brethren, "In all labour there is profit." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." So does God teach us by the words of our Grand Master Solomon, and how well did our ancient brethren follow this teaching. Whatsoever they did they did it as well as they could. They laboured for God's honour and God's glory, not simply for man's wages, and they thought nothing too good for God. Their heart was in their work; their principle was to do everything well, whether they got the credit for it or not. Every stone they laid was a practical sermon on the words I have quoted to you. Look at the buildings of our ancient fraternity and you will see a careful attention to every detail of the work—Work that was out of sight or far removed from the eye was not scamped and hurried over. Every colour was chosen with care, every ornament was in harmony, every man had his work. Some were hewing the timber in such forests as Lebanon, or moulding the brass vessels in such places as the clay ground between Zuccoth and Zarthan. Some were employed on the rough ashlar, others in finishing the exquisite tracery of the stone work—all, from the lowest to the highest, with their heart in the work, whatever it was, all endeavouring to do what they did do to the very best of their power; all labouring in obedience to the mind and direction of the architect. And what is the result? We see it in those buildings of our ancient fraternity which time has spared to us. There is a something about these works, a something more than the mere charm of antiquity, which speaks to our inmost heart of God. We feel that the house has been built for Him. Oh! what a contrast here to the noisy, glaring, garish temples which the world builds for her business or her pleasures. The work has grown beautiful and solemn under the hands of Craftsmen who worked for God, and it bears in every part the memorial of their high religious principle. The idle, selfish, unprincipled Craftsmen would not do such work. Why is it so difficult now-a-days to produce this "feeling" in our works? We can get the money, the stone, the wood, all that our ancient brethren had. We have many advantages which they had not, the appliances of modern skill and science. Yes, we ought to do better than they did, but we do not, as a rule, do as well. Why? Is it not because we cannot get the old workmen whose hearts were in their work, and who worked not only for their wages but also chiefly for God's honour and glory? But we meet to-day not as operative but as speculative, or free and accepted, Masons. Let us apply these lessons which we learn from the work of our ancient brethren to our morals. We have met together to-day, men of different professions, different tastes, different positions in life. Are we each of us carrying into our everyday life these principles, to do everything as well as we can, and everything not for self but for God? I think these are the principles which every ceremony of our lodge does try to impress upon our minds. There is nothing against which true Masonry sets her face so sternly as against idleness, selfishness, or the want of a right purpose in life. The man who values every day merely in proportion to the pleasures and amusements it brings; the man who cares only to please self; and, above all, the man who has not a high religious principle, independent of Masonry—all these are untrue and unworthy members of our Craft. My brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, when any one knocks at the door of your lodge for admittance, ask your-

selves the question—Is he a man who is doing honestly as well as he can the work, whatever it may be, which God has set him to do in this life? And do not let him as a candidate ever pass that threshold unless you can answer this question satisfactorily. There is a need to be on our guard. We are living in times when Masonry is fashionable. Fashion brings to our doors men to whom our Order can be only an empty form. Surely it is well then to be careful; and will not this care have this real practical effect for good? If the idler—the coarse, sensual liver—and the profane find our doors closed against them, may it not be one means of bringing some of them to think "for what end was I made?" and so cause, at all events, some of them, having found the true answer, to return after a while and knock a second time, when we shall be able conscientiously to receive them. But we must watch ourselves as well as the candidates, and humbly endeavour to keep true to our principles. It is very easy to drift into a purposeless life; it is very hard to be always at labour. And yet, my brethren, in one sense all life, even the hour of recreation, is labour—a labour in all things to show forth God's honour and glory, to watch against anything which may dishonour Him. From this labour there will be no cessation until we hear those words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"—that joy to which alone those who here are not weary in well doing will be admitted—that joy which is itself the blessed work of ever doing God's will where sin will have no place.

At the conclusion of this oration Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proceeded with the consecration of the lodge, and when this had been completed the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg left for Newport Pagnell, where his ministerial duties for next day were numerous. Lieut.-Col. Clerke then installed Bro. Joseph Woolley, W.M. designate, in the chair of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested with the collars of their respective offices: Bros. Charles T. Corpe, S.W.; Dr. W. Gibson Bott, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; Henry Cruse, Sec.; George F. Smith, jun., S.D.; Alfred Stokes, J.D.; George F. Smith, sen., D.C.; J. C. Wilkins, I.G.; Adolph Baumann, Std.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke afterwards delivered the addresses, and a Committee was then appointed to frame and consider the bye-laws of the lodge.

On the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bros. Lieut.-Col. Clerke, Capt. Philips, Hugh Sandeman, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and Frank Richardson for their able services in the ceremony of consecration and installation, and these brethren, as well as Col. Du Plat, were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers, and expressed the pleasure it had given all of them to be instrumental in launching the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, which they hoped they would avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting on more than one occasion.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read by the Secretary from Bros. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Malony, P.M. 25; Col. Du Plat, and Maybrick, 1706. A list of names for initiation and joining was then read, and the lodge being afterwards closed, the brethren afterwards adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet, provided by Bro. Best and superintended by Bro. Dawkins, was partaken of.

At the subsequent proposing of the toasts of the evening, the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said the Master of a new lodge when he rose for the first time in his lodge always proposed one toast. It was the custom in all countries speaking the English language that the toast of "The Queen" should take precedence of all others, and it was not the custom in Masonic lodges to do otherwise. But Masons coupled with it "The Craft," because every man who was a good Mason was supposed to be a loyal subject. In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," he said that Masons were proud to have their heir apparent to the throne of Old England at their head, and a better Grand Master he thought could not be found. The brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge required no proof of the interest His Royal Highness took in Freemasonry, as he (the W.M.) held in his hand the warrant of the lodge, signed with His Royal Highness's own hand.

In proposing "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said that whilst such men were at the helm of the jolly good barque of Freemasonry as Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, assisted by such Grand Officers as were present that evening, the barque would be safely steered through every storm, and be able to avoid every quicksand such as the Grand Orient of France had drifted on.

Bro. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, replied, and said that to every Grand Officer it was a matter of very great interest to be present at so important an event as the consecration of a new lodge. He had been looking forward to that evening for a considerable time. He believed there was only one other lodge bearing the same name as the lodge that had just been dedicated, and he and the other Grand Officers heartily wished it might live and prosper to a good old age. The family of English lodges was getting very large, and if any Mason twenty-five years ago had ventured to say that at a future time there would be 1839 lodges on the roll, he would have been looked upon as a Masonic optimist. There was no doubt that America and England, the two great English-speaking countries of the world, were masters of the position as regarded Freemasonry—it was only in America, England, and the colonies that Masonry really flourished, not as a political engine working against the good of the State, as, alas, it was in so many continental countries, but a strong political power to uphold the government, because although Masons were told that they must not speak politics in lodge, yet Masons

like other men had their politics, which were to uphold the civil magistrate, to support the law of the land, and to maintain the principles of their Order at any cost to themselves. If they acted fully up to their profession they should set an example to the whole world, and show how men of cultivation, education, and science, men of every position, rank, and scale in society, knew how to honour God and their Sovereign; and it was for this reason that the English lodges were the envy and wonder of all continental Masons, who could not boast the same thing. Foreign lodges were merely political engines, sometimes for good, and sometimes for evil. Bro. Sandeman concluded by thanking the brethren for the toast, and for the hearty reception that had been given to the Grand Officers.

The W.M., in proposing "The Consecrating Officer, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.," said he was sure all the brethren, as well as himself, had been deeply interested in the ceremony, and were delighted with the ready and excellent way in which the work had been performed. The brethren's very best thanks were due to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for so kindly attending and performing the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and he (the W.M.) felt he could not sufficiently express all he would like to say of him in recommending this toast to the brethren.

Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said it afforded him very great pleasure when the W.M. wrote to him to perform the ceremony of the day, to be able to accept the invitation. It must be to any Mason who had the interests of the Order at heart a deeply gratifying feeling to be able to perform duties which would further the interests of the Order. He need not remind the brethren that consecrating a lodge was a very important and useful ceremony, and when he was asked to attend and officiate he did so with great pleasure and readiness. From what he knew of the brethren who formed the Duke of Cornwall Lodge he felt certain that it would not disgrace the Order. He was afraid there was at the present day too great a desire and too great a temptation among the lodges to press matters to extremes in vying with each other as to the number of initiates they made, in fact, entirely forgetting the principle to obtain quality in striving to obtain quantity. He was, therefore, pleased to learn from the W.M. that that would not be the principle of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, but that they meant to go quietly and slowly, but surely, ahead. If they would only take a candidate now and then, when they were sure he was a good man and true, they would get on. They had frequently been told that it was very easy to get an undesirable member into a lodge, but it was uncommonly hard to get rid of him afterwards. Therefore, they might depend upon it that the principle which he (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clerke) advocated was the best. Do not try to make the lodge too large, as some were, in which there was such a mass of brethren that there was very little chance of a man getting into the chair. He was sorry that some of his colleagues were unavoidably obliged to leave before the banquet. The eloquent brother, the Chaplain, who had so delighted them with his oration, lived a long way off, and he had four services to perform the next day, and, therefore, his presence in his parish was necessary. A severe domestic bereavement rendered it impossible for Captain Philips at present to stop to banquets after Masonic work; and Bro. Frank Richardson had a long standing engagement which had compelled him to leave when the lodge work was over. He mentioned these facts to show to the brethren that it was not through any lack of respect to the lodge that so many of the brethren who were at the consecration were not at a banquet. Their hearts, however, were with the brethren, and they felt the honour conferred upon them in being asked to assist in performing the ceremonies. Like himself, they took great interest in the future welfare of the lodge. With respect to himself, he felt very grateful for the honour conferred on him, and as long as he lived he should watch the career of the lodge most carefully and with a very great deal of interest. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to join him in drinking "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Brooke had not long been a Mason, but he was a brother who had the interests of Masonry very dearly at heart, and from what the brethren had seen that night when he invested his officers they might be sure he would do his work well. He (Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke) had frequently seen Masters appoint and invest their officers, but he most candidly confessed that he never had seen a Master deliver the charges to his officers so fluently and perfectly. Ex uno disce omnes; and the brethren might, therefore, rely upon it the W.M. would do all the other work required of him in an equally efficient manner. The W.M. meant to do uncommonly well, and the brethren were very fortunate in having a brother like the W.M. to preside over them. He was very keen, and in a long correspondence he had upon the subject of the lodge on various points, he displayed an immense amount of keenness. That was a great point, and the brethren were extremely fortunate in having secured Bro. Brooke for the first W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said the most disagreeable part of his duties, the speaking about himself, now devolved upon him, and consequently if he should get through it as quickly as possible the brethren would not blame him. In the first place he felt deeply indebted to the brethren for drinking the toast so enthusiastically, especially to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for the kind and flattering manner in which he had proposed it. As the first W.M. of the lodge to which the brethren had been kind enough to recommend him, it was his wish and desire to render the Duke of Cornwall Lodge all that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had said for it. They intended to be very careful whom they admitted to their ranks and would not admit any one hastily. Their lodge had the title of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and they owed it to the Grand Master to make the lodge worthy of the name. He asked

the brethren to excuse him saying so little as he was only a baby W.M. When he had been a little longer in the chair he hoped to be able to say a little more.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors." The expression used in lodge, "brethren in the north, east, south, and west," was not a mere empty flow of words, because there were frequently in lodges brethren from India, China, Africa, Cape of Good Hope, and the continent.

Bros. Dann, Walls, and Calkin replied; and the Rev. E. B. Harris, in also responding, said this was the first consecration he had ever been present at, and he must say that with all the working he was not only delighted but instructed. He could not help feeling it was a great pity the Grand Chaplain should have been obliged to go so early, because after the admirable teaching he had given in his oration in the lodge they were justified in thinking he might have given them some more of it after banquet. They were surrounded by all those things which reminded them of God's goodness towards them, of the wonderful care of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they should all remember, and never forget, as Masons, that the two great principles of Masonry were these—to love the Lord our God first with all their heart, and all their mind, and soul, and strength, and then to love their neighbour as themselves.

The W.M. then proposed "The Press," to which Bro. Massey replied, and the toast of "The Officers," to which each of those brethren responded individually, concluded the business of the evening.

The Tyler's toast was then proposed and drunk, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

The ceremony of consecration was assisted by a musical selection under the direction of Bro. George F. Smith, jun., Organist and director of the choir of St. John's, Angell Town, Brixton, who had with him some of the boys of the choir. Bro. Chubb, G. F. Smith, sen., Mr. F. W. Flower, and Mr. Page Hannant also assisted in the music after dinner, and Bro. Walls and several other brethren likewise contributed their musical talents towards the enjoyment of the evening.

MASONIC BAZAAR AT EXETER.

A bazaar on a somewhat elaborate scale, and to which was to have been added a garden party, was spoilt at Exeter on the 27th of August by the wet and boisterous weather. Every preparation had been made to hold the event in the grounds of Parker's Well House, one of the prettiest suburban residences of the city, which Mr. William Brock had kindly placed at the disposal of the committee. The tents were erected on the lawn, and everything on the previous day looked at its best; but no sooner did those upon whom the management of the affair rested open their eyes on the morning than they at once saw that much of their labour had been in vain. A hasty consultation was held, and it was determined not to postpone the event, but to remove the "goods" of the bazaar to the Victoria Hall with all possible speed, and so to make the best of the most unfavourable circumstances. Shortly afterwards "sandwich men" were parading the streets in the pouring wet with announcements of the fact, and bills were exposed in various shop windows, but no other means were open to the committee to make their alteration known, and there is no doubt the bazaar, or rather the objects for which it was held, grievously suffered in consequence. Those objects were threefold, namely, to aid the "orphans of the soldiers who fell at Isandula," to assist the "scheme for the education of children of deceased Freemasons in Devon," and the "Freemasons' Hall Building Fund, Exeter." Influential patronage was secured for the event, the patronesses being Lady Poltimore, Poltimore; Lady Anna Maria Courtenay, Powderham; Lady Palk, Haldon; Mrs. Mills, Bude Haven; Mrs. John G. Johnson, Cross, Torrington; Mrs. Huysh, Clisthydon; Mrs. Tanner-Davy, Rose Ash; Mrs. E. Johnson, Farringdon; Mrs. W. H. Peters, Harefield; and Mrs. W. H. Walrond, Newcourt. The preliminaries were arranged by a committee, composed of the following brethren:—John Algar, William Brodie, B. Barber, J. A. Bowden, Robert Besley, William Brown, Harry Clark, C. Campbell, J. S. Cape, E. T. Fulford, William A. Gregory, E. S. Gully, J. Gibson, Frederick Horspool, John Horswell, J. Jerman, Charles C. Kendrick, James Kito, J. F. Long, T. B. Land, W. R. Lisle, F. Luget, Math. H. Lucas, William Pidsley, Joseph Page, W. F. Quicke, Henry Stocker, J. H. Warren, and Joseph Wells, jun. Apart from the fact that it was impossible fully to acquaint intending visitors that the bazaar would be held at the Victoria Hall instead of being postponed altogether, there is no doubt the Victoria Hall—beautifully decorated though it be—presented very inferior attractions to that which the pretty grounds of Parker's Well House would have offered on a fine day. The stalls were arranged round the hall, and the centre of the room was occupied by a stand of flowers contributed by Dr. Woodman.

The bazaar was opened, as announced, by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ebrington, soon after one. There was then hardly any one present beyond members of the committee and some ladies at the stalls. The members of the committee received Lord Ebrington at the entrance to the hall, and conducted him in sombre procession to the platform.

Mr. E. T. Fulford, who has acted as honorary Secretary, led his lordship to his position, and then, on behalf of the committee, requested him to formally open the bazaar. His lordship knew, Mr. Fulford said, that they were to have held the bazaar out of doors, but, considering the weather, they did not that morning feel justified in carrying out their arrangements; and they thought the best thing would be to come indoors. The result was that they had arranged and furnished the stalls hastily to the

best of their ability, and they thanked his lordship most heartily for his kindness in coming there, at some amount of personal inconvenience, to open the bazaar. (Applause.)

Lord Ebrington began by expressing the gratitude every one must, he thought, feel at seeing the successful way in which the committee had combatted the inclemency of the weather, and the beautiful way in which they had arranged the bazaar in the short time available for the purpose. The objects of the bazaar must commend themselves to everybody; some of them, perhaps, more to a limited number, but one of them at least—the benefit of the widows and orphans of the brave soldiers who fell at Isandula—must commend itself to everybody without exception. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. (Applause.)

The band of the South Devon Militia, under Bro. Fly, of Plymouth, then played the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," and, three cheers having been given for Lord Ebrington, the formal proceedings ended.

The ladies presiding at the stalls were Lady Anna Maria Courtenay, Lady Poltimore, the Hon. Miss Bampfylte, Mrs. Edward Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Chichester, Mrs. Pidsley, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Besley, Mrs. Fulford, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Lemarchand, Misses Long, Webber, Nott, Clarke, Besley, and Fulford. Refreshment stall—Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Battishill; assisted by Bros. Warren and Elmore.

Amongst the articles were two handsome screens painted and presented by Mrs. Stocker, of Exeter. At the upper end of the hall was the piece of sculpture by Giovanna Focardi, entitled "The Dirty Boy," which was exhibited at the Flower Show on Friday, the 22nd August. There were various subsidiary attractions. Entertainments, musical and theatrical, were given in the small hall upstairs by the Misses Long, Messrs. Bartlett, B. Barber, W. H. Hawker, J. Malmont, and W. Long. The attendance during the day was not large.—*Western Morning News*, August 28th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

WILLIAM PRESTON'S INITIATION.

The interesting fact relative to Wm. Preston's initiation alluded to by Bro. Hughan, on the authority of Bro. Gould, is a most important communication in respect of the history of Wm. Preston. And yet, curiously enough, lucid as my worthy friend and Bro. W. J. Hughan is, I do not see that he distinctly states in his communication when Wm. Preston was initiated. As I understand his words, Wm. Preston is found twelfth in a list of June 1st, 1763. But does that list declare him to be then initiated, or only a member? I shall be glad if Bro. Hughan will explain this statement fully in next *Freemason*. His words may be read both ways, I admit, but it is always best to be most precise.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. GOULD'S "FOUR OLD LODGES."

I have again carefully perused the remarkable work entitled "The Four Old Lodges," and am confirmed in my opinion that this is the most useful, accurate, and laborious work of the kind ever compiled, for the use of Masonic Students, and as I have said before is, and likely to be, without a rival, as all is done that can well be statistically for the "Moderns." Now we want similar for the "Ancients," and to obtain the latter I shall be most happy to work with Bro. Gould in any way possible. In the list of 1792-1813, I see that Bro. Gould puts the last few lodges down to 1812. In my notes these are under 1813, and as they were added to list of 1814 (published in 1813) and are not in 1813 (published in 1812), I fancy the year 1813 must be correct. At page fifty-three, I find the present 67, Calcutta, is described as 165. Evidently it should be 185 of the 1740 nomenclature. Shall be thankful to hear of any other "trivial" errors—if there are any—as nothing of the kind is really *trivial* in studying the early history of the Craft, for by these invaluable tables every lodge can be traced from 1717 to 1814.

W. J. HUGHAN.

NETTELBLADT.—Four brethren of this name rendered great service to German Freemasonry, and especially C.K.F.W., Count of Freiherr, who was born in 1779, and died at Paccini, 1843. He was initiated in 1805, in the Lodge Tempel der Wahrheit, at Rostock, and in 1810 became P.G.M. of the P.G. Lodge of Mecklenburgh, which post he filled until his death. He edited the "Calender für die Provinzial Loge von Mecklenburg," &c., from 1821 to 1826, from 1830 to 1831, and from 1833 to 1837, in all thirteen volumes—"ausgezeichnet," Kloss says, "durch wichtige historische Abhandlungen und Berichte." He also wrote "Instruktionen Veträge, &c.," 1836, still in use, we believe, under the system of the Great Countries Lodge. In 1830 he had previously published "Geschichte der Angriffe und Verfolgungen ganzen das Bund der F. M."—*Kenning's Cytopædia*.

By a special dispensation of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Ill. Bro. General John Meredith Read, 32° of that Masonic Jurisdiction, and Minister of the United States at the Court of Athens, received the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree for Greece, on the 23rd of May.

ERRATA.—In the heading of the extract from John Morley's "Diderot," in our "Notes and Queries" last week, we printed T.G.A.O.T.U.; it should be T.G.G.O.T.U.

The Parkes Museum will be closed until the end of September, and when it is opened again in October, an enlarged edition of the descriptive catalogue will be ready.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN LAZAR, R.W.D.G.M. WESTLAND, N.Z.

With feelings of deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. John Lazar, Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, which took place at his residence, Hokitika, on Sunday, June 8th, at one o'clock p.m. The sad event has cast a gloom, not only in Westland, but over the whole Masonic fraternity in the colony, in which he was so well known, and deservedly respected and beloved. He was only confined to his bed about ten days before his death, and, though suffering great agony, his mind was full of living thoughts for the welfare of his brethren, by whom he was tenderly nursed throughout. He seemed to have no desires, but to be in communion with them, asking for them each in turn, and in the unconscious moments of his affliction his mind was engrossed with the thoughts of the happy past, his whole Masonic career seemed to be passing in review before him, and on his return to consciousness, he would recognise his dear brethren about him, and greet them with a cheerful smile and some little pleasantry, and bless them for all their kind attention and goodness to him. Many touching incidents occurred during his illness, which displayed his love for the time-honoured Craft. A few hours before his final dissolution he repeated, in a clear and solemn manner, one of the most beautiful prayers in our Masonic ritual, and during the silent watchings of the night tapped upon the bedclothes, and called upon his brethren to assist him in opening the lodge, but upon receiving no response to the sound of his fancied gavel, called upon them by name, according to the rank held by each, and in the melancholy silence which ensued, in deep distress exclaimed, "Oh! my God, that ever I should live to see the day that my officers would desert me." He called his beloved wife and daughter to his bedside, and blessed them with all the fervour and love of a devoted husband and father. He then implored the Divine blessing of his own faith, the ritual of which consists of two pages of solid printed matter, first in English and then in Hebrew, for he was a profound scholar in the latter language, then sank back exhausted, and never spoke again. Two hours afterwards the gentle spirit of the good old man passed away to its eternal and heavenly rest, full of resignation and hope, and the brethren are left to mourn for one of the most kindly and genial natures and for one of the brightest ornaments that ever presided over a lodge of Masons.

The funeral took place on the 11th of June. Brethren from all parts of the district assembled at the Masonic Hall, some travelling sixty or seventy miles for the purpose. At one o'clock precisely the V.W. Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, opened the District Grand Lodge. About 150 brethren and companions were present. The lodge-room was closely filled, and the solemnities of that lodge will not be easily forgotten in a lifetime. With the lodge-room profusely draped in mourning, the brethren bowed in sorrow, men well matured in years and the experiences of life giving vent to their pent-up feelings of grief, and the District Grand Organist, Bro. Gosson, playing most solemn and appropriate music, the whole formed such a scene of heartfelt grief that no language can adequately express. The Deputy District Grand Master, from the moment he took his seat, was deeply and visibly affected, and on rising to address the brethren his emotion would scarcely permit him utterance. He said: Brethren, it needs no words of mine to remind you of the object of this solemn meeting. The grief is too fresh in your hearts to be easily subdued, and, therefore, I pray you to pardon me, and grant me your sympathy in these trying moments. Associated as I have been with him who is now gone from us for ever, on terms of the most sincere affection for many years, and enjoying his daily companionship, it is but natural that the well springs of our hearts, matured though they be with the stern trials of this life, should find relief in tears. I feel that I but re-echo the sentiments of your generous hearts, and but feebly express your grief at his loss, but I feel that each heart must now bear its own secret burden in this hour of deep affliction; and when amidst the scenes of his labours and loving companionship, and when we tread the place that he trod, when we gaze upon the place that shall know him no more for ever, may the recollections of his virtues encourage us to emulate his bright example, so that we may hallow and sanctify his memory with our good works, and thereby strengthen the bonds of our fraternal union, and cause us to live in peace and love with each other, so that when the cold grave shall claim its own, and we too shall be garnered in the solemn mansions of eternal rest, may we hope to meet him again in that Grand Lodge of bliss ineffable, prepared for the faithful and obedient of the human race. Let us not, therefore, my dear brethren, repine at the Divine decree, but submit in all reverence and humility to the will of Him who will not desert us in the hour of our deep distress, and to His name be the glory for ever.

The D.D.G. Master then called upon the brethren to unite in prayer, and in a most solemn manner delivered the last prayer uttered by the beloved deceased on his dying bed, which left a deep impression on his hearers. Comp. Hudson, P.Z., then followed with another grand and holy exhortation to the Most High. The Rev. Bro. Chambers, A.D. Grand Chaplain, then read a portion of the Masonic burial service, after which the brethren proceeded to the residence of the deceased, and performed the necessary and solemn ceremonial; then, preceded by a band playing the Dead March in *Saul*, headed the funeral cortege, and on arrival at the graveyard opened in double lines. The coffin, having the regalia of office upon it, passed between the long lines formed by the brethren, and beneath the arch formed by the companions with their wands. After the ceremonies pertaining to his faith had

been disposed of, the Rev. Bro. Chambers, A.D.G. Chaplain, concluded the beautiful and impressive Masonic service, amidst much sorrowing and regret. Thus did the last solemn rites close over the earthly career of him who was so beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His fine form and commanding appearance will long be missed in the town. Every little child seemed, intuitively, to have an affection for that good and venerable man. As a proof of the estimation in which he was held, the shipping in port had their flags half-mast high. All the public offices were closed, in fact business throughout the town was suspended. The members of the borough and county councils followed immediately behind the hearse, and the townspeople in masses. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Hokitika. Nearly all the lodges throughout the colony out of respect to his memory are going into mourning for three months, and letters of condolence are daily being received by the District Grand Lodge from every part of New Zealand. We give a short biographical sketch of his life, which we are sure will be read with much interest:—

Bro. John Lazar was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 1st of December, 1803. He was the son of the late Mr. Abraham Lazar, clothier, of that city. His father died at the age of 52. His mother, who was a native of Germany, died in the year 1825. His parents left Edinburgh when he was only eighteen months old, and repaired to London, where his father engaged in business on the Stock Exchange, which pursuit he followed up to the time of his death. Mr. John Lazar when quite a young man was engaged as a commercial traveller for the firm of J. F. Pawson and Co., of Chesapeake, and in that capacity travelled for several years over England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. A few years later he commenced business on his own account as a silversmith and jeweller, at No. 5, Duke-street, Manchester-square, London, from which he afterwards removed to New-street, Covent Garden. He was married to Mrs. Lazar, his devoted partner in life, on the 2nd of November, 1825, and the good old couple celebrated their golden wedding in Hokitika, over three years ago, when a large number of their friends met at the Empire Hotel, and joyfully celebrated the occasion. In the year 1836 Mr. and Mrs. Lazar left England for Sydney, reaching that colony by the ship "Lady M'Naughton," which made a passage of ninety-one days, but during that time there were 123 deaths on board, owing to a terrible fever which had broken out whilst the vessel was becalmed in the tropics. The passengers, after arrival, were compelled to lay in quarantine for 112 days, Mr. Lazar himself having been stricken down with fever, and all hopes of his recovery abandoned. He however lost three of his children by that sorrowful visitation, and has often referred to the appalling incidents of that eventful voyage in connection with his arrival in the colony.

Bro. Lazar's family consisted of ten children, three of whom died in England, three, as mentioned, died on board ship, and four are still alive, one of whom, Mr. Samuel Lazar, is well and favourably known, and deservedly respected, in connection with theatrical matters in Sydney to the present day. Miss Lazar, who resides in Hokitika, has devoted her life to her aged parents, and is much esteemed by all classes of the community. In Sydney Bro. Lazar took to the stage, for which he had formed a love in early life, but had only appeared as an amateur previous to his reaching the colonies. He became very popular as an actor, and soon after obtained the management of the Theatre Royal in that city with Mr. Levy, who was then owner of the theatre. Mr. Wyatt, shortly after Bro. Lazar's engagement, bought the theatre for £6000, and six weeks after it changed hands it was burned to the ground. A new theatre was built, and Bro. Lazar obtained the management of it from 1837 to 1840, in which year he left Sydney for Adelaide, where he leased the theatre in that city from Mr. Solomon, at a rental of £10 a week. In 1843 he again returned to Sydney, and, being in tolerably comfortable circumstances, spent some time in visiting Hobart Town, Lancaster, and Melbourne. In 1848 he settled for the second time in Adelaide, leasing the theatre in company with Mr. George Coppin. In 1851 he entered into business there as a silversmith, and often he has related many stories connected with his gold purchases in those days, when it was readily purchased by him at £2 10s. per ounce. Between the years 1851 and 1853 he held the office of Alderman in the city, and in 1855 he was elected Mayor of Adelaide. To this high position he was three times returned by the citizens, and in 1858, when he was fifty-five years of age, he could have retired from business with a handsome competency. On his retirement from the position of Mayor, he was presented with a testimonial, signed by the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, judges, barristers, members of both Houses of Parliament, Aldermen, and merchants of the city, expressive of the estimation in which he was held, and of the high opinion they had formed of his able judgments in the administration of the business of the Mayor's Court, of which he was the founder, and in the discharge of his many public duties. Bro. Lazar was also appointed by the Government as the first Returning Officer for the District, under the new constitution of South Australia. He was also a territorial Justice of the Peace of that colony. About this time, Bro. Lazar was offered the important appointment of "Commissioner of Bankruptcy," but he declined the honour, as it was then his intention to return to Europe and settle down on his well-earned competency. He, however, never carried out that intention, but remained in Adelaide until 1862, having lost his all in mining and other ventures, in which he had embarked. In 1863 he left South Australia for New Zealand. In Dunedin, if we mistake not, he was appointed the first Town Clerk towards the end of 1863, in which capacity he continued until 1866, when he resolved to leave for Hokitika. At the time he resigned his appointment in Dunedin he was presented

with £300 from the incorporation there. In Hokitika he may be said to have been the founder of the first Corporation. He reached that town on the 13th of October, 1866, and on the 21st of the same month he was appointed Town Clerk. This position was held by him until the year 1873, when he was appointed County Treasurer, and subsequently in 1874, when the county gave place to provincialism, Bro. Lazar was transferred to the office of Provincial Treasurer. By the action of the Council, responsible Government was formed, and the position of Treasurer was made an elective office in the Council itself—consequently Bro. Lazar's services were no longer required. From that period up to the time of his death he has not been engaged in any pursuit—his failing sight, and the infirmities of old age entirely precluding him from engaging in any occupation, although his faculties and perceptions remained unimpaired to the last. We may say that the name of Bro. John Lazar, as a Freemason, is known in every part of the globe. For many years past his name has been recorded amongst the great Masonic celebrities of the times.

Bro. Lazar was initiated into Freemasonry on the 8th March, 1839, in the Australia Lodge, No. 548, now No. 399, Sydney. His remarkable oratorical powers and commanding address soon gained him prominence in the Craft. He was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Australia for many years, and performed all the active duties of that important office with great credit to himself and much benefit to the Order. He was the prime mover in getting the splendid Masonic Hall built in the city of Adelaide, and was instrumental in gaining many substantial and lasting benefits to the institution. He also held the position of Deputy District Grand Master in the Province of Otago, New Zealand, from the date of his arrival there, and in March, 1871, was installed the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Westland, under patent received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl de Grey and Ripon. Bro. Lazar was one of the most able Masons of his day, and his consecration and installation ceremonies were the admiration of the whole Craft. His eloquent delivery and clear enunciation, added to which his imposing and patriarchal appearance, could not fail to leave a deep impression on the minds of his brethren, by whom he was universally beloved. It has always been regarded a "red letter day" in Masonry when Bro. Lazar presided. He has in his time installed many distinguished brethren. He installed the following District Grand Masters under the English Constitution in New Zealand:—Bros. John Hyde Harris for Otago; Dr. Donald for Canterbury; the late Sir Donald M'Lean for the North Island; G. S. Graham for the Auckland district; Vincent Pyke for Otago; and the Hon. W. Whittaker for the Auckland district under the Scottish Constitution. The largest gatherings of Masons ever assembled in this colony have been held in honour of his visits. His genial nature expanded with the kindest feelings; he for ever cast a ray of sunshine about him. At the banquet tables, the walls resounded with plaudits to the revered old gentleman after quaint speech and jovial song, alas! sad memory now recalls. The brethren of New Zealand will remember him for many long years to come. The Auckland brethren will call to mind his latest triumph, so to speak, in Masonry, at the installations of Bros. Graham and Whittaker to the responsible positions of District Grand Masters under the English and Scotch Constitutions respectively on St. Andrew's Day, 1877. The grand scene witnessed on the occasion at the Choral Hall, when about 700 brethren assembled to do honour to the celebration, will long be remembered in that city. As the dear old man said on his return to his own district—"I could not see the tenths, but when the 700 pairs of white kid gloves were held up in honour of the ceremonial it was a beautiful and imposing sight." Then again, the reception he met with in the evening on his entrance to the ball-room, when the ladies formed an avenue right down the spacious hall, and strewed flowers in his path as he proceeded, and how the dancing was stopped as the clock reached "high twelve" to toast the health of the venerable brother, who at that hour had entered on his seventy-fourth year. In Westland he was positively idolised in Masonic circles; many, many happy reunions have they held with him at the annual installations. On his return from Wellington, after installing the late Sir Donald M'Lean as R.W. District G.M. for the North Island, the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, to celebrate the occasion, and out of compliment to him, presented each of their members with a full-size cabinet portrait of their venerable chief, arrayed in full Masonic costume. The artist, Bro. Haigh, in acknowledgment of the favour, presented the lodge with a life-size likeness, beautifully coloured and mounted in a massive frame. The picture was unveiled by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, amidst much rejoicing, at the installation of Bro. George Benning as W.M. of that lodge, in the month of February, 1878. This valuable picture now hangs on the western wall of the lodge room, and we need scarcely add is highly prized by the brethren, and now affords them a melancholy satisfaction to look upon his benevolent countenance, for the brethren loved him as a parent, and for many years have always spoken of and addressed him as such. It was always a signal for a holiday, cheerful spirits, and great enjoyment when dear old "papa" was going to install; the pleasant country rides, the anecdotes, and the happiness of those days will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to enjoy his amiable companionship on these occasions. He loved to see everybody happy about him. He adored his Maker, and all His wondrous works. With the wreck and sorrow and ruin of life he wept, but comforted. His great mind grasped the whole human family, his well balanced thoughts and matured counsels were ever received with attention and respect. He was truly the man to whom the burdened heart could prefer its suit; his benevolent instincts were ever foremost in the good works of

charity, and ever ready to assuage the sorrows of his fellow man. In fact he never wearied of doing good. As a Mason, and as a citizen, he has from time to time received many valuable testimonials. As a Mason his breast was literally covered with very costly presentation jewels, which gave him a most imposing appearance. The good old man has now gone to his rest at the ripe age of 76, beloved by all classes of the community. It may truly be said of him, that he was one of nature's gentlemen, an honest, conscientious, and noble-minded man, and one who will be missed in society for many years to come, but more especially in Masonic circles.

BRO. GEORGE KELLY KING.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Bro. George Kelly King, which took place on Sunday, 24th August, at his residence, 14, Tamworth-road, Croydon, after a severe illness of several weeks' duration. Deceased was well known in Brighton many years ago as secretary and manager of a local fire and life assurance company, which afterwards became merged into the Sun Office, and in connection with which the Brighton Mutual Provident Society was first brought forward. A great lover of cricket, he subsequently became attached to Lord's Ground and the Oval as official scorer, and also became a recognised contributor in all cricketing matters to the principal sporting papers. About two years ago he took over a brewery business at Hurspierpoint, which unfortunately proved most disastrous, and the trouble of this, attendant on general weak health, must have hastened his decay. As a Freemason he was held in high esteem. He had served the office of Master of two lodges, was mainly instrumental in forming the Horsham Lodge, and but a few months back (with the assistance of a few friends) he established the Southdown Lodge at Hurspierpoint. His remains were interred on the 27th ult. at Croydon.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE SOUTH-DOWN LODGE, No. 164, OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The summer months have almost closed without the universal expected appearance of genial and enlivening sunshine. The ever-spirited officers and brethren of this lodge, feeling a change must take place, arranged to re-suscitate the annual garden party, held at their meeting house, Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, inaugurated and so much enjoyed by their late respected Prov. Grand Mark Master, Sir J. Cordy Burrows, P.M. 168. The Committee's endeavours were repaid by a fine and pleasant day, and fully appreciated, the goodly fashionable company assembled numbering beyond their expectation. A splendid tea was supplied by the proprietor, Bro. C. Golding, J.W., and ample justice done to the good things provided.

Mrs. C. J. Smith kindly presided over the tea table, assisted by Mrs. W. Hudson and Mrs. C. Golding.

After tea the company took a walk round the gardens, which were beautifully laid out, and regretted to see the failure in flowers (especially roses) caused by the late stormy weather. Upon their return the evening was occupied in dance and song until the time for departure arrived, when the whole company expressed themselves highly delighted with the arrangements so successfully carried out.

The following were amongst the company present:—Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M.; W. Hudson, P.M., W.M. 75; Capt. J. Routhwaite, P.M.; H. J. Maslin, I.P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; W. T. Nell, P.M. 75; T. J. Pulley, G. Mark Steward; H. W. Harrington, P.M., &c.; W. T. Clarke, Prov. Grand Mark Sec.; C. Golding, J.W.; F. Millard, Treas.; R. Paige; T. Cable, R. of M.; W. G. Bayliss, D. of C.; C. J. Carter; A. Burrows, and R. B. Higham, 75. Craft—Bros. B. Bennett, W.M. 73; Sandeman, P.M. 315; Payne, 315; Cockburn, 1466; E. Bridges, Sec. 1829; T. Gates, 1829. Mesdames C. J. Smith, W. Hudson, W. T. Nell, B. Bennett, Cockburn, Dick, Burrows, Clarke, Golding, Millard, Carter, Bridges, and Cable. Misses Bennett, Dick, Golding, Hollamby (Ash), Hudson, Maze, and Nell. Visitors—Messrs. Martin, H. Hollamby, J. T. Clark, and E. J. Golding.

The numerous Masonic and other friends of Bro. Sam Hague, of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, proprietor of the minstrel troupe at St. James's Hall, Liverpool, will learn with regret that his wife died somewhat suddenly on Sunday, the 24th ult. Bro. Hague, by his large-hearted and open-handed generosity to every class, without respect to creed or anything but pure need, has won "golden opinions from all sorts of persons," and the expressions of sympathy which have reached him in connection with his sad bereavement have been general and sincere. Mrs. Hague was a lady whose name and fame were well known, and many will miss her kindly word and always genial manner, especially the artists connected with the minstrel company. The funeral took place on Tuesday week, and not only was there a very large concourse of sympathising private and professional friends, but all the chief shops in the neighbourhood of St. James's Hall were closed while the "last sad office of respect to departed merit" was being paid.

Madame Worrell will give her annual concert at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, on Wednesday, the 1st October, on which occasion she will be supported by several well-known artists.

Miss Rachel Sanger (Mrs. J. C. Scanlan), wife of Bro. J. C. Scanlan, of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, sailed on Thursday, the 28th ult., by the steamer Germanic, from the Mersey for New York, where she will commence what is sure to be a long and brilliant engagement.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

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BIRTHS.

BARTON.—On the 30th ult., at Trinity Vicarage, Cambridge, the wife of the Rev. John Barton, of a son, stillborn.

HOBBS.—On the 1st inst., at Lewisham, the wife of Mr. William Hobbs, of a daughter.

STROUD.—On the 1st inst., at Ramsgate, the wife of Lieut. Colonel H. W. Stroud, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WALLACE—GLADDING.—On the 1st inst., at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Frank Mackenzie Wallace, of Edinburgh, to Bertha Gladding, of Kensington.

DEATHS.

RUNTING.—On the 28th ult., at Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, Bro. W. Runting, Surgeon-Dentist, P.M., and founder of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. and founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, aged 54 years.

WOODBURN.—On the 28th ult., at Fleet, Hants, James W. F. Woodburn, son of the late Rev. J. F. Woodburn, aged 59 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1879.

MASONIC MENDACITY.

Is it true, alas, that we are now imitating those who for so long have had the monopoly of “lying,” as far as Freemasonry is concerned, everywhere? We use strong words advisedly. In the *Times* of Monday week appears a quotation translated from the *Globe*, a Parisian paper, as follows: “Masonry in France.—The Paris *Globe* gives the following statistics of Masonry in France, declaring that they are the best that can be ascertained, and are reliable as far as they go. There are 79 Grand Lodges and 119 Provincial Grand Lodges, having under them 7900 lodges. Twelve ‘High Councils’ direct 350 lodges. There are eight lodges which are signalled as ‘independent,’ ‘isolated,’ or ‘excluded.’ There are thus nearly 8500 lodges altogether. These include very nearly 500,000 active members. It is said that the number of members who have withdrawn from further participation in the Brotherhood, or may be characterized as ‘indifferent,’ or inactive, amounts to between two and three millions.” If we are to understand this statement as referring to Freemasonry in France, anything more palpably ridiculous or more absolutely untrue cannot well be conceived. We almost wonder how such a paragraph can have got slipped into our contemporary, except upon the old theory “omne ignotum pro magnifico,” in respect of Freemasonry. The statistics do not, and cannot, refer to French Freemasonry, as, in the first place, there are no Prov. Grand Lodges in France, and, in the next place, the whole number of Freemasons under all the rites does not exceed 30,000 brethren—if it even comes up to that amount. The writer has got “mixed up,” not only with “absinthe” and “vermouth,” but with figures he does not understand and totals he cannot explain. And so he has, in a most ludicrous manner taken, probably, the main facts of his erroneous and blundering little paragraph from “Kenning's Cosmopolitan Calendar,” and made of them a sad jumble and an extraordinary hash. We have often expressed our regrets that we have no proper statistics of Freemasonry, and hence we have often to read and to listen to the most extraordinary statements which are hazarded as regards the numbers of our Cosmopolitan and mysterious Fraternity. Probably, as we have said before, for at present any computation can only be approximate, there may be about two millions of Freemasons in the world, and that is a liberal figure. Freemasonry, which proclaims “Truth” to be one of its most unflinching characteristics, is never helped by exaggeration or swagger, by unvarnished clamour or untrustworthy assertions. Let us leave that “vulgar error” of our poor weak humanity to those who delight in the fictions of unreality or the perversity of unreliable and unhistorical data. But as Freemasons let us always be conspicuous for our love of “Truth,” in great things and small, in lodge and out of lodge, at home and abroad, in general statements and in special statistics. Freemasonry is quite strong enough in itself and needs not the adventitious aid of mistaken and unwarranted assertions, which are only “clap trap,” and please none but the empty-headed friends or the unreasoning foes of Freemasonry.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

Just now our lodges, when they do meet, are “exercised” greatly by Masonic impostors. We all of us know well the kind of persons we generally have to confront, and, alas! that we have to say it, the mendacity we have to deal with. Sometimes they are of American or Canadian growth, sometimes (or rather mostly) they hail from Scotland, sometimes from Ireland. English Masonic impostors, though they do exist, of course, are rare upon the whole, and for the most part we have to deal with those who were not originally members of our jurisdiction. But

the charity of Masonry is large, and the kindness of Masons is proverbial. We do not like, we who are assembling in goodly numbers to attend to work in a comfortable lodge-room and then to adjourn to a pleasant social meeting—we do not like, we say, to send a poor brother, professedly hungry, and penniless, and destitute, often unable, as he says, to procure a night's lodging, and sometimes with a pining wife and suffering children to boot, empty and angrily away. And, hence, it too often happens that compassion is too strong for reason, and sentiment for political economy, and we give what, we fear, turns to little good, and is probably wasted, or even contemned, by the recipient. It seems then a fitting opportunity to say a few words about that facility of Masonic initiation which exists in some parts of England still, is far too great in Scotland, and requires correction in Ireland. Scotland is, however, the chief offender in this respect. We believe we are not overstating the case when we say that in many lodges of Scotland a man can be made a Mason for under £2, and that, owing to the vicious system in vogue in Scotland, by which annual subscriptions are not, as a rule, paid to all the lodges, a great many Masons having paid a small initiation and enrolment fee never meet the brethren of that lodge in fellowship again. The Almoners of our northern lodges and large towns in Yorkshire and Lancashire can tell a tale, if they will, of itinerant Masons hailing from Scottish lodges, making Masonic mendicancy a trade and a profession, living on it, living by it. And from this fact it is easy to see how a crop of impostors will spring up of all classes and degrees, like Burt, in America, recently alluded to in our columns, and like the obliging and engaging brother of Belfast mentioned by our brother from Ireland last week in the *Freemason*. It is not, however, for us to point out the remedy. Suffice it for us to note the malady, we must leave to the faculty, to abler and wiser heads than ours, to discover a cure for this growing evil. We have for long held the opinion, strongly, that our present initiation fees are too low, and we trust the day is not far distant when £5 will be the minimum allowed to every lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. We are aware that, as with most questions in this good world of ours, something may be said on both sides. But we feel quite convinced, after much and serious consideration, that such an increase is both called for and expedient in the best interests of Freemasonry in England. We hope that ere long the Grand Lodge of Scotland will take the question of annual subscription into its most serious consideration as a practical measure. Nothing, we are persuaded, will give such an impetus or add more to the prestige of Scottish Masonry.

A PRIVATE MASONIC PARTY TO PARIS AND SWITZERLAND.

Bro. Oscar Dietrich, conductor to Mr. O. H. Caygill, announces this tour for September 15th. We wish it all success. Paris is always worth seeing, and pleasant quarters at any time of the year, and the intelligent Mason will find plenty of occupation for his mind, his time, and his purse in that great metropolis. Switzerland also is full of beauty and interest for the traveller. Its “everlasting hills” are still the same in all their grandeur and glory, and its wondrous lakes are replete with charms to those who like to look at nature's most varied scenes. Ladies will form part of the “entourage,” and we need not say will add to the journey in every way. Everybody is out of spirits just now. Bad weather, losses in trade, a ruined harvest, our suffering farmers, all are subjects of vivid and hourly effect on the temper, the imagination, the pocket, our wife's expenses, and our balance at our banker's. Perhaps a short foreign trip may do us all good, and gradually restore our normal equanimity and mental tranquillity.

SERVANTS' CHARACTERS.

The controversy goes on, with no apparent signs of practicality or result. The ridiculous proposal of the “Dienstbuch” is a “hare” to lure many away from the “real scent,” and

seems likely to land us in a discussion alike profitless and interminable. But here, as we have ventured to point, is not the real "hinge" on which the whole question turns. That is to be found rather in the "honesty" of the characters we give to those who ask us for them. In nothing do many of all classes so sin against right and duty and their fellow-creatures as in the cunningly worded and evasive replies they give to honest and bona-fide questions as to character. No "Dienstbuch" in the world would meet that difficulty, it could only add to existing complications, by providing another machinery of surveillance, which might be turned to the worst and basest purposes. So, leaving chimerical proposals and childish platitudes on one side, let us seek to realize the truth, most important for us all alike, that if we wish to amend a great evil and extinguish a greater nuisance, we must try and learn all of us a little more honesty, kindness, fellow-feeling, and loyalty in our dealings one with another. Another letter from Mr. Pollaky, in Saturday's *Times*, seems to show that the period of "great gooseberries" and "sea serpents," &c., is set in, or that our esteemed contemporary is very short of "copy" just now. Otherwise we can hardly deem the writer sane who pens the nonsense we read under an august signature. For now we have a cool and a calm proposal to place all servants under "police surveillance;" indeed, Mr. Pollaky looks on this as a sine qua non of his magnificent and sensible scheme, and adds, that all servants are to have their "signalement" or description recorded in this remarkable book. Mr. Pollaky offers, we do not know if from memory and personal verification, a very unflattering description of the British cook, and intimates this as exactly what he wishes all our servants to go through. Why, we shall have a servants' strike! Sincerely, we have never read or heard of so absurd a proposal, so utterly unreal and unpractical, so entirely opposed to every feeling of the English people. So let us hope we have heard the last of this unprofitable discussion. There is many an old courier who could tell amusing stories of how "Dienstbucher" may subserve the very worst of purposes, and how much of "bunkum" is to be found in the exaggerated praises of the system, for some purpose or other, we have lately read.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think Hampshire Freemasons have cause to congratulate themselves on the interest which is from time to time displayed (on paper at least) in the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge, and that this year we have passed from the profound question of clothes, which was the subject of complaint last year, to that of the distribution of Prov. Grand honours. That the Prov. Grand Master is sensible of the impossibility of distributing a collar each year to every lodge in the province, seeing that he has only ten at his disposal as against over thirty lodges, must be patent to all from his remarks at several Grand Lodges in succession, if it were not too obvious to need any apology. The fault, as "An Old P.M." seems to hint by his suggestion, rests rather with those at the head of affairs than with the Prov. Grand Master, in that some years since the small Province of the Isle of Wight was added to that of Hampshire, already unwieldy and very extensive, instead of taking advantage of the increase to divide the district. Surely from Aldershot and Basingstoke, in the north, to Portsmouth and Petersfield, in the east, and from Ringwood and Bournemouth, in the west, to Ventnor, in the south, any one who looks at the map will admit the province is sufficiently extensive fairly to call for a division. If this be not enough, let me say that for some of the brethren living at the furthest distances from Ventnor to attend this year's lodge would have necessitated their starting from home overnight or their getting up at an unreasonable hour in the morning, as it certainly would have involved a very late arrival home.

Facts like these cannot fairly be overlooked in any return of honours conferred, however elaborately prepared, especially since it is a rule of the province—an I was acted upon at Ventnor—not to confer a Provincial Grand collar upon a brother who is not present, or who at least has not been present during the business of the day. There are also other considerations to which I find no reference in the returns of "An Old P.M.," such as the number and the social status of members of lodges, with the services those members may have rendered to Freemasonry in general or their own lodge or neighbouring lodges in par-

ticular. In towns, too, where there happen to be more than one lodge it not unfrequently occurs that members on whom Provincial Grand Lodge honours are conferred belong to several lodges, and occasionally a lodge number may appear in Grand Lodge returns which does not represent, practically, the lodge to which the particular member gives his most prominent labour; hence some lodges will appear to be favoured at the expense of others, when, in reality, the other lodges, equally with those named, claim the credit. Take some instances within my own knowledge. The "Vale of Avon, Fordingbridge," which appears as having received only two honours in the returns of "An Old P.M.," was practically defunct for some time, until several years ago it was removed to Shirley, near the residence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who assisted in resuscitating it, and was its first Master in its new sphere. Its present Master is a Provincial Grand Officer of Oxon, and its Immediate Past Master now resides at a distance and out of the province. Even "An Old P.M.," I presume, would scarcely find cause for complaint that this lodge is credited with so few modern provincial honours. In like manner, the "Twelve Brothers, Southampton," I have reason to believe, is in as full working as it has ever been. It is a kind of *terra incognita* to many, I may, perhaps, say to most, local Masons, but it is understood to have been for many years, if such is not the case at the present time, limited to twelve, all of whom are Past Masters, and probably the greater part of whom, from their known services and their social status, wear the purple. In view of facts like these, and of the impossibility of ascertaining how far brethren have complied with the rule to be present before they can expect to receive Provincial Grand Lodge honours, I beg to submit that the returns, however useful and instructive, are not to be taken as an infallible guide in the matter.

I should be glad, with your courtesy, to hear the opinions of others on this subject more competent to pass judgment in respect to it than myself.

I am, fraternally yours,
YOUR SOUTHAMPTON CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The appointments made at the last Prov. Grand Lodge have caused a vast amount of dissatisfaction, and a glance at the tabular statement, furnished by an "Old P.M." in your paper of the 30th August, is quite sufficient to show that some alteration is necessary, as it is evident that some influence is used when we find that any honour worth accepting rarely falls to any lodge which does not happen to have one of the permanent officers as a member, and in the tabular statement above alluded to we find that of twenty-four Warden's collars ten have been given to members of the three lodges to which one or other of these officers belong, and taking the total number of collars, viz., 120, we find that twenty-four, or one-fifth of the whole, are given to these three lodges.

Looking at these facts it is impossible to believe that the appointments made are always the result of uninfluenced selection, and I can quite understand the difficulty the Prov. Grand Master experiences in distributing the ten collars among twenty-nine lodges if the Lodge 487, of which the Prov. Grand Treasurer is a member, is to have ten, and Lodge 130, to which the D.P.G.M. and P.G.S. belong, is to have eight in twelve years.

The brethren of the province can in a small way assist the P.G.M. out of his difficulty by every year placing at his disposal one other collar, viz., that of P.G. Treasurer, whose duties are of such a nature as to allow of their being as easily passed to a successor as those of a Warden.

Therefore, let the brethren of Hampshire look around them, and select annually some brother whom they would like to honour, and exercise their undoubted prerogative of electing a Treasurer, and by this means increase the number of collars to be given away.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A PAST PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

Sept. 1st, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to see another attack made upon our R.W.P.G.M. respecting the appointment of his P.G. Officers (there was a similar one made last year), because I do not think that any R.W.P.G.M. takes more care in this respect than Bro. Beach, and I think the writer of the letter forgets "that it is not so much the number of the lodges in the province as the quality of the respective members of the lodges that has to be taken into consideration in appointing P.G. Officers." I will take, for instance, my own mother lodge (so to speak) in the province, St. Hubert's, 1373, Andover, where there is a S.G.W. and a G.D.C. in the list quoted. The S.G.W. is a well-known Mason (working one too), initiated in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford, P.M. of that, of No. 10, Keystone, of 1373, and very high in the estimation of the Craft. The D.C.G. is a young member, comparatively speaking, but a thorough good working Mason. And again Royal Gloucester, Southampton—all the P.G. Officers in the years mentioned are, to my knowledge, men who have earned their laurels. Also as to Oakley, 694, Basingstoke, all good men; and I have no doubt the members of all the other lodges are equally deserving. Let the "Old P.M." give his name, as I do mine, and we will try conclusions. I may add that I never got P.G.L. rank for seventeen years after I was made a Mason, and justly so, because I never worked for it until 1868.

I am dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
EVAN YORKE NEPEAN,
P.G. Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight; 497,
Mother Lodge; P.M. 1373 and 130.
Appleshaw Vicarage, Andover,
August 31st, 1879.

BASENESSES.

My dear Bro. Kenning,—

As a real and lasting remedy against the sad and painful frauds which are being practised daily upon so very many of our brethren, such as "T. F.," I beg leave to suggest that each and every Almoner be requested to have in his possession a number of small books, in which to enter the date, name of applicant, number and name of his lodge, amount supplied, where going, purpose of going, and any other particulars he may deem necessary. Any ordinary note book would answer this purpose. Almost any stationer would supply them at about 6s. the gross.

The Almoner, being in possession of necessary books, could supply one to every individual he may relieve, be he not already in possession of one. Let me rest here, my dear brother, to observe the smiles of some of my unsuspecting (?) brethren as they read this, for they know full well that my scheme would fail if allowed to rest here. But read on, ye whose eyes are dancing, I will now continue.

It grieves me to be compelled to make the confession, yet I feel that common justice calls upon me to make it. There are those who would destroy these books, and deny that they ever received them; to prevent this, therefore, let the Almoner, on delivering the book, make this note on the back of applicant's certificate, at right hand, top corner. R.B.S., place and date of issue. Of course where no certificate can be produced, no relief should be given. If this be done there can be no destroying of books, and the fraternity will soon be freed of those parasites it is now compelled to support; and, furthermore, a genuine case of distress will receive proper attention.

Should applicant plead he has lost his book, (for of course the Almoner will see if he ever had one), let him be supplied with another, and, as a matter of course, an additional entry of "R.B.S.," place, and date of issue, be made on certificate. I may explain that "R.B.S." are the initials of the words Relief Book Supplied.

It should be imperative upon all Almoners that they give no relief whatever without the applicant produce the book, unless it be to a member of his own lodge. This can be enforced by a proper motion in lodge. Nor should private aid be given by one brother to another (stranger) till the one applied to has satisfied himself as to the relief book, &c.

The above may, in the eyes of many of my good brethren, appear hard, yet I trust they will allow it is quite time our honourable Society be weeded of what is a great disgrace to it.

Almoners have confessed to me that there are those going the rounds of the country "whose faces are as familiar to them as the face of the clock," whom they as regularly—I had almost written relieve—supply with money. I doubt not this would be proved to be too true could we examine and compare Almoners' books.

I trust you will allow the subject to be an excuse for the length of my note.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,
ONE WHO WAS ONCE IN DISTRESS.

STEWARDS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see a letter in your last interesting issue, signed "An Old Past Master," respecting office in Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in which I regret very much indeed to read the following passage: "A Steward's collar, we all know, is never received as an honour by the Master or Past Masters of a lodge, and but for their dread of making a scene in Prov. Grand Lodge they would almost invariably refuse to accept it, as its possession subjects them to continual annoyance from the rest of their brethren."

If this statement be correct all I can say is the Hampshire brethren indulge in most un-Masonic ideas, and such as are utterly unworthy of our Order. In one of the largest provinces of England the Steward's collar is properly highly valued, as a "passport" to subsequent honours.

Yours fraternally,
AN OLDER PAST MASTER.

A TYPOGRAPHICAL MISTAKE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As by a mistake "someveres" the end of my leader on "Charity Reform" is turned into utter nonsense, in the *Freemason* of August 30th, I beg to say, for the information of your readers, that the mistake is not mine, and that the whole sentence ought thus to run: "detrimental to the best interests of the Institution, and derogatory to the character of the subscribers." "Mistakes will occur in the best regulated families," but "derogatory to the imputation" is a "strongish order," and requires, I venture to think, "note and comment" in your usually most correct columns.

I am, yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of the 30th ult. a letter headed "A Caution," in which a name almost identical with my own is used.

In 1877, or perhaps late in 1876, my Grand Lodge certificate disappeared, under circumstances which could only

lead to one conclusion, namely, that it had been stolen. Since that time I have kept a sharp look out for its appearance in a case like the one your correspondent narrates. I think it probable, therefore, that the man alluded to may be, by unlawful means, in possession of the missing document.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS BLAIR, I.G. 1239.
THE NEW KHEDEVE AND THE GRAND ORIENT
OF EGYPT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will very much oblige the undersigned by the insertion of the following communication, which, as he thinks, may, perhaps, be of some interest to the readers of the *Freemason* and the fraternity at large.

On the 17th inst., at a quarter-past ten in the morning, His Highness Mehmeh Tewfik Pasha, the new Khedive, was graciously welcoming in his palace of Ismailieh (Cairo) a deputation from the National Grand Orient of Egypt. The deputation was composed of the M.M. W.W. B.B. Raph Borg, acting Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge; S. A. Zola, Past Grand Master; Dr. D. Teonopaputos, Deputy Grand Master; Prof. F. F. Oddi, Grand Secretary; and M. L. Zaia, D.L.L., Grand Orator. M.W. Bro. Borg, as Grand Master, and in his capacity of President, delivered the following address:—

"May it please your Highness,—

"Egyptian Masonry, through our deputation, beg leave to offer to your Highness their best congratulations and wishes upon your happy accession to the throne of Egypt. Masonry, being altogether a stranger to political and religious questions, has no other object in view but that of peacefully promoting the irrefragable march of intellectual progress and moral civilisation; its chief privileges and favourite province are to teach men their rights, and enforce upon them all their duties. These are the peculiar qualities that, keeping it up distinct and aloof from any other human institution, have on several occasions realised the coadjucancy and protection of those enlightened Sovereigns who felt always highly honoured to be reckoned among its votaries. This is, also, the reason that Egyptian Masonry, recently reorganised, has been favoured with the high patronage of your august father. We, then, once more beg leave to assure to your Highness that in all things relating to the moral development, progress, and civilisation of this country Egyptian Masonry can be fairly relied upon. And now we earnestly pray to God that your Highness may successfully accomplish the great work, whereof you have already shown yourself the most eager promoter, for the benefit of this old and classical land."

His Highness answered he felt very much impressed and moved by the sentiments the deputation had so expressly evinced; that he well knew, and thoroughly understood, the noble scope which Masonry aims at; that he was confiding in its help for the advance and progress of his own country; that he most cheerfully extended to the Masonic Order his high patronage and moral support; and that as soon as his Secretary had announced to him the visit of the deputation he at once expressed the very great pleasure he felt thereon.

Then His Highness continued for a little while to converse with the members of the deputation, and, expatiating upon the position of Egypt, he disclosed the noblest aspirations, and declared he was entirely trusting to the generous exertions of his people, and the sympathies shown to him, for bringing about a task, the several difficulties and many asperities of which he well knew and would never conceal from himself.

And now, with my best acknowledgments and regards,
I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDI.

Cairo, 24th August, 1879.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The meaning to be attached to the confirmation of minutes of private lodges has been engaging the attention of several brethren of the Masonic community in this city; differences of opinion, very strong on either side, exists as to the interpretation, and in one case the W.M. of a Scotch lodge refused to put the minutes of a previous meeting for confirmation, giving, as his ruling, that they were only read to show that they were correct records of transactions, and that the Secretary had faithfully done his work.

Those who support this view refer to page 167 of the last edition (1879) of the Scotch Constitution for their authority, and read the 1st Sec., English Constitution, "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," to mean that it is not compulsory to read and confirm more of the minutes of the preceding meeting than that referring to the election of a Master, so that, in fact, they maintain that the minutes (if correct records) confirm themselves, and can only be interfered with by a notice of motion to rescind, which must be taken up at next meeting after the minutes of the previous have been proved correct.

Those brethren who support the view that minutes of a previous meeting are read (and ought to be put) for confirmation or approval, maintain that the intention is, that the brethren alone meeting should signify their approval or disapproval of the acts of the previous meeting by confirming or non-confirming the whole, or any portion, of the minutes, except such as are records of the carrying out of the constitutions or bye-laws of the lodge and the conferring of the degrees, which, of necessity, must be confirmed.

They are of opinion that the extract from page 167, Scotch Constitution, only refers to Scotch Grand Lodge, and that the 1st Sec. of English Constitution, "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," means that whilst any

portion of the minutes of the preceding meeting may not be confirmed or approved of, it is compulsory to read and confirm that portion relating to the election of Master before the installation can be proceeded with, and they claim to be supported in this view by the lucid arguments and affirmations contained in the latest (1874) edition of Dr. Oliver's Masonic Jurisprudence, under the heading of "Confirmation of the Minutes."

After the above statements I think you will agree with me that, for the sake of that unity which should characterise Masonry, it is of the greatest importance that there should be a settlement of the question here, and, as I am not aware of any ruling of the Grand Lodge of England on the subject as it affects private lodges, I venture to seek the experience of your able judgment through the medium of your widely circulated paper, and to ask, further, that you would kindly publish with this any English ruling or interpretation of the "confirmation of the minutes." In doing this, I may state that at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on the 6th June, 1877, Bro. McIntyre referred to this matter, but the two extreme cases that were set up as examples were those in which no doubt rests, and, therefore, have not helped to settle the difficulty.

Falling any legal ruling or interpretation, I should be glad if you would give us the benefit of your opinion.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

August 9th, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with a number of brethren, possessed of much greater influence and position in the Craft than I can boast of, I am deeply interested in promoting the election of a certain candidate for admission to one of our Masonic Schools. It is not my purpose to ask you to give the case a gratuitous advertisement by publishing here the name of my candidate, neither would your wise and salutary rules on this point permit me so to do. But there is one matter connected with all cases like to that which I am supporting, involving a principle not generally understood, which I think possesses sufficient Masonic interest to allow of its statement in your columns.

One of the cards recommending our case was returned to me by the brother to whom it had been sent, together with a courteous note expressing regret at his inability to support our candidate. The writer states that he has many applications from brethren soliciting votes for the children of Masons of very much longer standing in the Craft than the father of the child recommended by me, and that these applications must necessarily take priority of mine. The inference is, that "long standing" in the Craft is, or should be, the claim which governors and subscribers ought to consider first in determining the proper bestowal of their votes.

That this rule is very generally acted upon is, I think, beyond dispute, but I fail altogether to see the cogency of the arguments by which it is supported. In the matter of elections to the Benevolent Institution the claim of age, and particularly of age in Masonry, always does and always must command sympathy; but it seems to me that the principle does not apply in the case of children who seek admission to our Masonic Schools, nor ought it so to do. It would be impossible to deny that, other things being equal, the orphan child of a very old Mason has a better claim to the benefits of our Masonic Charitable Institutions than the child of a brother of less seniority in the Craft; but that is very far indeed from affirming that the test of age is the most important one, and the first that ought to be applied. If that were so, then some of the most piteous cases which appeal so strongly to our sympathies would be of right deferred to others far less deserving. For it cannot often happen that very old Masons die leaving a number of very young children, and yet it is in cases where families of tender age are left fatherless that we find the most clamant need of sympathy and assistance.

It should not be forgotten, moreover, that Freemasonry is not a benefit society like the Oddfellows or Foresters, *et id genus omne*. "Equality" is very nearly as strong a plank in our platform as "fraternity," and a Mason of fifty years' standing has no better claim to Masonic privileges and Masonic benefits than his brother who may be only a twelvemonth old. In other words, neither of them has any claim at all. And yet the idea underlying that consideration which is given to "long standing" in the Craft, is essentially this: that Masons may establish an actual claim upon their brethren in Freemasonry by long-continued membership; and the sentiment—a very sordid one when analyzed—is, that because much has been paid by them to the Craft, so much must be repaid by the Craft to them. This is a very good commercial principle, but charity ought to know little of such principles, and Masonry still less. Moreover, the test of age in Masonry is a very fallible one, if what is really wanted is acknowledged to be the amount of money contributed to the Craft. It will often be found that one brother pays more in five years than another does in five-and-twenty, and one Mason may do far greater service to Freemasonry in a single twelvemonth than his neighbour may do during a long Masonic life. In Masonry, as elsewhere, we have both bees and drones, and I fail to see why the drone of five-and-twenty should be deemed a better member of our society than the bee whose Masonic life has not even reached its first decade.

The case which my friends and myself are supporting on this occasion affords a striking illustration of my argument. The father died just one year ago, leaving a widow and six children, five of whom are wholly dependent. Like many of our most valuable members our late brother did not enter Masonry as a very young man, and at the

time of his death he had been little more than six years a brother of our Order. But he had already reached high office in his mother lodge, held a somewhat lower position in a second lodge, and was a founder and first Master of a third. To these he had paid initiation, joining, and founder's fees, and all annual subscriptions as well. He was a member of the Royal Arch, and P.S. of his chapter; and he had been "advanced" in the Mark Degree. He had also contributed to our Charitable Institutions, was a life subscriber in one of them, and was only prevented by his death-illness from standing as Steward in one of the festivals of last year. He was most indefatigable in supporting and procuring assistance for all worthy cases requiring Masonic relief, and spared himself no trouble in any matter relating to the Craft. I may add that he was devoted to the cause of Masonic instruction; and, being possessed of a singularly retentive memory, he was complete master of all the ceremonies, and of the Fifteen Sections as well.

These are the "claims" which the orphan child of our late brother presents. Is it possible that they can be considered inferior to those acquired by a simple membership extending over a somewhat longer period of time? I hope and believe, for the sake of all that is best in our charitable system, that they will not be deemed so by my brethren who are Governors of the Schools.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

P.M. AND L.G.

Reviews.

A SERMON. Preached by the Rev. Geo. Lowe, P.G.C. Lincolnshire, before Prov. Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Lincolnshire, at Spalding, June 19th, 1879. Wilkinson and Crush, Hall-place, Spalding.

We have received and read this sermon with much pleasure, and beg to commend it to the notice of our brethren. It is simply but forcibly written, clearly but eloquently expressed, and was, no doubt, as effective in the hands of the preacher as it was appropriate to the scene and the assembly. It is a very remarkably toned and cultured sermon, which it is both a pleasure to peruse and to possess. Many of our brethren may like to see it, and we call their special attention to it.

THE SKIN AND ITS TROUBLES. David Bogue, 31, St. Martin's-lane.

This is one of a series of "health primers," at the modest price of 1s. each, which is being published under the joint editorship of Messrs. Langdown Down, M.D., H. Power, M.D., J. Mortimer Granville, M.D., and John Tweedy, F.R.C.S. Among the able members of the medical profession who are contributors to the series we note the names of J. Chrichton Browne, Sidney Coupland, John Williams, M. Farquharson, H. H. Alchin, W. S. Greenfield, C. W. Heaton, and Harry Leach, and, no doubt, such a compilation will attract readers, and must have its value. But the old feeling comes over all, (like the warning of the Greek chorus, again and again), is it wise, or does it profit them medically, to explain everything? Do we not help to pave the way for "quacks," and "nostrums," and "specifics?" Are we not treading on that debateable ground which lies between skilled medical treatment on the one hand, and the remedies and advertisements of charlatans on the other? Buchan's "Domestic Medicine" did no good; the "Fallacies of the Faculty" did not advance the health or the tastes of suffering mortals, and for our part, though we doubt not the good intent of the designers of the series, and to a certain extent realize the object of such a publication, we yet prefer, on the whole, the old-fashioned system of medical advice, trusting your doctor like you do your lawyer, when you are in a difficulty, like a wise man. One of the great mistakes of the present day, in our humble opinion, is this encomium of and attempt at general knowledge. Our forefathers may have erred in the particular of special and limited study, but we are, at any rate, clearly astray on the subject of general study of science and the like. The consequence is, that while scholarship is retrograding, and special knowledge decaying amongst us, we have to confront a lot of "chatterboxes" who know nothing well, truly, "au fond," as the French say, but, like a lot of brainless monkeys, overwhelm you with the vulgarity of vehement jargon, and second-hand cramming as to facts and dates. We prefer the limited information of our forefathers, who, if they conversed on little, knew what they were talking about. We may add that this little book is very readable, its statements are very precise and very easily understood, and with the qualifications and warnings above mentioned, we can conscientiously recommend it to all who are either suffering from skin disease, or are interested in the study of the phenomena of the skin.

ROYAL VISIT TO CUMBERLAND. — Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Ravenglass on a visit to Lord and Lady Muncaster, at Muncaster Castle, late on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., they left for Scotland via Carlisle, passing through Whitehaven at an early hour in the morning.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

THE CATHOLIC PERSECUTION OF FREEMASONRY.

A few months ago we had to take notice of the intolerant conduct of Romish priests towards Masons. Bro. Bogan, a member of Lodge Unity, 547, E.C., West Maitland, departed this life, and the Romish Bishop of West Maitland refused to bury him as he was a Mason, in consequence of which the remains of our dearly beloved brother were interred in a Protestant place of sepulture. The family of our brother has been very sorely tried by the intolerance of the Romish Church. The brethren of Lodge Unity, 547, E.C., West Maitland, have now erected a monument to the memory of their brother.

The monument has been raised at the sole cost of the members of Lodge Unity, who contributed apart from the lodge funds. The total cost is £40. The following are the inscriptions:—

On front face—"This monument is erected by the brethren of the Maitland Lodge of Unity, No. 547, E.C., to the memory of Bro. John Joseph Bogan, who departed this life on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1878, aged 33 years. All glory to God Most High."

On right hand face—"The 4th verse of the 23rd Psalm, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.'"

On left hand face—"The 13th verse of the 12th chapter, of Ecclesiastes, 'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.'"

On rear face—

"Hic jacet

"Johannes Josephus Bogan,

"Lapicida Maitland,

"Qui obiit 23rd December, 5878,

"Anno atatis, 33.

"Julio cæta nostris Lodge of Unity, Maitland, New South Wales, Numeri 547, 14 Januarii, A.L. 5872, habito frater in primo grand occulte scientiæ.

"Latomorum vel artis edificatoria inauguratus est necnon debuit, tempore ad secundum et tum denique ad tertiam gradum admissus est.

"Deo Summo Gloriam Pate."

From the *Maitland Mercury* we extract—

MASONIC MONUMENT.—We notice that Mr. Thomas Browne, monumental sculptor, of High-street, West Maitland, has just completed an admirably-proportioned obelisk, in Ravensfield stone, to the order of the brethren of the Maitland Masonic Lodge of Unity, No. 547, E.C. The obelisk is to be erected in the Church of England burial ground at Campbell's Hill, over the grave of Mr. Joseph Bogan, who was a member of that lodge, and was, we believe, a native of West Maitland.

Mr. Bogan was so highly esteemed by his Masonic brethren that they determined to mark his resting place by some suitable monument, and we think that the one under notice was very happily chosen.

The obelisk—consisting of the shaft and base—rests upon a stone pedestal designed to show three steps. The base bears on its front face an apposite inscription setting forth the name, age, and date of the death of him who lies beneath; also the name of the lodge; on the right and left hand faces are quotations from the twenty-third Psalm and the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes respectively; and the rear face bears an inscription in Latin of special significance to the Craft, announcing, as it does, the date of the deceased's admission into, and his subsequent progress in the ancient and Royal art.

The shaft is ornamented on its front face by a square and compass within a circle (the two former being gilded) and by a five-pointed star, also gilded; and on the other faces a square and compass are shown, without the circle and the gilding. These ornaments are boldly cut in relief, and contrast well with the pleasing plainness of the shaft and pedestal.

The memento is highly creditable to the brotherhood, and it is evident that whilst Maitland possesses such stone, and numbers amongst her townsmen the artist, her citizens need not go beyond her boundaries for the silent ornaments of the Necropolis.

Some idea of the amount of work on the monument may be formed when we state that there are more than seven hundred letters on the stone, the whole of which have been very neatly executed, and reflects credit on Mr. Browne's studio. Height of obelisk, including shaft, base, and pedestal—9 feet. The sculptor is a member of the Craft.—*Australian Freemason*.

Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., is paid a well-deserved compliment in *The Western Figaro*, a witty paper, which publishes a brief sketch of his literary career, and also prints his portrait. Mr. Andrews is a frequent contributor to the best of our magazines, and the *Academy* speaks of his historical writings as being "interesting and valuable." Mr. Andrews is the editor of an interesting publication, entitled *The Hull Miscellany*. It is a very entertaining and well-arranged little work, which is exceedingly popular in the chief towns on the banks of the Humber, and nothing different to this could be expected from the careful and well-informed member of the literary family to whom he gave pleasure to refer.—*Bradford Chronicle and Mail*, August 14th, 1879.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. JOHN IRELAND.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., we noticed the demise of the late Bro. John Ireland, a gentleman well-known and highly esteemed and respected not only as a citizen of Belfast, but also in his private dealings, whether socially or commercially. The exalted position which the deceased gentleman occupied in connection with the ancient Order of "Free and Accepted Masons," and the great fame which he had acquired as a devout and expert exponent of its mysterious rites and ceremonies, are already well-known in the northern provinces of Ireland, and no better or higher public testimony of the great estimation in which he had always been held by his brethren of the "mystic tie" could possibly be manifested than that of the large attendance of the members of the Craft at the funeral obsequies of their late brother, which took place on Thursday, the 21st inst. His was certainly the largest and most respectable Masonic funeral, as far as we know, which has ever been chronicled in the North of Ireland. At an early hour in the morning the brethren assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Arthur-square, where arrangements were made for the order of procession to be observed by the brethren. The idea of a public Masonic procession or demonstration of a marked character was at first mooted, but the members of the Craft who had charge of the funeral arrangements having deemed it prudent and expedient to refrain from any too prominent public display on the occasion, it was resolved that the brethren, instead of appearing in the full insignia of the Order, should simply wear mourning badges, by which they should distinguish themselves from those who were outside the pale of the Masonic Institution. These badges, which were crape arm-bands, were provided and distributed to the brethren by the members of Lodge No. 59, of which the deceased was a member.

The funeral was arranged to take place at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and punctually to time the cortege moved from the deceased's residence, the coffin being born by Past Masters of Lodge 59, for a distance of some hundreds of yards, the order of the procession, as arranged by the Masonic funeral committee, being as follows:—

The hearse, drawn by four horses, containing a handsomely mounted oak coffin, in which were the remains of the deceased, covered by three handsome wreaths of immortelles, the inscription on the coffin being, "John Ireland, aged fifty-five years." Immediately after the hearse came the relatives of the deceased, and in rear of them the members of the Masonic fraternity, in the following order:—No. 8 Chapter of Prince Masons, to which deceased belonged, represented by Bros. John G. M'Gee, 28, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Thomas Valentine, J.P., 10, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Wakefield H. Dixon, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Thomas Cordukes, P.G.R.C.; Henry M. Girdwood, P.G.R.C.; Charles R. Atkinson, P.G.R.C.; Wm. V. Plunkett, P.G.R.C.; Henry Murney, M.D., J.P., 30, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; John Oulton, P.G.R.C.; P.G.R.C.; and the members of Chapter No. 6 Prince Masons present were—C. J. Kinahan, P.G.R.C.; C. Johnston, P.G.R.C.

Next followed the Symbolic Lodge, No. 59, St. Alfred's, of which the deceased was a member; members of this lodge in addition to their mourning badges wearing white gloves. The following is the list of the members of this lodge who attended at the funeral: Bros. A. S. MacGowan, W.M., P.M., P.K., H.K.T.; Robert Carrey, S.W., H.K.T.; William M. Bullock, J.W., P.M., H.K.T.; W. C. Todd, S.P.M., P.K., H.K.T.; Robert Metcalfe, I.G.; Wm. M. Clarke, P.M., P.K.; John M'Connell, P.M., P.K.; Henry M'Casben, P.M.; Edward Allworthy, I.P.M., P.K.; Henry Hutton, P.M.; Samuel Douglas, P.M.; Alexander Parker, P.M., H.K.T.; James Young, P.M.; John M'Clure, P.M.; Robert Anderson, P.M.; Hugh Hamilton, David Allen, Chas. Cotton, Wm. Campbell, John Sefton, Wm. Easdale, James Young, jun., Alex. Robb, J. Jackson, D. Allen, jun. After the brethren of Lodge No. 59 followed the other members of the Craft present, forming three deep in processional order.

Among those present we observed Bros. Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, 154, P.G.C.; Henry J. Hill, 111, P.G.L.I.; W. H. Ward, 154, Preceptor of Lagan Valley Encampment of H.K.T.; Geo. A. Reid, 82, P.G.S.W.; William Rankin, 273, P.G.J.W.; William Anderson, 98, P.G.S.D.; Wm. Adair, 51, P.G.J.D.; John Orr, 195, P.G.I.G.; W. J. Owens, John Overend, John Collins, Samuel Abernethy, W. Erskine, William Young, M. Corken, Henry Campbell, D. Gray, Thomas Braithwaite, H. H. Bottomley, A. J. Cowan, John Coulter, John G. Shaw, John Milliken, John Ball, James M'Connell, William Finlay, Robert Vance, Thomas Cooper, Hamilton Anderson, J. Gelston, D. Moor, John M'Casheon, Joseph Holland, Chas. Lilley, James Hazlett, James Scott, James Allen, Dixon Shanks, Hugh Rankin, Henry Joy, M'Oracken, James Hogg, William Woods, Thomas Fisher, William Moran, Edward Moran, T. Alderdice, W. Alderdice, J. Imrie, George Gaukrodger, J. M. Lindsay, William Seeds, John Smyth, Matthew Shaw, Thomas Nesbitt, W. J. Rainey, A. Smyth, John Boyd, Alex. White, John Freeman, James Wilson, John Woods, William M'Dade, James Anderson, Robert Savage, William Beattie, W. J. Williamson, Robert Humphrey, Professor Brown, Henry Murray, W. J. Fennell, George Kidney, V.S.; David Dunlop, James Frazer, C.E.; J. Aicken, W. Aicken, Thomas Simpson, R. J. Hilton, John M'Kibben, James M'Connell, Fred Wilson, John G. Robinson, W. J. Hill, C. C. Wheeler, William Orr, Washington Orr, John Ward, Thos. M. Coleman, D. M'Affee, O'Connell Shaw, John M'Connell, Robert Mathews, John Oldham, Johnston Rogers, William M'Connell, 106, P.H.K.T.; Samuel Gordon, William Trelford, Wilson M'Cullough, John Boyd, John Wright, John Orr, James Fitchie, J. Roberts, John Adrain, Wm. Rankin, John Hanna, John Dickson, John Harrison, George G. Henderson, Edward Glancy,

R. T. Wilson, Robert Alex. Hill, — Curry, — Bodel, Hugh Doey, Louis Ryans, John Bennett, James Christie, Robert Campbell, Robert Mathews, W. G. Milligan, H. M'Cloy, William Brown, W. Nixon, Thos. Bunting, W. J. Beattie, Thomas M'Canlis, Alex. Hatton, W. J. Luke, T. Carson, James Morrow, Robert Gibson, Edward M'Fee, D. Duff, J. Crothers, R. M'Henry, J. M'Donald, Alex. Crawford, Wm. Duff, E. Priestly, Robert Beattie, Thomas H. Dickson, Rev. Mr. Beattie, Hugh Ross, Alex. Waugh, Daniel M'Peake.

The route traversed by the funeral cortege was Great Victoria-street, Wellington-place, Donegall-place, Castle-place, Bridge-street, Donegall-street, Crumlin-road, Agnes-street, and Shankill-road, to the Shankill Graveyard. At the gate of the latter place the procession halted, and the Freemasons proceeded to form two lines extending from the entrance gate to the place of interment, the brethren standing with uncovered heads whilst the coffin, borne by members of Lodge 59, and followed by the relatives of the deceased, passed up between them. The coffin having been lowered into its last resting place, the brethren formed a compact circle round the grave, and inside this circle stood the Rev. George Cron, the Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, and the members of the deceased's lodge. A most pathetic and appropriate service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cron, after which the Masonic burial service was read in the most feeling and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, during the course of which a Masonic apron was placed upon the coffin, and each member of deceased's lodge present deposited a sprig of acacia in the grave. The ceremony, which was one of the most solemn and affecting, was eventually brought to a conclusion by all the brethren assembled giving the public grand honours of Freemasonry.—*Belfast News Letter*, August 22.

Public Amusements.

STRAND THEATRE.—"Madame Favart" is the attraction here, and will long continue to be so. It is, without exception, the biggest hit in London. For once, fashion patronises merit. We cannot too highly commend the singing by the various leading artists. Miss St. John is, in the words of her old admirer in the piece, "a delicious illusion;" Miss Violet Cameron is as charming as ever, and she is always charming. Mons. Marius, than whom we have no better comic opera comedian, is in an element he thoroughly enjoys, and Mr. Harry Cox was never seen to better advantage than he is here as the *Innkeeper*. Mr. Ashley, who, it will be remembered, played *Old Tubs*, in "Pink Dominoes" so well, here personates the old *roué*, and plays it so well and so naturally that it is difficult to believe that Mr. Ashley himself is not a *roué*.

IMPERIAL THEATRE.—We have seen "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the Opera Comique—our readers may remember how we condemned the singing; we have seen it in the provinces; we have seen it in America; but we have never seen it so well mounted, so well played, and, better still, so well sung, as by the company by whom it is now played at the Imperial. We understand that after this week "Pinafore" will be produced by this company at the Olympic. We tell our readers who have been to the Opera Comique, wishing to see this most popular piece, that they must go to the Imperial this week or to the Olympic next week if they desire to be considered judges of the merits and demerits of this wonderful opera. To those of our readers who have not seen the piece we can only say, if you like musical voices for a musical piece follow the company now going from the Imperial to the Olympic.

PARK THEATRE.—"Jane Eyre, or Poor Relations," at this house, produced for the first time on Wednesday, the 27th ult., must be pronounced a success. Theatrical successes, however, have their classes like railways—this piece is a success in the third-class—it can never take a high rank either in London or the provinces, but it will serve its purpose in its three weeks' run at the Park. We can give it no more, a fortnight at the Standard or other kindred theatres, and an occasional performance in the country. "Jane Eyre" is preceded by the old, stale, and stupid comedietta, "A Day After the Wedding," which we should not notice at all but for the acting of Miss Maud Erskine, a young, beautiful, and clever little actress, who gives promise of "great things" if she only gets the opportunity. The main idea, a mainmast without a sail, is evidently taken from "Taming of the Shrew," and the very mild reflection of Shakespeare's *Kate*, as taken by Miss Erskine, convinces us that she is quite capable of playing Shakespeare's original, and playing it well, too, which is not saying a little.

We regret to notice the death of Bro. William Runtling, P.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681. Bro. Runtling was initiated into Freemasonry in the Faith Lodge, No. 141, on the 24th of February, 1857. He afterwards joined the Belgrave Lodge, and became W.M. in the year, and was a subscribing member at his death. He was a founder and first S.W. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, of which lodge at the time of his death he was W.M. Bro. Runtling was well known and deservedly esteemed by many brethren, more especially by those living in the immediate vicinity of his residence, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square. He was interred at Woking Cemetery on Monday, the 1st inst., the funeral being attended by, among others, Bro. Garrod, Secretary of the Belgrave Lodge, Bro. A. Barfield, Treasurer, Honeyball, Thomas, and Ball, of the Londesborough Lodge.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has been re-elected a trustee of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Institution.

The Metropolitan Board of Works are making arrangements for illuminating their board-room and principal offices by the medium of the electric light.

A "welcome home" dinner was given on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., in the Prince's Room of the Holborn Restaurant, to Mr. William Simpson and Mr. Melton Prior, the well-known special artists of the *Illustrated London News*, who have recently returned respectively from Afghanistan and Zululand. Bro. G. Augustus Sala was in the chair, and Mr. Archibald Forbes was present.

We are happy to inform our readers that arrangements have been made for a private Masonic tourist party to visit Paris and Switzerland, to leave London on Monday, September 15th, and return on September 28th or October 2nd. The whole arrangements are in the hands of Bro. Oscar Dietrich, whose linguistic abilities and long experience as a tourist conductor, combined with the intimate knowledge he has of the places to be visited, render him eminently qualified for such a position. We see in the prospectus of the party that meetings are to be arranged with some of our brethren of the Craft on the Continent, which will, doubtless, be interesting, as giving the party an opportunity of witnessing Masonic ceremonies carried out in a style different to what we have in England. The exclusively Masonic character of the party is to be so far modified as to allow ladies to have a place, and, doubtless, many of the brethren will enjoy their promenades through the gay streets of beautiful Paris, and their railway, steamboat, and diligence rides through the magnificent scenery of Switzerland, all the more in consequence of having their wives or lady friends to share their enjoyment. The prospectus that has been issued promises a tour of extraordinary interest and pleasure at an extremely low figure, and we have no doubt that many of our brethren will avail themselves of the services of Bro. Dietrich, to whom we cordially recommend our readers.

Bro. William Francis, of the well-known Mohawk Minstrels, whose concerts at the Agricultural Hall for the last seven or eight years have grown to be an important institution in Islington, took his benefit on Tuesday evening, when, we are happy to say, this concert hall was crowded in every part, so crowded, indeed, that the staff of attendants had some difficulty in finding accommodation for the hosts of friends, who, for half-an-hour before the performance, kept trooping in. However, thanks to the tact of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous manager, and the ability of his staff, every one found a good place, and the concert passed off admirably. The programme was, of course, a special one for the occasion, and included a very pretty, new pathetic ballad, entitled "Kiss the little ones for me," by the beneficiary himself. It was carried out well, as happens invariably at all Mohawk entertainments, and the audience were delighted. Bro. Francis, at the close of the evening, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed to all present his deep sense of their kindness in honouring him as they had done on the occasion of this, his seventh annual benefit. The Mohawks, one and all, and including a former Mohawk, Bro. F. Dolby, acquitted themselves well. Bro. Edgar Mowbray, another of the proprietary body, will take his benefit on the 26th instant, when a programme of sea songs and ballads will be given. We trust, indeed, we have no doubt, it will be as successful as that of Tuesday.

Mr. Archibald Forbes is about to give a series of lectures in various places on the Zulu War, in which he will describe as an eye-witness some of its most momentous scenes, including the battle of Ulundi and the finding of the body of Prince Louis Napoleon.

BRO. LORD SKELMERSDALE'S SHORTHORN HERD.—On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Mr. Thornton, of London, dispersed a large portion of the fine herd of pure bred shorthorns owned by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale. Prior to the sale there was a luncheon in the large marquee in Lathom Park, at which over five hundred gentlemen sat down. Lord Dunmore presided, and was supported by Lords Skelmersdale, Winmarleigh, Norton, Norreys, Lindsay, and Bective; the Hon. A. B. Wilbraham, the Hon. E. B. Wilbraham, Mr. Allsopp, M.P., Mr. Starkie, M.P., and the principal shorthorn breeders in the kingdom. The loyal toasts and the health of Lord Skelmersdale having been honoured, the company adjourned to the sale ring. Five out of six tribes sold at Kirklington sale in 1850 have been brought into this herd, and most judiciously blended. The principal sire is fourth Baron Oxford, bred at Holker, one of the very few remaining animals by seventh Duke of York and from the fifth Lady Oxford, the ancestress of the highest priced Oxfords at Holker. The following are the principal sales:—Maud Waterloo, roan, calved July, 1875, 150 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Cheshire; Frosty Gwynne, calved May, 1876, 310 guineas, to Lord Penrhyn; Winsom Beauty, 350 guineas, to Mr. Foster; Cumberland Duchess, of Ormskirk, 2000 guineas, to Mr. Loder, Towcaster, Northamptonshire; Winsom Beauty Fourth, for 400 guineas, to the Duke of Devonshire; Princess Blyth, for 585 guineas, to Sir William Salt, Saltaire; Cherry Grand Duchess Eleventh, to Messrs. Henry Waterbury, Kent, for 325 guineas; Florence Waterloo, for 310 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Ogden Hall, Cheshire; and Bertha Waterloo, 300 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Larry Barrington Fourth went to Mr. Patterson, Sirling, 4th September, 1879.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 12, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew B.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatchouse Hot., Highgate.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 1158, Southern Star, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1441, Ivy, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bdge. House Hot., London B.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermy-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsobry-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermy-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 13, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Mark 171, Union, M.H., Oldham.
K.T. Precep, Jerusalem, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Chap. 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
Mark 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
" 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.
" 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
" 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., Salford.
" 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw, nr. Oldham.
" 1064, Borough, Bull Hot., Burnley.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 462, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
" 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-Lyne.
" 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 286, Strength, Green Man, Bacup.
Mark St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 815, Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-rd., Hulme.
K.T.P. Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20, King-st., Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 13, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Deby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athensum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—On Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., this lodge held its first meeting of the season at the White Hart Tavern, College-street, Lambeth. The lodge was very largely attended, and one gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. Timothy, W.M., assisted by Bro. Nott, S.W., Bro. Skirving, J.W., and the other officers and brethren of the lodge. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, and after the other business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, where a substantial repast was served in the banqueting-room by Bro. Isaac, the proprietor. After the Masonic toasts had been given in Bro. Timothy's usual impressive manner, songs were indulged in, and reference was made to the new lodge-room in connection with the house now in course of erection at the corner of Belvedere-road and College-street, which is to take the place of the present White Hart. This will be a great boon, as the Vitruvian Lodge has grown to such proportions that the accommodation at the present house is not sufficient to meet its requirements. The new house will be opened in about two months hence, and special attention will be paid to meet the requirements of Masons.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The lodge was opened at five o'clock punctual by Bro. Joseph Strick, W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Garbett, I.P.M.; J. A. Smith, P.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; J. J. Bell, J.W.; R. Challoner, Sec.; J. Quincey, S.D.; G. H. Forster, J.D.; E. Bridges, I.G.; and W. T. Laing, P.M., Tyler. There was a large body of brethren present connected with the lodge. The list of visitors included Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426; Percy Stevens, 1426; R. Nelson, 1671; W. B. Trisk, 1366; and T. E. Davis, 1471. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. D. McPherson Murdoch was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. W. E. Kelsey was afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. The two Degrees were worked in a manner which was highly creditable to all concerned, from the W.M. downwards. This being election meeting the bye-laws were read in open lodge. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which was declared unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Simpson, S.W. A ballot for Treasurer then took place, Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., being unanimously re-elected. Bro. W. T. Laing, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of five guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of purchasing a jewel to be presented to Bro. J. Stock, W.M., on his retirement. All business being ended the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due form, when the brethren retired to refreshment, provided by Bros. H. J. and W. J. Roberts. The usual toasts having been disposed of, Bros. W. Royal, R. Challoner, J. A. Smith, James Stevens, and others, amused the brethren until ten o'clock, when the company separated. The installation will take place on Thursday, October 2nd.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 5th inst., and was largely attended, the W.M., Bro. C. Woolmer Williams, occupying the chair, and there also being present Bros. W. Kipps, S.W., P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M., &c.; W. E. Williams, J.W., P.M. 1538, W.M. 162; Rev. Dr. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chap.; R. W. Williams, I.P.M., Ph.D., P.P.G.C., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. J. Green, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Marketis, S.D.; Leaper, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, I.G., W.M. 1623; C. Marr, D.C.; J. Turnbull, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler; W. Brough, W. E. Wil-

liams, C. H. Dye, W. Willson, R. C. Edmonds, W. H. Ashton, P. Brentini, J. T. Duperoy, G. V. Cavalier, L. M. Williams, A. Valentine, G. B. Dawson, J. E. Player, L. Zdzienicke, Whaley, Somerville, W. Lake, P.M. (Freemason.) Visitors: Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.S., P.M., G.M. No. 1; F. B. Williams, P.M. 1532, St. Martin's-le-Grand; A. F. Jeffrey, P.M. 452, G. J. D. Surrey; A. Thomas, W.M. Mount Edgcombe, 1446; T. Griffiths, W.M. 1641, Crichton; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548, Wellington; E. C. Taylor, P.M. 11, Enoch, Head Clerk R.M.I. for Boys; W. D. Goldsmith, Sec. 1531, Chislehurst; A. Darch, J.W. 72, Royal Jubilee; J. J. Hutchings, J.W. 147, Justice; W. H. Johnson, 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand; W. M. Crouch, 917, Cosmopolitan; T. Hunter, 114, Palatine; G. H. Dowsett, 79, Pythagorean; A. J. Jenkins, 1589, St. Dunstan's; Laverack, 917, Cosmopolitan. After the confirmation of the minutes Mr. James C. Somerville was initiated into the ancient mysteries. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Wm. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M., &c., duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. On the re-admittance of the brethren the W.M. received the customary salutes in each Degree, and the Installing Master delivered the usual addresses from the pedestal. The W.M. then invested his officers for the coming year as follows:—Bros. C. W. Williams, I.P.M.; W. E. Williams, P.M. 1538, W.M. 162, S.W.; Rev. Dr. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chap.; R. W. Williams, I.P.M., Ph.D., P.P.G.O., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Org.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M., Treas.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Marketis, J.W.; Leaper, S.D.; G. S. Elliott, W.M. 1623, J.D.; C. Marr, I.G.; J. Turnbull, D.C.; E. Lane, Stwd.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. then in the name of the lodge presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. Woolmer Williams on his leaving the chair, at the same time expressing the sentiments of the brethren, thoroughly appreciating the value of the services rendered, and the able manner in which all the work of W.M. had been carried out. The brethren then adjourned to the customary banquet, which under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Kipps, passed off admirably. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent singing, Bro. R. W. Williams presiding at the pianoforte. During the evening Bro. Tisley, on behalf of Bro. Cavalier, presented to the lodge a very handsome cigar cabinet, beautifully fitted, and filled with "weeds" of the choicest brand. We need not say that the gift was received with thanks, and, judging from the cloud of incense offered up by the devotees, it was thoroughly appreciated. The proceedings closed at an early hour, all having spent a very enjoyable evening.

ARUNDEL.—Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love (No. 56).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., for the purpose of initiating Mr. A. E. Garwood, who was elected for initiation thirteen years ago, but, being ordered away, this was the first opportunity which has enabled that gentleman to present himself for initiation in the lodge of his native town. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. T. U. Price, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Sussex, and the E.A. Tracing Board was lucidly explained by the S.W., Bro. E. E. Street, the following brethren being also in attendance:—Bros. G. T. Evershed, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Smith, J.W.; R. Garwood, P.M.; T. Francis, P.M., S.D.; Neame, as I.G.; Robertson, Tyler; and Downer and Bert.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—On Monday, the 1st inst., this lodge held its monthly meeting in their large suite of rooms in Armstrong-buildings, South. The officers, all of whom were present, are Bros. Bacon, W.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; B. White, S.W.; J. King, J.W.; F. Myatt, Sec.; H. Button, S.D.; W. H. Allen, J.D.; H. Clisson, M.C.; O. Lyons, I.G.; C. Armstrong, Treas.; together with a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. Mr. Forbes, together with Mr. S. Evans, were duly accepted and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of the First Degree, after which the Second Degree was conferred on Bros. Brown and Stillman. Proposed alterations in the bye-laws were for some time after freely discussed, and finally left to a committee to present a report at their next meeting. The J.D. reminded the brethren that Masonry being essentially a charitable institution, it was their bounden duty to strain every nerve to make the donations to our poor and needy brethren as large as possible, and he felt sure they would heartily support him with their help and talent in the concerts which would be given during the winter months solely for that purpose. The W.M. thanked the J.D. for bringing the subject forward, and promised him very cordial support for an object so thoroughly Masonic. After a few minor matters had been disposed of, the brethren proceeded to their large refreshment room, the large amount of business which had been gone through seeming to have given them great zest for the good fare which had been placed before them by their energetic Steward, Bro. Azopardi. The usual loyal toasts were very feelingly proposed by the W.M., and responded to very heartily, especially that of "Our Noble Grand Master." The next toast, "The Initiates," the W.M. assured the brethren was one to him of unspeakable pleasure at all times, but especially so on this occasion, on account of the strong recommendation they brought, and their well-known, useful, and blameless lives, and he felt a certain conviction that the two new initiates that night would prove good, honoured, and useful members among them. The initiates rose, and Bro. Evans, in returning thanks, said it was impossible for him to find adequate words to confess the delight, surprise, and wonder at what he had seen, and the thankfulness he felt for the honour the brethren had done him, and promised, with all sincerity, to leave no stone unturned to prove his gratitude for kind-

ness as unexpected as undeserved. Bro. Allen assured the lodge that he could remember no act in his past life which gave him such combined feelings of pride and pleasure as presenting to their respected W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, a token of their admiration for the zeal he had shown as a Mason, his integrity as a man, and his steadfastness as a friend to them all. Yet he felt that an apology was due, both to those whom he represented as well as to the recipient of the present, for his incapacity to adequately convey to the mind of Bro. Bacon the feeling which actuated the brethren in marking him out for so special an honour, but felt confident that a few simple words spoken in deep sincerity would be as congenial to his and their tastes and feelings as the studied and perhaps exaggerated flattery of an accomplished speaker; and in a speech of some length dwelt on those characteristic traits of the W.M. which had been so beneficial to the lodge, to himself, and the brethren, and appealed to them, that if they were ambitious for the position of W.M. they must study much and long, and curb all vain, unbecoming thoughts, bridle their tongue, and above all endeavour to emulate the present occupant of that position, and prove themselves worthy to succeed a brother whose name is a synonym for integrity, enterprise, Masonic spirit and benevolence, and he trusted that their brother S.W. (the W.M. apparent) would next year remember who preceded him, knowing well he had the ability, and he fervently trusted a want of zeal on his part would not mar a year which promised so much for the cause of Masonry at Gibraltar, and appealing to the brethren to show the W.M. that they desired to corroborate and endorse his remarks, and to do him especial honour, asking them to kindly stand up while he performed the closing, and to him intensely gratifying task of presenting Bro. E. Bacon, their W.M., with a very handsome musical album, containing the portraits of the brethren, and while assuring him, though it possessed no particular value in itself, he felt sure that in the mind of its recipient it possessed an intrinsic value above price, for it represented to him, though but poorly, the feeling of admiration, love, and respect which was felt for him, he earnestly hoped that when he left Gibraltar his zeal would never be lessened, and that he might yet rise to higher position in the Order, and he knew the brethren would, and did, re-echo his prayer that the lives of himself and family might be one long continued tissue of health and happiness. Bros. Armstrong and King both expressed in concise, yet in a deep, feeling manner, their gratitude towards their W.M. and very heartily corroborated the Junior Deacon's remarks. The W.M., in reply, said the brethren had surprised him so much, by their embarrassing display of good will towards him, that he felt perfectly powerless to adequately thank them, and it was with feelings of gratitude such as are not often awakened, and can never be expressed, that he desired to thank and assure them from the very bottom of his heart that as long as he lived he should never forget or fail to appreciate that manifestation of personal respect and grateful remembrance which had been so largely evinced towards him that night, and assured the brethren that the portraits within the "album" would help him to realise them all in the future, with the greatest gratitude, tenderness, and consideration. It was quite true that the peace, happiness, and improvement of the lodge had ever been his fervent desire, but he was only too happy to acknowledge the great assistance he had received from all his officers, and the present prosperity of the lodge was mainly due to the hearty co-operation and Masonic zeal which actuated all. He entirely disclaimed meriting the encomiums which the speakers had showered upon him, but assured the lodge that that night would ever be a green spot in his memory, and while he remained in Gibraltar his efforts would be, if possible, doubled for the good of the "Grand old Order," and the prosperity of the lodge, and while he had life Masonry should ever find in him an ardent admirer. In concluding, he thanked them again and again with the energy of a thousand thanks in each one, and with a heart too full to permit him saying all he should like to, and begged to propose "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," to whom all owed so much, and to all of whom he was so deeply indebted, coupling with the toast the name of the Senior Warden, Bro. White. Bro. White in responding expressed his gratitude to the Worshipful Master for proposing in such congenial terms their healths, and to the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to it. He assured the W.M. that there was felt for him a unanimous sentiment of kindness, affection, admiration and love, and felt sure that the knowledge of these sentiments must make him happy. Having passed a compliment to Bro. Allen for his speech, he assured the lodge that should they deem fit to place him in the position of W.M. next year he would, please God, do his very utmost to merit their approbation, and would endeavour to hand over the collar and jewels of office in the same unsullied form as he knew Bro. Bacon would. The W.M. begged permission to propose the health of an old benefactor to the lodge, and spoke in highly flattering terms of P.M. Cunningham's services to the lodge, his kindness of disposition, and his disinterested zeal for Masonry. The call was very heartily responded to, testifying to the popularity of Bro. Cunningham, who feelingly replied in a few terse sentences, saying that the prosperity of the lodge was his constant thought and prayer, and after speaking in terms of kindly feeling towards the W.M., the Tyler's toast brought to a close an evening which will live in the remembrance of all who were there as one of the most pleasant, enjoyable, and instructive this prosperous old lodge has ever had.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—An emergency meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, was attended by special invitation by representatives of the Royal Gloucester, Southampton,

and Shirley Lodges, in whose presence the W.M., Bro. Thomas Lashmore, initiated, passed, and raised two brethren in each of the Three Degrees respectively, performing the ceremonies in the admirably correct and intelligent manner by which his working has throughout the year been distinguished. Before the lodge closed Bro. T. P. Payne, the oldest Past Master, in the presence of about fifty of the members, in the name of the lodge presented the I.P.M., Bro. Martin, with a gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair last year. Adjourning to refreshment, Bro. Lashmore presided over an elegant repast, followed by some excellent speech-making, agreeably interspersed with charming selections on the harmonium, of which he is so complete a master, by P.M. Robert Sharpe, of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and several admirable songs, not the least noticeable among them being the spirited interpretation by Bro. John Brown of "The March of the Cameron Men."

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. H. Bennett. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. George Thompson Walker, a candidate for Masonry, which, upon investigation, proved unanimous. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Matthew Harrison was examined, and having given satisfactory evidence of proficiency, was entrusted and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when he was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then worked down to the Second and First Degrees, when "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, and a brother proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, in due and solemn form.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The following members and visitors were present:—Bros. C. H. Liddell, W.M.; W. Dart, J.W.; T. P. Hall, I.P.M.; J. Weeks, P.M.; Treas. T. Francis, P.M.; Sec. J. N. Hillman, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; J. A. Elverston, S.D.; H. G. Richardson, J.D.; J. J. Field, I.G.; T. D. Askew, Org.; J. Collings and W. H. S. Parsons, Stewards; Blackmore, Tyler; J. Price, C. D. Gour, G. T. Gourd, C. U. Burr, H. Kimber, G. W. Chinnock, R. T. Leaver, H. S. Young, A. J. Dunn, E. Farminer, C. A. Harding, and J. J. Bascombe. Visitors: Bros. S. J. Fone, 731; W. Ford, 487; Bull, 353; W. M. Oubridge, J.D. 1776; W. Lemanten, 481; Goodwin Nash, 40; Leopold R. Mills, S.W. 49. The only business consisted of raising three brethren to the degree of M.M.'s, which was ably performed by the W.M., the lecture on the T.B. and the W.T. being given by the J.W. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cocker-mouth, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, H. Carruthers, J. Towers, D. Sinclair, and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason). The business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Sinclair, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., who also explained the Second Tracing Board, whilst the lecture of the Degree was delivered by the S.W., and the working tools presented by the J.W. The lodge was then closed in form.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The general meeting of the members forming the above lodge was held on the 1st inst., in the Masonic Rooms at the Athenæum. Bro. N. W. Helme, the W. Master, presided, being supported by his respective officers, Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., filling the chair of I.P.M. There was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Marriott and Kershaw were then advanced to the pedestal, and having given proficiency as Entered Apprentices, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Marriott and Kershaw were separately re-admitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The working of the Degree was well gone through, and at its conclusion the S.W. (Bro. Taylor) gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board, and the acting J.W. (Bro. Hannay) that on the Second; the S.W. also explained the working tools to the newly-passed brethren. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the usual proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The first meeting of the above lodge since its summer vacation took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, and though not so well attended as usual, yet lost none of its usual attractiveness on the score of brotherly love and charity, which in this lodge has something more than a mere name. It is not a strong or powerful lodge at present, but its charity, brotherly love, and hospitality are above suspicion. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Turner, opened the lodge in due form

and the minutes of the last meeting were passed. Mr. Thomas Tolhurst and Mr. Richard Clark were then, after being balloted for and approved, initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Weaver and Stanley were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Jennings and Phelps were raised to the Third Degree, the whole of the work being done by the W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Dr. W. Vance, S.W.; J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; E. West, P.M.; J. Elder, S.D.; J. Palmer, J.D.; V. J. Holloway, D.C.; Burgess, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lloyd, took the position of J.W. Among the visitors were Bros. Gaskell W. Brown, 1076; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason), and others. Before the lodge was closed Bro. P.M. West alluded in feeling terms to the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. H. Sisley, P.M., and as he might fairly say the founder of the lodge. He regretted much that there had not been sufficient time since his death to acquaint the W.M., so as to put the lodge in mourning for their deceased brother, but moved that the lodge now go into mourning for two months for that brother. He spoke of visiting our deceased brother, and of the peace and faith in which he died. Bro. Ives added his regret to that of Bro. West's at the loss of one who was a worthy man and a good Mason, and spoke of the intimacy and good feeling that had always existed between himself and Bro. Sisley in life. It was then proposed and unanimously carried that the sum of ten guineas should be placed in the hands of widow Sisley for her immediate needs, and Bro. West undertook to see her, and report at the next meeting, with a view to an appeal to the Benevolent Fund of the Order. The lodge was then closed with "Hearty good wishes," and the brethren adjourned to partake of a cold collation, set out with all the taste and bountifulness so often evinced by Bro. West and his amiable wife. Upon re-assembling round the social board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of Bro. Turner" was cordially proposed and responded to. In reply to that of "The Past Masters," Bro. West drew a feeling reference to the sad event that took place that night last year, when the unfortunate "Princess Alice" was lost with over 700 souls. Then their harmony was broken by that dread event, and by a strange coincidence the sad death of one of their Past Masters, in fact the first P.M., Bro. Sisley, precluded the possibility of their indulging in a song that night. There was a general expression of regret at the loss the lodge had sustained, and after Bro. Gaskell had replied for "The Visitors," and "The Initiates and Officers" had been toasted, the proceedings ended.

INSTRUCTION.

SOUTH HAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This lodge of instruction re-assembled after the summer recess on Monday, the 11th inst., when the W. Bro. R. Sharpe, its admirable Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for some years, was unanimously re-elected to that position, and heartily thanked for past efforts, which have so much conduced both to the vitality and the success of the lodge. It is perhaps worthy of passing notice that, anticipating some remarks lately made in the columns of the *Freemason* as to the proper mode of conducting these lodges of instruction, not only do the Master and Past Masters of the mother lodge regularly take part in its working, but the lodge is opened and worked precisely as a regular lodge, except, of course, in respect to initiations. Minutes are kept of its proceedings, and a report from time to time presented to the lodge under whose warrant it works of its proceedings, the state of its finances, &c.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present among others Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., W.M.; G. Newman, S.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. P. Holden, P.G.C., &c., J.W.; H. C. Levander, G.R., &c. Treasurer; E. H. Thiellay, I.P.M., Secretary; Cubitt, G.S.O., P.M.; Simmonds, P.M.; W. Stephens, S.O.; Dr. Wilkinson, J.O.; W. E. Williams, S.D.; Shepherd, Registrar; Santer, I.G.; H. Parker, Organist; Gilbert, Janitor. Bro. T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, 238, &c. (Freemason), was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Rev. Bro. Holden, by permission of the W.M., most ably advanced Bros. C. G. Rushworth, G.R. of Middlesex, St. Thomas's Lodge, 142, &c., and G. Sandell, St. John's Lodge, 167. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Newman, W.M. elect, into the chair, was also performed by Bro. Holden. The elocutionary and general Masonic abilities of the reverend brother are so widely and deservedly known that it would be superfluous to expatiate upon them, but suffice it to say the beautiful ceremonial was so well performed that at its conclusion a vote of thanks to Bro. Holden was passed with acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The officers appointed and invested for the year were as follows:—Bros. Dubois, I.P.M.; the Rev. P. Holden, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; Levander, Treasurer; Thiellay, Secretary; Dr. Wilkinson, M.O.; Shepherd, S.O.; Williams, J.O.; Santer, R. of M.; Lamb, S.D. (by Deputy); Frost, J.D.; Rushworth, I.G.; Parker, Organist; Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The subject of subscribing to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund and the Mark Benevolent Fund was postponed until the next meeting. The lodge was then duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Mark toasts were done full justice to. "The Grand Offi-

cers, Present and Past," was acknowledged in brief but pertinent terms by Bros. Cubitt, Holden, and Levander. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eloquent and complimentary terms by Bro. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., and having been duly honoured, Bro. Newman made a modest response. "The Advances" were pledged, and in reply Bros. Rushworth and Sandell expressed the great gratification they felt in having been admitted members of the St. Mark's Lodge, and they also spoke in very eulogistic terms of the manner in which they had been advanced. "The Health of the Visitor" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. Walls. In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing so many distinguished brethren who had passed the chair. He particularly mentioned the names of Bros. Dubois, Levander, Cubitt, and Thiellay, and complimented those brethren upon the great services they had rendered, not only to the Mark Degree, but to Freemasonry generally. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the brethren thus signalled severally responded. The toast of "The Officers" was given, and the Janitor's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Lord Raglan, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., Bro. John G. Holmes, P.M., &c., in the chair, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Smyth, Weston, Solbé, Penfold, Keys, Palmer, Sculley, Moulds, Kennedy, Wilson, Tappenden, Deeves, Ovenden, Chamberlin, Hepburn, and others. The routine business having been disposed of, Bro. W. A. Tucker, of Lodge 913, was admitted with the usual formalities to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. Several grants for charitable purposes having been made, the lodge adjourned at an early hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—The quarterly meeting of this popular conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 1st inst. There were present Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Nunn, P.G.S.G., P.G.S., &c., acting V.E.; Massa, I.G.; Cubitt, P.G.S., &c., Treas.; Levander, P.G.S., &c., Recorder; Marsh, P.G.S., &c.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S., &c.; Thiellay, H.P.; Stedwell, Orator; T. C. Walls, A.D.C.; Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The roll of the officers appointed at the last convocation was called as follows: Sir Knights Peters, V.E.; Macartney, M.P., Senior General; Massa, I.G.; Thiellay, H.P.; Cubitt, Treas.; Levander, Recorder; Shirley, Prefect; Stedwell, Orator; Mather, S.B.; Parker, Org.; Moses, Herald; Stevens and Walls, A.D.C.'s; Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. Several communications from absent Sir Knights were read by the Recorder. Previously to the conclave being dissolved, Sir Knight Walls gave notice of motion that at the next quarterly convocation the subject of the recognition of the services of the subscribing Past Grand Sovereigns of the Premier Conclave should be considered. The Sir Knights then adjourned to an excellent and well-served banquet. The subsequent proceedings were but of a formal character. "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Sir Knights Nunn, Cubitt, Levander, Marsh, and Dubois. "The M.P.S." followed, and was proposed in happy terms by Sir Knight Marsh. Sir Knight Kingston having replied, gave "The P.G.S.'s." This toast having received ample justice, was acknowledged in a modest speech, upon behalf of himself and colleagues, by Sir Knight Cubitt. The proceedings terminated at an early hour with the Sentinel's toast.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN SEAGER.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. John Seager, of the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, which melancholy event occurred early on Wednesday morning, the 3rd inst. Members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, who were wont to attend the weekly assemblies at this house will not readily forget the genial and courteous host who took so active a part in promoting the interests of the Craft, and they will share with a very wide circle of private friends the deep regret that has been caused at the sudden termination of a useful life. Bro. Seager drove to Chislehurst on Monday afternoon, and up to half-past eleven o'clock on Tuesday night he was apparently in his usual health and spirits. He was seized with illness during the night, however, and notwithstanding every care and attention was bestowed he passed away shortly before four o'clock on Wednesday morning. Bro. Seager was a warm supporter of the Benevolent Institutions connected with Freemasonry, as well as of the trade of which he was a member, and his loss will be very generally deplored. In consequence of this sad event the usual weekly meeting of Star Lodge of Instruction will not take place at the Marquis of Granby this (Saturday) evening.

BRO. REV. GEORGE THOMAS NOWELL WATKINS.

The New Zealand papers record the death of Bro. the Rev. George Thomas Nowell Watkins, incumbent of Holy Trinity, Greymouth, which sad event took place on June 18th last. Bro. Watkins was a native of Greenwich, where he obtained his early education, finishing his studies at King's College, London. He subsequently undertook the care of private pupils, acted for some time as Chaplain of Greenwich Union, and later on as curate of St. Paul's, Deptford. Ten years ago he was appointed to the

incumbency of Holy Trinity Church, Greymouth, where he remained till his demise. His obsequies were attended with full Masonic honours, the brethren mustering in strong force to testify their respect to the memory of their departed brother, who during his residence amongst them had done so much to further the true interests of Masonry in the colony. He was borne to the tomb by six Past Masters—three of English and three of Scotch lodges, to both of which he belonged; and after the burial service had been read by the Bishop of Nelson, a Masonic oration was delivered at the graveside by Bro. Bevan, Deputy District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. Upwards of a thousand persons witnessed the impressive ceremony, during which the shops in the town were closed and the shipping in the port hoisted their flags half-mast high in tribute of esteem for one who had laboured so long amongst them as an earnest Christian minister and devoted friend, especially of the poor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

After the business of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, on the 26th ult., the brethren sat down to a recherché banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, W. Bro. Col. Peard presiding, and Bro. John Thomas, Redruth, occupying the vice-chair, as substitute for the P.S.G.W. The loyal toasts having been given, "The Grand Lodge of Mark Masons" was cordially received.

R.W. Bro. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, responding, said although situated far from the seat of the Grand Lodge, the value of its influence was fully appreciated by Cornish Mark Masons. It was a very great pleasure to them to know how greatly Mark Masonry was progressing under their own Grand Lodge. Since its formation, in 1856, it had issued 13,000 certificates to Mark Masons, of whom some 10,000 remained at the present time. There were 240 active lodges, so that it was clear that the Grand Lodge was doing its best to make the Degree known wherever its merits were appreciated—a Degree deserving a better position than it had yet attained. Many professed to be surprised that the Degree was not recognised, and urged that they did not care to belong to any of the "unrecognised Degrees," although they were themselves Knight Templars and members of the Rose Croix—Degrees which were no more recognised than was the Mark in this country. The fact was that in England no Degrees were recognised except the three first and the Royal Arch, this being the result of the arrangement under the "Articles of Union" in 1813. Mark Masons were, therefore, precisely in the same position as the Knight Templars and the members of the Rose Croix and other degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but it was well to remember that wherever the English language was spoken, excepting in England, the Mark Degree was recognised by the Royal Arch Chapters, and in one case by the Craft. It was recognised in Scotland, Ireland, the United States, and in Canada; and in the United States and Canada, &c., the Royal Arch Masons accepted the English Grand Lodge Mark certificates, and unless possessed of these any one wishing to join would have to take the Mark Degree before being admitted. But, although the Degree was not officially recognised in England, it was virtually recognised, as Lord Skelmersdale, the Grand Mark Master, was the Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, and the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was a P.G.M., and Provincial Grand Master in the Mark, as also were Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, &c. And that it was really recognised in Cornwall was proved by the fact that both the Present and the Past Deputy Grand Masters of the Craft in the province had been Provincial Grand Masters of the Mark. As to the antiquity of the Degree, they had many time immemorial lodges and Mark records as far back as of the 16th century, also that day it had been his pleasure to show the Prov. G.M. a photograph of a number of Marks which dated from 1670; and this was quite antiquity enough. The spread of the Grand Lodge had been so rapid that it showed the wisdom of having collected all the Mark lodges under it. With such distinguished Masons at his head, the Degree was certain of prosperity throughout England, as it was in Cornwall under the governance of Col. Peard. (Applause.)

In terms of the warmest eulogy, Bro. W. J. Johns, Prov. G. Sec., proposed "The Provincial Grand Master," who, in responding, said, although a young Mark Mason, he was very much impressed with what he had seen of the Degree; and, reckoning upon the cordial assistance of every Mark Mason in the province, he would do his utmost to promote its further spread and prosperity. (Applause.) "The Installing Grand Master" was cordially toasted at the call of W. Bro. Chirgwin, Right Worshipful the Mayor of Truro, and Col. Davy, acknowledging the compliment, assured the brethren that it had given him great pleasure to be present on such an auspicious occasion. The visit had given him the fullest assurance that the interests of Mark Masonry in the Province of Cornwall would be well looked after by Col. Peard at its head and Bro. Chirgwin as his Deputy. In lodge, however, he had omitted to tell the D.P.G.M. that it was his duty, when the P.G.M. was unable to do so, to visit the various lodges and see that the work was properly carried out. Although a Devon man, there was some Cornish blood in his veins, inasmuch as his mother was of the family of Tanner, who for very many generations owned property east of St. Austell. With regard to Mark Masonry, he was very fond of the Degree, and he esteemed it a high honour to rule over the senior province in England, and also one of the largest. His hope was that the Degree would take still deeper root in the west, and that under the fostering care of Col. Peard it would flourish in the Cornish Province. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Chirgwin, responding to the toast of his health,

proposed by Bro. Bray, said he was among the first to take the Degree in Cornwall, having gone to Plymouth for advancement. Then he assisted in forming the lodge in Truro, and was afterwards the G.S.W. of the province, but when he entered the lodge that day he had not the remotest idea that he should leave it as D.P.G.M. If he had been consulted respecting it he should have hesitated before accepting the high honour, much preferring that it should remain with W. Bro. Tweedy. The honour, however, having been placed on him, his best services were at the disposal of the brethren. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Col. Peard, proposing "The Prov. G. Officers," felt sure, from the manner in which their names had been received, that the appointment had met with the full approbation of the brethren. A friend fully agreed with him that the highest compliment that could be paid to Bro. W. Tweedy was to give him past rank and instal him as Prov. G. Treas.—an office in the Craft which he filled to the great satisfaction of every one. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Thomas, with much humour, for the Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Truscott, the Prov. G. Treas., and the Prov. G. Sec. responded.

The Prov. G. Treasurer heartily thanked the Prov. G.M. for the great compliment paid him, and remarked that he did not consider it advisable to associate great demands on the purposes of brethren with every Degree. It was much better to confine the chief charity to the Craft. (Hear, hear.)

The Prov. G. Sec. suggested there should be an annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.)

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Representatives of the Seven Lodges," asking for the cordial assistance of all brethren, by the promotion of internal harmony in the lodges.

Bro. J. Thomas, responding, urged as one means of promoting a closer bond of union between the Mark Masons the periodical visitation of lodges by brethren who were skilled in the ritual. This would imbue them with energy; they would feel that they were not isolated, but members of a really great Order; and the progress of Mark Masonry in the province would be still more rapid. (Applause.)

Bro. W. Parker Smith, C.E., expressed a hope that a Mark lodge would be established at Lostwithiel or some other central town in the province, so that brethren should not be obliged to travel so many miles to lodge.

Other brethren from the remaining lodges spoke. The Hayle members had had to leave to catch the train, but R.W. Bro. Hughan took the opportunity of mentioning that the Hayle Lodge had held a meeting once a month ever since its formation, and in no lodge in England was the work better done, or the Degree more enthusiastically appreciated.

Bro. H. S. Hill, M.O. 76, responded for "The Visitors."

R.W. Bro. Hughan, in proposing "The Ladies," said there was no doubt at one time women as well as men were admitted to Masonry, the former as associate members. In an old manuscript he discovered at York dated 1693, the address to those about to be initiated read, "Let he or she," and it was also a fact that all the old charges were "to the dame" as well as to the Master.

Bro. Mason made a neat response, suggesting that at least Masons should admit the ladies to their banquets.

Bro. J. Q. James proposed "The Health of Bro. Hughan," who had rendered such excellent service to every Degree in Freemasonry, and was the acknowledged authority throughout the province. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. Hughan responding, endorsed the remarks made respecting an annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and the visiting of the lodges, and cautioned the brethren that numbers were not always strength.

With this toast and its response a very pleasant gathering was brought to a close.—*Cornish Telegraph.*

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in the Broad-room, Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, S. Rawson, James Brett, L. Stuan, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Richard Hervé Giraud, Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Cubitt, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Thomas Good, C. G. Dille, John G. Stevens, Dr. Jabez Hogg, F. Adlard, C. F. Hogard, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Secretary, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, reported the death of one candidate, who was the highest unsuccessful candidate at the last and previous elections. The Warden's report merely reported the departure of the various annuitants in the Asylum for their holidays and their return to the Institution.

The Committee's report was also read, which stated that they had visited the building, and found everything satisfactory. They also reported that if a tool house was erected it would free a portion of the Asylum, which would be available as a residence for another annuitant. The health of the inmates was satisfactory, considering their advanced age, one of them being over ninety, and the others also being a great age. The Committee recommended the erection of the tool house referred to.

Bro. Terry read the estimate of a builder, who calculated that the tool house would cost £38 to build, and that he would undertake the erection for that amount.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, it was resolved that the tool house be erected, and that the estimate read be accepted.

One candidate was placed on the list for election, and one widow was granted half her late husband's annuity. The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joyce Murray was chairman. There were also present Bros. Donald M. Dewar, W. H. Perryman, S. Rosenthal, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. W. M. Dorell, James Winter, Fredk. Adlard, Dick Radcliffe, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of former meeting, two petitions were received and examined, and the candidates therein mentioned were placed on the list for the April, 1880, election. An outfit was granted to a pupil who has left the Institution and obtained a situation.

The following notices of motions for the Quarterly meeting of the Institution in October were read by Bro. Binckes:—By Bro. C. F. Matier, "That in Law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven' the word 'consecutive' be omitted."

(The rule now is that the father of a candidate must have subscribed to one of the Masonic Institutions seven consecutive years.) By Bro. J. A. Birch (East Lancashire), proposed alteration of Rule 73, sub-section 2 to read as follows:—"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election, such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of election." (The rule at present is that subscribers wishing to vote on the removal or election of Secretary must attend personally.)

Bro. Dick Radclyffe's scheme for forming a fund for promoting the advancement of children leaving the schools, a full account of which has appeared already in the columns of the *Freemason*, was explained by Bro. Binckes a circular having been sent requesting the support of the members of the Committee individually, and the project received unanimous support.

The Committee then adjourned.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. SEAGER.

The mortal remains of Bro. John Seager, of New Cross, were interred on Monday afternoon last at Nunhead Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The funeral cortège started from the Marquis of Granby at half-past one o'clock, and consisted of a hearse, two mourning coaches, and a number of private vehicles, the mourners in the first carriage being Mrs. Seager, the widow, Mrs. Seager, mother, Miss Seager, sister, and Mr. G. Seager, brother of the departed; and in the second his other two brothers, Messrs. R. and T. Seager, Mr. Hodges, and Mr. Wain, of the Bull's Head, Chislehurst (at which the lodge to which the deceased belonged was held). The route taken was along the New Cross and Queen's roads, up Lausanne-road to the Cemetery, where a number of Masonic brethren had already arrived and awaited the cortège, wearing sprigs of acacia in their button-holes. Amongst them were Bros. Gloster, W.M. of Chislehurst Lodge, 1531; G. Macdonald, P.M. 1158; G. Andrews, P.M. 841, and Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, held at the Marquis of Granby; Waterman, P.M. 147; Hutchins, J.W. 841; W. Fieldson, S.D. 548; Lefevre, Godfrey, Hoskins, Redman, Kedgley, Wright, Pegg, J. A. Smith, and others.

Amongst the friends were Mr. Hobson (late of the Marquis of Granby, and now of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum), Messrs. Hubbard, Taylor, and others. Arrived at the chapel, the brethren formed in single file on either side of the porch, through which the funeral procession passed into the building, where the service was impressively read by the Rev. J. Merriott. At the grave a number of persons had also assembled, and here the concluding rite for the departed was performed, whilst every head was uncovered. The coffin was of English oak, polished, and on the lid a breastplate with the inscription "John Seager, died 3rd September, 1879, in his 47th year." On the lid had also been placed by Bro. Macdonald, on behalf of himself and Bros. Keeble and Andrews, a wreath of white dahlias, gardenias, jasmine, and fern, whilst some other sympathetic friends had adorned the bier with two handsome bouquets of white flowers and ferns. As the mourners were leaving the graveside, Bro. Andrews threw his sprig of acacia upon the coffin, with the words "As this evergreen once marked the resting-place of the illustrious dead, so let it mark the resting-place of our departed brother." The rest of the brethren followed the example, and thus testified their respect for one who had been so long and highly esteemed amongst them. In tribute of respect also a number of the tradespeople in the locality partially closed their shops during the time of the funeral.

Gena, the gorilla which has been exhibited at the Crystal Palace since August 19th, has just died, the cause of death being pleuro-pneumonia. A post-mortem examination showed that the heart was also affected.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

PERKINS.—On the 4th inst., at 6, Clissold-park-villas, Stoke Newington, the wife of Mr. William Tress Perkins, of a son.

REILLY.—On the 8th inst., at Woodberry Down Cottage, Stoke Newington, the wife of Mr. C. Reilly, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GAMMON—SMITH.—On the 6th inst., at Waterloo-road Chapel, by the Rev. John Gammon, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Samuel Allin, Frederic Thomas Gammon, of Park-road-terrace, Forest-hill, to Alice Eliza Canada, youngest sister of Bro. Charles Smith, P.M. Ivy Lodge, 1441, and P. Soj. Chap. 1604.

HEARSON—COW.—On the 4th inst., at Immanuel Church, Streatham-common, by the Rev. Stenton Eardley, B.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. G. Swinnerton, M.A., Richard Osmond Hearson, son of Mr. Thomas Hearson, of Barnstable, Devon, to Mary Billing, daughter of Mr. P. B. Cow, Streatham-common.

DEATHS.

CARTE.—On the 1st inst., at Torrington-square, the Rev. Thomas Simpson Carte, M.A.

COLLINS.—On the 5th inst., at Stecham, in his 80th year, the Rev. Caleb Collins.

HAY.—On the 2nd inst., at the Elms, Sunderland, Mr. James Hay, aged 64 years.

NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1880 is preparing for publication early in November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1879.

OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

Our readers will have perceived from our report, and realized with heartfelt regret, the absence of our excellent and kindly Grand Secretary from Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication through continued illness, but will have equally rejoiced to learn on the high authority of Bro. Buss, A.G.S., that our esteemed and respected friend, (for friend he is to all of us), is "better." With Bro. Martyn's motion they will heartily sympathize, concurring alike in its words and aspirations, echoing the one and responding to the other, with the good old Masonic prayer, "So mote it be." We are sure we are but expressing the feelings of our entire Fraternity when we add that their anxious and hearty good wishes are with our admirable Grand Secretary in all his trials, trusting that in the Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. we may soon welcome his genial presence amongst us again, in better health and in his wonted activity and urbanity, which are so great and so commendable, to continue his invaluable services to the Grand Lodge and universal Masonry.

PERSECUTION FOR RELIGION'S SAKE.

What a sad chapter is that in the history of the world which is darkened by the sorrowful records of persecution, by the animosities of countless professors of religion, by the cruel deeds of the blood-stained arena, by the lurid fires of the Inquisition. Indeed, it has often struck acute thinkers how strange is this tendency to persecute others for conscience sake in the annals of our race, and some one has called man "a thinking, indeed, but a persecuting animal." As we look back to-day through a long roll of ages, how melancholy is the spectacle presented to our view. Heathens and Hebrews, Christians and non-Christians, Mahomedans and Buddhists, —all equally in turn persecutors of others—who in this or that, in a doctrine or a declaration, a name or a novelty, a vestment or a picture, a creed or a catechism, disagreed or dissented from their neighbours. Indeed, it is hard to-day to put our finger on any one religious denomination and say of it that in its teachings or practices persecution is unknown. One great religious body, the Church of England, from which most of our excellent and admirable Chaplains emerge, is, perhaps, the most tolerant religious organization that ever existed, and to its wise toleration and large-hearted charity we are indebted, since Popes first cursed us, and the intolerant excommunicated us, for that long array of excellent Masons who have done honour both to our Craft and their own kindly and Catholic creed. But still, as we all know, and as we have seen of late years, the spirit of persecution survives, and whether it is Dominic wielding the scourge and lighting up the Auto-da-fe, or Baptists and Presbyterians banning, not blessing, Freemasons, or Roman Catholic Bishops and priests refusing the rites of religion, or Cardinals and Popes excommunicating us "en bloc," or unbelievers striking out the very name of God, it is all one and the same hateful system; what we call in our emphatic and truthful Masonic language, "the debasing practice of persecution." If "Truth" is to hold its own, if religion is to commend its acceptance to the doubtful and the disputations, the cold and the callous, the sneer-

ing and the sceptic, it is not by harsh words or cruel deeds, the outcome of unreasoning violence, intolerant injustice, and un-Christian anger. No! it is by the mild and persuasive words of gentleness, and charity, and goodness; by the active practice of what we profess; by charitable lives, as well as by kindly words, and by the exercise of that spirit of courtesy, consideration, and love which forgets that we are erring but realizes that we are human, which ignores that we are offending but "pitieth our infirmities." Religion, to be religion, requires no sword of Dominic, no fires of Smithfield; "its words are words of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace." One of the most humiliating chapters in the history of Christianity is the persecution of the Hebrew race. Admitted that the Jews in the first glow of Christianity were adverse and hostile to Christians; proved, as probably it may be, that in the early Roman persecutions they joined the heathen array, and took part in the mockeries and massacres of the arena, surely that is no reason why Christians, in the later and middle ages especially, should have looked on the Hebrews as hardly human beings, should have heaped every indignity upon their heads, and should have treated them habitually as the "off-scouring of all things," with every species of rapacity, plunder, cruelty, insult, and oppression. It really does seem to us a most degrading commentary on the practice of our age and the progress of civilization in the world, to be told to-day that in Servia and Roumania the great question is how not to give the Jews equal rights, and how that Roumanian statesmen are "beating about the bush" in all directions to seek to find some means of evading the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin, which enjoin equal rights and just laws, and kind consideration for the Hebrew race in that country. Wonderful paradox of humanity! We who have studied the Hebrew history know well what industrious and useful members of the body politic Hebrews are, and though perhaps it is true of them that they constitute a "nation within a nation," and that their true patriotic ardour is bound up with the land of their old renown, with Jerusalem and Jordan, the hills and vales of Palestine, yet we never could understand how Christians believing in Christianity could wish to persecute the Hebrews. We do, therefore, denounce to-day any refusal to them, in any quarter of the globe, of their just and undeniable rights. We protest against treatment which is detestable, and persecution which is cowardly, of a harmless, and kindly, and loyal race, and we trust that the time is not far distant when it shall be admitted that the rights of Hebrews are as sacred as those of any other religion or class in the world, and that they have every warrant to claim both our sympathy and our support, our good will and regard, as valued, and valuable, and industrious workers in the great social hive. Let us hope we have heard the last of Servian injustice and Roumanian cruelties to the Hebrews, and that we may live to learn to boast in this epoch of light and liberty that we persecute no one for conscience sake, much less for religion's sake.

MASONIC AMENITIES.

We are sorry to note how very abusive and unbrotherly Freemasons are when they once get into print. What is that peculiar power, or, (if we may so say), temper of publicity which continually renders us uncourteous and inconsiderate, unkind and unfair to others? Curiously enough, Freemasons, who are always preaching, or, as some one has said sneeringly, "spouting" brotherly love, seem sometimes in print the most censorious of critics, the most bitter of writers, and the most violent of opponents. Put a pen in the hand of a brother and give him space in our columns, and set him out and up with the "clearness of type," and there seem no limits sometimes to the causticity of his criticisms, no measure to the violence of his remarks, (not unfrequently libellous), upon others, whom he terms in lodge "his brethren in Masonry." Why is this? Whence this sad contrast between profession and practice? this abject parody on the whole kindly teaching and temper of our friendly, and fraternal, and considerate, and courteous Order? We suppose that it can only be attri-

buted to the abiding weakness of our "poor humanity," and as Masons are only mortals, and mortals are always weak and erring, so the weakness and errors of our common nature remain the unvarying heritage of Masons as well as others. Otherwise we do not profess to understand it. It, no doubt, constitutes a great scandal to our Order, and is too often made use of as a handle, especially by the ignorant and weak-headed, against the use of Masonry in general, as an argument against its "outcome" in particular. We are always sorry when we note a spirit of personality creeping into our columns, and we have sought, and we venture to think not unsuccessfully, to keep the *Freemason* clear from language which is offensive, and open attack, or veiled insinuation, which are derogatory to our profession and practice as Freemasons. At the Antipodes we note that in the heat of Masonic controversy sad words are used, and most un-Masonic expressions run current. One brother calls an opponent a "Thug," and the other brother retorts by calling his assailant a "cur." And so it goes on until the outer world, if they judge of Freemasonry by rival editors or antagonistic papers, by Masonic Pottses or Sturks, must begin to think Freemasonry a great humbug altogether, to be sick of its tinsel and its speeches, its many professions of charity and brotherly love, and yet its undeniable proofs of "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness." We trust, however, that all such episodes and facts are but exceptions, and passing "little notes in the glorious sunbeam of Freemasonry," and that its really beneficent principles and noble works will yet convince the world that however here and there we prove that as Masons we are always only mortals after all at the very best, we have a right to be proud of our excellent, and admirable, and really beneficial and charitable Brotherhood.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

PROVINCIAL OFFICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to interpose in this controversy, which seems to have originated again in Hampshire, and in which a good deal of personal feeling is clearly mixed up, to say that I, for one, greatly deprecate these reiterated complaints of "vaulting ambition." There is a "craving" for rank just now "afloat" amongst us, which seems to portend great mischief to Freemasonry unless timely checked, and from some experience I feel sure that I am right in saying that it is both unmeaning and un-Masonic in the highest degree. In the exercise of their little yearly patronage our Provincial Rulers are often sorely tried by the claims of some who have no warrant to ask for provincial office, and yet feel themselves sorely aggrieved if they are passed over. If in the recent correspondence about Hampshire there is intended to be read a covert attack on the ruler of that province, all I can say is, that I am very sorry Hampshire Masons have nothing better to write about in your well filled columns.

"Delete," Bro. Editor, "Delete," and oblige yours fraternally,

AN OLD PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having carefully read the correspondence which has appeared in your columns relative to the distribution of Masonic honours in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I should like to offer a few comments thereon, in the hope of convincing the writers of these annual epistles to the *Freemason* how purely imaginary their grievances are.

"An Old P.M." evidently thinks that provincial honours ought to be distributed in equal proportions to all the lodges in rotation; but it is difficult to see the equity of such an arrangement. Provincial honours, to be worth anything, should only be given in recognition of Masonic ability or as a reward for distinguished services rendered to the Craft; and a careful analysis of the list of honours which have been conferred in the Province of Hampshire during the past ten years clearly shows that not a little discrimination and judgment have been displayed in awarding them. An impartial examination will convince any one that they have been invariably given for one of three reasons.

1. That the lodge is a large supporter of the Masonic Charities; 2. That it is numerically very large; or, 3. That some individual brother has shown himself to be possessed of conspicuous ability and devotion to the cause of Freemasonry which claims special recognition.

Take the lodges to which "An Old P.M." takes exception. To begin with Southampton, the three principal

lodges of that town represent no less than 233 votes for the two principal Masonic Institutions (I include individual subscribers in this calculation). This represents an amount of self-denying labour and liberality which is not easily computed. Is a lodge which has only fifteen or twenty votes (and there are several) to receive equal recognition in the distribution of provincial honours? Basingstoke, which has received six collars in ten years, is represented in the lists of the two Institutions by 100 votes; Aldershot by ninety-six; the Royal Sussex by seventy-one; the Portsmouth Lodge by sixty; Winchester by fifty-six; Fareham by forty-seven; and the Phoenix Lodge by forty-five. To Portsmouth Lodge, no doubt, a large share of honours has fallen; but it must be borne in mind that it is a very numerous lodge (with one exception only, making the largest return to Grand Lodge), and that prior to 1868 it received but scant recognition.

There is another reason why other lodges do not stand higher on the list, viz., the non-attendance of their more deserving members at Provincial Grand Lodge, which renders them ineligible to receive those marks of distinction which would otherwise be gladly bestowed on them. As a rule, those most clamorous for provincial honours are the least worthy to receive them, and it is positively sickening to hear of the number of aspirants for the "purple" who are continually obtruding their claims to recognition on the notice of the Provincial Grand Master.

In conclusion, let me express a hope that unless there is some more worthy reason than that assigned by "An Old P.M." to be alleged against the preponderance of provincial honours in particular lodges we shall hear no more of the matter.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
Sept. 8th, 1879. A JUNIOR WARDEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with the remarks of your Southampton correspondent, that the R.W.P.G. Master has a very difficult duty to perform in distributing the collars, and it cannot be expected that he is personally acquainted with the merits of the brethren forming the various lodges under his banner; he is, therefore, necessarily greatly dependent on the recommendations of his officers, and as he probably keeps no list of the honours he bestows from year to year, he would not notice that certain lodges get the lion's share. Let this be as it may—one thing is certain, the province is far too large, and it would conduce greatly to its prosperity if measures were taken to obtain a division. With regard to the social status of the brethren, so long as they are in reputable circumstances (and if they are not they should not be admitted as Masons) their rank or station in the outer world should not be considered, for we are taught that "he who is on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be equally deserving of honour and esteem with the one who is on the highest." It will often happen that the recipient of honour belongs to more than one lodge, but as a rule, brethren send in their names in connection with the one they are most actively connected with.

The lodges that are not in active work, and those which have been recently constituted, I specially marked to shew a reason for their not receiving honours.

The Hengist Lodge in 1876 received a Grand Director of Ceremonies' collar, and I find I have inadvertently put it in the next column, thus showing on the table thirteen Grand Superintendents of Works, and only eleven Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

If the P.G. Chaplain refers to my letter, he will find I have not said one word against the recipients of the honours—I do not doubt for a moment that they are quite deserving of them; but in his letter he, perhaps unintentionally, casts a slur upon members of the lodges that have been passed over, by remarking, "It is not so much the number of the lodges in the province as the quality of the respective members of the lodges," thus implying that these unfortunate lodges have few if any deserving brothers connected with them. Whether the word "quality" is to be understood to apply to their social position or their Masonic merits he does not say (and one of the great principles of Masonry being equality, money bags should not be allowed to count), but in either sense I can affirm, from my own personal knowledge of many of the lodges in question, and of a large number of the brethren (of good social position) connected with them, that our beautiful ritual is most ably carried out by the officers, that the Charities are liberally supported, and that many of the brethren are thoroughly good working Masons, deserving honours they may never hope to receive under existing circumstances. These are facts which the publication of my name cannot in any way alter.

With reference to the suggestion of a P.P.G. Officer to make the collar of the P.G. Treasurer available, I think this would only be as a drop in the ocean, and go a very small way towards improving our position, and our present P.G. Treasurer is a good working Mason, whose happy-looking face and genial manners I for one should greatly miss at our meetings. Our best remedy is division.

As Stewards are not entitled to wear the purple, or to rank as Past Officers after their year of office, the appointment is not valued as it would be if they were (and as it is in the Mark, &c.).

I did not say the collar subjected them to annoyance from the rest of, but from the jests of, their brethren.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
AN OLD P.M.
[Surely it is time this correspondence ceased.—Ed. F.M.]

MASONRY AND TAPESTRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Cambrian Archaeological Society made Welchpool and its neighbourhood the scene of their annual

meeting, and their last day's excursion (August 30th) included the inspection of Montgomery Castle, &c. About half-a-mile further on is a magnificent old timbered black and white house called "Lymore," which, after the destruction of the Castle in 1649, was made the residence of the Lords Herbert of Chisbury, the ancestors of the present Earl of Powis, the now owner, and it contains many well preserved hangings of tapestry. The finest specimen represents the "Visit of the Queen of Sheba to our Grand Master King Solomon." The figures in the foreground are nearly life size, and two of them are boldly depicted as embracing as Master Masons. The date of the tapestry is 1556, and evidently was removed from Montgomery Castle.

Can any brother give any further information of tapestry having so marked an intimation of our aporetta?

D. P. OWEN,
P.M., P.Z. 998.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, 1839.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to call your attention to a clerical error in your otherwise faithful record of the proceedings on this occasion. You state Bro. Joseph Woolley, W.M. designate, was installed, &c., but omitted my surname—Brooke.

As my friends may not recognise me when shorn of my principal cognomen, I shall be obliged by your kindly correcting the omission.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. W. BROOKE,
W.M. 1839.

34, Chryssell-road,
Brixton-road, S.W.
September 6th, 1879.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

I am very delighted to inform the Craft through the medium of the *Freemason* that another old and valuable Masonic MS. has been traced, this time the fortunate finder being a most painstaking and intelligent Masonic student, Bro. W. Fred Vernon, P.M., &c., of Kelso, Scotland. For years I have, with others, endeavoured to find out if there were any versions of the "Old Charges" at Melrose, but I have utterly failed to do so, all enquiries ending with the same negative result, though I felt sure it was most likely one or more existed there somehow or other. Bro. Vernon has just communicated to me the pleasing intelligence that he has found one at last, after many trials, and so naturally it will be designated

THE MELROSE MS.,

it being in the archives of the ancient lodge which assembled in Melrose for centuries. The beginning of the MS. is, as usual, an invocation to the Trinity. Of its general character Bro. Vernon had not time to make sure, but at the end of the MS. is the following:—

"Be it known to all men to whom these presents shall come that Robert Winchester hath lawfully done his dutie to the science of Masonrie, in witness whereof I, John Winchester, his Master Free Mason, have subscribit my name and sett to my mark, in the year of our Lord 1581, and in the raing of our most Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, the (22) year."

For the time then we put it down to 1583. On the margin is a note to this effect, "Extracted by me, A. M., upon the 1, 2, 3, and 4 dayes of December, Anno MDCLXXXIII," but it is evidently a copy of an older MS. I await impatiently for any further details, and have at once sent word to Bro. Vernon of the importance of his discovery, in which, as my able co-labourer, I feel certain Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford will most gladly join.

I trust the ancient lodge will afford Bro. Vernon every opportunity and facilities for his researches, and we have all full confidence in his ability to do full justice in the matter.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

WILLIAM PRESTON'S INITIATION.

In answer to "Masonic Student" I have to report that at present it is not possible to state exactly when Preston was initiated, as the dispensation was acted upon before the constitution of the lodge, but it is quite evident that he received the light between March and April 20th, 1763, or in other words, as the dispensation was agreed to on the 2nd March, to continue in force for "the space of thirty days," it is most likely the initiation took place in March, 1763. I think it probable that too much stress has been laid upon the order of the list of members of Lodge, No. 111, "Ancients," under date 1st June, 1763, and for the reasons stated very clearly in a letter received from our able Bro. Gould, as follows:—

"It must be recollected that the memoir in the 'Freemasons' Magazine' of 1795 was professedly compiled by his friend (and brother P.M. of Lodge *Antiquity*) Stephen Jones, Preston himself being at the time a contributor to the journal in question, and there can be no doubt he inspired, if indeed he did not actually write, this article. The entry in the books of Grand Lodge (Register of Lodges, vol. 4, letter D) proves, I think, that Bro. Loch-head having used his dispensation to good purpose, the brethren gathered together under his provisional authority, were constituted as a lodge on April 20th, 1763. Preston's position on the 11st (*twelfth*) might indicate that ten members of the new lodge had met under the dispensation before Preston and the first initiate were admitted. I am disposed, however, to attach no importance to the order in which the names appear. The three first on the roll were Wm. Leslie, Charles Holden, and John Irwin."

I have preferred giving the exact words of Bro. Gould on the subject, and feel glad that the letter of "Masonic Student" has called forth this second communication from the author of the "Four Old Lodges" respecting William Preston, and as we have now before us the latest known facts, we shall not fail in thanking Bro. Gould for his valuable information.

W. J. HUGHAN.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

E. Sir Knt. Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, has forwarded to me a copy of the proceedings of that body at the twenty-eighth annual convocation, held at Allentown, in May last. One cannot but be struck by the extent of labour involved in the compilation of such a report, consisting of no less than 232 pages, and by the excellence and care displayed both in its preparation and printing. The R.E. Grand Commander in his annual report alludes to the pilgrimages of some of the knights to Europe last year, and says, "from the glowing accounts received from the individual members who participated in the pilgrimages they must have had an enjoyable time, and created a favourable impression abroad of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania." The Grand Recorder in his report also alludes to the pilgrimage, and says, "the most unbounded hospitalities were extended by all, and the warmest, heartiest welcome awaited them wherever they went;" and then he gives a number of names of brethren who were prominent in extending hospitalities. After the installation of the new R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knt. John P. S. Gobin, he delivered an elaborate address, which is printed *extenso*. In the course of his remarks he said: "An examination of the basis of the charters of the York Masons reveals the facts that they are imbued with the spirit of the first Christian communities, whose members having separated themselves from those who were animated by totally different feelings, had surrendered themselves to such apostolic teaching as might present to them the pure doctrines of the new faith. The fraternal and uniformly equitable principles of the ancient laws of the Roman colleges were very intimately known to those who presented the primitive doctrine of Christ. The teachings of the Hermit School, the most prominent instructors at that time in the doctrines of the new faith in Great Britain, were found by the assembly of Freemasons, convened at York, so identical with the principles professed by them and their predecessors for nearly five hundred years that they did not deem it necessary to envelope such teachings in new forms. On the contrary, in forming the constitution they based it on the ancient humanitarian principles which were in entire harmony with universal morality, and in entire conformity with the early Christian doctrine." As usual, Bro. Meyer's report on correspondence is framed with great perspicuity, and the skill with which he has picked out the salient points and given a connected form to the whole is worthy of every commendation. It is a department in which our eminent brother excels. The address of the Great Prior of Canada, Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, is noticed at great length, and long extracts are given from it, the Grand Recorder justly saying that it is "very interesting and ably written." It is to be regretted that some better understanding cannot be come to between the Great Priory of Canada and the Grand Encampment of the United States on the question of equality of status. The practice of frequent appearances in public in the uniform of the Order manifestly leads to difficulties, and I notice that Grand Masters of several districts have been compelled to interfere and forbid the promiscuous wearing of Templar clothing. In this respect unquestionably our strict English rules are to be preferred. Amongst other items worthy of notice is the gift by the Grand Commandery of Mississippi of a "Templar medal of silver," to be worn by the best scholar in the Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum. The Secretary of the Asylum reports that the medal has excited the greatest ambition amongst the children, and has produced the best results. Might not the Great Priory of England take a hint from this and give a decoration to be competed for by the pupils of our Boys' and Girls' Schools? There are numberless items of interest to be culled from this cheerful volume which will well repay perusal. Its frontispiece is a portrait of Past Grand Commander S. B. Dick, and a very good likeness it is. Sir Knight Dick brought to me a letter of introduction from Sir Knight C. E. Meyer, and I was privileged to spend a few hours in his company a few weeks ago, and to show him some of the archaeological curiosities of our ancient city. May the Masonic cord across the Atlantic be for ever strengthened.

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

York.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

In reply to Bro. Hughan Lodges Nos. 637-40, of the 1792-1813 numeration, are placed by me at 1812 because no other date is assigned them in any official list published prior to 1815, and a deviation on my part from the figures exhibited in the "Freemasons' Calendar" would have changed the *reprint* I professedly appended to the "Four Old Lodges" into a fanciful production of my own.

I think it more than probable Bro. Hughan is quite right in lowering the seniority of the lodges in question to 1813, though as the 1813 edition of the Calendar (like all the rest) was prepared before the close of the preceding year, it is fairly possible that Nos. 637-40 were constituted in the interval between the publication of the Calendar and the end of 1812? Referring to my notes, I find that No. 636 was constituted on the 12th February, 1812, but the seniority of Nos. 637-40 I have no memorandum of.

I am much obliged to Bro. Hughan for pointing out my inadvertency (in the prefatory remarks to the 1748 list) in alluding to present No. 67 as the then No. 165, instead of No. 185. In giving, as I have attempted to do,

full descriptions—viz., number, name, locality, and date of constitution—of more than three thousand lodges, together with nearly two thousand additional numbers by way of marginal reference, it is matter of certainty that some mistakes must have occurred, but I shall be very thankful to have them noticed, and am sanguine enough to believe that none of real consequence will be detected.

R. F. GOULD.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

An inquest was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Liverpool, before Mr. Clark Aspinall, coroner, on the body of Bro. Samuel Porter, forty-nine years of age, a pilot in the service of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, who lived at 35, Kemble-street, Liverpool. The deceased was one of a number of pilots on board No. 9 pilot boat, which was cruising on the second Hoylake station on Tuesday afternoon. According to the statement of William Davies, a pilot, it appeared that the deceased was fishing on board the boat, and Dr. Henry George Samuels, of Shaw-street, Liverpool, who had been shooting gulls, was sitting on a seat on the starboard quarter, close to Porter. The boat was rolling considerably. Dr. Samuels had his gun in his hands, pointing over his left arm out to sea, over the boat's quarter. The hammer was down. The doctor had his toe against a "bit" to prevent his slipping off the seat, but the boat gave a heavier roll than before, and he fell forward off the seat. In his fall the gun went off, and the deceased said he was shot. Witness then noticed that Porter's right knee was injured. Dr. Samuels did all he could for the deceased after the accident, and remained with him till he was placed in the Northern Hospital at Liverpool the same night. William Crane, the pilot who was in charge of the boat, said that Dr. Samuels went out with them for a sail at his invitation. The boat was four miles outside the bar lightship at the time of the accident, and was sailing about two miles an hour. Dr. Samuels said that the accident took place exactly as described by the witnesses, and was entirely owing to his being thrown from his seat. The hammer was down, as he had finished shooting. He felt very seasick, or he should have gone below at once and taken off the cap. He held the gun so that it could not possibly have done any mischief but for the sea unexpectedly causing him to fall forward. The deceased's right leg was much shattered, and only amputation could save him. Dr. Batty, of the Northern Hospital, stated that the injured man's leg was amputated. He died from the injuries on Wednesday afternoon. The Coroner, addressing the jury, observed that nothing could be more painful to all parties concerned than an accident of this nature. Naturally, the severity of the shock fell chiefly on the domestic circle, but, outside the family, probably no one could have felt more keenly or regretted more bitterly the occurrence than did Dr. Samuels. For his own part he felt, personally, and he was sure the jury would all feel not only great sympathy with the family, but also a large amount of sympathy with the doctor in his painful position, as having been in a certain sense the innocent cause of such a fearful calamity. The Foreman, after consultation with the jury, said they were agreed that the deceased came by his death through a pure accident, and they deeply sympathised both with his family and the doctor. The Coroner requested the brother of the deceased to convey to the widow the expression of sympathy from the jury and himself, and added that he hoped something would be done in the way of provision for the wife and family bereft by the accident.

The mortal remains of the deceased were interred in Anfield Cemetery, near Liverpool, last Sunday morning, and the extremely melancholy nature of the fatal occurrence, coupled with the fact that he was very greatly and generally respected in the service, led to the attendance of an immense concourse of people. The deceased was connected with the Masonic body, having been initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 673, in the year 1865, and he was also a prominent member of the Orange fraternity, occupying, before his death, the office of Master of the Pride of Liverpool Lodge, No. 248, which holds its meetings at the Conservative Association Rooms, Prescott-street. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, being connected with the St. John's Chapter, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. These Orders were very numerously represented yesterday, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by those attached to the fraternities. About 100 pilots connected with the port were present, and the concourse of persons in the cemetery must have numbered upwards of 2000. The funeral cortège, which included three mourning coaches (containing the relatives of the deceased) and about twenty private conveyances, followed by the Masonic and Orange representatives, left the late residence of the deceased, 35, Kemble-street, shortly after eight o'clock, and proceeded to the cemetery, where the interment took place about half-past nine o'clock. Amongst the Freemasons connected with St. John's Lodge present were Bros. Brackenbury, W.M.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; R. Pearson, P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; H. Nelson, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M. H. Burrows, P.M.; L. Herman, S.W.; G. Godfrey, S.; J. Atkinson, W. Matthews, C. Jacobs, G. Nixon, J. Roberts, Bebington, W. Crane, J. Lolly, Bevan, J. Black, W. Corfield, J. Purvis, T. Garrett, W. E. Morton, T. Holden, M. de Goites, W. Reine, T. Bowker, R. Whitehead, T. Whiteside, J. H. Jones, D. Lowry, R. Rowsthorne, J. W. Lowndes, and others. The representatives of other Masonic lodges included Bros. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; C. Campion, 1609; S. K. Gardham, 1035; Gee, Anderson, J. F. Lloyd, 1675; R. Leigh, 1356; W. Long, 1356; J. Beattie, 1086; K. Parry, 1086; W. Jones, 594; H. Wilson, 1182; T. Lewis, 1356; J. Bradshaw; R. Ashford, 1182; Dr. Hughes, 220; D. Ritchie, 1182; E.

Griffiths, 724; T. S. Williams, 1086; H. Parry, 1086; R. Foote, Secretary 1505; J. Pendleton, 724; J. Horner, 1356; W. Andrews, 1356; Gordon, 724, and others. Many of these brethren are pilots, and amongst the Orange representatives, who appeared in their regalia, were Bros. J. Ballard, P.G.S. (No. 2 district); W. Magee, W.D.M.; F. Morgan, D.S.; T. Gee, D.D.M.; G. M' Coy, Treasurer 248; R. Jervis, G.T.; G. Gordon, 57, and others. The general company also included Capt. Scott, Master of No. 9 pilot boat (with which the deceased was connected); Mr. J. Pritchard, Master of the Waterloo Dock; Mr. W. Brewer, steam pilot; G. T. Lunt, and others. The funeral service in the chapel, which was densely crowded, and also at the graveside, was conducted by the Rev. Isaac Holmes, Chaplain of the Kirkdale Industrial Schools, and clergyman of the cemetery. The members of the Orange body, who had gathered in a circle round the last resting place of their brother, afterwards paid their last sad tribute of respect to his memory; and after the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" had been sung, Mr. W. H. Smith, connected with the Protestant Reformation Society, addressed a few practical words to the assembled brethren.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, having been appointed to the vicarage of Wimbish, Essex, the Marquis of Exeter has nominated the Rev. John Lindsay to the vacant rectory, to which he was instituted on Friday, the 5th inst.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland, Thirty-third Degree, held on the 8th inst., presided over by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., III. Bro. S. Constantine Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, S.C., was admitted to the Thirty-third Degree as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the West Indies.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held under the banners of lodges Nos. 281, 1051, 1353, and 1561, in the Winter Gardens at Morecambe, on Wednesday, the 1st October. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, is expected to preside, and it is thought that the holding of the lodge at this attractive watering place will induce a large number of the Craft to be present.

CORINTHIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1382.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bros. R. P. Tate, S.D. 862, W.M.; H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541, S.W.; J. S. Brown, 862, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. McCulloch, 1541.
2nd " ... " Kearney, 1541.
3rd " ... " Gush, I.G. 1541.
4th " ... " Abell, W.M. 1509.
5th " ... " Long, P.M. 435.
6th " ... " Brown, 862.
7th " ... " Thompson, 862.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. Vizzard, 1472.
2nd " ... " Marston, P.M. 1599; S.W. 55-
3rd " ... " Fox, 201.
4th " ... " Hallam, sen., S.W. 1349-
5th " ... " Stacey, P.M. 180.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. Larching, J.W. 1541.
2nd " ... " Snelling, 180.
3rd " ... " Hallam, jun., 218.

Bro. W. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

The annual communication of the Province of North and East Yorkshire is announced to be held at the Guildhall, York, on Wednesday next. The programme of the proceedings includes a procession to the cathedral and a special service, with collection for the Masonic Charities and the Minister Restoration Fund, a banquet at the Defrey Rooms at five o'clock, to be followed by a conversation, to which ladies will be admitted. The meeting is held under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and its members are sparing neither pains nor expense to render the meeting an event to be long remembered. Remembering the success which attended the reception of the American Masons last year by this active and prosperous lodge we can have no doubt of the success of their efforts on the present occasion.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday announces that the Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon Captain Lord William Beresford, of the 9th Lancers, whose claim has been submitted for her Majesty's approval, for gallant conduct in having at great personal risk, during the retirement of the reconnoitring party across the "White Umvolosi River," on 3rd July last, turned to assist Sergeant Fitzmaurice, 1st Battalion 24th Foot (whose horse had fallen with him), mounted him behind him on his horse, and brought him away in safety under the close fire of the Zulus, who were in great force, and coming on quickly. Lord William Beresford's position was rendered most dangerous from the fact that Sergeant Fitzmaurice twice nearly pulled him from his horse.

The well-known Parsee philanthropist, Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, C.S.I., has given 20,000 rupees towards the establishment of a medical college at Ahmedabad, to be called after him. The same gentleman gave 40,000 rupees for a similar institution at Poonah.

L'Allegro, an experienced provincial journalist who has honestly earned a good reputation in the literary world as a writer of numerous popular serial stories, has ready for publication a series of novelettes entitled "Newspaper Romances."

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LOYALTY LODGE (No. 1607).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Palace on Saturday last, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Webb, W.M., when a large and influential body of Freemasons assembled to do honour to the installation of Bro. C. J. Perceval, V.P. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the auditors on the financial position of the lodge, which is eminently satisfactory, was received and adopted. Bro. Webb then, addressing the lodge, said that he felt it to be his duty before he vacated the chair to return his best thanks to Bro. Brown, P.M., for the able assistance which Bro. Brown had rendered him during his year of office, without which assistance he (Bro. Webb) felt that he would not have been able to perform his duties in so satisfactory a way as could be desired. He, in conclusion, invested Bro. Brown, P.M., with the collar of I.P.M. for the ensuing ceremony. Bro. Brown briefly acknowledged the compliment which the W.M. had paid him. The W.M. next recited the usual address to the brethren in relation to the annual election of a Master. The I.P.M. then presented Bro. C. J. Perceval, V.P., as W.M. elect, who, having signified his acquiescence in the regulations laid down in the Book of Constitutions (recited to him by the Secretary), was then obligated as W.M. elect. By direction of the W.M., the officers of the lodge vacated their chairs, which were then assumed by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creton, as S.W.; and C. Lacey, Prov. Grand Officer Herts, as J.W.; Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. Officer Herts, acting as Director of Ceremonies. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the D.C. having presented the W.M. elect for the benefits of installation, he was duly obligated, and thereafter installed by Bro. Webb into the chair of K.S. with the usual solemnities. The Board having saluted the new W.M., was declared closed, and the remainder of the brethren being re-admitted the ceremony was completed. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. Legge, P.M., S.W.; Bredel, J.W.; Brown, P.M., Treasurer; Newton, P.M., Secretary; Knill, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Carr, I.G.; Newham, W.S.; Roberts, D.C.; and Verry, Tyler. The manner in which the entire proceedings were conducted reflected the highest credit on all concerned. The working of the ritual by Bro. Webb left nothing to be desired, while the well known ability of Bro. Terry as a D.C. ensured the proper marshalling of the brethren under his guidance. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer; R. H. Blatchford, W.M. 1196; E. W. Braine, P.M. 1471; J. Miller, 174; Jas. Freeman, W.M. 1426; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; Thos. Hamer, S.D. 1426; A. E. Gladwell, J.W. 172; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; G. H. Stephens, 1623; Thos. G. J. Barnes, P.M. 933; F. Breuer, 204; Charles Searell, P.M. 1382; S. T. H. Seddon, W.M. 174; Thos. Blaiter, 804; C. Lacey, P.G.D. Herts; J. Egan, P.M. 453; G. C. Coles; W. D. Hodges, 1287; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary R.M.I. Girls; F. Binckes, Secretary, R.M.I. Boys; James Terry, Secretary R.M. Benevolent Institution; H. Corlett, 620, (I.C.); W. D'Oyley; M. L. R. Duquenois, 1475; Morgan; Stevens; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (Freemason). The lodge having been closed in customary form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a repast embracing all the delicacies of the season was provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and appeared to be fully appreciated by the brethren, for the evening was far advanced before the servants left the room. As soon as this had been effected the chairman proceeded to propose the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He first gave "The Queen and the Craft," and said: I will not try to do that in which all others have failed, viz., to add one iota to the loyalty with which this toast is received. He then gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

M.W.G.M.," and in doing so said: But few more words are required of me on this toast, therefore I will content myself with saying that which you all know, that he is a thorough Englishman and gentleman, and while condescending and affable to those beneath him, none know better than he how to maintain the dignity and position of the heir to the throne of the grandest empire in the world. The Chairman: The next two toasts, on account of the shortness of time, I will combine in one. They are "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Brethren, those who have had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge know how well the work is carried on there. Nobody could possibly fill the Prince of Wales's chair, in his absence, better than the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. As for the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, he is always doing good somewhere. As regards the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, they are too well known to you all to require any words from me. We had one of the Grand Officers here to-night, who, I regret to say, on account of illness at home, has been unable to remain, and has begged me to ask you to accept his excuses. That brother is the Grand Treasurer, so well known to you in connection with the Charities, no assembly for work in connection with those Charities appearing to be complete without the presence of Col. Creton. (Hear.) Bro. Webb, I.P.M.: Brethren, for the first time in my Masonic career a very pleasing duty devolves upon me as the youngest initiated Past Master. I have in my office of I.P.M. to propose "The Health of our Newly-Installed W.M.," and in doing so it becomes me to speak with the highest praise of him. It is pretty well known that the Worshipful Master gives much of his time and his means in the service of Freemasonry (hear); and I think we all feel assured that under his direction this lodge cannot fail of success. Brethren, I have not the gift of speech-making, and if I had, I am sure no long speech is needed from me to call upon you to drink to the health of the W.M. The W.M. in reply said: Immediate Past Master and brethren, I hardly know how to find words to express my thanks. Bro. Webb's proposal has been received with such tokens of approval that I hope I have deserved something of them. I consider that I am an extremely fortunate W.M. I come into office supported on my left by three Past Masters who cannot be excelled in Craft working, and besides, I have for my S.W. a brother who has already passed the Master's chair, and whose work in this lodge has been such that should I ever require support I shall not have to look to him for it in vain. For my J.W. I have one who has been in that office for six months, owing to the unfortunate circumstance of one of our brethren having been taken from us. Owing to the peculiarity of the regulations of the lodge I could not advance him to the Senior Warden's chair, though what he has done during the time he has been in office leaves nothing to be desired. Well, brethren, I suppose I must say something about myself. I have been six-and-twenty years a Mason, the first twenty-two years of that period were spent abroad. I never aspired to office until I came back to this country. Since I have taken office, since I have been affiliated by my friend and brother, Bro. Newton, I have continually endeavoured to do my duty to the Institutions; I have initiated two of my sons into Freemasonry, and I am sure they will turn out good men and true as long as they continue in Freemasonry, and if I had ten more I should introduce them also into Freemasonry. (Applause.) The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors." This is a toast which is not only well received in the Sincerity and Loyalty Lodges, but in every lodge in the kingdom. Nothing can improve Masons more than visiting from lodge to lodge, attending the different workings, and where there is anything better than their own working, copy, and if it is the other way leave it alone. We have several visitors here to-night (reading names from attendance book); I trust that though they have come to-day specially to be present at my installation they will come again. I call upon you to drink "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Binckes: Worshipful Master, whoever is the able and accomplished stage manager of this entertainment to-night I have to thank him for putting me into a chance of saying a word on a subject other than that on which I have generally to address my Masonic brethren. I have to tender to you, sir, to-night on behalf of the visitors their best thanks—I am sure they will allow me to say so—for the kindly greeting with which they have been received, and the magnificence with which they have been treated at your hospitable board. I have been under the impression that you had previously held supreme power in a Masonic lodge, but I learn that this is the first night of your advent to Masonic power. You have spoken in graceful language of the homage due to our Sovereign, and I could not help being reminded of the Prince of Wales's remarks upon the relation of loyalty and charity when I learned that in your position as Master of the Loyalty Lodge you are an illustration and exemplification of the Grand Master's sentiment, as you have already become a V.P. of the Charities. But I am, perhaps, travelling a little out of the record, and must not forget my task, which is to thank you for the very kindly reception we have met with to-night, not only at your hands but at the hands of your Past Masters and officers. The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M.," and said: If the I.P.M. felt pleasure in proposing my health, how much more must be my pleasure to propose his health, and present him at the same time with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Webb, allow me to place on your breast this P.M.'s jewel; it could not have a worthier resting place; and I trust that you may long have health and strength to wear it. Bro. Webb: Worshipful Master, I have to express my sincere thanks to you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and you, brethren, for the very kind manner in which you have

responded to it. I can assure you that my past career in the Craft has been marked by a desire to do my duty, and I trust I shall continue to do it in the future. Much as I prize this jewel you have placed on my breast, I prize much more the high opinion of the brethren. It is not the jewel, but it is the estimation in which one is held—in that sense, brethren, I assure you I thank you sincerely. If I have deserved your esteem I trust I shall never cease to deserve it, and this tangible mark of your approbation will ever serve to remind me of the happy hours passed in the Lodge of Loyalty. The W.M.: Brethren, the next toast on our list is "The Masonic Charities." We have had the company of the Secretaries of all three Charities this evening; one has been unfortunately obliged to leave, but there still remain two. On the merits of the Institutions I shall not enlarge, as our time is short, but I shall leave that duty to Bro. Terry, upon whom I will call to respond to the toast. Bro. Terry: Worshipful Master, brother Wardens, and brethren, in response to the toast you have proposed, permit me to tender you our very sincere thanks. Indeed (speaking for Bro. Binckes and Bro. Hedges), in this Lodge of Loyalty we know what you can do. Your new Treasurer, has, I believe, taken over £100 to the Boys' School; since then others have taken the position of Steward, and if I may instance only what your Junior Warden did this year, the Benevolent Institution had the benefit of his services, and the sum of £150 was brought up by him from this lodge. I have been to many lodges where a Master has been installed, but I may say that this is the first case in which a Master, before he has become one, has qualified himself as a Vice-President of all our Masonic Institutions. Brethren, you know what the Masonic Institutions have done, are doing, and have to do in the future. Bro. Terry continued that he did not suppose that the Institutions would ever have more money than they could do with, as there were always contingencies arising which absorbed surplus funds. He went on to remind them of the proposal now before the Craft for a fund to assist successful scholars to gain a position after leaving the schools, and objected that this was more than could be fairly demanded from the brethren, as many a man would be subscribing to the fund to the detriment of his own children. He hoped that the brethren would never let the subscriptions to the Institutions be placed at a disadvantage. He also noticed the proposal to increase the amount of the annuities granted by the Benevolent Institution, and believed that it would be far better to increase the number of annuitants than the amount of the annuities. Bro. Binckes desired to be allowed to say one word on the subject of the Pupil Assistance Fund. He wished every one to understand that it was not intended to be competitive with any fund for the Masonic Charities. The fund was intended to assist pupils of extraordinary attainments. There might be many cases in the Girls' School, with which he was not so well acquainted as with the Boys' School, where he knew boys who had proved themselves capable of attaining the highest positions in life; and when such talent forced itself upon the attention it appeared to him sad that there should be no fund which would enable the directors of the Institution to put the owners in the way of using those talents for their advancement in life. "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge" were also proposed from the chair, and duly responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. It may be mentioned that the songs to the toasts were all by members of the lodge, assisted by Bro. S. T. H. Seddon, W.M. 174, who most ably presided at the piano.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 1743).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday last, when, after performing one raising, one passing, and one initiation, the W.M., Bro. Louis A. Leins, P.M. Nos. 65, 1364, and 1471, installed Bro. Albert Barker as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremonies were assisted by the musical performances of Bros. H. Ashton, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. H. Ashton, and after the appointment of officers for the year the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a choice banquet. The musical menu after dinner contained a liberal collection of compositions, all of which were most beautifully rendered by the accomplished artists engaged. The services of Bro. Leins to the lodge during his year of office were acknowledged by a handsome presentation, and some very flattering observations by the incoming W.M. on his fluency and ability in the performance of the ceremonies and his hearty Masonic spirit in conducting the affairs of the lodge.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Newton, supported by Bros. Frampton, W.M. 94; Sharp, P.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; and Surtees, 94. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles William Huntly, a candidate for Masonry, and Bro. John George Lister, of St. David's Lodge, 366, as a joining member, who were declared duly elected. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom and solemn form. The brethren then retired for refreshment, when a very pleasing evening was spent.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., at 7.30, in the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. M. Frampton, supported by Bros. Lowes, P.M.; M. Douglass, P.M. 80; and Eggleston, 949. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Cowan, a candidate for the Second Degree, was then examined, and gave satis-

faction, and then retired to be prepared. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Cowan was admitted and made a Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed in the Second and then to the First Degree. No other business being before the meeting, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren retired to refreshment, when a pleasant evening was spent.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Towara-road, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. M. Watson, supported by Brs. Newton, W.M. 80; Douglass, P.M. 80; Frampton, W.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Wittle, W.M. St. Bede's, Jarrow; and Liddell, P.M. 949. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. D. M. Wake, a candidate for Masonry, who was declared duly elected. Bros. Punshon, Nasbet, and Singleton was then examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction. Mr. C. M. Wake was introduced and made an E.A. Mason. Mr. Huntley, a candidate for Masonry in St. John's Lodge, by the kind permission of the W.M., was introduced and made an E.A. Mason by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Bros. Nasbet, Punshon, and Singleton were admitted separately and made Fellow Craft Masons. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. A petition to the Grand Lodge was signed by the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. announced that the Grand Lodge had awarded to a brother of the lodge the handsome sum of £25. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It was stated by the W.M. that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Gateshead, on the 21st of October.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The W.M. of this lodge at its regular meeting last week received as visitors the W.M.'s of the neighbouring lodges of Clausentum and Albert Edward, with their P.M.'s and officers. The invitation happily coincided with a compliment paid by the lodge to several of its members who have lately been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the borough. The I.P.M., Bro. Phillips, Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, in proposing a vote of congratulation to these brethren on their promotion, pointed out that of the six brethren added to the borough commission, five were Freemasons, and of them four were members of this lodge, viz., Bro. W. Hickman, the W.M. of Lodge 1780, Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Past Master of the Royal Gloucester, 130, 394, and 1112 lodges, and late Mayor of Southampton; Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M. of the lodge, and present Mayor of Southampton; Bro. G. T. Harper, P.M. of the lodge and ex-Sheriff of Southampton; and Bro. W. A. Lomer, of this lodge and Lodge 1461. Some objection had been taken to the lodge passing votes of this kind, as not relating exclusively to Freemasonry; but he urged that since lodges frequently passed votes of condolence to brethren in times of trouble they might reasonably ask to be allowed to participate with them in their joys. He also submitted that promotions of this kind had an important influence on Masonry, as testifying that the brethren who held high office commanded the respect and confidence of the outside world, and that the influence they exercised in the social and municipal life of a town must be reflected on the lodges with which they were associated. The W.M., Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, having seconded a resolution embodying these sentiments, a P.M. of long standing in the lodge took exception to all these votes as not forming part of the business of Masonry, but rather going outside it, and proposed, as an amendment, that the proposition be not entertained by the lodge, but finding no seconder, and several speeches being directed against his view, he eventually said he was quite content to have entered his protest, the resolution being therefore carried unanimously. The compliment was acknowledged by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Thomas, the Mayor of the town, in felicitous terms, and the lodge, with its visitors, shortly afterwards adjourned to the banquet, following which the usual toasts were given, the D.P.G.M. responding to that of "The R.W. Provincial G.M. and his Deputy;" Bro. E. Booth, Past Prov. J.W., and Bro. Phillips, Prov. S.G.D., for "The Present and Past Officers of the Province." Bro. Hickman subsequently responded to the toast of "The Albert Edward Lodge," and taking up some incidental allusions of the last named speaker to the correspondence in the *Freemason* on the distribution of Prov. Grand Lodge honours, said he was constrained to say that he agreed very much with a recent contributor to the correspondence, the Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Nepean (a member, by the way, of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, beside one nearer his home in North Hants), that work must be the eventual passport to Prov. Grand Lodge honours, and that work steadfastly pursued would in the end receive its recognition, though, from the extent of the province, it was simply impossible to make awards which should with accuracy indicate the precise position attained by brethren in particular lodges as bearing upon the general interests of the province. From his knowledge of the difficulties of this subject he thought if "An Old P.M.," or any other brother, could but place himself for a short time in the position of the Prov. Grand Master his views in this matter would be considerably modified. Nor could any statistics of the distribution of honours be accepted as an infallible guide without a knowledge of the special circumstances of each case, and without remembering that lodges of modern date could not fairly be placed in any tabular statement alongside others which had been working for a century, more or less. Bro. Rosoman, of the Clausentum Lodge, also responded for "The Visitors," and was followed

by Bro. Chinterman, from a Bombay lodge, who, himself a Hindoo, temporarily residing in Southampton, at the last meeting of this lodge sat side by side with a Parsee, and was thus able practically to exemplify the universality of Freemasonry, and that it recognises no colour, creed, or caste as a special passport to its portals. The addresses of the evening were agreeably relieved by the performances on the harmonium of Bro. Robert Sharpe, P.M., whose treatment of that instrument is so masterly that, as the W.M. said, till he heard Bro. Sharpe play the harmonium he always regarded it as a kind of hurdy-gurdy. Bro. John Brown also gave some of his ever-welcome songs, and with other brethren materially assisted to make the gathering one of a truly fraternal and pleasant character.

MANCHESTER.—Galedonian Lodge (No. 204).—The first regular meeting of this lodge, after the vacation, was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; G. T. Mullock, S.W.; Wm. Bagnall, J.W.; Rev. Phillip Hains, Chap.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; Thomas Guest, S.D.; Jno. Sutcliffe, J.D.; Charles Duckworth, I.G.; John Roger Lever, W.M. 317, acting Org.; J. Tily, Tyler; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M.; R. Timperley, P.M.; A. Humphreys, P.M.; Jos. Sutcliffe, Wm. Grundy, Jno. Cliffe, Edmund Orrell, Thos. Shorrocks, P.M. 351; C. Stanley, and others. Visitors: Wm. Nicholl, J.W. 317; John Bollard, P.M. 126; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary, Bro. Spencer, also announced that the picnic which was organised in July had been a decided success, both financially and to the satisfaction of all present on the occasion. A ballot was taken for Bro. the Rev. Joseph Cater, Bridge-water, 1213, as a joining member, and unanimously declared in his favour. The W.M. then announced that their Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Phillip Hains) had kindly consented to give the brethren present an explanation of the First Tracing Board. Bro. Hains, who was received with applause by the brethren, then gave an elaborate explanation and lecture on the First Tracing Board, fully explaining and commenting on the various emblems, and on the morals to be drawn therefrom, to which the brethren listened with appreciative attention. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was proposed, thanking Bro. Hains for his kindness. The lodge was afterwards lowered to the First Degree. Bro. G. T. Mullock proposed, and Bro. William Bagnall seconded, a vote of thanks to the W.M. for so ably carrying out the arrangements for the picnic, which was carried. The W.M. in reply stated that in his opinion equal praise was due to Bro. Mullock and Spencer. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren afterwards assembled at the supper table, which had been substantially covered with the good things of this life under the able superintendence of Bro. Phillips, who is always most attentive and painstaking in his efforts to provide for the comfort of the brethren. On the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, Bros. Lever, Shorrocks, Spencer, and others materially contributing to it by a display of their vocal abilities. Before the brethren separated a message was received by the W.M. from Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.M., P.G. Org. E.L., or rather from one of the members of that worthy brother's household, to the effect that Bro. Robberds (who has been seriously ill for some little time past) was unfortunately slightly worse. All the brethren present received this news with sorrow, as Bro. Robberds is undoubtedly held in the highest esteem by the lodge and a large number of brethren throughout the province. Bro. John R. Lever rose and proposed that "The Health of Bro. Robberds" should be drunk, with earnest wishes for his recovery, and that the Secretary be requested to forward a letter of condolence expressing the sympathy of all the brethren present and their sincere wishes for his speedy return amongst them.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., in St. Stephen's School. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Eggleston, supported by Bros. Newton, W.M. 80; Mark Douglass, P.M. 80; and Frampton, W.M. 94. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Osborne was examined, and answered his questions satisfactorily, and then retired for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Osborne was then admitted and made a Fellow Craft Mason by the W.M. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" were given from Bro. Dolan, No. 11. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to refreshment, when a pleasant evening was spent.

MOSSLEY.—Prince Alfred Lodge (No. 1218).—On Saturday afternoon last, the 13th inst., a lodge of emergency was held at the Commercial Hotel, to initiate Mr. Fearns Eugene Albert Lawton, son of Bro. Joseph Fearns Lawton, P.M., as he is about to leave this country for Australia. There were also proposed for initiation at the same time Mr. William Edward Bailey, son of Bro. Dr. Bailey, P.M., and Mr. George Fearns Lawton, son of the late Bro. John Lawton, P.M. The lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bros. James Buckley, W.M.; J. E. Roberts, S.W.; John Buckley, J.W.; Robinson, S.D.; Stephenson, J.D.; and Wilson, I.G.; after which a note was read from Bro. J. F. Lawton, P.M., calling the emergency, which was ordered to be placed upon the minutes by the W.M. In each case the ballot was unanimous, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then vacated the

chair, which was afterwards occupied by Bro. Lees, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire, who initiated Mr. F. E. A. Lawton into our Order. Bro. J. B. Robinson, P.M. 295, 1013, P.Z. 1094, then took the chair, and admitted Mr. W. E. Bailey to a participation of our privileges. Not having met Bro. J. Robinson, P.M., in a Craft lodge for several years, it gave us great pleasure to again see him in the W.M.'s chair, and witness him work the ceremony (as taught by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement) with that correctness we frequently noticed in the early numbers of this journal. Bro. Lees, P.M., again took the chair, and admitted Mr. G. F. Lawton to the Degree of E.A. After the working tools had been explained, and the charge delivered, Bro. Lees, P.M., addressed the brethren. He said it had given him great pleasure to initiate two young gentlemen, who bore a name that was highly respected, not only in the Prince Alfred Lodge, but throughout the whole district. He had initiated, passed, and raised Bro. Joseph Fearns Lawton, and afterwards he installed him W.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge, and that day, in the same lodge, he had initiated his eldest son. He also initiated, and in due time installed Bro. John Lawton, and now he had in like manner initiated his eldest son. He had spent many happy evenings in the lodge, but in the future he should look back with the greatest pride and satisfaction on the proceedings of that day. Bro. Lees concluded by enjoining the candidates to be guided by the principles of Freemasonry in all their dealings in life, for they would not meet with anything in our ceremonies but what was calculated to make a man a good man, and a good man a better man. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and closed the lodge in due form. During the ceremony the music compiled for the use of the Merchants Lodge, 241, by Bro. J. H. Youngusband, P.M., P.Z., was used, and contributed greatly to the success of the ceremony, the choir being Bros. Stafford, P.M.; Taylor, T. H. Tanner, and J. W. Tanner, under the direction of Bro. Marsden, who presided at the piano-forte. The brethren then adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent repast was prepared by the host, Bro. Edward Nield. After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., acting as D.C. The musical brethren added much to the pleasure of the evening by singing a number of carefully selected songs and glees. There were many visiting brethren present from the adjoining provinces of West Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Cheshire, out of respect to the parents of the candidates, and to welcome into the Order another generation bearing their names.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The prosperity and perpetuity of this lodge seem to be pretty well established, judging from the large and most successful meeting which was held at the headquarters of the lodge, 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. Bro. Alfred Woolrich, who is deservedly popular with every brother, occupied the Worshipful Master's chair, and one of the "happy thoughts" of his year of office was put in force on this occasion, when he asked one of the Past Masters to give the Third Degree. The W.M. thus endeavours to excite a more general interest in the working of the ceremonies, and there is little doubt the experiment will be eminently successful. Amongst those present were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S.; J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; C. Arden, S.W.; James Keef, J.W.; Edward Paull, Treas.; E. George, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; C. Costigan, J.D.; J. Ashley, I.G.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. There were about 100 brethren of the lodge and visitors from other "fraternities" present, amongst the latter being Bros. Major G. Turner, P.M. 823, P.P.G. Treas.; Geo. Musker, W.M. 1182; Thos. Slater, W.M. 241; Thos. Evans, S.W. 1675; W. W. Thomas, S.D. 1570; Charles H. Duval, 139; Webster Williams, 1609; John Potter, 1182; W. Braithwaite, 473; J. Brotherton, 241; Jas. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609, and others. Bro. A. Woolrich, the W.M., opened the lodge in due form, and afterwards initiated five candidates in a highly effective manner, the initiates being Messrs. T. Shaw, S. Swift, T. Talbot, R. Jones, and S. Owen. After the W.M. had opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., who raised Bros. Hewitt and M'Innes to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive, complete, and thoroughly masterly style. The striking character of the ceremonies was greatly enhanced by the musical services of Bro. R. Burgess, Org. 1609, and Bro. T. S. Beswick. The brethren subsequently retired from labour to refreshment.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The usual convocation of this old chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 11th inst. After the chapter had been opened in due form by the Principals, the following companions were present:—Ex. Comps. Durkin, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, H.; T. Foxall, I.P.Z.; Scribe E.; E. Dodson, P.Z.; Stephens, P.Z.; Comps. F. Dunn, Scribe N.; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Strube, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Walker, Thurston, Lee, Jaccard, Potter (Janitor). Visitors: G. F. Smith, F. W. Clemow, and E. Salsca. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Lewcock, of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, and he was in due course introduced and exalted into the Royal Arch Degree, the lectures and addresses being given at length. This being election night, the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year with the following result:—Comps. Nunn, M.E.Z.; Lovett, H.; Dunn, J.; H. Lovegrove, N.; Salter, P.S.; Potter, Janitor. Comp. Webb, an old Past Principal, was re-elected Treasurer. After the transaction of some rou-

line business the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were given with great effect by the M.E.Z., who is equally skilful at labour and refreshment.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; D. W. Pearse, H.; and Thomas Massa, J., occupied the three chairs. There were also present Comps. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer; H. Phythian, S.E., P.Z.; W. Maple, S.N.; C. W. Gray, P.S.; J. Williams Sanders, 2nd Asst. S.; Frederic Davison, P.G.H. Middlesex, P.Z.; Wm. Kirby, W. Alfred Daws, W. G. Kentish, Col. James E. Peters, George Clark, A. W. Ducer, S. H. Wigglesworth, Don. M. Dewar, P.Z. 1194; G. A. Rook, H. 142; C. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E. 142; F. W. Levander, P.Z. 143; W. Ashwell, S.N. 1044; John James Slater, 1044; H. Edmonds, 192; C. G. Rushworth, 1503; J. A. Green, 975; and H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading of the correspondence, the companions proceeded to the election of Principals for the ensuing year. Comps. D. W. Pearse, H., was unanimously elected as M.E.Z.; Thomas Massa, as H.; Maple, J.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., S.E.; Gray, S.N.; Sanders, P.S.; H. G. Buss, Treasurer; and Gilbert, Janitor. There was no other work before the chapter, and Comp. H. C. Levander, Z., treated the companions to a new and original lecture on the Platonic Bodies and the Royal Arch Jewel, while Comp. Buss occupied the chair of M.E.Z. The learned lecturer, who had the assistance of some beautifully executed diagrams and models which had been prepared for the occasion by Comp. Thomas Massa, J., took the discourse of Plato on the four elements and the sphere of the universe, translated by him from the Greek expressly for the purpose of this lecture, and, fully explaining the angles and capacity of the geometrical bodies described by Plato, showed that the Royal Arch Jewel comprised the angles of the whole. At the conclusion of the lecture, which was most attentively listened to, votes of thanks, proposed by Comp. Buss, and seconded by Comp. Pearse, were unanimously passed to Comp. Levander for the lecture, and Comp. Massa for the diagrams and models; after which Comp. Levander acknowledged the vote of thanks to him, and stated that the usual lecture seeming to him imperfect, he had deemed it advisable at a leisure meeting like the present that the time of the companions should be profitably spent in considering the real substance of Royal Arch Masonry. He had, therefore, prepared the lecture just delivered, and, in answer to an observation by Comp. Pearse, that the companions would probably desire to have an opportunity of reading the lecture, said that he would consider of committing it to print. Comp. Buss then re-invested Comp. Levander as Z., and in proposing that a P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Comp. Levander on the occasion of his year of office terminating, reminded the companions that on the death of the late lamented Comp. John Boyd the difficulty the chapter had in finding at a moment's notice a companion fully competent to take his place, was overcome by Comp. Levander consenting to fill the gap for the year. The companions unhesitatingly adopted Comp. Buss's motion, and then closed the chapter. An elegant banquet followed, and the usual R.A. toasts were proposed. Comp. Buss replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," in proposing which Comp. Levander said that Comp. Buss was thoroughly esteemed by all the companions, and in return he held a thoroughly good feeling towards them, consequently there was a bond which drew them all together. Comp. Buss, in reply, said he had been exceedingly liberal that evening, and he was afraid that unless they increased their subscriptions he would not be able to do as much in future. However, he did the best he possibly could for them; the companions were very ready at paying their subscriptions, and the best return he could make was to ensure the companions' comfort and happiness. To the toast of "The Grand Superintendent of the Province of Middlesex, Col. Francis Burdett," Comp. F. Davison responded, and said he was sure it was with great regret that Col. Burdett was not able to be present. September was rather a bad month for Masonic meetings. He (Comp. Davison) had to give up a very agreeable meeting in the country in order to attend this chapter, but as he had not had an opportunity of meeting the companions of the Burdett Chapter before during the present year he resolved to come. Col. Burdett, as well as all companions interested in Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex, must be extremely gratified at the present meeting. It was the largest Royal Arch meeting that had been held in the province in September ever since the province first came into existence. It had given him (Comp. Davison) great pleasure to be present and hear the Most Excellent give the lecture he had given that day. It was the first time in his (Comp. Davison's) experience that such a lecture had been given. It was not only edifying but it was an immense advantage to those who belonged to Royal Arch Masonry, because there were many who joined Masonry who knew nothing about it, who wore a jewel, and could not explain the reason for its formation. The M.E.Z. had given a most intellectual lecture upon the Royal Arch Jewel, and he hoped that in consequence the companions would take a greater interest in Royal Arch Masonry than they had hitherto done. Comp. Davison next proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." After the manner in which Comp. Levander had occupied the chair of Z. of the Burdett Chapter the companions must appreciate him most highly. In all Masonic gatherings he was appreciated. It so happened that he and Comp. Levander met at many Masonic gatherings, and he was able to say that Comp. Levander thought a great deal of Masonry, and did not go to Masonic meetings just to eat a good dinner and to drink good wine. It was with pleasure, as

well as with pain, that he proposed this toast; with pleasure because he was happy to do honour to Comp. Levander; with pain because this was the last occasion on which Comp. Levander would preside at the festive board of the Burdett Chapter. The companions hoped that his chair would be occupied by one who would take as great an interest in the chapter as he had. No doubt it would, because when there was a good head ruling over a chapter or a lodge it was a great motive for his successor to try to do likewise. The companions would appreciate the toast, and would thank Comp. Levander for his lecture. It was the first time in his Masonic career that he (Comp. Davison) had witnessed anything of the kind, although his Masonic career had been a long one. He concluded by wishing Comp. Levander long life, health, and happiness. Comp. Levander, in reply, said it would be in the recollection of the companions that at the last installation meeting, owing to the sudden loss of Comp. Boyd, it was necessary to fill his place after he had been elected to the office of First Principal. He (Comp. Levander) was honoured by the choice of the companions falling upon him, and he thought it his duty to do all he possibly could in that position for the welfare of the Burdett Chapter and the interest of its several companions. It had just struck him that, perhaps, it would be rather a curious speculation to consider the origin of the lecture which he had had the pleasure to deliver, and, as far as he could, trace it back. It arose from a conversation he had had with Comp. Boyd, some three years' since, on a journey they had to Scotland, for the purpose of assisting in installing Col. Burdett in an office he now held in another Order of Masonry. Comp. Boyd and himself (Comp. Levander) were talking about the lecture usually given, and he told Comp. Boyd he thought a great improvement might be made in the mathematical part of it. Comp. Boyd told him that what he delivered as the lecture was what he had learned. Comp. Boyd asked him to write it down, which he did, and showed it to him. No doubt his (Comp. Levander's) letter accompanying the manuscript would be found among Comp. Boyd's papers. Comp. Boyd said he was perfectly satisfied with the emendations he (Comp. Levander) had made, but he (Comp. Boyd) had learned it in one particular way, and, of course, it could not be expected that he could get up another. That was the origin of making the alteration. He thought over it afterwards on several occasions, but he had not actually carried it out till lately. Some few months ago he thought that Royal Arch Masons ought to consider what were really the words of Plato, to which reference was made in that lecture, and for that purpose he read the dialogue. It was very long, very tedious, and very dry. Plato treated of almost every subject in the dialogue, but, of course, he (Comp. Levander) found special reference to that part of the dialogue with Timæus in which Plato treated of solids, and he (Comp. Levander) thought it might be necessary to lay before the companions the ideas of Plato about the creation of matter. He, therefore, determined to make a little addition to the lecture. When he considered further he thought some introductory matter was required to explain the ideas of Plato, and that brought in the first or mathematical portion. He had had no time to write it down till lately, in fact he did not write out the translation of Plato till Thursday, or the lecture till after tea-time on Friday; and though he had only intended originally to add a few lines to the lecture usually given, he found when he began to write that something arose which was different to what he before intended, and the companions, if they compared the lecture he had delivered with that ordinarily given, would not find twelve lines the same. He apologised to the companions, but though he did so he still felt he was justified in doing what he had done, and putting in the summons that it was "a new and original lecture." It had given him a great deal of pleasure to write the lecture; it had also given him a great deal of pleasure to have had the opportunity of reading it to the companions. What he was afraid of was, that there were some minds which would not take the same view of things which one did oneself. There might be some companions in the chapter who may have thought the lecture dry, uninteresting, and tedious; but if there were such, he could only say that he hoped they believed he wrote it with a view to improve the knowledge which Royal Arch Masons had of Royal Arch Masonry; and he also hoped that they would consider he was doing something for the welfare of the chapter on an afternoon when it appeared as if there was nothing profitably to employ their time. Not to say anything more on that subject he had now to thank the companions for the honour they had done him in appointing him to the chair of M.E.Z. of the Burdett Chapter, for their kindness to him during his year of office, and for the heartiness with which they had received this toast. Before sitting down he would propose "The Past Principals of the Burdett Chapter." He was very sorry to say that the list was incomplete. They had one or two columns to deplore the loss of—Comp. Little and Comp. Boyd—who had been taken from them by the ruthless hand of death. Col. Burdett was the first First Principal of the chapter. As before announced, that companion was not in the neighbourhood, or he would have been present; but there was one companion in the room who had passed the chair of the chapter, who was well known both in the lodges and chapters of the province, Comp. Davison, and with his name he would couple this toast. Comp. Davison, in reply, said he always had taken an interest in this chapter, and he hoped he always should do so. Although he could not always be with the companions, he would at least endeavour to be. "The Health of the Principals elect" was next given and drunk, and the toast was responded to first by Comp. D. W. Pearse, M.E.Z. elect. In replying, he said, in reference to Comp. Levander's lecture, that he hoped to see it in print, and then he trusted he should understand it. Although he followed it carefully, he did

not grasp the mathematical problems Comp. Levander elucidated. The companions had done him (Comp. Pearse) the honour of electing him as their chief for the coming year. He could not hope to emulate Comp. Levander in his lectures, but he would endeavour, if they would find him candidates, to exalt them in as able a manner as Comp. Levander did. Whatever office he might fill in the chapter he hoped he should always fill to the satisfaction of the companions. Comp. Thomas Massa, who also acknowledged the toast, said the lecture of the M.E.Z. had rather cleared his brain than otherwise, and he hoped it would be so found when he was installed in the chair of H. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comps. Massy and Hogard, both of whom hailed with satisfaction the somewhat novelty of a mathematical and geometrical lecture on Royal Arch Masonry in a chapter. Speaking in high terms of the ability displayed in the composition of the lecture, they hoped and expected that Royal Arch Masonry would be greatly benefited by the knowledge to be derived by the companions listening to such lectures. Comp. Buss, in replying to the toast of "The Treasurer," said that although the Burdett Chapter had excellent banquets, it nevertheless contributed to the Charities. He was not one of those who were always crying out that the money should be given to the Charities, and none spent on conviviality. He held that the Charities should not be forgotten, but he was also of opinion that if no money was spent on banquets the Charities would fare badly. It could not be said that Masons were forgetful of their duties when over £40,000 in one year was devoted to the three Masonic institutions. The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Mark Masonry

OLD BROMPTON.—United Service Lodge (No. 69).—The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Old Brompton, to elect a Master for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. Humphrey Wood. A ballot was taken for Bro. Vernon, 184, which was also unanimous. The lodge was opened and closed in a very able manner by Bro. C. Burley, W.M., and worthily was he seconded by his officers.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. R. Robinson, W.M.; W. F. Iamony, I.P.M. (*Freemason*); W. H. Lewtwaite, S.W.; Capt. Sewell, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; W. Shilton, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; T. Mason, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. After the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. C. H. McCall, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1102, which proving unanimous, he was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable Degree by the I.P.M., the new officers performing their work well. The lodge was then closed.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Conclave (No. 97).—An assembly of the above conclave for the enthronement of Sovereign, consecration of Viceroy, and investiture of officers for the ensuing year was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.; amongst the Sir Knights present being Henry Gribbin, M.P.S.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., D. Prov. Int. Gen., and D. Prov. G. Com.; M. E. Quayle, P.S., Prov. G. Harb.; J. T. Callow, P.S., P.G. Aide; J. C. Lunt, P.S. 97; R. Reader, S.G.; 77; W. S. Vines, Rec. 55; G. E. Hamner, P.S. 97. The usual business having been disposed of, the ceremony of enthronement and consecration was impressively worked by Em. Sir Knt. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., D. Prov. Int. Gen., &c., &c., the Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., being the newly-enthroned M.P.S., and Redman Lytham the newly-consecrated Viceroy. At the conclusion of the above ceremonies, the M.P.S. invested the following Sir Knights as his officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights H. H. Smith, Sen. Gen.; Jno. Oxford, Jun. Gen.; Em. Sir Knights J. C. Lunt, P.S., Treasurer; P. Thomas, R.C.; Robert Foote, High Prelate; B. Scott Riley, Prefect; F. Egerton Smith, S.B.; M. Williamson, Sentinel. The Sir Knights afterwards dined together, and separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

North Africa.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Lodge (No. 1717).—The annual meeting for the election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 6th inst. There was a large attendance of members. Amongst those present were W. Bro. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta, W.M.; Dr. Perini, as S.W.; G. Pentecost, as J.W.; M. Lumbroso, Sec.; A. Blanch, Treas.; Prof. Souiller, as D. of C.; V. Finzi, as S.D.; V. Memmi, as J.D.; J. Barsotti, L. Curletto, and C. Foggetta, Stewards; M. de Gallais, I.G.; J. Eymon, Tyler; W. Bro. J. E. L. Barker, W.M. No. 1835, and many of the officers and members of the William Kingston Lodge, at the Goletta, W. Bro. Dr. Mugnaini, 33°, Hon. I.P.M.; and as visitors, W. Bro. Prof. Vais, 33°, and Bro. Lumbroso, Consular Agent for Italy at Mehdia, who was initiated in 1841 in the earliest lodge established in this country. The D.D.G.M. explained to the brethren that having served as W.M. for two successive years he was no longer eligible, and that their beloved and popular

S.W., Bro. J. H. Stevens, acting British Consul General, declined candidature for the Eastern chair on account of his heavy official duties and his approaching departure from Tunis. He read a letter from Bro. Stevens (absent through indisposition) supporting the claim of the J.W., Bro. Perini, to the honour, in which recommendation the D.D.G.M. most cordially joined. Bro. Perini was then unanimously elected by ballot as W.M. of the Ancient Carthage Lodge for the year 1879-80. Bro. A. Blanch was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Professor Souiller, in the name of the members present, as well as on behalf of the brethren of the William Kingston Lodge, and the honorary members of No. 1717, in Malta, alluded in eloquent and laudatory terms to the able manner in which their excellent W.M. had discharged his arduous duties during the first two years of the existence of the lodge, and said they had unanimously resolved to mark his installation as R.W.P.G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, and his retirement from the Mastership of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, of which he was the founder, and in the extraordinary success of which he had so large a share, by the presentation to him of an engrossed address, accompanied by a costly testimonial. The Secretary then proceeded to read the former, and the D. of C., with the assistance of Brns. Pentecost and Carriglio, carried the latter round the lodge for the inspection of the assembled brethren. It consisted of a rich mahogany casket, embellished with brass, and enclosing a complete set of P.G.M.M.M.'s regalia of the best quality, and three gold jewels, viz., those of P.G.M.M.M., D.D.G.M., and P.M.W.S. On a large silver plate, inserted in the lid, was the following inscription:—"This box, containing a set of P.G.M.'s clothing and three gold jewels, was presented to R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, first P.G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, D.D.G.M. Malta; W.M. and Z. Ancient Carthage Lodge, and R.A.C. at Tunis, P.E.C. and E.P., M.W.S., &c., by the active and honorary members of the various Masonic bodies under his rule, as a mark of their affection and esteem, and of their high appreciation of his untiring exertions during two years as the pioneer of English Masonry in North Africa." The testimonial and address were then formally presented to Bro. Broadley, amidst much applause. The D.D.G.M. returned thanks, and said the mark of approval he had received at the hands of his brethren would be an incentive to continued exertions on his part for the prosperity of the lodge, be it in the capacity of D.D.G.M., or P.M., or Hon. Sec., for which post he intended to apply if Bro. Perini thought fit to accord him the favour. This observation drew forth signs of approbation from all parts of the lodge. Cordial Masonic salutes were accorded to the newly-elected W.M., Treasurer, the Hon. P.M., the W.M. and members of No. 1835, E.C., and the visitors, and the brethren so honoured returned thanks in appropriate terms. The proceedings were closed with the charitable collection, and the lodge adjourned.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MELROSE MS.

All Masonic students will be interested in learning that another of the "Old Charges" has just been brought to light; but in order to profit by this discovery we require available copies of the various MSS. which have been previously unearthed, for purposes of examination and comparison. Can, therefore, Bro. Hughan be induced to supply this urgent want by issuing another edition of his justly esteemed "Old Charges of British Freemasons?" This work has long been out of print, and, consequently, to the bulk of present students is, unfortunately, only known by name instead of by its contents. In getting together so many of these curious charges within the compass of a single volume Bro. Hughan conferred, perhaps, the greatest benefit upon the Craft which has ever resulted from the publication of one work. I would now fraternally urge upon him the expediency of republishing, and, in so doing, to add one or two MSS. formerly well known, but now, like his own previous selection, out of print, and practically unavailable for general reference. I allude especially to the Halliwell and Cooke MSS.

If my memory is not at fault, Bro. Woodford at one time intimated an intention of bringing out an annotated edition of the Halliwell poem. To either Bros. Hughan or Woodford I offer as a contribution to this enquiry the following reference, to which my attention was directed by perusal of Mr. H. C. Coote's "Remains in Britain" (p. 419), viz., "Beda, H. E., lib. 2, cvii., p. 115, Stevenson's edition." Until meeting with this passage I had always regarded the allusion to the "Holy Martyres Foure," in the Halliwell codex, as suggesting the importation of this tradition from a Teutonic source. But the existence of a martyrdom of "four blessed coronati" at Canterbury, between A.D. 619 and 624, sufficiently attests that an English version of this legend was current many centuries earlier than has hitherto been commonly believed. At the same time, however, it may be well to quote Bro. Godfrey Higgins ("Celtic Druids, p. 134"): "What dependence can be placed on such witnesses as Bede, who, it is evident, did not know Scotland from Ireland, as in his chronicle he calls those *Scoiti* whom in his history he calls *Hiberni*?"

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Bro. Fort (at p. 118 of his work) comments on the occurrence of Charles Martel's name in the MSS. of Halliwell and Cooke. Can either Bros. Hughan or Woodford assist me in tracing this reference in the former manuscript?

R. F. G.

THE MELROSE CONSTITUTIONS.

I rejoice with Bro. Hughan at Bro. Vernon's success, and hope that he will persevere in his laudable efforts. Bro. Hughan and myself some time ago tried to

"strike oil" at Melrose, but in vain, and I, therefore, like Bro. Hughan, am pleased to think that Bro. Vernon has been more successful than we were. Melrose may yet furnish some important contributions to Scottish and general Masonic history. What about its lodge minutes?
A. F. A. W.

LOCKE MS.—We have kept to this name, because more commonly used, though it is a misnomer in more senses than one. Many writers have, however, stated that Locke found the MS. in the Bodleian. Mackey and Mackenzie found the MS. the Leland MS., and their remarks may be properly consulted. The so-called MS. is not a MS. at all in its original form, though a late copy of it exists in Essex's handwriting among the Additional MSS., Brit. Museum. Essex does not give us any clue to the original, and it probably is transcribed from the printed copy, though if we could suppose that there is an old MS., original many questions of importance would arise. The first mention of it appears to be in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1753, where it is described "Copy of a small pamphlet consisting of twelve pages in 8vo, printed in Germany, 1748." This contains the so-called MS., and "Ein Brief von dem berühmten Johann Locke betreffend die Freimaurerei. So auf einem Schreibtisch eines verstorbenen Bruders ist gefunden worden." Of this printed pamphlet of 1748 no trace has been found in Germany, and it is believed to be of English manufacture. It has since been reproduced, it is said, in Hearne's "Life of Leland," though about this there is some doubt, as it is clearly not in the original edition, and appears only at any rate in a late edition, and so cannot claim Hearne's authority. It has also been printed in the "Pocket Companion," 1754; and Calcott introduces it in his "Candid Disquisitions," in 1769. Dermott in 1764, in his "Ahiman Rezon," and Preston in his first edition, 1772, also reproduced it without a question. Hutchinson again printed it in 1775. It also appeared in the "Constitutions" of 1759, 1767, and 1784. It has found many supporters, though it is perfectly clear, first, that the original of the so-called MS. has never been turned up, and, secondly, that the circumstances attendant on its original appearance are so suspicious as to throw the gravest doubts on its authenticity and genuineness. Dr. Plot states that the Freemasons of Staffordshire, in 1686, had in their lodges then a parchment roll which contained certain "charges," and that, *inter alia*, in that parchment roll it was stated that these "charges and manners were after perusal and approved by King Henry VI. and Council, both as to Masters and Fellows of the Right Worshipful Craft." This is the only portion of evidence indirect in itself which bears upon this question, as we are not aware of any other old constitution in which allusion to King Henry VI. is made at all. But this does not amount to very much; and while we give up the actual claim of the document to be a MS. of the time of King Henry VI., or to have been written by him or copied by Leland, we think that it is not unlikely that we have in it the remains of a lodge catechism conjoined with an hermetic one. With regard to Locke's letter, in consequence of which the name of Locke MS. has been given to the entire document, we confess that so far we are aware of no evidence in its favour. Dr. Oliver and Laurie have thought that from his letter to W. Molyneux they could find ground for believing that Locke was made a Mason in 1696, even between May 6th and June and that year, while in London; but no evidence of such a fact is, as far as we are aware, discoverable or producible, and we do not feel ourselves at all convinced as to the arguments of Oliver and Laurie—for this, among other reasons, that Anderson nowhere alludes to it, when it would have been so easy for him to have mentioned the Masonic tradition with relation to so distinguished a person as John Locke. At the same time, it is just possible he may have been made a Mason. We may add that the "Glossary" has always been looked upon with much suspicion by experts. It is not worth while reprinting the document itself here, as it can be found in Preston and many other similar works.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

Balance-sheet, 1878—1879.

To	£	s.	d.
Seventeen Life-memberships at £2 2s. each	35	14	0
Entrance fees and annual subscriptions	24	10	0
	£60	4	0
By	£	s.	d.
Printing	20	0	0
Addressing and posting circulars—			
October elections, 1878	15	0	0
April elections, 1879	15	0	0
Sundry expenses	1	0	10
Balance in hands of Treasurer (annual meeting, 11th June, 1879)	9	3	2
	£60	4	0

Examined and found correct,
ARTHUR E. GLADWELL,
Auditor L.M.C.A.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. A. Cotterbrune, P.G.P., that of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, S. Rawson, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, W. H. Perryman, Neville Green, H. Garrod, Knight Smith, Louis Hirsch, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, F. Mullett, P.M. 1556; W. Stephens, John Lee, W.M. 1541; J. H. Matthews, W.M. 143; J. H. Smith, W.M. 1158; John Nuttall, P.M. 874; A. G. Timothy, W.M. 87; F. F. Mullett, W.M. 1441; Allan C. Wylie, P.M. 869; Thos. Edmonston, P.M. 1658; Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). In answer to Bro. Garrod, Bro. Joshua Nunn gave the brethren the gratifying intelligence that Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was staying with Bro. Dr. Woodman, at Exeter, was much better in health than he had been for some time past. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master to the amount of £155, made at last meeting. Of the new cases there were only eighteen on the list, and out of these one was dismissed and two were deferred. The others were relieved with £390, composed of one recommendation for £50, four for £40 each, three for £30 each, one for £25, one for £20, one for £15, and two grants of £10 each and two of £5 each.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was, on the invitation of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611 (Bro. J. S. Cumberland, W.M.), held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at York. A more suitable place for the meeting does not exist in the county, the ancient city being full of historic and antiquarian interest, and the result was perhaps the largest assemblage of Freemasons that has for some years past taken place in the province. Those present had a hearty welcome from the members of the Eboracum, a lodge established only some three years ago, and which has in that period displayed such interest in the Craft as promises to make it one of the most successful in the north. For the purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Lord Mayor (Bro. Ald. G. Brown) kindly granted the use of the fine old Guildhall, the Council Chamber, and adjoining rooms; and beyond this kindness and courtesy he likewise placed the Mansion House at the disposal of the lodge. The arrangements in these places were of the most admirable character, and, despite the large number of brethren present, there was an absence of confusion, which reflects credit upon those who had the management.

The first business of the day was the meeting of the Board of Benevolence in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall. After this the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, received all Masters of lodges and visiting brethren from other provinces in the Mansion House, where they were introduced to him by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. T. B. Whytehead, W.M. Eboracum, 1611). Previous to the opening of the lodge, the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, as well as Provincial Grand Officers from other provinces, after having clothed and signed their names in the Mansion House, walked in procession to the Guildhall and entered the lodge-room, where special seats were provided on the dais for the Present Provincial Grand Officers, and also for Past Wardens, Chaplains, and Registrars. The Lord Mayor of York had also a seat on the dais. All other Provincial Grand Officers had special seats in the body of the hall. As the procession entered the hall the ode, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was sung. The lodge was then formally opened.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held last year at Beverley, having been read and approved, letters of apology were read, as also was a report of the Board of Benevolence. In this a number of grants were recommended for the children of indigent parents in various parts of the province, ranging, according to circumstances, from £10 to £20. A distressed brother was also recommended for the benefit of the Royal Benevolent Institution. A code of bye-laws for the management of the charity organisation was likewise before the Board, but it was determined to refer it back for further consideration to a special committee, who, at a subsequent period of the proceedings, were re-elected.

The balance-sheet of the Prov. Grand Lodge was read by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £22 19s. 2d. The same officer then proposed, and it was adopted, that a grant of £123 be made to the Royal Benevolent Society.

The different lodges in the province then, through their respective Masters, handed in various sums of money, as their contributions to Prov. Grand Lodge.

The following brethren were then installed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M. 200...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. H. Rose, P.M. 660 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" R. Mitford Taylor, 643 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Green, P.M. 630 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" M. C. Peck, P.M. 1040 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Thomas Thompson, P.M. 57 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" George Ayre, P.M. 1416 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. F. Falkenbridge, P.M. 312 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Foster, P.M. 1248 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Johnson Field, P.M. 643 ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" C. W. Cheesman, W.M. 1605 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jno. Ward, 236 ...	Prov. G. Tylt.
" Fredk. J. Lambert, 1010 ...	Prov. G. Purr.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then re-appointed Bro. W. R.

Hollon, P.M. 236 and 1611, Prov. Grand Treasurer; and the Prov. Grand Master named the following lodges whence a Steward was to be elected from each:—the Minerva (Hull); the Constitutional (Beverley); the Lion (Whitby); the Cleveland (Stokesley); the Zetland (Guisborough); the St. Germain (Selby). He said that he had received an invitation for next year's meeting from the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, and he had great pleasure in accepting it. The next year's meeting would, therefore, be held at Scarborough. (Applause.) He offered thanks to the Lord Mayor of York for the cordial manner in which he had received them, and placed the Guildhall and Mansion House at their disposal. He likewise thanked the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, York, No. 1611, for their hospitable reception and the very excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge. (Applause.) As to the position of the Craft in the province, the Prov. Grand Master added that they had cause for congratulation in the large assemblage on that occasion. He likewise congratulated them on the prosperity and perfect harmony that prevailed throughout the province. He had just received an application for the formation of a new lodge in Middlesborough, which spoke for itself, notwithstanding the great depression which existed throughout the country, and, perhaps, more so in that particular district than in any other part of the kingdom, of the prosperity of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) It was a cause for congratulation also that they had passed the grant to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons, for it was one from which they had on several occasions received no small share of benefit.

The business of the lodge ended shortly before half-past two, and at that hour, the weather being beautifully fine, a procession was formed to the cathedral. This, by the kindness of Colonel Gunter and the officers of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, was preceded by the band of that regiment, which played a suitable march. The procession consisted of a couple of Tylers with drawn swords, and then the lodges of the province, each with distinguishing banner, in numerical order (juniors first), from Scarborough, Saltburn, Hull, Hornsea, Thirsk, Northallerton, Redcar, Driffield, Bridlington, Malton, Filey, Howden, Middlesborough, Selby, Guisborough, Stokesley, Whitby, Beverley, York, Richmond, St. Patrick's Military Lodge, No. 297 (I.C.), attached to the 4th Dragoon Guards Regiment, and other visiting brethren.

The last of the ordinary lodges was the Eboracum, York, 1611, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge was held. Then came the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge in order. There was an immense assemblage to witness the march of this imposing procession—by way of Blake-street, and Duncombe-street—to the west entrance of the venerable pile. On arrival at the entrance to the choir the procession halted, and the brethren dividing faced inwards, and formed an avenue through which the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearers, advanced to their seats. The service was a special one, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. L. W. Heath, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain. "The rev. gentleman took his text from Ephesians iv., 16—"From whom the whole body fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." He said that they had reason to be proud of their fathers in Masonry as they sat in that noble temple, which was the result of their work. What grandeur of conception, skill, and execution, and efficient elaboration of every detail there had been manifested in it, and the purpose of their labour had been the good of their fellow-men and the glory of God. When they considered this, had they not good cause for congratulation that they were the representatives of those whose labours had embellished the world with imperishable and unapproachable evidence of genius and perseverance. He said imperishable, because was it not a fact that, notwithstanding the enormous strides that had been made in almost every department of trade and science, yet there had been nothing originated in architectural science or operative Masonry since those days? There were those, as they knew, who affected to condemn the system as recognised by present Masons, but they believed that Masonry was nothing more than the practice of those simple moral precepts which were enjoined by religion, pure as it had come from God, and unadulterated by the inventions of man. The rev. gentleman then went on to say that Masonry contributed to good order, good government, loyalty to God and king, and the practice of every domestic virtue, and the exercise of benevolence and charity amongst all classes of men; and he believed that one writer had said, seeing that religion was as it were local and not being extended all over the world, Masonry, from the fact that it embraced every colour, every clime, and every creed, could be really the pioneer to Christianity. He concluded by urging them in these times of distress to contribute of their means towards the sick and poor of their fraternity, and also to the restoration of the noble building in which they were assembled. A collection was made, to be divided between the Minster Restoration Fund and the Masonic Charities. Subsequently the brethren returned in procession to the Guildhall, where the Grand Lodge was formally closed. At five o'clock in the evening a banquet was held in the De Grey Rooms, at which nearly 200 brethren sat down, and were presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. At half-past eight o'clock in the evening a conversation was held in the same place, brethren introducing ladies, and this at a subsequent period resolved itself into a ball, which was heartily enjoyed by all present.—Yorkshire Post.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire was held at Eastwood, near Todmorden, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of the Prince Edward Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 14. The R.W. Bro. John Wordsworth, P.G.M.M., presided, and there was a good muster of the brethren.

The following were invested as officers for the ensuing twelve months:—

Bro. Edmund Hartley, 14	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" William White, 53	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" George Marshall, 137	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John W. Hinchliffe, 137	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Henry Berlon, Old York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" E. Sewell, M.A., Old York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Normanton, Past G.I. of W., 58	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Barker, Grand Std., 58	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Cooke, Past G.S.O., 58	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Eli Pullan, 111	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. T. Rhodes, 58	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. L. Oates, 111	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" F. W. W. Booth, Old York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Mark Potter, 110	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. W. Monkman, Old York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Jas. Charnock, 14	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" T. W. Holmes, Old York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John E. Craven, 14	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Jonathan Gledhill, 14; Bro. J. A. Thornton, 110; Bro. C. Nicholson, 137	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" John Greenwood, 58	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. Roberts and Whitaker were appointed to audit the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts for the past twelve months.

Bro. Oates, on behalf of the Copley Lodge, No. 111, invited the R.W.P.G.M.M. to hold the February meeting at Leeds.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

SUBLIME LODGE OF PERFECTION, 1781-9.

By Bro. C. E. MEYER.

A "dear wee book" was issued in 1878 by authority of the Consistory of the Thirty-second Degree in Philadelphia, U.S.A., and edited by my good friend Charles Eugene Meyer, 33°, who it will be remembered was in charge of the pilgrims of the "Mary Commandery" (K.T.) who visited the "Old Country" in 1878, and received quite an ovation. On opening the unpretentious work I was agreeably surprised to find it quite a treasure of information, and being printed in very small type, it will readily be seen that its size is not indicative of the quantity of matter it contains, for in the latter respect the fare is so ample as to exceed in variety and extent that of larger books.

The minutes of the Lodge of Perfection range from 25th June, 1781, to February 21st, 1789, and extend over about 100 closely printed pages, the records being given in full. Although there are other records extant of the Degrees about two decades earlier, these are especially valuable, because of their communicative character, the proceedings being narrated in a simple straightforward manner, and the order of working being quite evident to any ordinary readers. The order and names of the Degrees, &c., were as follows: 4. Secret Master. 5. Perfect Master. 6. Intimate Secretary. 7. Provost and Judge. 8. Intendant of the Buildings. 9. Knight elect of Nine. 10. Grand Master elect of Fifteen. 11. Grand Knight elect. 12. Grand Master Architect. 13. Royal Arch. 14. Grand elect Perfect and Sublime Mason. It is surprising to find such a large number presenting themselves for the Degrees, and every care was taken to prevent any improper admissions. The fees were high, and the progress generally from the Fourth Degree to the Fourteenth Degree was very slow, not more usually than one or two Degrees being given at a meeting, the whole being separately worked and the dues paid for each when received. The laws required the application to be made at one meeting (frequently held every week) and considered at the next, when if the candidate had duly "Passed the Chair," as an "Ancient" Mason, the Fourth Degree was there and then communicated. If not a P.M., a Master Mason's Lodge was opened and the candidate was entrusted with the secrets peculiar to that position, and then obtained the "Secret Master." If not an "Ancient" or "Atholl Mason" his application was not entertained, but was shelved," as follows, Dec. 13th, 1786. "A petition from Bro. Charles Palerke, a Master Mason, praying the honour of the Sublime Degrees, was read and received; whereupon Bros. Vaunost, Hamilton, and Thompson were appointed to investigate the facts set forth in his petition, who reported him a Modern Mason; whereupon his petition was withdrawn." It seems also that whilst ordinary Past Masters were admitted as such, Royal Arch Masons were not so accepted, for on the 25th June, 1781, "A Bro. Ogilby requested admittance, reporting he was a Royal Arch; upon examination, found he could not be admitted," the fact doubtless being that although he was a "P.M." and a "R.A.," the latter did not rank as the 13th of their Rite. This Lodge of Perfection was established 25th June, 1781, by Solomon Bush, Deputy Grand Inspector for Pennsylvania, and this energetic brother presided at a

great many meetings, in fact he never appears to have been absent once whilst resident in this State, unless when ill. On November 5th, 1788, the Master, Bro. Solomon Bush, having decided "to set out shortly for Europe, thought proper, as this lodge had always been held under his presence, and in virtue of his patent"—he desired them to appoint his successor, when a Bro. Humphreys, one of the early initiates, and who had served the offices of Secretary and S.W., was elected Master." Bro. Bush was a member of what we know now as the Thirty-second Degree or "S.P.R.T.," and so also was another of the officers, Bro. Duplessis, who was elected a joining member on the 28th September, the Committee having approved of his candidature on the 15th September, 1788. He was then entitled a "Grand elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason" (or Fourteenth Degree) but on the 21st February, 1787, the Master mentioned "that he was happy in informing the lodge that Bro. Duplessis was possessed of all the Degrees of Sublime Masonry, a Foreign Prince of Royal Secret, &c., and delivered the book containing all the Degrees to his care." It is quite possible that Degrees above the Fourteenth Degree were worked by these brethren, for we find in one minute that Bro. Humphreys desiring further enlightenment he was made a "Knight of the East." The Lodge of Perfection was supported virtually, if not officially, by many of the chiefs of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that both bodies worked harmoniously is clearly exhibited on a resolution agreed to December 19th, 1786, respecting the procession on St. John's Day of Craft and "Sublime" Masons.—"In case the Grand Lodge require their officers, viz., the Deputy Grand Master, the Junior Grand Warden, their Secretary and Treasurer, to walk with them, their request be granted (they being members of the Fourteenth Degree)." At first some members desired a warrant to work in the "three inferior Degrees," but the suggestion was negatived. The lodge room devoted in part to the Lodge of Perfection, having been duly dedicated, was also used as tenants by some Craft lodges, and evidently the brethren were bent on recognising one another as Masons, though not all as "Sublime Masons." The introduction to the bye-laws is most appropriate, and after the recital of the aims and objects of the Society states that "The sovereign regard which is due to the Craft, the reverence for ancient forms of the Fraternity, at once conspire to suggest these laws and regulations, and lead us without any hesitation to adhere to the ancient landmarks our fathers have set." A letter was agreed to be sent to the Grand Council at Berlin, addressed to "Frederick the Third, Sovereign of all Sovereigns and mighty Prince of Princes," December 7th, 1785, and a copy is given in the Records, from which we learn that his generous presidency over the two hemispheres at the Grand East of Berlin was warmly appreciated by the members in Philadelphia. Out of the many candidates accepted, not one was elected without a committee having first been appointed and reported favourably. Surely this is a custom worthy of imitation even now, after the lapse of about a century. The minutes end in 1789, of those preserved, and our thanks are due for the reproduction of these valuable and curious records to Bro. C. E. Meyer, the present intelligent and able Secretary of the Philadelphia Consistory of the Thirty-second Degree.

P.S.—I had written the foregoing before reading the racy sketch of the proceedings of Pennsylvania Knights Templars, by our good Bro. Whythead, so that our two communications will serve to exhibit our appreciation of the labours of Bro. Charles Eugene Meyer, of Philadelphia, who is well known and beloved at home and abroad. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual report of this Association, just presented to the members, shows that the Association continues prosperous. The receipts for the past year, from all sources, including £100 in payment of a bond, amounted to £236 6s. 6d.; and the expenditure, including the £150 invested in the 3 per cent. Red., to £183 2s. 9d., leaving a balance of £53 3s. 9d. to be carried forward to the next report. The total assets of the Association are £1178 13s. 6d., and show an increase of £54 5s. 6d. in the capital account. During the past year there has been four applications for grants of benevolence, all of which have received the consideration of the Committee as follows:—

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To the family of a brother of Lodge 130	5 0 0
To the widow of a brother of Lodge 359	10 0 0
To a brother of Lodge 359	10 0 0

The list of life members has been augmented by the names of three brethren, and the Committee again thank the Royal Gloucester and Peace and Harmony Lodges for their generous support; each of these lodges having voted a donation of five guineas, and elected its Worshipful Master as a life member of the Association.

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B. HUNTER, Indiana.—We fear there is little chance of obtaining the information required, but will do our best and write if successful.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Dick Radclyffe's Bulb Catalogue," "History of Polperro," "History of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland," "Night and Day," "Citizen," "The Galloway Gazette," "More Food at Less Cost," "Masonic Advocate," "Voice of Masonry," "Der Triangle," "Hebrew Leader," "Proceedings of the New York Council of Deliberation," "Keystone," "Masonic Newspaper," "The Liberal Freemason."

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BIRTHS.

BARTON.—On the 15th inst., at Northernhay, Wetherford, Putney, the wife of R. M. Barton, of a son.

BEAVEN.—On the 12th inst., at Avenham House, Preston, the wife of Bro. the Rev. Alfred B. Beaven, M.A., Head Master of Preston Grammar School.

KEPPEL.—On the 14th inst., at Gressenhall, Norfolk, the wife of Captain Keppel, 74th Highlanders, of a son.

TEMPLE.—On the 12th inst., at Shefford, Beds, the wife of T. C. Temple, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HIRST—CROFT.—On the 13th inst., at St. Ann's, Tottenham, A. W. Hirst, of Stoke Newington, formerly of Leeds, to Mary Jane (Totie), daughter of Mr. W. B. Croft, of Mildmay Chambers, Union-court, Old Broad-street, and Noel House, Wood-green.

DEATHS.

BARING.—On the 14th inst., at Cecil House, Wimbledon, C. Baring, D.D., lately Lord Bishop of Durham, aged 72 years.

DOVE.—On the 11th inst., at Cowbit Vicarage, Lincolnshire, Georgina, daughter of the Rev. J. T. Dove, aged 25 years.

STEVENS.—On the 11th inst., at Poplar Walk-road, Brixton, Ellen, wife of J. W. Stevens, and daughter of the late J. W. Rawlins, of Guildford, Surrey, aged 25.

NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1880 is preparing for publication early in November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1879.

NUMBERS AND STRENGTH.

Bro. Hughan's warning last week in Cornwall that "numbers are not always strength," requires grave consideration from the Craft. Just now there is a tendency, in our opinion, unduly to expand and develop our lodge system. Quantity, not quality, is apparently the order of the day, and many are introduced into Masonry who, entering into our Order as into a benefit society, have neither tastes, nor inclinations, nor capacities to become either "bright Masons" or sincere believers in Freemasonry. The consequence is that we see on many sides of us signs, indubitable signs, of laxity, and lukewarmness, and half-heartedness, and want of interest. Masonry is to too many but a passport, so to say, to social amenities and a pleasant and respectable Fraternity. We fancy that if the lists of lodges, both in the Metropolis and in the provinces, could be published, it would be seen at a glance how incompetent and careless "Masters" have sacrificed the prestige, and even popularity, of their lodges, not only to cliques and coteries, but to the solicitations of the unfit and the importunities of the undesirable. With some lodges it seems to be an axiom, (most mistaken both in theory and practice), that the more numerous the lodge is the better it is for all concerned. And thus, as we know, lodges become unwieldy and unmanageable, a prey to agitators and impostors, governed by cliques and camarillas, and liable at any movement to be divested of all likeness to a fraternity of one mind, and to be cast into a seething caldron of bitterest personality and strife. Mere numbers is never any criterion of the good, or use, or value, or safety of anything. Mere numbers are often a source of great weakness, are often the cause of deplorable discord, the forerunner of inevitable decay and disruption. Hence we think Bro. Hughan's advice is good and seasonable, and deserves to be carefully noted and thought over. We have often ourselves issued a note of warning on the subject, and from all we hear and see such a state of things as now exists is alike discreditable and dangerous to the Fraternity. We are admitting numbers whose only claim for admission is that they can pay the fees, and some modern specimens of Masonry are suggestive of anything but credit and comfort to our Order. To them Masonry seems rather a name or an idea than anything else, and its history and its character are alike by them unheeded and to them indifferent. But it has rank and decorations, tinsel and tawdry in abundance, the outward pomp and the garish show, and for their little minds such is sufficient. We deprecate greatly the tendency, too prevalent just now, to lower the status of our candidates on the one hand, or to encourage initiations on the other, and we trust that Bro. Hughan's warning, like our own, may serve to convince some that in any relaxation of the sage rules and reticence of our Masonic forefathers, we shall probably inflict on our Order damage which is irreparable and evils which no one can repair.

MASONIC HONOURS.

There seems to be just now a somewhat unhealthy anxiety to obtain provincial honours, and much more Grand Lodge rank. A good deal is said and done by some, not for Masonry, not for the sake of its principles and its practice, but to advance self to gain much coveted rank. A cor-

respondence from Hampshire displays a very irritable and dissatisfied state of feeling among some of the brethren of that distinguished province. The honours annually bestowed are, as we all know, few in number—the candidates are many and eager. The most judicious distributor of Masonic honours cannot please every one. The most impartial of provincial magistrates cannot satisfy all claimants. We regret to note this craving and excitability; we deplore this animus of complaint and fault finding. Supposing that one or two worthy brethren are passed over, how is Masonry damaged, provincially or generally? Would it in fact much matter if such honours were not given at all? Would the unchanging principles of justice and equity be affected? We venture to think not. In our humble opinion the question is one hardly worth discussing, and we are sorry to read such long letters upon the subject. The "subject is not worth the candle," to adapt a French proverbial expression, and we trust we have heard the last of it. It is all "much ado about nothing," and for the most part the complaints proceed from those who have no real ground of complaint to make, who have no services to allege, and no right to expect promotion. Occasional anomalies occur in this as in all other human arrangements, but our Provincial Rulers generally make excellent appointments, and fully recognize true Masonic service and truer Masonic merit.

PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

Humanity abounds in weaknesses and shortcomings, nay distinct and disgraceful corruptions, which constitute a striking warning to all who love to dream of the perfectibility of mortal men, in themselves and by themselves, and offer a startling commentary on the paradoxes and perversities of a so-called Positivism. Glorified humanity, indeed! perfected humanity, truly! where can such be found on this groaning and travelling earth of ours? The Irish echo answers—"nowhere!" and in nothing is the abiding weakness and unsatisfactoriness of the "outcome" of humanity shown forth as in the difference between words and deeds, between profession and practice. Go where we will, listen to what we may, live in solitude or loiter amid the most crowded thoroughfares, we are confronted at every turn we take, we are companioned every mile we march forward, with the enduring characteristic of all mortal striving, of all human responsibility. We say, and we act not, we preach and we perform not; our professions are one thing, (very fine, per se), but our practice, alas, belies our vehement utterances, and continues an abject parody on every truth, and declaration, and profession, and theory of humanity. Nothing is more humiliating to the philosopher contemplating humanity, as a life-long study, a field of great deeds, heroic words, noble professions, goodly enterprize, but, alas that we should say it, at the same time of acts which run counter to all our words, of practice which is a stigma on noisy professions. Such, the great and widening weakness of all mortality, has seemed to some to betoken the fact that all of life, man, earth, time, was a sham and a lie, a "mockery, a delusion, and a snare." Freemasonry is ever human, most human in all things, and, therefore, shares in all the weaknesses and errors of its own special development. In Freemasonry to-day we are, and must be, struck by the fact that the professions in lodge are widely different from the practice out of lodge, and that if we were to judge of Freemasonry by what we hear brethren say, and what we see them do, our opinion of the worth and value, the utility and need of Masonry in the world would be very low and slight indeed. The brother, for instance, who dilates unremittingly and magnificently about Masonic charity and brotherly love in lodge, to the intense admiration of a most select circle, is out of lodge, or in print sometimes, the most ill-natured, tale-bearing, and slanderous of mortals. He does a frightful amount of mischief, and not only does reveal "secrets," but he very often "separates chief friends." You and I, kind readers, have often heard Bro. Mugginbotham, who is quite "touching" in all he says about "charity," &c., in our lodge gatherings; he affects the "visiting

brethren," and "moves" the "reporters," (proverbially a hard-hearted race), but search the lists of our Charities, we find him not; and neither does Bros. Terry, or Binckes, or Hedges record with an approving pen the classic and euphonious name of "Mugginbotham" in their veracious lists. And, once more, we all know "Crusher," what a "swell" he is, how he lays down the law, how the lodge listens intent upon his words; how no one delivers an impressive ritual like "Crusher," and yet, alas, as we all know, his daily and hourly existence is a most mournful illustration of the utter hollowness of the principles he avows, the ritual he knows so well, and "spits out" so glibly. And so we might proceed, for "examples" many and striking are close at hand of the truth of what we are contending for, but we prefer to leave the matter here, hoping our brethren and readers will kindly bear with us and read over our humble words carefully, as we seek to throw a "spirit" of reality over the golden "letter" of Masonry, as we endeavour to demonstrate for our mutual benefit, one and all, the great gulf which, alas, lies in our lodge life to-day, too often and too truly, between Profession and Practice.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. L'U.
Or. de Paris, 15 Septembre, 1879.

T. C. Fr. Kenning,—
Ce matin les obsèques du Baron Taylor ont eu lieu avec pompe et vous en trouverez le récit dans tous les journaux profanes.

Le Suprême Conseil de France, dont le Baron Taylor était membre depuis le 1 Mars, 1840, et dont il était Lieutenant Grand Commandeur élu depuis le 8 Mars, 1869, aurait aimé à rendre un éclatant hommage à ce grand homme de bien en faisant sur sa tombe même le récit de sa belle vie. Mais l'Institut avait ses droits, les nombreuses sociétés créées ou obligées par le Baron Taylor avaient les leurs, et l'usage en France étant de ne faire intervenir le Franc Maçonnerie que lorsque les cérémonies religieuses sont accomplies et les manifestations profanes terminées, il ne restait plus au Suprême Conseil qu'un cri d'adieu à jeter sur la tombe de son éminent Lieutenant Grand Commandeur. C'est l'orateur adjoint de la Grande Loge Centrale qui a été chargé de ce soin. Je me fais un plaisir d'adresser sous ce pli à votre journal le texte exact de la courte allocution qu'il a prononcée.

Les Maçons présent ont ensuite reformé, en la manière ordinaire, la chaîne d'union rompue par le décès du regretté frère Taylor.

Agréz mes fra. salut,
A. FABIEN, 33°.

Allocution prononcée par le Grand Orateur adjoint de la Grande Loge Centrale sur la tombe du Frère Baron Taylor.

Très regretté Lieutenant Grand Commandeur; Très illustre Baron Taylor:

Mon Frère,—Au nom de la Franc-Maçonnerie universelle, le Suprême Conseil du Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté pour la France et ses dépendances, t'adresse, avec son dernier adieu, le sincère hommage de sa fraternelle admiration.

Nous avons contume de dire que l'existence de tout Franc Maçon est un temple qu'il élève à la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers; toutes les actions de sa vie en sont les matériaux. Jamais temple plus splendide qui le tien n'a été élevé par aucun Franc-Maçon; jamais l'édifice d'une belle vie n'a mis plus de faibles et d'affligés à couvert du malheur. Aussi notre douleur est grande de perdre un pareil ouvrier.

Francs Maçons qui m'entourez, notre Lieutenant Grand Commandeur bien aimé, notre très cher Frère Taylor n'est plus—Gémissons—Gémissons—Gémissons.

Il n'est plus parmi nous, mais son âme immortelle reçoit dans un monde meilleur la récompense d'une si belle vie—Espérons—Espérons—Espérons—et pour donner à cette espérance, disons mieux, à cette certitude la forme symbolique qui nous est habituelle, couvrons les restes périssables de notre regretté frère de ces feuilles d'acacia qui sont pour nous l'emblème de sa radieuse immortalité.

Adieux, excellent Frère Taylor.

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. L'U.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I feel sure that you will learn with a heartfelt pleasure that on Thursday evening last we had a beautiful and impressive solemnity drawn up in order to give to our beloved Bro. Hubert, the talented and energetic editor of the "Chaîne d'Union," a public and lasting token of our esteem and regard.

More than five hundred Masons belonging to different rites and "Obediences," and hailing from almost every clime, had responded by their presence to the call of the Committee, thus giving to that manifestation the true universal character that would make it significant, and that we wanted for it. After a fine and appropriate open-

ing speech by the President, Bro. Dalsace, Bro. Hubert was introduced in great pomp, and with all the Masonic honours, and the veil that covered it being taken off, the assembly could contemplate a most beautiful oil portrait of Bro. Hubert. That remarkable painting is the work of Bro. Tersolo, an Italian artist of great merit (and a true Freemason besides), who donated it to our Committee.

The enthusiastic applause with which that beautiful "souvenir" was greeted by the assistants was a high compliment both to the "executive" and to the "executed."

Bro. Cousin, Vice-President of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," although differing in views with our Bro. Hubert on questions that we consider as vital to our beloved Order, was present as an old friend, and was honoured and glad (so he said) to vest him with a handsome "bijou," the result of a general subscription.

Several speeches, retracing the life and works of the indefatigable editor of "La Chaîne d'Union," were made by Bros. Lebel, from Bruxelles, Cousteau, from Paris, de Loucelles and Lechant from Havre, to which the "hero of the day" responded with a deep emotion.

The poor were not forgotten.

Those that were happy enough to be present at that solemn gathering will long remember it, and we hope it will prove to our dear Bro. Hubert a reward for his disinterested and assiduous labours in behalf of the good cause.

I should feel happy if you would give to these lines, written from the heart, the hospitality of your widely-spread and influential paper, and accept the assurance of my fraternal and distinguished consideration.

Paris (France), September 15th, A. D. 1879.
A DEIST.

MASONIC MEDALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would Bro. W. J. Hughan be kind enough to furnish for the *Freemason* a short article on the *Prince of Wales, 1790, Medals, Masonic*, stating how many varieties there are, the descriptions, and such explanations as would be of interest to American numismatists especially, and thus oblige many of your U.S.A. coin collectors?

Fraternally yours,

W. W. AUSTIN.

Richmond, Indiana, U.S.A.

[Bro. Hughan has kindly promised to respond to the wishes of our Bro. Austin in a few weeks' time, or, at least, as soon as he can conveniently.—E. D. F.M.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Two years ago I was initiated and passed the three primary Degrees in Freemasonry in the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1003, Jersey, but unfortunately left the island before the certificate to which I am entitled had arrived from Grand Lodge.

In the month of January, 1877, I applied to the Secretary for the certificate. He then said that I must get the Secretary of some other lodge to apply for it, when he would forward it to him instantly. Not knowing at that time a friend in London who would apply, I allowed the matter to drop, but last month a lodge Secretary interested himself in my case, and applied for the certificate. The answer was that I owed £2 lodge dues (annual subscription), and when that was paid the parchment would be forwarded.

Would you kindly inform me through the *Freemason* whether the Secretary is right and justified in the above course, and if not, what remedy I have? Can he detain the certificate for which I have already paid until I pay the subscriptions?

I remain, Sir, yours obediently,

F. H. WARREN.

85, Queen's Gate, South Kensington, S.W.,
September 8th, 1879.

[Having paid initiation fee Bro. Warren is entitled to certificate. He had better apply to G.S.—E. D. F.M.]

Reviews.

HISTORY OF CRAFT MASONRY IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND. Edited by Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 1003, P.P.G.R. G. and T. Coward, Scotch-street, Carlisle.

Bro. Lamonby's fatigued pen has given us a very valuable little sketch of Masonic history in Cumberland and Westmorland. All these contributions towards a provincial and general history of English Masonry are alike important and improving. We know, as a fact, very little of the past. Our acquaintance with the annals of the great mother lodge of the English, European, and Cosmopolitan Masonry is still limited in the highest degree, and every one who seeks in the "highways and byways" of Masonry to unfold the forgotten fact, or to illustrate the passing present, deserves well of his brotherhood, and is fit to be enrolled amongst the honourable band of Masonic students. To the outer world these words may appear of little interest or importance, but not so to the expert Mason. Like little mountain rivulets fill the great lakes (and we are writing with Derwentwater before us in all its graceful and placid beauty), so all these little "labours of love" tend to elucidate what is obscure, and to make plain what is dubious, and to illustrate what is real in the local and general history of our English Craft. Union Lodge, No. 256, Kendal, is the earliest of the lodges in the provinces, the now united province, having been warranted in 1764, but at the Union, in 1813, it ceded its post of honour to the ancient lodge at Whitehaven—Sun, Square, and Com-

passes—which now ranks first. The next most ancient lodge in Cumberland seems to be No. 157—Sun, Square, and Compasses, in Whitehaven—warranted May 18th, 1768, now working first as just stated. But its annals previous to 1804 are wanting, as is, alas, too frequently the case. The Prov. G. Lodge of Carlisle was formed in 1771; Henry Ellison being appointed P.G.M. in 1771. It seems doubtful, however, whether the Prov. Grand Lodge met until 1801. Bro. Lamonby states:—The Prov. Grand Lodge of Westmorland was formed in 1788, Gen. Braithwaite being appointed P.G.M. in 1788. It seems very doubtful also whether any meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge were held until 1860, when the Eden Valley Lodge was chartered at Appleby—only one lodge formed the province of Westmorland. In 1860, April 25th, the two provinces were consolidated into one, under the well-known Sir James Graham, Bart., as P.G.M. He died in 1861, and Bro. Dykes Laing reigned from 1816 to 1866. Lord Henlis, now the Earl of Bective, succeeded in 1867. Here, as elsewhere, we find defective materials for the Masonic Student, "lacunæ" which we cannot get over, chasms we cannot bridge. But we refer our readers to Bro. Lamonby's interesting book, and ask for it that support and patronage it so well deserves at the hands of the reading members of our body. We may observe that the minutes of the old Sun and Sector Lodge, Workington, unfortunately erased in 1821, go back in part as far as 1774. Some of the minutes, however, from 1774 to 1782, and from 1791 to 1813 are lost. What a commentary on lodge carelessness and apathy!

FREEMASONRY IN NORFOLK.

Our brethren in Norfolk have every reason to be proud of the position and influence of their province in Freemasonry. It is true the number of its lodges is somewhat circumscribed, but more than one half of them date their existence back to times anterior to the Union, while the majority of these can boast that their warrants of constitution are more than a century old. Nearly a hundred and fifty years ago Francis of Lorraine was raised to the Third Degree at an occasional lodge specially convened at Houghton Hall, the residence of the then Prime Minister of England—Sir Robert Walpole. Our Grand Master is a resident in the county, and last, but not least, it has been fortunate in the brethren who have been chosen to rule over it, as—if we only glance back during the last quarter of a century—is abundantly testified by the mere mention of its Grand Masters during that period, namely, the late Bros. B. Bond Cabell, and the Hon. F. Walpole, and Lord Suffield, its present chief. Such a combination of favourable circumstances renders the task of chronicling the rise and progress of Freemasonry in this district one of unalloyed pleasure.

To the city of Norwich, which still can boast of having on its roll the oldest lodge in the province, belongs the honour of having first encouraged Freemasonry to make what has since proved a permanent home in the county, the forty-seventh in order on the "1725 List of Lodges" being set down as held at the Maid's Head, at Norwich. In 1730 this figures as No. 30, the Queen's Head, Norwich—not improbably the same hostelry—and on turning to the 1736 list we find it bearing the same number and among lodges of 1724 creation, but as having migrated to the Three Tuns, in the same city. In 1740 it became No. 27, and was located at the same house, the year 1724 being given as the year of its constitution. In 1756 it was re-numbered 19, and held its meetings at the Angel, whence in the interval between that year and 1770 it migrated to the Thatch House, in the parish of St. Lawrence. In 1781 it became No. 17, White Swan, St. Peters, in the same city, and in 1792 No. 16, and at the same locality. Unfortunately, it died some time between that date and 1813.

A similar fate overtook the second lodge constituted in the province, which is given in the list for 1730 as No. 70, Duke's Head, King's Lynn, the date of whose constitution is given in the 1736 list as 1st October, 1729. It became No. 53 in 1740, No. 31 in 1756, No. 29 in 1770, and No. 26 in 1781. Its changes of quarters during the period of its existence do not need to be specified. It was erased from the roll of Grand Lodge in 1786.

The third lodge constituted in Norfolk has been more fortunate. It was founded in 1736, and first met as No. 146, at the King's Head, in the city of Norwich. It became by successive closings up of numbers, No. 131 in 1740; No. 80 in 1756; No. 66 in 1770; No. 52 in 1781 and No. 48 in 1792, and during the whole of this time and, indeed, to the Union in 1813, it retained its original quarters. In 1814 it retrograded to No. 68; in 1832 it advanced to No. 60, and in 1863 it became once more, as it is now, No. 52, its title being "The Union," and its quarters the Norfolk Hotel. This is the premier lodge of Norfolk, and may point with pride to an unbroken career extending over 143 years.

The next in order of foundation among the lodges in this province has been equally fortunate. It was constituted as No. 108, on the 9th of May, 1747, when it met at the Bear, Norwich. It became No. 132 in 1756, and No. 103 in 1770, when its quarters were at the Angel, in the same city. In 1781 it was altered to No. 83, and was held at the Queen's Head, Acle, in the same county. In 1792 it was re-numbered No. 83, but between that year and the Union it migrated to Lowestoft, in the adjoining county of Suffolk, for in Bro. Hughan's "Register of Lodges for 1814" it is described as the "Lodge of Unity, Lowestoft," its number having been altered to 99. In 1832 it was realtered to No. 84, and in 1863 to No. 71. It is now the Lodge of Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, and, though by birth a Norfolk lodge, ranks as the premier lodge of Suffolk, with an uninterrupted existence of over 130 years.

No. 199, Maid's Head, Norwich, founded 5th January, 1748, comes next in order. In 1756 it was altered to No. 136, a West Indian Lodge of 1747, and two Plymouth lodges, founded in May, 1748, and June, 1748, respectively, having been placed above it on the roll. In 1770 it became No. 105; in 1781, No. 85, and in 1792, No. 78. It was no longer in existence when the Union was consummated in 1813.

We come next to Lodge No. 205, Guild, Norwich, which was founded on the 9th of January, 1749, and became successively No. 141 in 1756; No. 107 in 1770; No. 87 in 1781; No. 80 in 1792; No. 103 in 1814; and No. 86 in 1832. It died before 1863.

No. 207, held at the Hole in the Wall, Norwich, and founded 12th of February, 1751, became No. 145 in 1756; No. 114 in 1770; No. 94 in 1781; No. 86 in 1792; and No. 108 in 1814, when it was known as the Swaffham Lodge, Swaffham, Norfolk. It had passed away when the lodges were re-numbered in 1832.

Thus far Norwich and King's Lynn were the only places in the county which could boast of Masonic lodges, the former having exactly the same number as it has now. On 6th June, 1751, however, was constituted Lodge No. 210, at the Angel, Great Yarmouth, which became by successive changes of number, No. 147 in 1756; No. 117 in 1770; No. 96 in 1781; No. 88 in 1792; and No. 112 in 1814. Henceforward we have nothing to record, as in the course of the next eighteen years it passed away.

Norwich again claims our attention, as on 10th November, 1753, was constituted Lodge No. 232, Norwich. In 1756 it is described as No. 169, held at the Castle and Lion, in White Lion-lane in that city. It became No. 134 in 1770; No. 109 in 1781; No. 99 in 1792; No. 124, Faithful Lodge, Norwich; No. 100 in 1832; and No. 85 in 1863. Its description now is Faithful Lodge, No. 85, Harleston, in the county of Norfolk, so that it is the second oldest lodge in the province, with a career of over a century and a quarter to boast of.

Yet a few months elapsed, and on the 4th March, 1754, Lodge No. 239, Chequers, Norwich, came into being. It was altered to No. 179 in 1756, to No. 141 in 1770, to No. 115 in 1781, to No. 105 in 1792, between which year and the next change of numbers in 1814 it migrated into Essex, for its description at the latter date is given by Bro. Hughan as "No. 130, Lodge of Harmony and Industry, Ingatstone, Essex." It is since defunct.

The year 1755 witnessed the constitution of two additional lodges at Norwich, of which the earlier, namely, No. 264, at the Leg of Mutton, in St. Augustin's Parish, was warranted on 17th June. It became No. 201 in 1756; No. 165 in 1770; No. 132 in 1781, when it was held at the King's Head, Walsingham. Between then and the next alteration of numbers in 1792 it disappeared from the roll. However, the younger of the two 1755 lodges fared better. It was warranted on 16th September of that year, as No. 206, met at the Flower in Hand, in St. Mary's Parish, became No. 168 in 1770; No. 135 in 1781; and No. 120 in 1792. At the change of numbers in 1814 it became No. 145, Social Lodge, Norwich; in 1832 No. 110, and in 1863 No. 93. It retains that number still, and is the third on the roll of this province.

Early in 1757 two new lodges were added to the roll, one at King's Lynn, which had but a brief existence, the other at Norwich, of which more anon. The former was warranted on the 21st February, 1757, as No. 222 at the Star, King's Lynn, and became No. 181 in 1770. It had ceased to be when the next alteration of numbers took place. But the Norwich Lodge, which was warranted on 23rd March, 1757, as No. 223, and was held first of all at the Dove and Branch—an appropriate sign, by the way, for a Masonic trying-place—in the parish of St. Lawrence, still lives, though it has changed its quarters these later years from the capital of the county to its most important watering place, from the city of the shawl to the town of bloaters. This lodge became No. 182 in 1770, No. 148 in 1781, when it was held at the Castle and Lion; No. 133 in 1792, when it was located at the King's Arms at Blakeney; No. 159 in 1814, when it was again held in Norwich, and was known as the Lodge of Friendship; No. 117 in 1832, and No. 100 in 1863. Its present style and title are "No. 100, Lodge of Friendship, Great Yarmouth."

Equally fortunate has it been with the lodge which, next in order of time, saw the light for the first time, namely, No. 231, held at the Cock, St. Mary's, Norwich, which was warranted February 18th, 1758. The career of this lodge is remarkable from its having changed its locality—not the mere hostelry in which it was held, but the town—several times; from its having, in the course of those changes, for a time ceased to be a Norfolk and become a Suffolk lodge; and, lastly, from the fact of its having been formally consecrated (query re-consecrated?) on October 14th, 1793, as the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 136, of Cottishall, in Norfolk, by Sir Edward Astley, the then Grand Master of the province. A short account of the ceremony will be found in the "Freemasons' Magazine," Vol. IV., p. 113, for 1795. This No. 231 of 1758 became No. 188 in 1770; No. 153 in 1781; No. 136 in 1792, when it was held at the King's Head, Cottishall, at which hostelry its consecration the year following, as the Lodge of Unanimity, took place. In 1814, after the Union, it became No. 164, and is described as meeting at Bungay, in Suffolk; in 1832 it became No. 119, and in 1863 No. 102. It is now No. 102, Lodge of Unanimity, North Walsham, and is again, as it was originally, a Norfolk lodge.

Very brief was the existence of the Sea Captains' Lodge, No. 236, held at the Swan, Great Yarmouth. It was warranted on the 1st January, 1759, became No. 194 in 1770, and No. 159 in 1781. It was erased in 1786.

A third King's Lynn Lodge, though now defunct, had a longer life. It was born on the 9th January, 1762, being No. 283 on the roll, and met at the sign of the Duke's

Head, in Lyme Regis. It became No. 230 in 1770, and No. 185 in 1781, when it is described as the Lodge of Friendship; No. 158 in 1792; No. 193 in 1814; and No. 139 in 1832. By the next alteration of numbers—in 1863—it had passed out of existence.

(To be continued.)

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The mural monument over the grave of our late brother is now finished, and we have been to the cemetery at Honor Oak to see it. The design is very simple, and consists of a plain marble pedestal, surmounted by a cross. The design was selected by the widow as being the least expensive, and, at the same time, in accordance with her taste; the fact of its having been erected by the Craft is recorded on the front of the pedestal. We are informed that a photograph of the monument has been ordered, and have promised to supply copies to any of our friends at cost price.

We would take this opportunity of informing any brethren who have subscribed to the memorial, or intend to do so, to send their contributions to Bro. Buss, the Treasurer, without delay, and trust there will be a substantial sum left after payment of the monument, although we are much afraid the result will not equal our expectations, owing to the general depression of trade and the numerous claims made upon the finances of our brethren. In our next issue will be published a complete list of subscriptions, paid or promised.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CEYLON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon was held at Freemasons' Hall, Colombo, on May 2nd, the R.W. Bro. Maitland, R.W.D.G.M., presiding, with other officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Ceylon.

The Prov. Deputy Grand Master informed the brethren that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had been prevented from being present on account of private affairs, and that he (the P.G.M.) regretted that he could not be present, much as he had wished, in order that he might testify to the merits of their deceased brother. He said: Brethren, you are all aware that we have met together to receive an intimation of the death of our much respected W. Bro. Hegarty, who was suddenly called from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above. I feel that the subject is beyond me at this present moment, as my feelings upon our sad bereavement are great, but as the P.G.M. has had to leave Colombo for a time he has deputed me, while expressing my own sorrow and regret, to intimate that he (the P.G.M.) could but feel the loss we have all sustained very acutely indeed, and it would be a difficult matter to replace him. Doubtless, many would ask themselves, who can take his place? and the reply must be—no one. I can but agree with what fell from the lips of the P.G.M., as W. Bro. Hegarty stood pre-eminent in the Craft; indeed, his zeal often verged upon proving troublesome, yet his honest, straightforward nature was too genuine to be doubted. He did it all for the Craft, and not from any vain desire to exhibit his knowledge of Masonry, although he was an oracle in all abstruse points of Masonic lore. I have had the pleasure of W. Bro. Hegarty's acquaintance for the past few years, indeed, since he first came to the island, and during that time, both personally and Masonically, his character was such as not only to secure respect but something even stronger. In conclusion, the P.G.M. joins with me in wishing that our Prov. Grand Secretary forward to his widow a copy of the resolution I shall now propose: "That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon desires to place on record its deep sorrow at the death of W. Bro. Hegarty, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, whose untiring devotion to Masonry, conscientious regard for the principles of the Order, and general uprightness of conduct, both as a brother and citizen, had gained for him the respect and esteem of all who knew him."

Seconded by W. Bro. Cantrell (W.M. No. 115).

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO COMPEL THE INTERMENT OF A FREEMASON.

We take the following from the *New York Herald*:—
Such a dense throng as crowded Supreme Court Chambers, on its opening on Friday, the 29th ult., has rarely been witnessed in that court. The occasion of the unusual assemblage was a widespread eagerness evidently to listen to the expected argument on the question of making permanent the injunction granted by Judge Van Brunt prohibiting the Calvary Cemetery authorities from removing from its receiving vault the body of Bro. Denis Coppers, the circumstances connected with whose attempted interment on the part of his brother and others next of kin, and the forbidding of such burial by the cemetery officials, have already been fully detailed in the *Herald*. Mr. C. W. Brooke appeared on behalf of the friends of the deceased, and Mr. John E. Develin represented the cemetery. Various unimportant cases were being argued, during which the crowd remained with very little show of impatience. This patient waiting, however, did not extend to all the counsel, as the proceedings given below will indicate.

"If your honour please," at length said Mr. Develin, addressing the Court, after elbowing his way through the press of lawyers in attendance in other cases, "I see that the matter of Mr. Coppers is the last motion on the calendar. I have but recently been called in the case, and have had no opportunity as yet to read the papers, much less put myself in readiness for argument. I would respectfully ask, therefore, an adjournment to the first Monday of September."

"I have no objection," said Judge Van Brunt, "if the other side does not oppose the application."

"As to the application for an adjournment," said Mr. Brooke, "I do not desire to interpose any objection, provided that the preliminary injunction granted by your honour in this matter remains in full force, and the order, which is in the nature of an alternative mandamus, be continued in the meantime."

"Of course, I do not object to that," interposed Mr. Develin.

"I desire something more," continued Mr. Brooke. "I wish that the counsel for the cemetery as a condition of adjournment should stipulate that all necessary measures be taken for the preservation of the remains and that the relatives of the deceased be permitted to contribute what they may deem proper to this end."

"Counsel has only to make the suggestion to meet with full compliance on my part with his wishes," said Mr. Develin. "Everything is being done now that can be to preserve the body. They are about to put it in a leaden coffin. Everything that is necessary will be done."

"Everything being satisfactorily arranged then and understood," said Judge Van Brunt, "the argument is adjourned until the first Monday of September."

Upon this announcement the large crowd present speedily withdrew from the court room, with widely diverging comments upon the merits of the case. The *Herald* representative subsequently called upon Mr. Brooke at his office to obtain an outline of his proposed argument when the case comes up for a hearing in the courts. Mr. Brooke met the reporter with his usual affability, and stated frankly that he was perfectly willing to give the required information, as he had no fears of "showing his hand" to the other side.

"What is the chief point upon which you base your argument?" asked the reporter.

"The leading point," answered Mr. Brooke, "as indicated by facts set forth in the papers, is that unless there is some special covenant in the deed, or in whatever muniment of title the party has restricting the right to use the ground for the purpose which induced its purchase, there being no recognition under our law of the rules or regulations of any religious or other organisation, the party or his legal representatives are entitled to make use of the ground in any event as was within the contemplation of both buyer and seller at the time the title was conveyed."

"Is there any other legal point involved in the case?"

"In the event of the Court inclining even to entertain any suggestion of the right to prevent the use of the ground for the purpose for which it was purchased, I shall contend that, according to the theological authorities, the refusal to permit this interment in consecrated ground was not in accordance with any prohibition of canon law or of even doctrinal prescription. This, I believe, about exhausts the law on the question."

"Are there any precedents upon which you propose to base your action in the premises?"

There are only two precedents which I can find which might, superficially considered, be at all applicable to the case, and neither of them is directly in point, and, in fact, is scarcely sufficiently analysed to be urged as authority to the Court. One is the well known case of Joseph Guibord, in Montreal, with which the public is already familiar. Guibord was not a Freemason, but was a member of L'Institut Canadien, a liberal literary and social organisation, which had in its library certain books, the reading of which was interdicted by the Church. The Church excommunicated, formally, the members of the society as a body, after notifying them of its decision concerning the character of the books in question. Guibord was a printer by trade, and declined to leave the society, and upon his death the Church refused to allow his body to be buried in consecrated ground. It was, however, buried there after a long and bitterly contested struggle, in the course of which the case was taken before the Privy Council of England. A force of police and military escorted the body to the place of burial, and protected the persons engaged in the interment, the coffin being set in a large bed of cement underlying the grave. In Guibord's case the decision was governed by the principles of the ecclesiastical laws of England, and the final determination was made subject to the fact that the Established Church of the country moulded and shaped the laws concerning the question.

"The other case was the one in Cleveland, Ohio, in which Bishop Gillmore, of that diocese, was the respondent. In this case the evidence of the title contained an express covenant that the party should forfeit the right to burial in consecrated ground in the event of the happening of certain contingencies therein enumerated. One of such contingencies had happened in this particular instance, and, therefore, under the covenant in the title, the appellate Court decided that the party had forfeited his right to burial in consecrated ground."

"Is there anything further to be said," the reporter finally asked, "in connection with the legal points involved in this case?"

"Not that I think of at this moment," replied Mr. Brooke. "I have indicated the basis of my proposed line of argument. Of course there may be points raised on the other side which I cannot now anticipate—though I do not see how there can well be—and I entertain no fear of being able to promptly meet them. I thus candidly furnish you with a statement of our position for the reason that if the law of the land gives to the body of this decedent the right of burial in the spot in good faith purchased by him in his lifetime, and in which are interred his mother, wife, and children, we intend to have that right asserted. If the law does not accord us that right we purpose to have the Court specifically declare that fact and the reasons which prompt the denial of what we assume to be his right. It is, in fact, a question as to

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whether in our State and country any religious organisation or denomination can demand the substitution of its rules and regulations to supersede the law of the land."

A reporter also called upon Mr. John E. Develin, the chief counsel of the Calvary Cemetery Association. In response to an inquiry as to the future course in the matter Mr. Develin said:—

"I have not yet had any intimation from my side as to what they have said or done, or intend to do. I have had no conversation with any one except Mr. T. J. Glover, with whom I am associated in the case. The only conversation I have had with him was with regard to the adjournment of the matter, as the papers only reached him on Thursday afternoon. I did not see the papers until this morning, when I was in court in regard to another matter. I know nothing of this case except what I read in the *Herald* this morning. I have not read in the papers. Nothing has been prepared on our side, but I expect to consult with Mr. Glover in a few days as to the course we shall pursue."

"Is there any possibility of a compromise?"
 "I am unable to say, as I have seen none of the authorities and have had no opportunity to communicate with them. But I may say that the Catholic cemeteries are consecrated, and intended only for the burial of persons who die in full communion with the Church, and this must be well known to all who purchase burial plots in them. It is supposed that none but Catholics would apply for burial plots in such a cemetery."

"What is the unconsecrated ground?"
 "I am not aware of any owned by the Catholics, although there may be such for special uses. I do not know what was meant by the term used that 'this body must be interred in the unconsecrated ground,' unless it was meant that it must be deposited within the cemetery grounds of other than those belonging to the Catholic Church."

"Do you know of a body ever having been brought to Calvary Cemetery and then removed to a trench, there to be dissipated by quick lime?"
 "No; never."

"Are bodies ever sent to Potter's Field?"
 "Not that I have heard of."

"Do you think that this deed of Mr. Coppers' gave him the right of burial there?"
 "I have not read the deed. That will be a part of the subject of our consultation."

"Do you not know that the bodies of more than one hundred Freemasons are now interred in Calvary Cemetery?"
 "I do not. I do not know of my own knowledge, or of any information to that effect that such is the case, nor do I believe that any such burial would be permitted if the deceased persisted in his membership to the last, and this fact was known to those having charge of the cemetery. The rule is not directed against Freemasons alone, but it excludes members of all secret societies. Thus recently, combinations in Pennsylvania not of a Free Masonic character have come under the ban of the authorities of the Church."

"Do you know of the burial of one John Strach, a Freemason and a member of the New York Fire Department, in Calvary Cemetery?"
 "I never heard of him, according to my present recollection. I presume that the proper authorities could and would, under special circumstances of a sufficiently influencing character, grant a dispensation, but I do not know, this being a sort of theological question which is outside of the legal domain. I have never heard, however, of the exercise of any such privilege."

"Do you propose to prevent the interment of Denis Coppers' body in Calvary Cemetery, as the case stands now?"
 "I cannot say what course of action I will be instructed to pursue."

The following is the deed given Mr. Denis Coppers when he purchased the plot in Calvary Cemetery, which is now in the possession of the applicants for the injunction:—

Office of † Calvary Cemetery,
 New York, December 1, 1873.

Received from Mr. Denis Coppers, seventy-five dollars, being amount of purchase money of a plot of ground, 8 feet by 8 feet, in Calvary Cemetery.

\$75. D. BRENNAN,
 Supt. of Office of Calvary Cemetery.
 Section 7. Plot D.
 Range 35. 4 graves, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Appended is a copy of the original letter ordering the removal of the body, and which was placed in the hands of Mr. Brooke by Mr. Edward Coppers on the 19th, the day on which it was received:—

Calvary Cemetery, Office, 266, Mulberry-street,
 New York, August 18, 1879.

M. Jones, Esq.—
 Dear Sir—I have been requested by Very Rev. Dr. Quinn to inform you that the remains of the late Denis Coppers cannot be kept in receiving vault for more than three days. If not removed at the expiration of that time they will be interred in unconsecrated ground. Respectfully,
 D. BRENNAN.

On Thursday evening, the 21st ult., the brother of Mr. Coppers applied to Mr. Hugh Moore for permission to put the body of deceased in a zinc casket. Permission was granted, and on Friday morning, the 22nd ult., the undertaker went to the vault at Calvary and transferred the body. Had this not been done it is probable the Board of Health would have interfered, for the heat was so great on Friday, the 22nd ult., that it would have been impossible to allow the coffin to remain in the vault.

My recent holiday at the sea-side, as recorded in your issue of the 29th ult., revived an old liking for wandering on the ocean, created in my younger days, which I then gratified by obtaining such employment as caused me to travel thousands of miles across its surging waves.

The other morning, whilst sitting in my sanctum, thinking over many pleasurable experiences of my rambling life abroad, I overheard the following question: "Is Mr. Jones within," to which my boy Tom replied in the affirmative, and immediately the burly figure of the jovial brother whom my boisterous friends at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea designated "Old Pyramid" was ushered into my presence (with his permission I shall use the same cognomen in this short narrative).

"Well, old boy," said he, "how are your feelings after your holiday?" and, on my assuring him that I was perfectly salubrious, he proceeded to enlighten me upon the purport of his visit.

"I'm thinking of having a short sea trip, but cannot quite make up my mind where to steer for," said he.

This idea was so consonant with my own feelings, that I entered most enthusiastically into the discussion of the merits of the various routes, &c. After many suggestions, we mutually concluded that a trip from Liverpool to Falmouth on one of the steamers calling at the latter port on her voyage to London would be the most enjoyable, and almost instinctively it seemed settled that I should accompany my friend.

Without loss of time I made arrangements with another friend to take charge of my establishment and superintend Tom's duties during my absence.

On Saturday, September 6th, we were speeding along on the Cheshire lines express, and soon reached the port of embarkation. Calling at the office of the owners of the boats, for the purpose of securing our berths, we were informed that the clerk was on board; and to him we must apply for our tickets; accordingly, with the aid of a swift hand, we landed on the busy dock. My friend, Pyramid, was armed with a letter of introduction to the owners, who were busily looking after the loading of their steamer, but who, nevertheless, found time to receive us in a most cordial manner and to escort us on board, and here let me pause to say that if anything would tend to raise the spirits of a timid passenger the affable, pleasant, and jovial demeanour of these gentlemen, coupled with the John Bull appearance of Captain Maddix, of the good ship "Truthful," would certainly accomplish that object.

At one p.m. the captain's voice was heard giving the requisite commands for clearing away, and we moved slowly through the intricate windings of the various docks until the river was fairly reached, when the engine-room gong sounded, the indicator on the telegraph disc pointed to "Go ahead full speed," and away we steamed at the rate of twelve knots past the Rock B.L.-buoy, the Bar Light-ship, and other precautionary marks, until we were outside the dangerous part of the Channel.

By the time the mountainous Welsh coast loomed in view the fifty-six saloon passengers had each settled their quarters on board, and many, pipe in mouth, perambulated the poop-deck, while others grouped themselves into little knots, and seemed bent on thoroughly enjoying their cruise; but, alas, in many cases their expectations were not quite realised. Old Father Neptune did not seem disposed to let us pass so freely and smoothly over his watery regions. About five o'clock we passed the Great Ormes Head, afterwards Point Lynas, when the steward's bell announced that tea was ready. As is usual at first starting, there was an eager rush for places, and our friends George (the steward) and Sarah (his wife, the stewardess), had a nimble time of it, but the latter, with a rather merry twinkle in her eye, in a kind of half-whisper remarked to my companion Pyramid (who, by the bye, is an old passenger on these boats, and consequently well known on board) that "the gentleman would not be in such good trim to-morrow."

On passing the Sherries, about six o'clock, the wind freshened, and the buoyant spirits of several of the passengers were considerably decreased, furtive glances were cast around, as though seeking some quiet corner; on rounding Holyhead, abeam the South Stack Light, there seemed to be considerable interest manifested in the colour of the water, as several heads were hung over the bulwarks, as though studying the phosphorescent display. One young gentleman nearly upset me in his haste to reach the side, and on my demanding whether he was going, he answered somewhat inarticulately something which sounded like "New Yo-o-r-k-k-k;" however, on his reappearing, he looked exceedingly pale, and was wiping a few stray tears from his eyes, so I supposed he had satisfied himself that he could not reach his destination that night.

Near the door of the captain's cabin had assembled about a dozen passengers, who could really enjoy the bracing breezes and a good smoke, and in the midst of these was the jolly skipper, spinning some of his amusing yarns, but every two or three minutes his "weather eye" was directed towards the shore, and at intervals he compared notes with the mate on the bridge.

Darkness set in, and the evening breezes became chilly. Many of the passengers retired to rest, while others enjoyed a fragrant weed on deck. After passing the Carnarvon Light-ship myself and the "Pyramid" turned in.

Sunday morning.—About five o'clock I was roused up by the stopping of the engines, and hastily dressing repaired on deck, when I found that we were so near the Bishop rocks (designated the Bishop and his Curates) that the captain had deemed it advisable to get a little more out to sea, and for this purpose had "slowed" on purpose to get the ship round. The morning was so hazy that we could not see the light upon the South Bishop until within a short distance. At intervals the mist lifted,

during which we could discern St. David's Head and the Island of Grassholme, a knot of land about three-quarters of a mile in circumference, also the Islands of Scocum and Scomer.

During the early morning the rain continued, and the strong south-west wind caused the sea to rise on crossing the mouth of the Bristol Channel. The "Truthful" being of a very strong build behaved in the rough sea in a most exemplary manner—in fact, one could hardly perceive any rolling; nevertheless, many of the passengers stuck closely to their bunks, others were endeavouring to get shelter from the driving rain under the lee of the deck house or the boats.

Just before breakfast time the captain was assuring a knot of young fellows that we should soon have better weather, and that the sun would be out shortly, when a son of the Emerald Isle humorously observed, "Bedad, captain, the sooner ye turn on that tap the better for I'm mighty tired o' this sort."

In exemplification of Sarah's prediction, a great number of the noisy and boisterous passengers of the evening before were conspicuous by their absence from the breakfast table, and a more orderly assembly were seated round the saloon. When the dishes made their appearance, George (the steward) laughingly remarked to the Pyramid, "Let's see, sir, you don't like ham and eggs." "Oh, no," said the latter, but, to my astonishment, he set to in good earnest to make a clearance of a large dish of the same, and I should not like to mention the quantity he consumed. However, the keen morning air seemed to have sharpened the appetites of every one of us, and chops and steaks, and other excellently cooked viands disappeared with amazing rapidity.

By mid-day we sighted the Cornish coast, and the captain had proved a true prophet, for the sun shone out brilliantly and the sea moderated, the spirits of the passengers rising accordingly. St. Ives Head was the first land visible, then we crossed Red Sand Bay, the pretty coast scenery forming quite a panorama. The Longships' Lighthouse, standing out some distance from the mainland, was next observed, and after passing this, the world-known "Land's End" stood out prominently, guarded by the rock known as the "Armed Knight" and surmounted by the "First and Last House in England." On the west the Wolf Rock Lighthouse was plainly seen, to which is attached the following legend. It is said that formerly there was a chasm in the rock through which at low water the wind howled, resembling in its peculiar noise the growling of a wolf, and frightening the fishes from that part of the coast. The Cornish fishermen carried thousands of boat loads of stones from the shore and filled up the hole, eventually overcoming the howling and inducing the return of their scaly friends. The rocks derived their name from this source.

Rounding the dangerous rocks we entered Mounts Bay, and the water becoming smoother a considerably larger number of passengers responded to the summons of the steward's dinner bell.

After dinner we had a capital view of St. Michael's Mount and Penzance, and about 4 o'clock sighted Lizard Point, on which are placed two very powerful electric lights. We also passed within a short distance the steamer "Buel," which had been run ashore the previous evening, having on board over 200 souls, but happily all were saved. In close contiguity was another steamer, the "Nankin," which was wrecked about three weeks previously.

By 6 p.m. we entered Falmouth Harbour, which is said to be one of the finest asylums in England for shipping, being partially surrounded by lofty headlands.

At seven o'clock our good ship Truthful was moored alongside, and after bidding our jovial captain adieu, and expressing our best thanks for his attention and kindness during the trip, as well as our regrets that we were not able to continue with him for the remainder of his voyage to London, my friend Pyramid, another fellow passenger, and myself, landed on terra-firma, and repaired to the Royal Hotel, where mine host, a true type of the English Boniface, gave us a hearty welcome. After the requisite ablutions and refreshing of the inner man, we availed ourselves of the beautiful moonlight, and had a stroll round the town, and upon the little jetties which at intervals run out into the harbour; the reflection of the many ships' lights, as well as the shore lamps, in the placid waters forming a fairy-like scene.

Arranging for an early commencement of our pilgrinations the following morning, I retired to rest, but not until I had recognised our jolly boat as a member of the mystic fraternity.

Monday morning.—The sun shining brightly, the air balmy, the streets alive with merry Cornish faces, all looked cheerful and happy. I started alone for a cruise before breakfast. The town in many respects bears a resemblance to Malta, the streets being formed on inclines, and the houses in many parts built on sloping terraces. The old church, which is dedicated to Charles the Martyr, contains a curious old oak pulpit, and its galleries and seats in the body bear the stamp of antiquity. Along the docks the roadway was crowded with French, Swiss, and other Continental emigrants, who had been brought in during the night from the wrecked steamer Brest.

Returning to the Royal I found my friend quit ready for his matutinal meal, and after partaking of the very ample fare provided for us, we hired a conveyance, and had what my friend termed a bird's-eye view of Falmouth from the high promontory on which is erected Pendennis Castle. On our way thither our Jehu informed us that through his influence with Quarter-Master Sergeant Kelly we should be permitted to ascend the tower, and visit other parts of the battery not generally opened to visitors, and on our introduction to the veteran Hibernian we were politely conducted over the same. From the top of the tower the view is certainly grand. The town of Falmouth,

with its clean white terraces, the smooth harbour, with its hundreds of ships and small boats lying peacefully at anchor, forms a magnificent panorama. To the east stands St. Anthony's Head, on which is placed a lighthouse. A little further on is the ancient city of St. Mawes, and looking across the creek of St. Just, Dodman Head is visible in the distance; to the westward Black Head and St. Kevern Church; to the south the broad Atlantic; and to the north the beautifully wooded inland scenery, each and all forming charming pictures.

On descending the tower our guide took us through the Armoury of the Militia Artillery, and then pointed out to us a cupboard in one of the turrets, which formerly formed a hiding place for Charles II.

Returning to our hotel, we found that a telegram had been received from Plymouth, stating that the return steamer had left that port, and would arrive about four o'clock, and, by way of postscript, "Have dinner ready for twelve at three o'clock," in which latter arrangement we desired to participate. Our host in true brotherly fashion had planned for us a pleasure trip up the Fal on the steamer "Resolute," but the early arrival of our steamer would not permit of our availing ourselves of the same; however, the sturdy captain of the little boat to whom we were introduced, determined to show us some fraternal attention, and he escorted us to the lodge room of Love and Harmony Lodge, No. 75, and pointed out to us numerous antique and curious properties belonging thereto; the Secretary, Bro. Carter (mine host of the Royal), at the same time presented us with a copy of the bye-laws, to which is attached a history of remarkable events connected with the lodge since its consecration, compiled by the Masonic historian, B. O. W. J. Hughan, of whom all English, but more especially Cornish, Masons are so justly proud.

Soon after four o'clock an omnibus laden with passengers hove in sight, and it did not require a conjuror to discern from whence they came. The ruddy complexion of the lively captain and the slightly bronzed cheeks of the others were sufficient to identify them, and in a very short space of time they, with ourselves, were assembled round the well-supplied festive board, and diminishing the heaps of good things with great rapidity, the captain having at first announced that he could only allow one hour on shore.

Punctually the omnibus again appeared, and the company were thereby conveyed alongside the steamer "Mary Hough," and at six p.m. I commenced my return voyage, which was accomplished with rather more difficulty than the outward one, the wind blowing quite a gale from the Lizard Point until we were under shelter of the land on the Welsh coast. Our steamer, although having to battle with head winds and a rollicking sea, behaved exceedingly well; the merry voice of Captain Wraight kept all on board in good humour, and a right jovial commander and companion he proved himself to be under the difficulties produced by the contending elements.

On Wednesday morning I landed in Liverpool, and at 9.30 a.m. was again seated in my dusty sanctum in Manchester.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire (Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.) was held at Stockport on Wednesday last, the 17th inst. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland has been appointed by the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., for Tuesday, the 23rd inst., under the banner of Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, at Appleby. It is nineteen years since the province visited the county town of Westmorland, and on that occasion Eden Valley Lodge was consecrated.

The annual installation meeting of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst., at half-past 12 o'clock, when Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S. W.L., will install Bro. J. B. MacKenzie as successor to Bro. Lindo Courtenay in the W.M.'s chair.

DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINER.—This ancient and interesting Degree is increasing in popularity and will shortly be worked for the first time in Surrey, as the Grand Royal Ark Mariner (Lord Skelmersdale) has issued two new warrants, one in connection with the Brixton Mark Lodge (Bro. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of Wks., W.C.N. designate), and the other in connection with the Panmure Mark Lodge, Balham (Bro. Chas. Pulman, P.G.Std., W.C.N. designate).

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., speaking at the Lonsdale Agricultural Association Show on Tuesday last, attributed the depression in agriculture to a succession of bad seasons, and to the condition of trade generally. He was very hopeful that the country would soon see a return to prosperity. As regarded suggested alterations in the land laws, he thought that landlords and tenants could manage their own affairs best themselves.

THE URBAN LODGE AND CHAPTER.—The Order of St. John, to which, we understand, the Gate House of the ancient Priory known as St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, now belongs, requiring the old hall and ante-rooms for their own purposes, the several lodges meeting at "the Gate" have received notice to quit at Michaelmas. The Urban (1196) will in future meet at Freemasons' Hall on the second Tuesdays in January, February, March, April, October, and November, and the chapter attached to the same will also remove to head-quarters, meeting on the first Mondays in February, April, July, and November.

We are pleased to state that the charge of libel preferred against Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott has completely fallen through, the jury, immediately on the conclusion of the summing up, returning a verdict of not guilty.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., has presented £50 to the Vicar of St. Paul's, Holloway, for the removal of the organ debt, together with £150 towards the erection of a gallery at the west end of the church.

The Doan of Westminster having left Westminster for a few weeks' absence on the Continent, all applications in reference to the Abbey are to be sent to the Canon in Residence.

Bro. Alderman Ellis gave the use of his grounds for the exhibition of the Byfleet Horticultural Society, and his head gardener was amongst the successful competitors.

The Grand Duke of Hesse is expected to arrive in England about the 23rd inst., on a visit to the Queen at Balmoral.

Our readers will learn with interest that a movement has been started at Plymouth, having for its object the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Chard (Victoria Cross), one of the heroes of Rorke's Drift, on his expected early arrival from the Cape. The gallant Major, it appears, is a Devonian, and because of this, as well as in appreciation of the bravery he displayed, a ready response is being accorded to the appeal for subscriptions.

A message, sent via Aden to the Eastern Telegraph Company in London, contains the important news that on the 28th ult. the Zulu King, Cetewayo, was captured by the English. He was then on the borders of the Amatonga district, and was taken by Major Marter and a detachment of that officer's regiment, the 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards.

Advices have been received from Antwerp reporting the death of Baron Von Reinach, one of the largest financiers of Germany. The fortune of the deceased is estimated at nearly £2,400,000. He owned several entire quarters of Frankfurt.

LONDON GENERAL OMNIBUS COMPANY.—Traffic receipts for the week ending September 14th, 1879, £10,901 18s. 9d.; 1878, £11,540 1s. 2d.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, left London a few days back for New York, where he intends staying a short period.

Bro. Archibald Forbes contradicts the report, circulated by the *Athenaeum*, that he was about to return to Afghanistan. He intends to devote the winter to a lecturing tour throughout the United Kingdom.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts left Portland in her yacht *Walrus* on Wednesday last for the Channel Isles. Her ladyship proposes to cruise about the Channel for some weeks, and will visit St. Malo to inspect a lifeboat she has presented to that port.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 26, 1879.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 905, Dr. Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Lodge 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.

Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wd.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Chap. 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 907, Royal Alb., White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock H., Albion-rd. E.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 217, Stability, Andert n's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., M. Avenue.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Bonsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mire Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 27, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
(Installation; business at 12.30.)
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 230, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callendar, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—The first meeting for this season was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The rendezvous was the Lecture Hall, St. John's-hill, New Wandsworth, the brethren having lately had occasion to remove the lodge. The usual formal business having been concluded, the W.M. elect (Bro. A. Newons) was impressively installed by Bro. Past Master E. H. Boddy, to whom a vote of thanks was afterwards passed. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, P.M.; W. A. Morgan, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; J. E. Francis, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; R. Walker, H. T. Bell, J. Tucker, W. Marshall, J. Springett, T. Arnison, A. A. Denham (*Mid Surrey Standard*), and others. The following officers were appointed by the W.M.: Bros. J. B. Walker, S.W.; W. J. Huntley, J.W.; J. J. Holland, S.D.; F. W. Wardroper, J.D.; S. C. Landon, I.G.; F. Reed, W.S.; and A. A. Denham, D.C. The Secretary, Bro. John Frost, and Treasurer, Bro. H. Wilson, were reappointed. The banquet was afterwards held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, were a very pleasant evening was spent.

BURDETT-COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in full force on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, and, exercising the usual hospitality, there was an usual a goodly number of visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Charles Kerr Crouch, the ordinary business was disposed of, and the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. W. R. Hammond, which he did in a most impressive manner. A notice affixed to the summons urged brethren to be punctual, failing to observe which, Bro. W. J. Bonner, who came late, did not receive the Sublime Degree, to which he would have been entitled. Punctually at five o'clock the W.M. proceeded to install his successor (Bro. Abraham Lazarus) into the chair of K.S., and his admirable working of the ceremony elicited the warm approbation and encomiums of the brethren and visitors present. Considering that Bro. Crouch had to follow such experienced and able workers as Bros. Terry, C. Musto, and others, it is the more creditable to him that he should have worked the ceremony, not only to the satisfaction of those present, but have received so warm an approval of his exertions. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Defries, S.W.; Sturtevant, J.W.; Prestage, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; Chitson, I.G.; and G. W. Verry, P.M., P.Z., as Honorary Secretary. The Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, where the lodge is held, was never more full than on Thursday, the 18th inst., and Bro. Lloyd, the host, placed an excellent banquet before the brethren, to which they did ample justice. After the labours of the lodge the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable evening having been spent.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—On Thursday, the 18th inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, the installation meeting was held. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers. The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the lodge minute book. The W.M. raised Bros. King and Long. Bro. T. W. Adams, I.P.M., presented Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect, for installation, when he was installed. The officers are Bros. W. Pennefather, S.W.; W. Malthouse, J.W.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; H. M. Butt, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; J. J. Howes, D.C.; W. Snow, W.S.; W. Delafous, C.S.; E. Roberts, Organist; Smyth, Tyler. The work was so well rendered that a vote of thanks was given to the I.P.M., Bro. G. S. Elliott, for doing the installation ceremony so well, and the same ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book. Bro. G. S. Elliott, I.P.M., Treasurer, had the usual ten guinea Past Master's jewel given to him. Although entering on

his third apprenticeship in Masonry, this was the first lodge Bro. G. S. Elliott has passed the chair in. When the lodge was founded, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., selected him for first J.W., and stuck by him until he had completed his year of office. He resigned the Treasurership, and had the happiness of seeing Bro. G. S. Elliott unanimously elected to succeed him. As Bro. G. S. Elliott, P.M., now holds office in other lodges, we hope in time to have to chronicle how well he will do his work in other lodges as he has done here. Bro. J. Howes, P.M. 765, W.M., a well-known worker of the Fifteen Sections, commenced his duties. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Alfred Silcorn, and being present, he was initiated into Freemasonry. The work was well done. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.J.D. Middx., P.M., late Treasurer and Secretary, resigned his membership; his health being so bad, and living in Leicestershire, precluded him from coming up to town. His resignation was accepted with regret. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. Business ended, the lodge was closed. There were present also Bros. G. S. Wintle, P.M.; Greenwood, Smith, T. Butt, King, Rose, W. Butt, Cork, and many others. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.P. G. Org. Oxon, P.M. 1706, &c.; Pearson, P.M. 315; Dr. Hunter, P.M. 1677; Sheadd, P.M. 720; Goodde, P.M. 1228; Silvester, W.M. 463; Elliott, 749; Page, 1821; Rumball, S.W. 141, and others. The usual good banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. T. Butt and his two sons, all of whom were unremitting in their exertions to make all present happy and comfortable, in which they succeeded. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a happy meeting to a pleasant close.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—On the 20th inst., the first anniversary of this lodge was celebrated at the new rooms, at the King's Arms Hotel, High-street, Kensington, the original intention of meeting at the Court-field Hotel, Earl's Court Station, having been abandoned. The business of the day consisted in the submission of minutes of last lodge for confirmation, the passing of one brother to the Second Degree, and the installation of a W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. By a unanimous vote, Bro. Charles Edward Williams had been elected to that important position (rendered more so than usual in the case of a young lodge), than whom no more suitable person could have been chosen, uniting, as he does, to a thorough knowledge of his duties, the assiduity of a successful man of business, and the amiability and cordiality of an English gentleman. The preliminary matters having been gone into, the ceremony of installation was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. George Read, in so accurate, distinct, and impressive a manner as to call forth the sincere congratulations of the brethren, accustomed, as they are so fortunate as to be, old auditors of his excellent working. The Rev. Bro. Ambrose W. Hall, P.M., &c., Chaplain to the lodge, assisted with his usual powerful aid in rendering the ceremony one which for excellency may have been equaled, but has, undoubtedly, never been surpassed. Having been duly installed, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Hancock, S.W.; J. Barker, J.W.; Rev. Ambrose William Hall, P.M., P.P.G.C., P.P. S.G.W. Surrey, Chaplain; A. Barfield, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Foakes, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; G. Bidgood, J.D.; E. R. Baugh, D.C.; F. J. Oliver, Org.; J. Swanson, I.G.; Mrcalle and Hayes, Stewards. The Worshipful Master then announced that one of the first, and, certainly, one of the most pleasurable duties he should ever have to perform as Master of the Kensington Lodge, would then be, in the name of the Kensington Lodge, to present to Bro. Read the P.M. jewel, in token of the affectionate regard and high appreciation which he had gained on all sides, both during his tenure of office as well as during the many years of his residence in Kensington. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Joseph King Hurrell into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and, if we may judge by a slight example of good workmanship, the lodge will lose none of its excellence under the administration of Bro. Williams. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the following visitors honoured the lodge with their company:—Bros. W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; H. Stiles, J.W. 1732; H. Blunden, J.D. 865; J. Clayton, 1489; Walter Goodall, 142; S. Millar, P.M. 157 and 834; R. J. Gaubert, W.M. 172; M. Cobham, P.M. 141; J. Avery, W.M. 511; T. Broughton, C. G. Gumpel, I.G. 1257; C. Holland, 1681; D. Wetherell, 1681; W. Honeyball, J.D. 1681; and many others. Banquet was served in the new lodge-room by Bro. G. P. Cook, and the menu placed upon the table we venture to believe could not have been improved upon by the most ambitious "Cordon bleu," whilst the dinner on closer acquaintance did not belie that in which the prospect is always good, viz., the prospectus. The banqueting-room had been magnificently decorated, the walls being of a pale blue tint, the mouldings picked out in gold, and the ceilings enriched with Masonic ribands and insignia, the whole affording an effect of lightness and consistency of colour unequalled by that of any salon in the Metropolis. The table was brilliant with flowers, the glitter of many a well-earned jewel lent sparkle to the scene, and the cordiality and friendship of the company lit up the whole circle. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed and received with acclamation, whilst in each successive interval Bro. Oliver, assisted by a number of musical associates, admirably rendered the well known and appropriate national and patriotic songs. In response to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Williams said he had exercised much caution in accepting the exalted honour the brethren offered him, firstly, on account of a not unnatural diffidence, and secondly, because, in having to succeed such a perfect example of excellence as the I.P.M. he would be placed at a disadvantage. He hoped, however, by following, as far as in him lay, in the footsteps of his predecessor, he at least might chance to deserve some favour

at the hands of the brethren. He asked that during his year of office Bro. Read would favour him with his advice and assistance, the value of which was so well recognised, not only by himself but by the Kensington Lodge. After the toast of "The Initiate" had been given and responded to in appropriate terms, the W.M. then rose to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said the next toast he had to propose was really the toast of the evening—it was to their "Immediate Past Master." Brethren, Bro. George Read and the Kensington Lodge are so closely allied to our old mother lodge, the Zetland, No. 511, that I feel it quite impossible to speak of one without alluding to the other. The Zetland is in fact the mother of the Kensington, and as one of the founders, and I may say one of the sponsors, of the Kensington Lodge, I trust that the child may be worthy of the parent. There is no question but that the great success which has attended the Zetland for many years has been mainly due to the zeal and consistent exertions of Bro. Read, as P.M. of the Zetland, loyally and faithfully supported by our Treasurer, Bro. Past Master Barfield, also of the Zetland Lodge. And then, as the accomplished Preceptor of our lodge of instruction which is held in this room, Bro. Read will be ever gratefully remembered for the kind, brotherly, and painstaking manner he endeavours to impart to others that knowledge of Freemasonry which he is so eminently qualified to do. As an example of his working I am sure that every brother here must have been struck with the faultless manner the ceremony of installation has been performed by Bro. Read this evening, and socially I will say of Bro. Read that those who know him best, either in or out of Freemasonry, are those who most admire him, for all those great, good, and sterling qualities that make a man what a man ought to be. Brethren, such is the man, such is the Mason, that the founders of this lodge selected and solicited to become their first Master. I feel quite unable to express in fitting terms how much we owe Bro. Read for the distinguished and finished manner he has organised the working, presided at our meetings, and governed the lodge during his year of office, but of all this I need not say one word—you, brethren, have anticipated me; you have in the most graceful and spontaneous manner already marked your appreciation of those well directed labours, and your esteem for him individually and Masonically, by unanimously voting him the highest honour it is in your power to award, the P.M.'s jewel of the lodge. Bro. Read, may you live many years to assist the lodge with your valuable counsel and advice, and to wear that jewel you have so honourably earned. The I.P.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically welcomed. He said he had never known a greater satisfaction than that which he experienced in successfully, as he hoped and believed, ending his year as W.M. He had, at all events, satisfied the brethren that he had done his best, for the beautiful jewel he had received was a warrant of their favour. He was very grateful for the mark of esteem, and said the jewel would rank in his mind no less high than that jewel he had earned in the mother lodge, Zetland, 511. He was glad to find so earnest a man in the chair he had vacated, and he would be proud if any advice or assistance of his should be accepted by the W.M. The position of the Kensington Lodge was now assured, and he thanked all those who had helped in perfecting its establishment. All the toasts having been passed, the evening was brought to a close with harmony and good fellowship. We add our cordial good wishes for this lodge that in years to come it may lose none of its pristine lustre; that it will rival the fame and hospitality of many larger and older lodges in London is the sincere hope of all who attended the first anniversary of the Kensington Lodge, 1767.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at No. 34, Denmark-street, Gateshead. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after seven o'clock p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, assisted by the officers as follows: Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treasurer (also as J.D.); E. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; Robert Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddell, S.S.; J. W. A. Boyatt, A.S.; and Joshua Carry, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. J. E. Robson, P.M.; B. P. Ord, P.M.; H. N. Ground, Jacob Matthews, Matthew Swinburne, Thomas Swan, Wm. Richardson, W. B. Bolland, and others. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. John Page, W.M. 406; Wm. Healey, 405; W. H. Dunn, 1676; U. Mein, P.M. 541; J. R. S. Baker, 541; M. H. Dodds, J.W. 1119; R. Smalles, P.M. 541; Jas. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; James Cooper, 1342; G. S. Sims, 1342; T. S. Miller, 424; and Thos. Foster, 406. After the minutes were confirmed the ballot was taken respectively for Mr. Wm. Mark Pybus, Mr. Henry Bewsher Slee, and Mr. Edwd. Shewbrooks, who were duly elected. Mr. H. B. Slee being in attendance, and properly prepared, was then initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M.; the S.W. explained the working tools, and the J.W. gave the charge. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. M. Swinburne received the test of merit and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. Swinburne was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board. The working tools were given by the S.W. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors. During the evening the W.M. announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham would be held at Gateshead on the 21st October, under the joint banners of Lodges 48 and 424, and requested the attendance of all M.M.'s who could make it convenient to attend. The lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m., when the brethren retired to the refreshment-room, where

they were entertained with a musical melange, consisting of glees, &c., ably rendered by Bros. Richardson, Ferry, Ord, and Sinclair. The usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts was included in the programme.

MANCHESTER.—*Virtue Lodge* (No. 152).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 19th inst. There were present Bros. Wm. Hollins, W.M.; Wm. Jaffray, S.W.; G. C. Williams, J.W.; C. Harrop, Treas.; Bonehill, D.C.; R. F. Brewer, Sec.; E. A. Priest, Org.; J. Nicholson, I.G.; G. V. Blaikie, J.D.; James Wright, Steward; T. R. Stephens, W. R. Williams, Charles Kay, and B. Nitscke. Visitors: Bros. E. Cummins, S.W. 1459; Murray Thomson, 163; Wm. Bidgood, 261; D. A. Murray, 204; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). As will be seen the attendance of members was not very great, most of them being enjoying the salubrious air of Blackpool, where a grand fête was being held. The lodge was opened at 6.45, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. There being no work the lodge was raised to the Second and Third Degrees, and afterwards lowered to the First. Following the announcement made on the circulars, the bye-laws were read by the Secretary (in the absence of the Chaplain), with a view to alteration, if necessary. A portion of the provincial bye-laws was next read, bearing upon the intimation made by the R.W.P.G.M. with respect to joining members throughout the province, the particulars of which are by this time doubtless well known by the brethren in East Lancashire. This last matter terminating the business, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony soon after 8 o'clock. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board and spent a couple of hours together, separating at 10 o'clock.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A meeting of this recently-constituted chapter was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 13th inst. There were present among others Comps. George Everett, M.E.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., J., and acting H. in the unavoidable absence of Comp. E. Page; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, S.N., acting J. (*Freemason*); Henry Higgins, S.E.; Binjemann, P.S.; Speedy, 1st Assistant; Webb, and Assistant. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. reported that the bye-laws of the chapter had been duly approved by the Grand Chapter. He then directed the S.E. to furnish each member present with a copy of them, which was accordingly done. There were two brethren down on the agenda of business for exaltation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. There being no other matter before the convocation, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to a collation. There were no toasts, and the companions separated at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Thursday, the 18th inst. There were present Comps. Willing, M.E.Z.; T. Adams, P.Z., as H.; Ferguson, J.; W. M. Stiles, Scribe F.; Edmonds, as H.; H. Stiles, as P.S.; Side, 1st P.S.; Barnes, J.; Deller, Sillis, Clemow, Holt, Humphreys, and others. Letters of apology were received from Comps. Stacey, H.; Douglass, P.S.; Hudson, S.N.; and others. A ballot having been taken for Bro. A. N. Clemow, which proved unanimous, he was regularly introduced and impressively exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. then proposed that, in view of the lease of the present premises being disposed of, the chapter be removed. This was carried unanimously, and the committee appointed to make arrangements. The companions immediately on closing the chapter separated.

SUNDERLAND.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 80).—The regular convocation of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Present: Ex. Comps. H. Maddison, Z.; M. Douglass, H.; H. P. Turnbull, J. The chapter was opened by the Three Principals. The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The circular was read convening the meeting. Present on the dais Ex. Comps. Crookes, P.Z.; Hudson, P.Z.; Comp. Lova, P.Z.; Ex. Comps. Clay, Z. of Chapter de Lambton; Frampton, J.; Henderson, P.Z. The ballot was then taken for Bro. T. W. Barnlett, a candidate for exaltation, and Comp. Munroe, of Chapter 487, who were duly elected. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following were elected: Ex. Comps. Maddison, re-elected, Z.; Turnbull, H.; Comps. Lowes, J.; Nicholson, E.; Beattie, N.; Kinmona, P.S.; Craven, T.; Thompson, J. Auditors elected, Comps. Godfondson and Nicholson. All business being done the chapter was closed in due and solemn form.

EAST HARTLEPOOL.—*St. Helen's Chapter* (No. 531).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, on Friday, the 12th inst., at 6 p.m. There were present Ex. Comps. R. Hudson, Z.; M. Douglass, H.; and G. Moore, J. The chapter was opened by the Three Principals, and the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The circular was read convening the chapter. There being no exaltations, Ex. Comp. Hudson, Z., proposed to give the Symbolic Lecture, which was done in a most impressive manner, giving great satisfaction to the companions.

Comp. Spofforth proposed Bro. R. H. Lynn, of St. Helen's Lodge, for exaltation, seconded by Comp. Hunter. "Hearty good wishes" were given by Ex. Comp. Maddison, Z. of St. John's Chapter, No. 80, and Ex. Comp. Lova, Chapter of Strict Benevolence, No. 97. All business being done, the chapter was closed in due and solemn form.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MALTA.—*Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter* (No. 33).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. There were present Comps. A. M. Broadley, M.W.S.; Capt. Blake, R.A., as Prelate; C. Riechelman, 1st General; Surg.-Maj. Mackinnon, as 2nd General; Lieut. Coffey, R.A., Raphael; Maj. Ewing, Organist; W. J. Jones, Captain of Guard and acting Recorder; together with a large attendance of members of the chapter. A ballot was taken for the following candidates:—Capt. A. Finch Noyes, A.P.D.; Capt. Hodgson, 10th Regt.; Lieut. McLaughlin, R.A.; and Surgeon Walker, A.M.D. These brethren being present, were duly perfected by the M.W.S., as S.P.R.C. of H. It was decided to change the election meeting from January to March. The labours of the evening being ended, the princes adjourned to a banquet.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

HUGHAN'S "OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS," &c.

Bro. Gould having so kindly alluded to one of my pets ("Old Charges of British Freemasons") I write at once to pledge myself to a reprint of the work as soon as circumstances permit. The fact is, I cannot afford to undertake more than one work at a time, and having a portion of my last, "The Numerical and Medallie Register of Lodges," still on hand, it depends mainly on the brethren how soon the reprint is made. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and I have agreed to bring out another edition of the "Old Charges," and that brother has already done a good part towards it in publishing in the "Masonic Magazine" an annotated transcript of the "Halliwell MS.," which will be available for the promised reprint. Of Bro. Cooke's MS. I believe Bro. Walter Spencer has still a number on sale. Though out of print, I am often able—by watching sales and catalogues—to meet with copies of the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and have two by me now. Bro. Gould's reference to the "Holy Martyrs Four," of the seventh century, is a most important one, and I should like much to know in what MS. they occur. As to Charles Martel's name being in either Halliwell or Cooke's MSS., it will require more than the authority of Bro. Fort to authenticate it, for, as a matter of fact, the name does not occur. Bro. Fort, unfortunately, has not well studied our old MSS. W. J. HUGHAN.

MELROSE LODGE.

In regard to Bro. W. J. Hughan's announcement in the *Freemason* of the 13th inst., that I have unearthed an old MS. charge at Melrose, I am happy to say that I have transcribed the whole of it from a copy in the possession of the old lodge at Melrose, which has evidently been made about the beginning of last century from the old one I first discovered. It is a very imperfect copy, some words having been altogether mistaken by the transcriber, and some left out altogether where he could not decipher them. The name "Euclide" proved a sore stumbling block, so he copied it exactly as it is written, so that it looks like some mysterious hieroglyphic, and no doubt it was so considered by the scribe. Having got this document copied into my note book, on my next visit to Melrose I will compare it very carefully with the original so as to get a *verbatim* copy, which I will forward to Bro. Hughan as soon as complete.

In reply to Bro. Woodford's query anent the minutes of this old lodge, I beg to say that as soon as I have leisure and opportunity I will take them up and make extracts of any that may prove of interest to the Craft. From a cursory inspection of one of the books I noted that the first minute bore the date 1678. A faithful transcription of the ancient charges, however, will be my first care; after I have obtained that, I will trace out the history of this ancient lodge as far as it is preserved in these old records.

It is well known that Melrose has never acknowledged the authority of Grand Lodge of Scotland, consequently we are not permitted to receive Melrose Masons in our lodges, or indeed, to recognise them as brethren. This is to be regretted, as it places the members of this ancient lodge in a false position with other brethren. I trust it is not too late for this old lodge to own allegiance to the governing body in Scotland—such a procedure would be honourable to the lodge, and at the same time it would be an honour to Grand Lodge to enrol in its ranks this most ancient lodge. The Lodge of Kilwinning in Ayr, called in Scotland "Mother Killwinning," held aloof until the year 1807, when Grand Lodge conceded it the privilege demanded, that of being registered as the oldest lodge in Scotland, and No. 1 being already allocated to the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Kilwinning, was made No. 0. As Melrose claims a history as old as either of these lodges, and claims its establishment from "time immemorial," would it not be possible in justice to its claim, which I think may be fairly established, to give it a position as honourable as the others, and number it 12 or even 21? This arrangement would not affect the numbers of the other lodges as they stand on the roll of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W. FRED. VERNON.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

In obedience to the command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., an immense gathering of the brethren from every section of the Province of Cheshire assembled at the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., to assist in the transaction of the annual business of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The large and influential gathering clearly indicated two facts—the continued popularity of Bro. Lord de Tabley, and the unabated vitality of the Order in this Masonic division of the kingdom—and the meeting was generally voted the most successful which has been held since his lordship was appointed to his high and important office in 1865 by the late Earl of Zetland. The last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Stockport was in 1866, but so long ago as 1853 the town was honoured by a visit, when the late Bro. Lord Combermere held the reins of Masonic government.

There are altogether five Masonic lodges in Stockport, but one of these—the Egerton Lodge, held at the George Hotel—belongs to the West Lancashire Province. The four Stockport lodges in the Province of Cheshire are, St. John, No. 104, held at Ashton House, Greek-street; Unanimity, No. 287, Dog and Partridge, Churchgate; Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Warren-street; and Concord, No. 323, Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath. There are thirty-six lodges in the province, with a total membership of upwards of 1700.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., was received in due form by the assembled brethren, amongst the P.G. Lodge Officers present being Bros. G. W. Latham, Past G.W. of England, acting as D.P.G.M.; R. Beales, P.P.G.J.W.; A. E. Cockayne, P.G.S.B.; Llewellyn Makin, P.G.J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; W. Nicholls, P.G.P.; J. Cavanagh, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. Augustus A. Bagshaw, M.A., P.G.C., and P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire; G. A. Fernley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Hibbert, P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; Captain J. W. Arrowsmith, P.P.G.S.B.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chap.; H. C. Lisle, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Samuel, P.G.P.; T. Smith, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Wood, P.P.G.R.; T. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lancashire; F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. H. Kirk, P.P.G.O.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D. E. Lancashire; J. Beresford, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire; J. Beech, P.P.G.P.; S. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Twiss, P.P.G.O.; B. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Greatrix, P.P.G.P.; J. C. Cheatham, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. E. Anderson, P.G.R. E. Lancashire; J. Howard, P.P.G.J.W.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S. E. Lancashire; E. Hardon, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England; Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; and others.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were acknowledged by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. E. H. Griffiths) from Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, D.P.G.M. (who has gone to Italy); Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. of East Lancashire; and a number of other Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The roll of lodges was then called over, and it was found that all were represented, the total attendance being about 450. The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held at Nantwich, were read and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., who was received with loud cheers, said that he had again to thank the G.A.O.T.U. for being once more permitted to preside over the P.G. Lodge of Cheshire. He did so with very sincere gratitude, and especially when he again found himself, after a lapse of thirteen years, in the good old town of Stockport, where he had always met with a cordial and hearty reception. (Applause.) The Masonic gathering which he had now the honour to address in no way lost its previous reputation, or fell short of what he had reason to expect. He thought that no P.G. Master ever addressed so large and influential a meeting as that which was there assembled. (Cheers.) Every lodge had answered to its name, and several of them were most largely represented. What was still more satisfactory to his feelings, and must be to every Mason, was the fact that during the year every lodge had nobly done its duty in promoting the noble and sacred cause of charity. (Hear, hear.) It would perhaps be invidious for him to particularise any individual lodge, but he felt that he must mention the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport, as being prominent in its support of the Girls' School in London during the last year. Other lodges, however, had nobly done their duty, and the result was that during the year their success had been unprecedented. They carried their three candidates for the Girls' School and the Royal Benevolent Institution on the first application. Besides this, £10 had been voted by the Fund of Benevolence to a distressed brother at Hyde, and £10 which had been voted to another distressed brother had been increased to £40 through the efforts of one of their brethren. (Hear, hear.) His lordship then referred to a case in which the daughter of a deceased brother was a candidate for the Girls' School on the representation that her father belonged to the Province of Cheshire, but he desired to state that this was not the fact, because, although her father had been initiated in Cheshire, he actually had been a subscribing brother in Wiltshire. He would, therefore, ask the brethren to reserve their votes till the next spring election, when they would have three bona-fide Cheshire candidates for the Charities, whose election he trusted they would secure through the same excellent arrangements which

had distinguished them in times past. (Hear, hear.) He was happy to say that during the past year the peace of the province had been undisturbed; no dispute of any sort had been brought under his notice, and he was glad to know that the vitality of the province was shown by the fact that there was now a total membership of 1731 in connection with the lodges. No doubt it was very satisfactory to find that Masonry had so greatly increased in that portion of the kingdom, but there was one circumstance upon which he wished to make a few remarks. From the returns of the various lodges he found that out of the 1731 members there were no fewer than 114 defaulters in the way of subscription. That was a very serious matter, and he accordingly wished to call the attention of the brethren, especially the W.M.'s of the various lodges, to the fact. Those brethren who were behind in their subscriptions ought to be struck off the roll of the lodge—(hear, hear)—as each lodge had to pay a certain amount to the Grand Lodge in fees, even for those who did not meet their subscriptions. This was a very serious matter, and he (Lord de Tabley) was sure he had only to mention it to secure immediate attention and a speedy remedy. The Cheshire Educational Institution, under the chairmanship of Bro. J. P. Platt, had also flourished greatly during the year, and there was now a very considerable number of children supported through its instrumentality. The mention of this Charity vividly called to his memory the loss which their Order had sustained by the death of Bro. Thomas Platt during the year, whose exertions and energy were so conspicuous in the cause of Masonry and the Educational Institution of Cheshire—an example which they might all very worthily follow. He (the P.G.M.) had only to express, in conclusion, his deep responsibility of the position which he held as the head of that province, and he could assure the brethren that his great anxiety was to do the duty which the Grand Master had placed upon him fairly and impartially. (Hear, hear.) He had hitherto great reason to thank the brethren for their cordial support, and he could only hope that he would continue to merit that in the future. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. Jackson, Prov. Grand Treasurer, then submitted his annual financial statement, from which it appeared that there was a balance to the credit of the Prov. Grand Lodge amounting to £537 15s. 7d., and to the Fund of Benevolence of £713 17s. 4d. The Prov. Grand Treasurer congratulated the brethren upon the fact that the province was now out of debt, and he trusted that they would be able next year to vote a sum of money in charity.

Lord de Tabley said it was most satisfactory to find this state of things, especially after the magnificent subscription of 1000 guineas which had been voted a few years ago to secure a perpetual presentation to the Boys' School.

The financial statement was passed; and on the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Latham, acting D.P.G.M., Bro. F. Jackson was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

His lordship then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. ... Prov. G.D.M.
- " John Wood ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Francis Arthur Dickson ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " the Rev. George Frederick Dean ... Prov. G.A.C.
- " F. Jackson (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " John Hibbet ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " E. H. Griffiths (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " W. Harrison ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " W. Hickton ... Prov. G.I.D.
- " Stanhope Bull ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " Herbert Finch ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " T. Brooke ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " G. H. Holden ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " Edward Cuzner (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Org.
- " W. Nicholls ... Prov. G.P.
- " W. Booth, J. K. Green, J. Leigh, E. Stevens, Josiah Hill, and W. H. Brown) ... Prov. G. Stewards.
- " J. H. Holtaway ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The P.G.M. re-appointed Bro. J. P. Platt as the Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence, and invested him with a clasp in recognition of services again given as Steward to the Girls' School.

The P.G.M. also presented and invested the following brethren with charity jewels, to which they had entitled themselves by twice serving the office of Steward to the London Charities:—Bros. Simcock, 1357; J. J. Cunnah, 721; Harrison, W.M. 104; Kirk, I.P.M. 104; T. Burrows, J.W. 104; H. Finch, P.M. 104; and J. Stafford, 104.

The P.G.M. announced that he would hold the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Runcorn; and a vote of thanks having been given to the Rev. Matthew Pugh, M.A., rector of St. Thomas's Church, for the use of that building for Divine service, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in solemn form.

The brethren subsequently formed in procession and proceeded to St. Thomas's Church, where a special service was held. The musical portion was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner, P.G.O., assisted by Master W. E. Cuzner, Misses Florence, Alice, and Essie Cuzner, Bros. Edmondson, Humphries, and T. Knowles, and Mr. R. H. Williams. The anthem was Sterndale Bennett's "God is a Spirit," which was sung with true devotional spirit. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, from the words of St. Peter, "Honour all men; love the brethren." A collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Stockport Infirmary, which realised a substantial sum.

The brethren subsequently banqueted at the Armoury (specially decorated for the occasion), under the presidency

of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley. During the dinner the band of the 4th C.R.V. played a choice selection of music, conducted by Mr. T. M'Arde.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Lord de Tabley, "The Health of the Grand Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. H. Bulley.

Bro. G. W. Latham, acting D.P.G.M., gave the toast of "Lord de Tabley," and in doing so referred to the great progress which Masonry had made in that province during his lordship's fourteen years' Mastership. The P.G.M., in response, spoke with the highest satisfaction of the thorough harmony which prevailed in every lodge in the province. All his hopes and expectations had been realised, and he trusted that so long as his heart continued to beat he would be able to show the same interest as he had done in their noble Order.

An excellent musical programme was given by the "voices" which gave the choral portion of the church service.

Bro. Herbert Finch, the newly-appointed P.G.D.C., fulfilled his duties in a manner which excited the admiration of all who were present at business and banquet.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREEMASONS.

SECOND ARTICLE.

BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

From the *Voix of Masonry*.

Brethren should always be most careful to distinguish between the Constitutions printed and published by Roberts, in 1722, and the volume issued by the Grand Lodge of England, in 1723, as the first mentioned is simply an exact reproduction of an Operative Manuscript, of which there are many versions extant from the 14th century. It was claimed that the 1722 work contained an account of the "Hautes Grades," and the report was accepted by many until Bro. Richard Spencer, the noted Masonic Bibliographer, allowed me to peruse the only copy known, which was in his collection, and was subsequently purchased for Bro. Robert Farmer Bower's grand Masonic Library. Roberts' manuscript makes no mention of any Masonic degrees whatever, and is in no sense of any value as a Book of Constitutions, though as the unique copy of the first printed transcript of the Operative "Old Charges," the value of the pamphlet cannot be over-estimated. Bro. Spencer has had it carefully printed, and it forms one of the four Constitutions issued by him in one handsome volume.

The rights and privileges of the "Four Old Lodges," which formed the Grand Lodge in 1717, have been most ably considered, of late, by Bro. Robert Freke Gould, who in a large volume, with that title for his work, has done ample justice to the subject, as well as accumulated a vast amount of most interesting and curious information, both historical and statistical, on the subject, the like of which has never been attempted before, and is not likely ever to be again, now that Bro. Gould has so ably presented the subject.

The Constitutions of 1723 were the foundation of all others of the kind, such as those issued in Ireland, A.D. 1730, and elsewhere. The subsequent alterations, however, of the Regulations made it indispensable for a new edition to be issued, and so, in 1738, was published "The new Book of Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, etc." The volume was dedicated by Dr. Anderson to H.R.H. Frederick, Prince of Wales, who was the first of the "Royal Blood," in England, to join the Grand Lodge. Since then fourteen members of the "Royal Family" have been initiated, the 23rd Prince of Wales, H.R.H. Albert Edward, being the present Grand Master of the English branch of the widespread Fraternity. As Bro. Carson observed, it is scarcer than the first edition, and the same work, only with another title-page introduced (the first being removed), is rarer still. It would appear that several remained unsold, or a number of copies came into the hands of a printer, for in 1746 we find that they were issued with a different title-page, and bearing that year instead of 1738, added to which another printer's name appears. The 1738 edition was printed and sold by "Brother Casar Ward and Richard Chandler, Booksellers, at the Ship without Temple Bar, etc.," but the new title-page has the name of J. Robinson, who, though he declared himself the printer of the book, simply printed the following:

The History and Constitutions of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons; containing an account of Masonry. 1. From the Creation, throughout the known earth, till true architecture was demolished by the Goths, and at last revived in Italy. 2. From Julius Casar to the first arrival of the Saxons in Britain. 3. From the union of the crowns of England and Scotland, in the person of King James the First to the present time.

To which are added:

1. A list of the Grand Masters or Patrons of the Freemasons in England, from the coming in of the Anglo-Saxons to these times, who are mentioned in this work.
2. The Old Charges of the Masons, collected from their earliest records, at the command of his Grace the Duke of Montague.
3. The manner of constituting a lodge.
4. The general regulations of the Free and Accepted Masons, both ancient and modern, in distinct columns.
5. The constitution of the Committee of their Charity.
6. A list of lodges in and about London and Westminster; with the deputations of several Grand Masters for the forming of lodges in Wales, the remote parts of England, and in foreign realms.

7. The songs sung at the lodges.

8. A defence of Masonry, occasioned by a pamphlet called *Masonry Dissected*; with Bro. Euclid's letter to the author against unjust cavils.

By James Anderson, D.D., London, printed and sold by J. Robinson, at the Golden Lion, in Ludgate-street. In the vulgar year of Masonry, 5746.

The frontispiece in the editions of 1723 and 1738 is about the only bond of agreement, for there is a vast difference in the two works. The compiler styles the latter "about twice as large as the former, having many proper additions, especially the principal transactions of the Grand Lodge ever since." The account of the Grand Lodge thus mentioned from 1717 is indeed a specially attractive feature of the 1738 edition, as also the continuations in subsequent issues down to 1784. The "History of Masonry" is divided into three parts: 1. The Creation to the Revival of Masonry in Italy. 2. Julius Casar to Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1603. 3. From A.D. 1603 to the Marquis of Carnarvon, A.D. 1738. The third part, it will be seen, is the one of value, the others possessing little to entitle them to the consideration of the Craft. The second edition was ordered under the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Darnley, January 25th, 1737-8, and sanctioned as published by the Marquis of Carnarvon, Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, &c. The brethren were cautioned against using any other book, in any lodge, as a lodge book, as they shall be answerable to the Grand Lodge, doubtless owing to the circulation of "Pocket Companions," which contained the laws of the fraternity of 1723, &c. Prefacing the front page of the history is the plate of arms, &c., of the Grand Master, as in Pine's engraved lists of lodges of the period, and evidently printed from the same plate as the latter, being of the narrow and long form peculiar to such lists, commenced to be published in 1723.

A list of the Grand Masters or Patrons of the Freemasons in England is furnished, commencing with the first Archbishop of Canterbury, and ending with the Grand Master of 1738, the majority of the names before the last century being mainly an imaginary arrangement by the author. The "Old Charges of the Freemasons" are given as in 1723, save the first, which is altered but not improved. In it, for the first time, mention is made of a Mason as a "true Noahida," and also of the "Three great articles of Noah," &c. These were never again printed, and so much the better. Bro. Leon Hyneman is the only Freemason that I know of who has published another edition of this 1738 Constitutions, which he did in Vol II. of his "Masonic Library." In a notice of his reprint Bro. Hyneman states, "There is a mystery involved in the charges of a Freemason, which differ from the 1723 edition." The mystery to me is how such an able brother as the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., could sanction such a change! He evidently for a time forgot the last sentence in his address to the reader, November 4th, 1738, "It is good to know what not to say!" page x., Constitutions, 1738.

The history of the Grand Lodge from 1717, which adorns the work, is a most useful compilation and must always tend to make such works of special value to the Craft. Each successive edition to 1784 contained the history to period of publication, after which date the information has been omitted from the Books of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England.

The general regulations of 1723 and 1738 are given side by side, and the dates of the changes from the old to the new laws. At this period white leather aprons alone were worn by the Craft, save the present and past Grand Officers, who were allowed the addition of blue silk. Masters and Wardens were only allowed white ribbons from which to suspend the lodge jewels. Evidently simplicity was then the order of the day. In 1729 two guineas was the charge for a warrant, now it is fifteen in London and ten in the country. Originally a brother could not be a member of more than one lodge, but that has long been otherwise in England. A year's ceasing to meet as a lodge obtained erasure de facto. This, however, did not refer to the lodges constituted abroad. All the degrees were allowed generally to be given in lodges according to the laws after 1725. The Grand Secretary was always appointed by the Grand Master after the Grand Lodge made choice of the first in 1723. Grand Stewards were first allowed red ribbons for the jewels, 1731, and aprons lined with red silk. In 1735, they were formed into a lodge, and have since so continued, only without any authority to do Masonic work. The Tylers at the Grand Lodge were appointed by the Grand Stewards. These changes are sufficient to indicate the fact that the members of the Grand Lodge did not accept the regulations of 1723 as final, added to which, June 24th, 1723, it was agreed that "It is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make any alteration or innovation in the body of Masonry, without the consent first obtained of the Grand Lodge." The laws of the Committee of Charity, first proposed in 1724, with subsequent alterations, are presented in full. Then follows a list of the lodges in and about London and Westminster, and for the country and abroad, to which Bro. Gould does ample justice in his "Four Old Lodges." A variety of songs and a remarkable "Defence of Masonry," published A.D. 1730, occasioned by a pamphlet, by Samuel Pritchard, called *Masonry Dissected*" (supposed to be by Dr. Anderson), as also a letter to the author of the able defence by "Euclid," &c., concludes the volume of 231 pages.

An intimation has been received by Mr. Mark Firth that Court arrangements prevent Prince Leopold from visiting Sheffield to open Firth College on the date fixed. His Royal Highness's visit has been postponed until Saturday, October 18th, and he will be the guest of Mr. Firth until the 24th.

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BIRTHS.

EAST.—On the 17th inst., at Woodcote-grove, Epsom, Surrey, the wife of Bro. W. Q. East, of a daughter.
ROSEBERY.—On the 18th inst., at 107, Piccadilly, Lady Rosebery, of a daughter.
THACKWELL.—On the 18th inst., at Eastbourne, the wife of Bro. Lieut. E. L. R. Thackwell, prematurely, of a daughter (stillborn).

MARRIAGE.

LUCKING—COLE.—On the 22nd inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Islington, Edward, youngest son of Bro. C. Lucking, Southend, Essex, to Eliza Ann, eldest daughter of R. Cole, of London.

DEATHS.

CHAPMAN.—On the 13th inst., at 38, Park-villas, Park-holme-road, Dalston, Lily Clayton Chapman, aged 13 years.
DURKIN.—On the 15th inst., at St. Mary's-road, Peckham, Bro. Thomas Durkin, P.M. 72.
LARKIN.—On the 15th inst., at 30, Athelston-road, Margate, Georgina, second daughter of Bro. John and Georgina Larkin, of 24, Charterhouse-square, London, aged 18.
LAWSON.—On the 20th inst., at his residence, 2, Brook-street, Hanover-square, after a few hours' illness, Lionel Lawson, aged 56 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1879.

FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

Such is the heading of a communication in the *Times* last week, which suggests many curious memories and many important considerations to the Masonic student. We do not refer to the subject matter of the communication we print elsewhere, for that only refers, in our opinion, to a somewhat commonplace present, if even it seems to have a bearing on things as they really are in that far and still mysterious clime. But we prefer, as if on a magic and Masonic carpet, to travel far away to that land of startling reminiscences and moving tales, to the past centuries through which Tennyson's poetic "Argosies" have floated on, laden with the spoils of the old world and the industry of the new, surrounded for the most part with that mist of ignorance and prejudice which has blinded men's eyes to the historic truth, and landed them in a picturesque but deceptive realm of shadows, legends, and myths. Freemasonry, as we believe, hails from the East, but what have been its conditions of vitality and reality since Christianity sprung marvellously to the fore? Has it survived troubled and stormy ages amid the conflicting claims of Christians and Mohammedans, the Crusader and the "Sclan," both the "encroaching hand of time" and the inevitable human process of decay, dissolution, and oblivion? Was Freemasonry still lingering in the East in mystic and secret sodalities when stately knights did battle for the Cross and their Redeemer, and sought to rescue the dear and Holy City from Paynim and Iconoclast? Does Freemasonry still survive, if in an altered form, amid the Dervishes of Turkey, the Santons of Africa, the Dhijals of the Druses, the secret confraternities of Soght colleges? One High Grade tradition declares that the Crusaders brought back from the East certain quasi-Masonic organizations, and some of the proceedings of the Templars are only explainable on the ground of some common ground of intercommunion with their Mohammedan foes? Many of the peculiar ceremonies attributed to the Templars in their "secreta receptio" seem to have come from the East, and to have been Oriental both in idea and end. Can we hope to obtain a satisfactory answer to such questions? a lucid explanation of such suggestions? We fear not. No, for us the great and wondrous East, the storehouse of all worldly lore and learning, the quondam source of all the wisdom and mysteries, the Hermetic secrets and the Inductive science of today, must still we fear repose for us in its imperishable dimness and stillness, and will still refuse to unravel the arcanæ of the past, or give us the golden key to unlock the sealed book of ages. Sufficient for us as Freemasons that with the East are bound up our most ancient associations and our most cherished traditions, and that under its bright shadow we are still willing also to confront, whether the destructive theories of the present, or to look on in hope and trust to the gradual unveiling of a brighter, because less dubious future.

MASONIC HOLIDAYS.

"All work and no play," says the old saw, "makes Jack a dull boy," and though, like a good many aged and affecting "saws" we wot of, it has its "outcome" of fallacy, yet there is a "substratum" of truth in it, clearly and convincingly. To many workers in this world's great beehive, (not "drones," observe, kind readers), a holiday is often needed, not only for rest and refreshment of mind and body, but actually for very health's sake. The effort of continuous overpowering work, especially brain work, is to produce not only lassitude of mind and body, but to expedite the inevitable symptoms of weakness and decay. Indeed, it is sometimes surprising to think how many of us

all stand, day by day, and hour by hour, the wear and tear on our faculties, on our corporeal strength. With few can such a pressure go on safely for long without indubitable signs of overwork, of breaking down. And holidays are good for us all, be we who we may. The clergyman labouring in his parish, the lawyer toiling in his chambers, the physician intent on his benevolent mission of help and healing, the actor triumphing over the sympathies and minds of his auditory, the man of business in his counting house, all have claims for, nay more, have need of, "holidays" from time to time, lest the turmoil and weight of worldly pressure should erase their finer sensibilities, or overpower their truer emotions. And not only this, but as we have before observed, sanitary considerations demand a cessation from time to time of mental and bodily labour for us all alike. The *Freemason* from the first has rejoiced in the Bank Holidays, for example, as tending greatly to the eventful elevation, (let us trust), of vast masses of our labouring and laborious countrymen in social virtues and æsthetic culture, in their improvement and benefit in many ways. And feeling all this strongly, we also approve greatly of Masonic holidays, when for a time our busy lodge life ceases and our good brethren, scattered in every direction, in health resorts by the sea side, on mountain and on moor, revive their strength, recruit their energies, and prepare valourously for the serious emergencies of another (not Cabul, but Masonic) campaign. We think that a short visit to one of the sequestered and beautiful spots in our own country will do us all good in most respects. It is impossible, we believe, when surrounded by the associations of the country, in all its grace and sweetness, to be altogether wrapped up in self, or to be insensible to the claims and duties of life. The everlasting hills, the placid lake, the goodly trees, the green meadows, the elements in wrath or in repose, all alike affect our minds with bettering associations, and serve to stir up in us all a sense of the truly beautiful and the divine, in the wondrous handiwork of the Most High, and soothe our jaded spirits, or soften our bitter reflections, or lighten up our dim aspirations, or renew our decaying inner life with those perceptions and memories which the Great Creator seems to have identified in His mercy with all nature's sternest and gentlest scenes for the happiness and improvement of man. These words may recall to some of our readers many a pleasant outing, many a happy walk—the old country side hostelry, (now rare), the mountain stream, the winding path, the chat with an old mate, and all the humble but honest emotions of youth, not too grand to be pleased, or of manhood not too lordly to be satisfied with meagre fare and the traveller's life. Pleasant recollections are those which recall the needful holidays of life, before we were too great, capricious, or prosperous to find happiness in little things, or the quiet companionship of an ancient friend, in that real holiday of the heart and soul, which brings us face to face and mind to mind with congenial spirits and kindly souls.

CABUL.

This land of ill-omened memory to English minds of olden time, lately associated with a most triumphant expedition, is now once again before us in all the lurid light of treachery and cruelty. The *Freemason* does not profess or affect in any manner to touch upon political problems or deal with "matters of state," directly or indirectly, but it can, and does, sympathize deeply with those gallant brethren of ours who are to be found in that noble service, ever ready at the call of its Sovereign and its country to "go anywhere and do anything." And, hence, to-day it is glad in its humble columns, which are read by hill fires and in distant cantonments, to express its warm and anxious interest in those who "have gone to the front," and who it trusts ere long, in the capital of a treacherous foe, may inflict a punishment which may serve as an example to all open or secret enemies, to those who declare themselves our antagonists, to those who surreptitiously egg on others to savage warfare, of the might and retribution of England. We say once more to-day, that we have every confi-

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dence in that gallant commander and picked force of English and native soldiers who are moving on to avenge the death of Sir Louis Cavagnari, and to teach to all in Hindostan that the English flag is alike unconquered and unconquerable.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

FREEMASONRY IN ROUMANIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following notes, compiled from an article in the *Deutches Montags Blatt*, of Berlin, respecting the position of certain members of the Masonic body in Roumania may prove of interest to your readers. I may add that the original article is written by a Mason.

"Before Roumania became independent of Turkey the numerous lodges in the country were affiliated to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, Italy, or Germany, and there was in them, as in all other Masonic lodges, perfect social, religious equality. Directly Roumania obtained her independence, the Masonic lodges met and formed a Grand Orient of their own, which has hitherto remained unrecognized by the Grand Orient or Grand Lodges of other countries. The principle upon which this new Grand Orient and its affiliated lodges are working is entirely opposed to the fundamental laws of Freemasonry. Their organ in the press entirely repudiates the idea that Masonry is a Cosmopolitan Brotherhood, and claims for Roumanian lodges that they shall admit no foreigners, either as guests or as members. Further than this, it is laid down that no German, and no person professing the Jewish faith, shall, at this or any other future time, even if he be a Roumanian by naturalisation or birth, be allowed to participate in the privileges of Roumanian Freemasonry."

I hardly think that these facts require much comment on my part, but I would humbly suggest that Grand Lodge take cognizance of the matter. When the Grand Orient of France repudiated the first principle of Masonry all lodges under its jurisdiction were debarred from joining in the working of English lodges; surely in this, a very similar case, the Grand Lodge of England might with good effect administer a severe rebuke to the presumptuous and narrow-minded lodges of Roumania.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

S. H. D'AVIGDOR,

J.W. of Kaiser-i-Hind, 1724; Sec. of Bayard, 1615.

Reviews.

BRITISH BARROWS. By WILLIAM GREENWELL, M.A., F.S.A., Oxford. Clarendon Press: Andrews, Durham.

This very elaborate work, most interesting and lucid in itself, deserves a larger space than can unfortunately be afforded to its undeniable merits in the limited space of the *Freemason*. But as the able writer of it, so well known to many, is an old and very genial member of our Order, it seemed to us when preparing this humble notice of a really great work, that for once we may outstep the somewhat curt and unsatisfactory limits to which reviews are condemned in our hebdomadal issue. Canon Greenwell's work may fairly be divided into three divisions, which for the convenience of our readers we shall treat seriatim, as otherwise the facts are so many that they will crowd on us in their wonderful fulness, rendering our canvas blurred and indistinct, and taking away from our review of so much recondite information any merit of clearness, and every claim for method and order. We will, therefore, confine ourselves to-day to the general question of Barrows, reminding our readers that no more important topic connected with the early development of our individual life, or the progress of the civilization of our race, can be touched upon or treated, even by the skillful hand of the great "Opener of Barrows," and that to all who wish to study the conditions of this human existence of ours, in various epochs, whether as pre-historic or historic ages, must on this wide subject of "mortal burial" go to our Bro. Canon Greenwell's book for enlightenment and information, for all that can positively be known on customs and the life of our common humanity, shrouded in the dimness of past time, and buried, so to say, in the dark recesses of the earth. We call attention, therefore, to the fact at the outset, as not only one great modern source of information on a matter of which we have all heard a good deal no doubt in our various localities, but as an exhaustive treatment of incontestable data and startling facts, acquired by much personal labours, and through a long series of valuable and skilful explorations. The writer of the work on British Barrows points out to us in words which are most true, that there has been from the earliest times an universal custom among men of raising a mound, the so-called Barrow, over the buried dead to mark their earthly resting places. Barrows are, let us remember, mounds of earth, cairns, mounds of stone. These "Barrows," under divers names, are found, as we may many of us have seen, by Mediterranean shore and Northern steppes; are to be seen on the continent of Hindostan; are to be found in the Pyramids of Egypt, though the Pyramids were not, in our opinion, solely places of burial; amid the errant Red Indians of the North American forests, as well as amid the ruined cities of Central

America. They abound in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and are to be found in Brittany and numerous other portions of the earth's surface. Indeed, it is hard to say where they are not. Curiously enough they vary in size, from a few feet diameter, to Silbury Hill, Wiltshire, which covers five acres of ground, and measures 130 feet in perpendicular height. As a rule they are circular, though sometimes they approach an oval form, but a long shaped mound, common in some parts of England, has been "regarded," Canon Greenwell says, with "much probability" as the earliest form of Barrow, and belonging to a period before the introduction of the use of metal into the country. They differ considerably, we are told, in outline, and even in shape. Those which remain have no doubt suffered greatly from either the "encroaching hand of time," or the inroads of the plough, and the farmer regardless of antiquities, but judging from some which seem to be still preserved intact in their original shape, Canon Greenwell thinks they may be fairly described as "being bowl shaped and conical, those of the former shape being, perhaps, the most numerous." In Wiltshire the writer alludes to the "Bell Barrows," as they are called, and which some of us may have seen, and to what Sir Richard Colt Hoare terms "Druid Barrows," whether "two barrows," or more than two small ones surrounded by a ditch, and which, as a foot note points out, seem to take us back to the "Sema" of Homeric burials. On the "wolds of Yorkshire," where many barrows exist, many of them had probably an "encircling mound or ditch, or both, at the back," though in some cases, as we before remarked, the levelling plough has swept their last trace away. The Wold Barrows are of various sizes, and may be said to range from twenty feet to 150 in diameter, and from one to twenty-four feet in height. These barrows have been made, as Canon Greenwell reminds us, of the materials which "came the nearest to hand," more of earth than of chalk, but it is seldom we find any barrows without some admixture of chalk or flint, the chalk having been frequently obtained from the grave. And then having realized the barrows, whether as great "landmarks of time" or quiet witnesses of a buried past, standing in their solitary grandeur on exposed hills and lonely moorlands, telling us of dead men and vanished ages, the next question that necessarily occurs is, what is their age? Canon Greenwell thinks they can fairly and safely be attributed to a period which centres, more or less, in a.c. 500. That they belonged to a time before the Roman occupation seems also absolutely certain, and Canon Greenwell does not doubt that they were erected by a people who erected those burial mounds antecedently both to the Christian Era and the Roman occupation of Britain. And here to-day we pause, as regards the main question, hoping at a very early period indeed to point out to our readers what the Barrows were used for, why they were built with such care and skill, as the age permitted, and what was placed within them. But before we close this first portion of our review of a most important and enduring work, we think it right to remind our readers, as some of them, like ourselves, may have been fascinated by the same study in other years, though cares and trials, many and great, may have made us forget that old earth lore we had once essayed to master, that other writers have treated upon the same subject, though none, in our opinion, so clearly, satisfactorily, and fully as Canon Greenwell. Some of us may have pored over in other days some of the glorious volumes of Sir Richard Colt Hoare and revelled in his striking description of Wiltshire antiquities. Some of us may have seen Mr. Borlase's most interesting work, "Nenia Cornubiae," and Mr. Warne's "Celtic Tumuli of Dorset," some of us may have looked into Douglas's "Nenia Britannica," some of us may have admired Bryan Faussett's "Inventorium Sepulchrale." But still, despite many lucubrations of the past, as regards funeral rites and modes of interment, some interesting French cursory notes, we have seen some general works on interments or local essays on the remains, for instance, of Brittany, we certainly are indebted to the writer of "British Barrows" for a work which constitutes a complete collection of facts on a subject about which much has been written, but until his happy and ingenious explanation, great doubts and obscurity prevailed.

FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

We have, says the *Times*, been favoured with the following extract from a letter written by an Englishman of high position in Egypt:—

"Cairo, Sept. 8.

"You will remember, of course, the name of Sheikh Jamál ed Din, whose violent articles against England were translated by Dr. Badger. This man has been lately delivering most revolutionary lectures, and has gotten together a number of disciples, in whom he has instilled principles of atheism and communism. About a fortnight ago the Sheikh was arrested and sent off to Suez, where he was placed on board a steamer bound for Jeddah. All his papers were seized by the police, and a day or two afterwards a paragraph, communicated by the Prefecture of Police, was published in the native journals. This paragraph alluded to the exile of the Sheikh, to the revolutionary principles he had taught, and to the secret society he had founded, and warned the Egyptians of the peril incurred by following such a leader, &c. Jamál ed Din had been W.M. of our lodge, and, in consequence of his unMasonic conduct, we had applied to Grand Lodge for his expulsion. But the native Masons were filled with fear and trembling on reading the 'communiqué,' and applied to me to make matters smooth for them. Nobody would take any step. They were all afraid of coming forward and desirous that their connection with Masonry should be ignored and even denied. I did not know the

exact light in which the new Khedive would regard Masonry among the natives, but hoping to be able to convince his Highness, and relying on his own good sense, I entered the arena as the champion of Oriental Masonry.

"I obtained a private audience with the Khedive, congratulating him upon the wise step he had taken in expelling Jamál ed Din, but hoped he would not attribute to Masonry the principles held by one member of the fraternity. He replied, 'No, on the contrary, mon Bey, I know all about it. Masonry is a society for doing good and does not enter into religion or politics; and as Jamál ed Din would lecture on these forbidden topics you expelled him from the lodge, and for the same reason I have expelled him from Egypt. He was only here on sufferance, having been already sentenced in Constantinople to expulsion from the Ottoman dominions. You need not fear that I shall confound his principles with those of Freemasonry.'

"I thanked his Highness, but added that, although we European Masons knew that we could always justify our meetings, the natives had not the same means of making their feelings known, and it was on their behalf that I came to speak to him. His Highness replied that I might assure them of his protection so long as they acted as Masons; but that any Egyptian, whether Mason or not, who sought to cause intrigues and conspiracies would be punished. I then asked his Highness for the papers belonging to the lodge, which he promised should be restored to me.

"I subsequently drove to the lodge and found the 'Concordia' holding a meeting, in which a painful discussion was going on with regard to this business. But when I was announced I was admitted as a visitor with immense honours, and, communicating to them the substance of my conversation with the Khedive, I received the hearty thanks and applause of the meeting. And I have since received ... the papers belonging to the lodge. I had only attended one meeting at which the Sheikh presided, after which there was a banquet, at which the health of the Prince of Wales was proposed. But the W.M. (Sheikh Jamál) refused to drink it, saying that all Princes, Kings, and Khedives were tyrants. Whereupon I rose from the table, quitted the room, and wrote to the lodge, and afterwards to the Grand Lodge, for his expulsion.

"I have succeeded him by unanimous acclamation."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. A. Dubois presided. There were also present Bros. James F. Corben, Col. James E. Peters, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the recommendations of the House Committee were adopted, and notices of motion were received for the October Quarterly Court.

A letter purporting to come from Bro. Dick Radcliffe for approval of his scheme for the "Masonic Scholars' Assistance Fund" was read, but as the letter enclosing the circular was not signed, it was ordered to lie on the table.

On the motion of Col. Peters, seconded by Bro. Corben, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Joshua Nunn and his nephew, Mr. A. Rowland, for entertaining the children of the Institution, with a vocal and instrumental concert, which several of the House Committee attended, on Monday last.

The Committee then adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FOUNTAINE, LODGE 948.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the brethren of the above lodge performed the very pleasant duty of presenting Bro. Bernard Thomas Fountaine, Esq., of Stoke House, a Past Master of the lodge, with a very handsome portrait of himself. The object of the present was twofold. It was intended as a testimonial to Bro. Fountaine for the very efficient services he had rendered this his mother lodge, in acting for a long series of years as Treasurer of its funds, and in filling all the offices—even the highest—with so much distinction to himself and benefit to the lodge; and also to be a wedding present to his eldest daughter, Mrs. Fountaine, of Paris. The portrait is three-quarters in length, and most life-like, the countenance having a warm and benevolent expression. The clothing (purple and gold) is that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, of which lodge Bro. Fountaine is a Past Grand Treasurer. The jewels depicted on his breast are indicative of the honour with which he has passed through the various degrees of Masonry. The portrait was painted by Myall, of Regent-street, and is mounted in a handsome gilt frame, with glass, surrounded by a margin of velvet. It is quite a work of art, and does much credit to the firm from which it emanates. The presentation was made at Stoke House by the Testimonial Committee, Bros. McCubbin, Poynter, King and Morgan. Bro. Fountaine, who was accompanied by Mrs. Fountaine and family, together with a few select Masonic and other friends, received the present at the hands of the Committee, and in a neat and appropriate speech expressed his pleasure and thanks on behalf of his daughter and himself. By the kindness of the host and hostess the brethren and friends dined together, and in the post-prandial speeches great desire was expressed that T.G.A.O.T.U. would grant long life, happiness, and prosperity to Bro. Fountaine, and his family, as well as to the newly-wedded pair in Paris.

Bro. W. H. Saunders, of 27, Walbrook, London, will be happy to receive votes on behalf of Percy Herbert Stone, candidate for the Boys' S...

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, La Valetta. There were present the W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M., on the throne, also W. Bros. Thomas Fellowes Reade, P.D.D.G.M. for Egypt, H.B.M. Agent and Consul General for the Regency of Tunis; Rotherham, D.G.S.W.; Coffey, D.G.J.W.; Riechelmann, P.D.G.J.W.; Bro. Walker, D.G. Chaplain (acting); W. Bros. Dahu, D.G. Registrar; Read; Bro. Starkey, D.G. Sec.; Jones, D.G.S.D.; Crabtree, D.G.J.D.; Ewing, D.G. Organist (acting); Blake, D.G. Supt. of W.; Mortimer, D.G. Sword Bearer; King, Stanley, Cummings, and Miller, D.G. Stewards; several other D.G.L. Officers, and numerous brethren from the lodges in the island, as well as many from lodges working under the Irish and Scottish Constitutions, rendering this one of the most numerously attended meetings of District Grand Lodge that has hitherto been held in this island.

District Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Dir. of Cer. called upon all present to salute with the grand honours the D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, and, in obedience to the call of the same officer, all the brethren present saluted in like manner their illustrious visitor, W. Bro. T. F. Reade, P.D.D.G.M. for Egypt, &c.

The D.D.G.M. then called upon the D.G. Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting of District Grand Lodge, held 10th April last, as well as the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, held 15th inst., both of which were confirmed in the usual manner.

The D.D.G.M. then referred in congratulatory terms to the presence in District Grand Lodge of an illustrious visitor, W. Bro. T. F. Reade, P.D.D.G.M. for Egypt, on his way from Smyrna to take up the appointment of H.B.M. Agent and Consul General for the Regency of Tunis, dwelling upon the important service he had rendered in years past to Freemasonry as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, at Cairo, and under Halim Pasha, uncle of the ex-Khedive of Egypt, as D.D.G.M. for that country. The D.D.G.M. had much pleasure in announcing that an address to W. Bro. Reade had been prepared and signed by the principal officers of District Grand Lodge, which he called upon the D.G. Secretary to read.

This having been done, the address was presented by the Dir. of Cer. to W. Bro. Reade, who expressed his deep appreciation of the kind reception he had met with, and the pleasure he felt on being present on this occasion, his gratitude for the cordial address just presented to him, and assured all present that he would spare no efforts in co-operating with the D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Broadley, to promote the welfare of the Craft in this district, and of the lodges at Tunis and the Goletta in particular.

The D.D.G.M. then addressed the meeting, regretting his inability to discharge as he would wish the duties that devolved upon him in the absence of the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Kingston, now in England, and to whom he had caused a telegram to be sent containing the fraternal greetings of all present assembled in D.G.L. on this occasion. He referred to the general prosperity of the Craft in this district, to each of the new lodges recently formed at Tunis, and to the illustrious visitor, W. Bro. Reade. Referring to a circular issued by him in June last, he warned all the brethren in most emphatic terms to exercise the greatest care when any foreign brother presented himself for admission to their lodges, and to co-operate with their ruler, the R.W. D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, and himself to maintain and uphold the great reputation this island has attained to as a stronghold of Freemasonry. Referring to the Ancient Carthage and William Kingston Lodges at Tunis, he called upon the D.G. Secretary to read the telegrams received from them that evening containing the fraternal greetings of all present. Letters of apology for being unable to attend this meeting from W. Bro. Chev. E. Rosenbusch, P.D.D.G.M., and Bro. F. O. Rowlinson, were also read.

The acting Chaplain having offered up prayer, the D.D.G.M. closed D.G.L., and all present adjourned to the refreshment-room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, in the course of which, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of W. Bro. T. F. Reade, P.D.D.G.M. for Egypt, &c., &c., as well as the visiting Irish and Scotch brethren, was proposed by the D.D.G.M., and received with enthusiasm.

W. Bro. Reade, in reply, confirmed, with many kindly expressions of regard and appreciation of the hearty welcome he had met with that evening, his earnest wish to promote the good of Freemasonry in the Regency of Tunis, to which he would shortly proceed.

Various other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after passing a very pleasant evening.

Royal Ark Mariners.

MALTA.—Saint Elmo Lodge.—A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, bearing the above name, has been founded at Malta, under the auspices of the Broadley Mark Lodge. The first meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 9th inst., when the W.M.M. of the Broadley Lodge, Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., was installed as W.C.N. of the new lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, by Bro. Chev. Edward Rosenbusch, and Bro. Captain Charles John Blake, R.A. Seventeen Mark Masters were afterwards advanced to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, from among whom the W.B.N. named the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

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Royal and Select Masters.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL.—A meeting of this flourishing Degree was convened at the Masonic Rooms, 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 10th instant, when there were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, R.I.D.M.; Davison, Grand Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Asst. Grand Recorder; H. C. Levander, G.L.; T. Poore, acting P.C.W.; Dr. Pearce, G. Lambert, S. Rosenthal. The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, York Mark Lodge, &c., was duly received and admitted to the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being performed by the R.I.D.M., ably assisted by Bros. Levander, Poore, and Dewar. Some minor business having been transacted, the council was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS DURKIN.

We record with deep regret the sudden death of our Bro. Thomas Durkin, of Saint Mary's-road, Peckham, an old member and a Past Master of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72. He retired to rest, apparently in his usual good health, on the evening of Sunday, the 14th inst., and early on Monday morning he was found dead in his bed. On the previous Thursday he had presided at the meeting of the Royal Jubilee Chapter, of which he was First Principal, and the report of that meeting, held at the Horns, Kennington, appeared in our columns last week. We need hardly say that our brother's sudden death has thrown a deep gloom over the lodge and chapter, with both of which he was so intimately connected, and wherein he was most sincerely respected and beloved by his brethren and companions. Nor is it in Masonry alone that our brother's death will be lamented, but very widely indeed among a large circle of friends. He had for many years occupied the highly responsible position of Superintendent of the Bow-street division of police, and in the faithful and efficient discharge of his important duties he had found time to cultivate many warm and enduring friendships. He was widely known in his service, from which he had only recently retired, and his memory will be long preserved and cherished among those whose friend and brother he had been. His body was interred in Brompton Cemetery on Thursday, the 18th inst., and, notwithstanding the necessarily short notice, a large number of his brother Masons and others attended there to testify their respect and affection for their departed friend.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge (No. 1828) took place on Monday last, at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush.

The newly-erected Masonic Hall was on Thursday week inaugurated at Portmadoc by a meeting of the Grand Provincial Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, a large number of the Craft taking part in the proceedings.

A meeting of the Holy Palestine Preceptory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple will be held on Wednesday next, the 1st prox., at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, London, W., at 6.30 p.m. punctually.

The consecration of the Brixton Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will take place this day, at 6.30 p.m., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Secretary, will be the Consecrating Officer. Brethren are invited to attend.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Tuesday, 7th October, at six o'clock, by Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Sec. R.M.B.I., at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street. The Craft cordially invited. A cold collation will follow; tickets to be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. M. Stiles.

The Duke of Abercorn arrived in town at the end of the past week from Homburg, accompanied by Lady Georgiana Hamilton. Lord and Lady Claud J. Hamilton have also returned from Homburg.

The question of reducing the rate of commission on foreign and colonial money orders is now under the consideration of the Postmaster-General.

It is interesting to note that in February next there will be five Sundays. This fact occurs but three times in a century. Thus, after 1880, we will have to wait until 1920 before the shortest month in the year can again boast of five Sundays.

Bro. George F. Fort, the highly esteemed author of the "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," has just returned from Old England, after having successfully accomplished his literary purposes, and delighted with his reception by various eminent English brethren, including especially Bros. Woodford and Mackenzie. We never saw Bro. Fort look better than he did a day or two ago, when he honoured our sanctum with a visit.—*The Keystone* (Philadelphia).

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 108, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.—The subscription list stands over until next week.

The Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 25th inst. The agenda contained a considerable amount of business including the election of W.M., Treasurer, &c., for the ensuing year. A banquet followed. The report will appear in our next.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—The annual Court of this Institution will be held at Morecambe on Wednesday next, the 1st October, for the purpose of receiving and determining the recommendations of the General Committee on behalf of ten boys and girls for education and two for advancement. This admirable Institution is doing good work in West Lancashire, and we congratulate the brethren of that province on its prosperous condition.

Lord and Lady de Tabley have left town for Tabley House, Cheshire, for the autumn.

The Queen has sent to Madame Cavagnari an expression of deep sympathy with her on the death of her gallant son, Sir Louis Cavagnari.

Sadler's Wells Theatre will be opened under the management of Mrs. Bateman on Thursday, October 9th, when will be produced the successful Scotch drama, "Rob Roy."

The Queen has been pleased to confer on Bro. [the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W., the honour of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor, was re-opened on Sunday last for divine service, after being closed for two months for renovation and cleansing, under the supervision of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King of Arms.

The garden laid out by the Corporation of London in the churchyard of St. Paul's Cathedral, was formally opened on Monday by the Lord Mayor, the Dean and Chapter being represented by the Rev. Dr. Stubbs, canon in residence.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Lionel Lawson, one of the principal proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, which sad event occurred on Saturday morning last, at his residence in Brook-street, W. The deceased gentleman was 56 years of age.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW PLANET.—The Astronomer Royal announces the discovery by Professor Peters, of Clinton, New York, of a minor planet of the eleventh magnitude, in the R. A. 23 hours 44 minutes; dec. 10 degrees 5 minutes south, with a daily motion of seven minutes south.

The *Sunday Times* states that the tomb of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, which was erected in Kensal Green Cemetery by the Masonic brotherhood, owing to the very wet weather, is now in a most dilapidated condition, and likely to fall in, the ornamental iron work having given way. Her Royal Highness Princess Sophia's tomb opposite is in the same condition.

Tewkesbury Abbey Church was opened on Tuesday last, after extensive alterations according to the plans of the late Sir Gilbert Scott. There was a procession, in which the Mayor and Corporation, the Bishops of Gloucester and Hereford, and the Archdeacons of Gloucester and Hereford took part. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. The festival of rededication will be continued for eight days.

On Sunday last Baron F. de Rothschild had a severe fall from his horse while riding with some friends in Cheddington fields. He was conveyed to Leyton Buzzard in the carriage of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, suffering great pain, and placed under the care of Dr. Lawford. It was discovered that the Baron's left arm was dislocated, and that he was otherwise severely shaken. The dislocation was at once reduced, and the Baron, who passed a comfortable night, is going on well, and was sufficiently recovered to be able to remove to his London house yesterday.

At a meeting of the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Alderman Finnis, seconded by Alderman Sir B. Phillip, and carried unanimously:—"That this Court desires to express its deep regret that their much esteemed and respected colleague, Sir Francis W. Truscott, should have been placed in the painful position of meeting an unfounded charge of libel at the Central Criminal Court, originally preferred against him in his absence, and without his knowledge, and congratulates him on the termination of the proceedings, and this Court further expresses its regret that the present state of the law permits any man to be placed in such peril."

CONCERT AT THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

On Monday evening last a charming concert was given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the instance of Bro. Joshua Nunn, by his nephew, W. A. Rowland. The brethren who attended were Bros. W. Roebuck, Joshua Nunn, Col. Jas. E. Peters, H. A. Dubois, Thos. Kingston, R. B. Webster, F. R. W. Hedges, Dr. Hope, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), besides whom there were several ladies.

The following is the programme of music performed:—Piano Duett, "Symphony, No. 15," Miss Goodridge and Miss Barton; Song, "Sweethearts," Mr. A. Kenningham; Violin Solo, "Adagio from 9th Concerto," Mr. Ernest Crook; Song, "The Lady of the Lea," Miss Annie Butterworth; Piano Duett, "Dion Giovanni," Lilly Bellamy and Violet Lang; Piano Solo, "Rondo in E. Flat," Ethel Hinson; Song, "Come into the garden, Maud," Mr. Alfred

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PILGRIM LODGE (No. 238).—A very interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, viz., the celebration of the centenary of the "Loge de Pilger, No. 238." This is the only lodge under the English Constitution working in the German language, and the members are deservedly proud of its having attained its 100th birthday under such circumstances. It was established in 1779 by German residents in London at the Old Mitre Tavern, in Fleet-street, its then number on the roll being 516. From there it migrated to the Old London Tavern, and remained there for many years. As the members increased this house was found too small, and it moved thence to the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. It has now found a resting place at the head-quarters of Freemasonry in London—the Freemasons' Hall. It is very evident from the members assembled on Wednesday, and the long list of apologies for non-attendance and expressions of goodwill, that the "Pilger Loge" stands high in the estimation, not only of the German community in London, but of a very large number of English Freemasons. As a proof of this, we may mention that letters of congratulation were received from the M.W. the Grand Master, H.H.R. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and a large number of distinguished brethren. There were present many deputations from Hanover, Hamburg, and other parts of Germany. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by Bros. Wendt, Sec. for German Correspondence; T. Fenn, Past Grand Deacon; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; Dr. Martini, Grand Master of Frankfurt; C. Hoffmann, Past G. Steward; and Handewerk, Prov. G.W. of Gloucester and P.G.M. of the Royal Gloucestershire. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the W.M., Bro. A. Beyrau, presiding, supported by Bro. A. Vogt, Deputy, or Past Master; Bro. Charles Sevin, for thirty years Treasurer of the lodge; and Bro. Karl Bergmann, P.M. and Sec. The Wardens were Bros. Furst, S.W., and Neuhaus, J.W.; Bro. Harrer, M.D., occupied the position of Orator, or speaker. The whole of the proceedings were conducted in the German language, and the W.M., in an eloquent and telling speech, warmly welcomed the visiting brethren, and expressed the pleasure he felt, which was fully shared in by the whole lodge, at receiving brothers from the beloved Fatherland. Bro. Wendt, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, congratulated the lodge on having preserved unbroken the records of proceedings, which had entitled them to the much-coveted distinction of a centenary jewel. He also congratulated the members on its past career and present position. Dr. Martini, Grand Master of Frankfurt, wished the greatest possible success to their brethren in England, for whom they all had the greatest respect, and took the opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the Craft in Germany for the way in which the ancient landmarks of the Order had been preserved. He remarked that the first lodge established in Frankfurt was the Union, under the charter of the English Grand Lodge, which was afterwards, by the courtesy of the English Grand Lodge, transferred to the German Grand Lodge, when it came into existence, yet the origin of the lodge would never be forgotten, and the sacred precepts handed down to them would always be preserved. Addresses were also delivered by the deputies of other German lodges, and the enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by the performance, by a select body of the brethren, of two original compositions, viz.: a poem, set to music by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, in memory of the founders of the lodge, and a Fest-Cantate, composed by Bro. Martin Müller. During the singing of a hymn by members and visitors, fraternal greetings in unity took place according to the custom in German lodges. The ceremony lasted for more than

two hours, and on the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales," "The Dentcher Kaiser," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. R. F. Gould on behalf of the English brethren present, and by Bro. Martini for the German visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. We may mention that the musical programme, as might have been expected from such a music-loving people, was of the highest character, the principal contributors being Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, M. Müller, Eugen Kapff, Josef Ludwig, Dr. Harrer, A. Siegle, Hugo Daubert, W. Lotz, and G. W. C. Starke.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The September meeting of this, one of the few Banner Lodges, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday week, the 25th ult. On this occasion an innovation was made, in the form of admitting ladies to the banquet table. This experiment, for which we are indebted to Bros. George Newman, P.M., and Wm. Worrell, P.M., proved a most decided success, and its occasional observance would no doubt tend to lessen the severity of the charge of selfishness which the ladies oft make against the brethren. The lodge was opened at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Roberts, S.D.; E. B. Broomhall, D. of C.; George Newman, P.M., Steward; W. J. Collens, I.G.; John Pringle, P.M.; W. Manfield Newton (W.M. elect); H. E. Heath, J. W. Hutchison, Turle Lee, Wm. Johnston, L. S. Burt, J. G. Appell, A. G. Rees, F. G. Barnes, P. Steinmann, and the following visitors: Bros. H. Garrod, P.M. 749; L. Brck, W.M. 1559, P.G.O. Middx.; H. Harman, 1541; W. W. Morgan, 1385; S. Smith, 742; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). Bro. Worrell, P.M., Sec., read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Lawrence S. Burt was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. C. W. Lenox Hall, Geo. Hutchison, and Alfred Wortham. Proving unanimous in their favour, each gentleman was separately initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cutmore. The election of W.M., Treas., and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. On the motion of Bro. Captain Kain, P.M., seconded by Bro. John Pringle, P.M., Bro. Wm. M. Newton was elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Kidman, S.W., having gracefully declined that honour in favour of Bro. Newton, who was eligible for the office in 1876, but had retired in favour of his father, the late Bro. W. E. Newton. Bro. Capt. Kain was re-elected Treasurer, an office which he has ably filled for several years. Bro. Grant was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Kain then, in very feeling terms, referred to the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. Past Master W. E. Newton, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Newton. The Worshipful Master seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren forthwith joined the ladies and non-Masonic gentlemen in the drawing-room. The company shortly afterwards assembled in the banquetting-hall, which, by a very tasteful grouping of the banners of the various Worshipful Masters of this lodge, looked certainly very effective. Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, Worshipful Master, presided, and among the company present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Dr. D. M. Forbes, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. F. Ullmer and Miss Ullmer, Mrs. Newman, Madame Worrell, Mrs. Manfield Newton, Mr. M. A. Trass and Mrs. Trass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Rees, Miss Marian Burton, Mr. A. S. A. Dodson, Mr. Alfred Kenningham, and Mr. E. Powell (City Press). After the dinner, which was exceptionally good and ably served under the superintendence of Bro. E. H. Rand, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Capt. Kain, with great humour, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," to which Bro. Cutmore replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," to which the newly-enlightened brethren responded. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Capt. Kain, Miller, Newman, Pringle, and Worrell replied in fitting terms. Bro. George Newman related some interesting facts concerning the lodge from the time when it consisted of but seven members to its present successful condition. The toast of "The Non-Masonic Visitors" was proposed in complimentary terms by the Worshipful Master, and was responded to by several gentlemen, including Messrs. Dodson, Lockwood, Dr. Forbes, and E. Powell. Bro. Williams ably responded on behalf of "The Ladies." In reply to the toast of "The W.M. elect," Bro. W. Manfield Newton sincerely thanked the brethren for electing him, also Bro. Kidman, S.W., for kindly waiving his claim to the chair. Several other toasts were given and responded to. During the evening an elegant musical entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, the artistes being Madame Worrell, Miss Marian Burton, and Mr. Alfred Kenningham, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Turle Lee. Bro. Garrod gave a most laughable recitation entitled "The Quack Doctor," which was very warmly applauded. The infant Salvini also recited, with great power for so young an artist, "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held in the Agricultural Hall, on Friday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. A. F. Rowley, W.M.; Edward G. Sim, P.M.; E. Somers, P.M.; Thos. J. Coombs, P.M.; J. Weston, S.W.; J. Osborn, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; C. F. Parslow, Sec.; W. Norris, S.D.; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; A. G. Rutchmell,

Steward; T. B. Adison, A.S.; F. F. E. Heyse, Percy Taylor, G. W. Parker, S. Hollidge, E. Payne, John Gibbs, E. Abrams, C. Gwyn, G. W. Larter, and A. H. Chisholm (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. R. Pearcy, W.M. 228; Wm. Brown Kidder, P.M. 12; Wm. Weaver, P.M. 820; T. Tupward, S.D. 1662; Albert Yates, J.D. 948. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. C. Gwyn, P. G. S. Taylor, and G. W. Larter were then formally raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bro. F. F. E. Heyse was afterwards passed to the F.C. Degree. This concluding the business before the meeting, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquetting-room, where they were served with an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M. A vellum testimonial, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented by the W.M. to Bro. R. Pearcy, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, by way of a mark of congratulation on his recovery from a late severe illness. Bro. Pearcy very appropriately acknowledged the presentation. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with some capital songs by several members of the company.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Prince George, Parkhulme-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; J. Lorriu, S.W.; Henry John, J.W.; J. H. Wilkin, S.D.; Charles Arnold, J.D. (pro tem.); Alfred Sack, I.G.; E. Dyer, D.C.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; J. Bagot Scriven, Treas.; Henry Leah, Hon. Sec.; E. Hyde Hewett, and several other brethren. Bro. Sandland was raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. Street passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of a very nice plain supper, provided by the hostess in her usual admirable manner. Bro. Scriven, the generous Treasurer, told the brethren that he intended to have the pleasure of presenting the lodge with a new set of lodge boards and an emblem of mortality. Great anxiety was expressed for the success of the Widow Fellow's daughter, Charlotte Amelia, at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it being her last chance. The brethren separated at an early hour, much pleased with a very agreeable meeting.

ROTHERSAY LODGE (No. 1687).—The third installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday last, the 1st inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frank Kirk, and among the members and visitors present we noticed Bros. John Hancock, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. Docker, J.W.; Louis Beck, P.M., P.G. Org. Middlesex, Treas.; William C. Parsons, P.M., Secretary; Jas. Crossland, S.D.; Henry Outhwaite, J.D.; E. Duret, D. of C.; E. W. Levermore, A.D. of C.; J. Berron, Org.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., W.S.; H. E. Forscutt, I.G.; Preter, Tyler; F. Green, sen., John Butler, F. Farr, T. Wallace, A. H. Levy, Fred. V. Green, Thomas Lloyd, Warner Sleight, Wm. Mole, E. Blewitt, John Wake, E. Valeriani, E. C. Newell; and the following visitors: Bros. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.S. Dorset; Joseph Wright, P.M. 1158, P.G.P.; E. W. Farwig, W.M. 180; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; E. T. Scott, P.M. 749; H. M. Levy, 188; W. H. Perryman, 3; G. Detraz, 145; E. P. Festa, 834; R. F. Giles, 1328; J. W. Lakin, 180; James Inge, 1563; H. Stewart, 780; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was also read, received, and adopted. Ballot was then taken for two candidates, Mr. Thomas Lloyd and Mr. Wm. Mole, which proved unanimous in their favour. The brethren below the chair of Installed Master having retired, Bro. John Hancock was installed into the Worshipful Master's chair in a most impressive manner, by Bro. Louis Beck, P.M., Provincial Grand Organist Middlesex, in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Beck was heartily congratulated on the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. John Hancock, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Frank Kirk, I.P.M.; J. Docker, S.W.; James Crossland, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; Louis Beck, P.M., P.G. Org. Middx., Treas.; Wm. C. Parsons, Sec.; Henry Outhwaite, S.D.; H. E. Forscutt, J.D.; E. Duret, I.G.; E. W. Levermore, D. of C.; F. Green, sen., A.D. of C.; J. Berron, Org.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., W.S.; Macgillivray, A.W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. Lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when Messrs. Mole and Lloyd, having been properly prepared, were introduced and duly initiated into the mystic order, the ceremony being most impressively given by the W.M., assisted by his newly-appointed officers. After a notice of motion for the next meeting by Bro. Green, sen., and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a choice and elegant banquet, provided by Bro. Gosden. Bro. John Hancock, W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," made some very complimentary remarks upon that brother's services, and concluded, amid the applause of the brethren, by placing upon Bro. Kirk's breast a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, with the following inscription at the back:—Presented by the brethren of the Rothersey Lodge, No. 1687, to Bro. Frank Kirk, I.P.M., as a slight acknowledgement of his services as Worshipful Master during his year of office ending September, 1879. Several other toasts followed, and were duly honoured. The pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by the vocal and other contributions of Bros. Warner Sleight, Louis Beck, Lloyd, and Levy.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

—This lodge held its first regular meeting after the consecration on Thursday, the 25th ult., at their lodge-room, in Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance of officers, viz, Bros. J. W. Brooke, W.M.; J. C. Corpe, S.W.; W. G. Bott, J.W.; J. W. D. W. nap, Treas.; Henry Cruse, Sec.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.D.; Alfred Stokes, J.D.; J. C. Wilkins, I.G.; A. Bau mann, Steward; together with the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Pocklington, S.W. Camden Lodge, No. 704; Black, Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728; and other brethren. After the lodge had been duly opened, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the consecration meeting, which being done, were unanimously confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the admission of Bro. Baumann as joining member, which was carried unanimously. The brethren then balled for, and unanimously approved of, Capt. Wm. Furse and Mr. Alexander Williams, candidates for initiation, and they were accordingly introduced and regularly initiated. Bro. Baumann was then appointed Steward, and invested with the collar, and addressed by the W.M. on the nature and duties of his office. The W.M. then called on the Secretary to read the bye-laws, which had been prepared for the approval of the Grand Lodge, after which the Secretary read a letter received from Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., acknowledging the receipt of the resolution electing him an honorary member of the lodge, and expressing in suitable terms his grateful acceptance thereof; also a similar letter from Bro. W. M. Maloney, P.M. Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, expressing regret that absence from London prevented him from attending the lodge, to which he had been invited by the W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to partake of a banquet, supplied in the usual excellent manner, and the evening was spent in love and harmony.

DUBLIN.—Nassau Lodge (No. 75).—The members of this lodge met for refreshment at the Exhibition Palace on Thursday, the 25th ult., to pay a substantial tribute of fraternal affection to a brother who had contributed for so many years to the well-being of their lodge, and we learn, with regret, the severance of so useful a member from the lodge. Bro. T. D. Lambert, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Peter Marshall, P.M., acting S.W.; Odbert, J.W.; William Spence, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Gordon, Sec. After the usual loyal toasts were received and duly honoured, the following address was read by the Secretary:—"To Bro. Spencer Hart, P.M. Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the members of Masonic Lodge No. 75, cannot allow you to resign your membership without taking occasion to express our deep regret on your retiring from amongst us. For a period of years, since the lodge was founded, you have occupied each of the different chairs; the manner in which you filled the various offices, including the Secretaryship of the lodge, is well known to many even outside our number. Firm, yet kind; giving, not grudgingly, but open and generous, with that which is good, courteous to all. Thoroughly understanding and appreciating the principles on which our Institution is founded, you, at all times, endeavoured, by precept and example, to fix them in the hearts of your brethren. To sum up, you have, by your uniform kindness, sound judgment, and knowledge of the rules of our Institution, left it a difficult, but noble task, for any brother to imitate so good an example. We beg your acceptance of this small token of respect with our earnest prayer that you may be long spared, and that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may dwell with you and your family.—Signed on behalf of the lodge, Bros. T. D. Lambert, W.M.; J. H. Morrison, S.W.; James Odbert, J.W.; W. Spence, Treas.; W. D. Gordon, Sec." The W.M. then presented Bro. S. Hart (P.M., Sec., and Prest. of B. of Genl. Purposes) with a silver salver, accompanied with the foregoing address, beautifully illuminated. Bro. Hart replied as follows: Brethren, your more than kind and fraternal address, accompanied as it is by such a substantial token of your extreme good-will and friendship, places me in a dilemma as how best to return you the thanks which really spring from my heart. When I laboured amongst you for so many years, and took such an interest in the advancement and welfare of our lodge, and may I be permitted to say in the advancement and welfare of each brother connected with it, I did so, brethren, from the most sincere and simple motives, and had not the remotest idea that my conduct would merit or receive such a reward as you, in your generous kindness, have thought fit to honour me with this evening. I can only say that you have always been courteous and indulgent to me. By your suzerainty and good-will I have passed through the several chairs of the lodge up to the W.M., and afterwards your Secretary, and finally your Representative at the Board of General Purposes, the highest honour in your power to give, and the legitimate aspiration of every Past Master. Brethren, I would for ever be unworthy of this flattering testimonial if I could forget such kindness and friendship I always received from each and every brother in the general working of the lodge, even though in my anxiety I was sometimes a little impetuous. For many years in it of us have worked shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand together for the good of the Masonic Order, but more especially for Lodge 75. And I think we can all say with truth that we have not laboured in vain, as the lodge from its very foundation has prospered, and has always been foremost in every good work, either in giving to the widow or orphan, or in the help cheerfully given to the poor and distressed brother, or the word of sympathy to the bereaved one, to the kindly help given to assist other brethren in raising a hall to work the Craft, or even to the relief given to the distressed brethren in Canada—works which every true and good Masonic lodge should cultivate, and which Lodge No. 75 can always look back on with pleasure and profit; and now, brethren, once again, you have shown your generosity by presenting me with this

beautiful testimonial, which shall always bring happy thoughts to my mind when thinking of my connection with the lodge. Again, brethren, I thank you most heartily and earnestly, and I am sure, if the Great Architect of the Universe spares us to old age, we may all look back to the remembrance of this evening with pleasure and happiness. And now, in taking farewell of my brethren, I pray that the Most High shall always have you in His keeping, individually, each member, and collectively, as a lodge, and that you may always promote unity and charity as your watchword, and continue to be prosperous, as you have the elements of a good, sound working lodge amongst you, second to none, and holding up an example to others to go and do likewise. The following brethren were present: Bros. Spence, Girardin, Marshall, Odbert, Lambert, Gordon, Robertson, Raynor, Wentworth, Lovell, Longstaff, Young, Weatherup, Marchbank, Bolton, MacIvor, Crofton, Shaw, Bolster, Gater, Shea, Dagge, Milligan, Jarratt, and others. Bros. Wentworth and Odbert contributed towards the harmony of the evening, accompanied by Bro. Gater, Mus. Bac. Bro. Lovel supplied the refreshments, which gave universal satisfaction.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting (after the adjournment) of this prosperous lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 24th inst. The brethren assembled at six o'clock, and partook of tea. At 6.45 they assembled in the lodge to the number of some forty-six, and presented a gratifying coup d'oeil to some of the visitors, who were in the habit of seeing, perhaps, only a third of this number at their own lodges on an ordinary night, and there is little doubt but that the sight of such an array of spectators gives additional energy to the worthy W.M. and his able officers to do their utmost to keep up the prestige this lodge has for its working. The following officers and members were present: Bros. Henry Walley, W.M.; W. Rome, I.P.M.; Williams, jun., S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; J. Senior, J.D.; Wm. Siddeley, Sec.; H. H. W. burton, P.M., Org.; J. Mackie, acting I.G.; B. Williams, Treas.; John Studl, W. D. Waddell, and William Livesey, Stewards; J. Kirk, Tyler; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; R. Neild, P.M.; Jno. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; George F. East, P.M.; John Taylor, Thos. Mather, W. Stott, Thos. Howell, Jas. Collins, J. A. Gee, J. Wolfensberger, Alfred Youle, G. Russell, Jas. Loundes, Thomas Sutcliffe, W. Colwell, Jno. Quance, Jno. B. Bennett, J. Clemmev, W. Hilton, Robert Cryer, and Matthew Owen. Visitors: H. Bratt, W.M. 428; Geo. W. Wilson, S.W. 1009; J. W. Johnstone; J. Bra'shaw, 1375; J. R. Edmondson, P.M. 1061; H. Lister, 1011; Wm. Dumville; C. E. Austin, P.M. 1009; W. H. Landless, 126; J. B. Seel, 1147, 1730; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. L. McMillan, who was a candidate for raising, having been interrogated and answered the questions, withdrew for preparation. On his re-admission he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. performed the ceremony, and, being the first time he had done so, great praise is certainly due to him for the commendable manner in which it was done. The efficiency too of the officers was exemplified by the thorough business-like style in which they went through their work, and the most cynical observer could scarcely have found any fault. Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., gave the traditional history, which was well rendered by that assiduous brother. At the conclusion of the ceremony of raising, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and "Heartly good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, and passed a most enjoyable evening, being well entertained with some excellent solos and glees, given in irreproachable style by Bros. Dumville, Lister, Turner, Senior, Heald, Salmon, and others, and separating before eleven o'clock.

MALTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 515, E.C.)—An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, No. 27, Strada-stretta, Valetta, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. Present: V.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Segond, W.M.; R. V. Westrup, P.M.; C. E. Coffey, W.M. 349, acting S.W.; Prof. Professor H. Stilon, J.W.; G. H. Westrup, S.D.; A. B. Tagliaferro, J.D.; Major A. Ewing, Organist; R. Page Miller, Secretary; W. Clare, Saville, I.G.; R. Beck, Tyler; Captain C. J. Blake, G. Williams Freeman, Rowley King, G. H. McLaughlin, A. T. Chapman, J. Walker, J. W. Starkey, C. Lippett, W. Pariente, O. E. Segond, J. Houghton, J. Davison, J. H. Hodgson, J. A. Mathews, R. Price, T. Jones, E. Barter, C. E. Mortimer, S. G. Yeoman, and W. Farquharson. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer in the ancient manner in the First Degree, and then passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Pariente, a candidate for Master's Degree, was called to answer the necessary questions before being raised. The lodge was then raised, and the D.D.G.M. kindly consented to honour the lodge and candidate by assuming the gavel and conferring this sublime Degree. The ceremony was very impressive, rendered so by the exquisite manner in which the Degree was worked, also by the beautiful manner in which Bro. Ewing executed on the organ, at the special request of the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the Secretary read a letter from the D.D.G.M., warning the brethren from countenancing certain persons styling themselves "The Grand Orient or Council of the Reformed Egyptian Rite," a lodge not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, or of Rome and Palermo. The D.D.G.M. spoke at some length as to the evil consequences that would result if the brethren inadvertently countenanced these persons. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial

repast, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The D.D.G.M. on rising to respond to his toast, asked the brethren to toast "The W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Segond," who was unable to attend the banquet on account of family bereavement, coupling with it W. Bro. Westrup, the P.M. The D.D.G.M. spoke at great length on the great merits of W. Bro. Segond, of his known great charity and zeal for Freemasonry; he also spoke in high terms of the energetic endeavours of W. Bro. Westrup, who when he joined the lodge found it in anything but a prosperous state, and gave it over to his successor in its present flourishing state. W. Bro. Westrup replied in a very appropriate speech, thanking the D.D.G.M. for the flattering terms in which he was pleased to speak of Bro. Segond and himself. The Tyler's toast then brought to a close one of the most pleasant and successful meetings held in the hall. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the visiting brethren, who kindly came forward to aid in making the meeting a success.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—The annual installation gathering of this celebrated lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., when there were about 120 brethren present, including a very large representation of P.G. Lodge Officers. This lodge, though only three years old, has had a most prosperous career, and now embraces some 130 members, amongst whom may be found a large percentage of brethren connected with the dramatic, musical, literary, and medical professions, for whose convenience the lodge was first specially consecrated, its meetings being invariably held in the afternoon. The attendance on this occasion was exceptionally numerous and brilliant, and clearly demonstrated the popular position attained by the Dramatic under the fostering care of the three worthy Masters who have already "passed the chairs." About half-past 12 o'clock, the post of honour in the east was taken by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. J. Chapman, P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G. Sid. (P.G.J.D. designate); B. B. Marson, P.M. P.P.G. Sr. B.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; Alfred Woolrich, Treas. (W.M. 1356); John Atkinson, Sec.; Fred. Wilkinson, S.D.; Frank Emery, J.D.; James Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S. Steward; H. P. Squire, J. Steward; R. Burgess, Org.; Joseph Skeaf, Prov. G. Org., Hon. Org.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wyllie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. E. Jackson, P.G. Superintendent of Works; Charles Courtenay, George (Jolly Little) Lewis, Dr. Henry Y. Pitts, Dr. A. W. Pierce, Robert Eyers, T. Walter, Dr. W. A. Whittle, Fredk. Duncanson, H. Holden, J. Keer, Peter Buck, W. Addis, J. F. Cowdell, John Wiat, P. W. Sanderson, W. Hildyard, J. A. Mercer, E. Ovenden, S. Mattison, P. Lowndes, E. H. Thomson, Wm. Heap, J. Penney, Jas. Shrapnell, J. Ballard, J. W. R. Brown, Robt. Williams, W. Williams, J. Ashley, T. Avann, J. Reay, C. Campion, R. Williams, J. H. Owen, Jno. B. Gough, M. P. Tieski, Thos. S. Bailey, John Hill, R. Brown, P.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. W.L.M.E.I.), H. Round, Sam Hague, Dr. Williams, and others. The long and brilliant list of visitors included Bros. J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035 (Mayor of Bootle); Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Robinson, P.G. Reg.; W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680 and 1713 (P.G.J.W. designate); Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. (Cheshire); J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; John Wells, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Poghe, P.M. 1620; H. R. Eiston, 73; W. T. G. Harman, 70; Wm. Johnson, 241; Dr. F. J. Bailey, W.M. 786; Thos. Salter, W.M. 241; Dr. D. Dunlop Costine, J.W. 216; J. H. Greenwood, 163; Henry De Frece, 1502; R. E. Mitton, 1356; T. J. Hughes, 216; T. B. Brown, J.W. 786; Jno. Williams, P.M. 1182; Arthur H. Fry, 609; Wm. Coxon, Treas. 1675; Thos. Evans, Sec. 1675; T. Wright, 1182; R. Griffiths, 724; Captain Thos. Berry, P.M. 155; C. Du Val, 93; Thos. F. Hill, W.M. 220; Henry Hatch, S.W. 220; Charles Cogle, 594; H. C. Sidney, 95; Jno. Duncan, jun., P.M. 1473; R. Thompson, 249; Edwin Paul, Treas. 1356; R. Casson, W.M. 995; Saml. P. Gore, 1356; Henry Firth, W.M. 667; J. Busfield, 216; Jas. P. Bryan, 1035; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; N. Green, 241; Joseph Wood, 249, Treas. 1094 (Freemason), and others. After the minutes had been confirmed and two candidates elected, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M. 1609, P.G.S. (the P.G.J.D. designate), who immediately proceeded with the installation of Bro. James B. MacKenzie, S.W., as the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. L. Courtenay, the retiring W.M., and Bro. W. J. Chapman, P.M. The ceremony of installation throughout was performed by Bro. Bell in an almost faultless and most impressive manner, eliciting general admiration and a cordial vote of thanks at the close, which was directed to be recorded on the minutes. The Board of Installed Masters was most numerous attended, there being no fewer than sixteen P.G. Lodge Officers and about twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. MacKenzie having been duly placed in the chair, the brethren generally were re-admitted, and saluted him in the Three Degrees, appropriate music being sung during the time the honours were being paid to him. The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; M. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); F. Wilkinson, Sec.; F. Emery, S.D.; J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org. (re-appointed); J. W. P.G.O., Hon. Org. (re-appointed); H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). At the conclusion of the investiture of officers, Bro. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold, how good," was sung with magnificent effect by Bros. Greenwood, Bryan, Busfield,

Armstrong, Hughes, Penney, and other selected "voices." The closing charges were given by Bro. Bell with remarkable effectiveness, and afterwards "Hearty good wishes" were given by about twenty visitors to the newly-chaired W.M. Telegrams and letters apologising for non-attendance were also received from Bros. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; Harry Jackson (who had gone to London); Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; J. Levy, 1609, and others. At the conclusion of business the brethren were "called off" to banquet, which was supplied in first-class style by Bro. R. Russell, 813, whose catering fully sustained the reputation he has acquired in Liverpool and elsewhere. The comparatively unattractive nature of the room was greatly enlivened by festoons of flags and banners, which had been placed on the walls by Bro. J. Keet, J.W. 1356, a member of the Dramatic Lodge, and Bro. A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609. There were upwards of 100 brethren present at the banquet (presided over by Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, W.M.), who was supported by almost all the P.G.L. Officers, and all his P.M.'s who had been present during the afternoon. After dinner the newly-installed W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Queen," he alluded to Her Majesty as the Patron of the Order, the mother of enthusiastic Freemasons, and a lady whose example might safely be followed by every lady in the land. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M., Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales, he remarked, had many duties, which he fulfilled faithfully, and none did he perform more pleasantly and faithfully than those which he fulfilled as chief of his noble Order. (Applause.) The W.M. also gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers; the R.W.D.G.M. and R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, and the Officers of Prov. G.L., Present and Past." Referring to the names in the first part of the toast, the W.M. remarked that there was no doubt as to their earnestness in Masonry. (Hear, hear.) All who had come into contact with Bro. Lord Skelmersdale must have been struck with the earnestness and enthusiasm which at all times characterised his Masonic career. He was speaking the simple truth when he said that Masonry would not have occupied the prominent position which it did in West Lancashire had it not been for the undoubted influence and active zeal of the Prov. G.M. In him they possessed a true Mason and an honest man, one who was not above his business and never thought it too much trouble to fulfil the duties of his office to the satisfaction of every brother, however humble that brother might be. (Applause.) Lord Skelmersdale had an admirable second in the Deputy Grand Master (hear, hear), and the other officers were Masons whom they must all admire. Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., whose name was coupled with the last, responded. He said he had had the pleasure of knowing the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge from its very foundation, and he knew well the originators and founders of the lodge. He had looked through their minute book that day, and was perfectly satisfied that it would be very difficult to any one not a practised orator to address a lodge of that kind. Like his friend Bro. Newell, the Mayor of Bootle, he had had the pleasure of addressing town councils, but on that occasion he had, he thought, a more critical audience to address even than the town council of Liverpool or of Bootle. (Laughter.) He had the pleasure of addressing that night many very excellent and honourable members of the dramatic profession, and he was quite aware that he must address them in a very different manner to that in which ordinary audiences ought to be addressed. It had given him great pleasure to witness the proceedings of that day. He had had the pleasure of the newly-installed Worshipful Master's Masonic acquaintance for many years, and the longer he had known Bro. MacKenzie the more he had learned to appreciate his many excellent qualities. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Perhaps no one had had a better opportunity of appreciating the W.M.'s Masonic qualities than he (Bro. Alpass). The W.M., he might say without praising him too much, was a distinguished member of the local press. It had been a difficulty on all occasions in reporting any of their Masonic gatherings as to how little should be published, and yet sufficient information be given for those who desired to know what had taken place; and it gave him great pleasure to bear his testimony to the very great and the very wise discretion which their Worshipful Master had exercised on all occasions in fulfilling his important duties. (Applause.) This subject was rather uppermost in his mind, and he was almost losing sight of the toast to which he had to respond. He might say that the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master of England, had had the honour of holding many important positions in Masonry, and every one he had filled to the entire satisfaction of the Craft—(hear, hear)—and Lord Skelmersdale's devotion to, and appreciation of, Masonry could not be exceeded by any Mason in the whole world. (Applause.) There were one or two other subjects to which he (Bro. Alpass) would like to refer before he resumed his seat. To such a lodge as the Dramatic Lodge it was almost out of place for him, an unprofessional, to make any remarks as to the manner in which they gave the beautiful ritual of the Order. The Lodges of Liverpool, and, indeed, of this and other provinces, ought to attend the Dramatic Lodge to know how the ritual should be conducted. He had certainly heard the Degrees given in that lodge in a manner which he had never listened to elsewhere. (Applause.) But there were other and greater duties which devolved upon Masons, whether they belonged to the Dramatic or any other lodge, and he found it necessary to impress them upon the brethren upon all occasions—he alluded to the duties which they owed to the various Charities of the Order. He feared that brethren too often thought that when they had paid

their lodge subscriptions they had performed all the duties which devolved upon them as Masons. Well, he maintained that in all cases—he would not except that lodge—they had done but a small part of their duty when they had paid their lodge subscriptions. The amount of their lodge subscriptions was calculated on the amount of refreshments which they proposed to take during the year, and whether they had a balance to be devoted to charity or not depended a great deal upon whether they had had a large number or a very small number of initiations in the year. Now, that ought not to be so. The sums that a lodge received for initiations were really sums received under the authority of the warrant for making Masons, and they were paid by those initiated for the privilege—and a very great, and honourable, and high privilege it was—of being admitted into that Order. Those amounts, he contended, should be entirely devoted to the charitable institutions of the Order. If, in addition to their subscriptions, lodges, unfortunately, spent the amount received for initiations, and when both these sums were added together they just balanced their expenditure, they could quite understand that there was nothing left for charity. When they were asked the question by persons outside the Craft, "What is the good of Masonry?" unless they could point to something tangible which they had done for the good of charity, what answer, he asked, could they make to the world as to the good Masonry did for society in general? Unfortunately, the number of children who had to be supported and educated by the Order appeared to increase year after year. What was thought to be a comfortable income twenty or thirty years ago had ceased to be so, hence it frequently happened that when a brother Mason died, a man who had occupied a good position in society, and paid his way as far as he had gone, yet when smitten down there was very little left for his wife and family. In a province like that, which contained so many subscribing members, they ought to be prepared, whenever a good and deserving case arose, to give the assistance which was required. (Hear, hear.) They had in their province an excellent institution, the West Lancashire Educational Masonic Institution, which was doing an exceedingly good work, the number of children it contained fast approaching 100. He observed from the minutes of the Dramatic Lodge that their W.M., S.W., and J.W. were Governors of the Institution. But every year there occurred in the province cases in which it was but a very small thing just to educate the children; when, perhaps, there might be five or six depending on the widow, more was required. One, if not two, of the children should be taken entirely off the hands of the mother and educated and clothed completely. That could only be done at present through the two Institutions in London—the Boys' and Girls' schools. In both excellent educations were given, as the prizes obtained at the Oxford and Cambridge Examinations testified. He could assure them from his own experience that it was absolutely needed that in that great province they should possess more votes than they did possess for those two Institutions. He would say to them "Support the West Lancashire Institution, but don't forget that you must be prepared every year to do more for one or two of the widows' children than to educate them—you must be prepared to clothe and keep them, and that can only be done by possessing more votes than we now possess in this province." He asked them to bear these observations in mind, and, as their funds permitted, to assist the province in obtaining votes first for one Institution and then for the other, so that when a case turned up where it was necessary that a boy or girl should be taken entirely from the hands of the widowed mother they should be able to ensure the election, and carry it with perfect certainty. (Applause.) He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. It had given him very great pleasure and satisfaction to be present, and he was quite sure that every visitor in the hall would join with him in wishing the greatest prosperity to the Dramatic Lodge, and that it might exist for many years in that province a model of good work and good management. (Loud applause.) Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." In accepting the office of W.M. Bro. MacKenzie had, he felt quite assured, taken the position with a full determination to do his duty in every sense of the word. (Hear, hear.) He had had the pleasure of the W.M.'s acquaintance for some years, Masonically for between three and four years, and he knew how greatly devoted the W.M. was to Masonic interests generally. He could assure them that the Dramatic Lodge had at its head a W.M. who would not only do his best to promote the interests of the lodge, but who, he felt convinced, would be the means of elevating it. (Hear, hear.) He asked them to drink most cordially and heartily health, wealth, long life, and prosperity to the Worshipful Master. (Applause.) The W.M., in responding, said he gave place to no one in his esteem for Masonry, because he knew that in their Order everything which was excellent and which was calculated to elevate humanity was to be found, if properly developed and applied. He felt it to be a high honour to occupy the Master's chair of a Masonic lodge, but when he found himself occupying the chair of a lodge which held a deservedly distinguished position in one of the most distinguished provinces in England, the honour was increased ten-fold. He could quite see the influence which such a lodge as the Dramatic should exercise, and he could assure them that if all the powers of his mind and all his physical strength were necessary and desirable in connection with a proper fulfilment of the duties of the chair, those physical energies, and that mental power, would be exercised to the fullest extent. (Hear, hear.) He had around him officers who would strive to do their duty, and he was sure he appealed to their Masonic enthusiasm when he said that no lodge could be properly worked unless the Master had the constant support of every officer of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) As their esteemed friend and

neighbour, Lord Derby, said the other day at Southport, it was rather an unpleasant thing to talk of one's self, and, therefore, he (the W.M.) now turned to a more pleasant and palatable duty, and that was to in some measure recognise the talent and service of a brother who had just vacated the chair—he meant their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Courtenay, one who, by his amiable conduct, had won the heart of every brother in the Dramatic Lodge, one who had striven to do his duty, and had done it well, one who had never been sparing of himself in trying to follow what was good in Masonry and in connection with her Charities and schemes. Bro. Courtenay had given the Dramatic Lodge a munificent opportunity of contributing towards an object which he hoped would soon be carried into effect, namely, the general decoration of the hall in which they were assembled. Bros. Leslie and Courtenay, at that time joint lessees of the Royal Amphitheatre, gave the free use of that establishment for a benefit, and although the weather in some measure interfered with the success of the entertainment, the result was that £100 was secured towards the decoration of that hall. (Hear, hear.) This result was largely owing to the spontaneous offer of the free use of the Amphitheatre on the occasion. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and in the name of the lodge he (the W.M.) had to present to Bro. Courtenay a Past Master's jewel. This was the first serious part of his work in the chair, and he could assure Bro. Courtenay that no other initial work could have given him greater pleasure than that of investing him with that jewel. He trusted that the I.P.M. would be long privileged to wear it, and that the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to perform his Masonic duties, in connection with which that jewel would be an ornament which could not be too highly prized. On behalf of the lodge he had further to express to Bro. Courtenay the hope that in his business arrangements prosperity might continue to attend all his efforts. Success seemed to lie at his door; whether it would be continued or not lay very much in Bro. Courtenay's own hands; but this he (the W.M.) could say, that every brother in the room wished him most heartily the very greatest success which could possibly attend him. (Hear, hear.) Several brethren of the lodge had further thought that a Past Master's jewel was not a sufficient recognition of Bro. Courtenay's merits and the ability with which he had performed his duties. On behalf of nearly all the officers and a good many private members of the lodge he (the W.M.) had the further privilege and great pleasure of presenting him with a diamond ring and a set of diamond studs. They were brilliant in themselves, and he hoped they would be but an evidence of the brilliancy attaching to Bro. Courtenay's professional and Masonic character. He trusted Bro. Courtenay would be enabled long to wear them, remembering that they came from the heart in recognition of the hearty work which he had done in connection with the Dramatic Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., said that the observations of the W.M. had reminded him that he had omitted a very important point in his remarks. He had the honour to be the Chairman of the Decoration Committee, and he deeply regretted that in his anxiety to talk about the leading object of the Order—Charity—he omitted to recognise the very handsome sum which the Dramatic Lodge had given towards the decoration of that building. It was a very serious omission, and he must apologise for it. He could only say that if other lodges would follow the example which the Dramatic Lodge had set them, the decoration of the building would be a very easy matter indeed. He was sorry to say that in some lodges the appeal had been met with a great amount of lukewarmness, but, notwithstanding that a sufficient number of brethren were willing to assist in that good object, and he was quite certain that with a little pains they would be enabled to decorate the building in a way which would be agreeable to the brethren. Bros. Courtenay and Leslie did in the most handsome manner give the use of their theatre for the entertainment, which had been a great assistance to the Decoration Committee in carrying out the object which they had in view. Bro. Courtenay, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the kindly spirit in which they had received the toast of his health. He had had a letter from his late partner, Bro. Leslie, on the previous day, stating that he would not be able to be present at the installation owing to business engagements, but assuring the brethren that he was with them in spirit. It had been their intention to set apart a night during next December for an entertainment on behalf of the Dramatic Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Masonic Educational Charities, and if he (Bro. Courtenay) was spared he would endeavour to carry out the worthy object himself with the support and help of the brethren. (Applause.) He thanked the lodge with all his heart and soul for the great compliment which they had paid him in voting him a precious Past Master's jewel, which he would ever prize highly. Perhaps he was touched even more nearly by the further mark of their kindness and esteem in presenting him with an additional testimonial. (Applause.) The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Bell, P.M., P.G.S." He remarked that Bro. Bell was the first W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, and had done much to establish it on the broad basis on which it now stood. Bro. Bell had again given evidence of his Masonic zeal that day in performing an important and difficult duty in a manner which left even the most hypocritical very little to find fault with. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. added that Bro. Bell was about to be invested Prov. Grand Junior Deacon of West Lancashire—an honour which he well deserved. (Applause.) "The Past Masters" was the next toast, and was acknowledged by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C. "Our Visiting Brethren," which was cordially proposed by the Chairman, was responded to by Bro. J. T. Newell, P.M.

10.35 (Mayor of Bootle). He observed that the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge was second to none in the estimation of the Province of West Lancashire. During the several years in which he (the Mayor) had been passing through the several offices of the Order he had been supported by their W.M., and Bro. MacKenzie had also been present on several occasions on which he had been placed in the Worshipful Master's chair. No other Mason in Liverpool would have induced him to have left home that evening. There was rarely an evening on which he was not occupied with duties arising from his official position, and, besides that, he had felt far from well that day. However, he had considered it as little as he could do to accept Bro. MacKenzie's kind invitation, and it had afforded him great pleasure to be present at the installation. He felt assured that there would be no fear as to the future of the Dramatic Lodge so long as it continued to possess such officers as at present conducted its work. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. W. Sandbrook, S.W., and Bro. John Atkinson, J.W., both of whom promised the W.M. their hearty and constant assistance during the coming year. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. B. B. Marson, in most suitable and eloquent terms. Bro. R. Brown, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, replied. He said that their West Lancashire Charity was the glory and the beauty of the Province. One of its many glories and beauties was that it did its work so silently and so well. It was not like many charities. It did not pain its recipients with the feeling of charity, but left them with perfect freedom and without the knowledge that they had been the children of charity at all, and just as their own children might be if they were left to look after them. Another of its glories and beauties was that its work was done for love by every one connected with it. The money was not spent in salaries and commissions, but for the very object for which it was contributed, and every penny which was not so spent was well invested, and went to form another fund to help the exigencies of the Institution in years to come. Another of its glories was that it was exceedingly progressive. During the first fifteen years of its establishment it spent some £700 in educating the children under its charge, whilst during the last fifteen years it had spent about £6000, and last year nearly £600 in the educational advancement of their Masonic offspring. (Applause.) All this was to be attributed to the continued generosity of the brethren. Since its commencement the Dramatic Lodge had always borne this Institution in mind, and in years to come they would be exceedingly proud that they had not forgotten their duty in that respect. Brethren could not spend their money better than in promoting the interests of the charity. If they saw how thankful the widows and children were for the good which the brethren did with so little, but which to them was so much, they would not require any speech from him in recommendation of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) "The Health of the Musical Brethren" who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening was given from the chair, Bro. Sidney responding, and the proceedings concluded with the toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by the Senior Warden. The brethren were again called to labour, when Bro. J. Atkinson, J.W., presented the lodge with a handsomely-carved collecting box, for the purposes of the Fund of Benevolence and the general Charities of the Order. During the evening an excellent musical programme was admirably rendered by Bros. Webster Williams, T. J. Hughes, C. H. Du Val, J. Hill, J. H. Greenwood, J. Busfield, T. Armstrong, D. Saunders, Captain Turvey, H. C. Sidney, Peany, Elstone, Harmon, Casson, and others. A prominent feature of the evening's selections was Bro. Hargreaves Gill's delightful performance on the fairy bells. The accompaniments were well played by Bros. R. Burgess and J. Skeaf.

Royal Arch.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. The following companions were installed as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. H. Ellman, M.E.Z.; Jos. Farncombe, H.; S. Tanner, J.; R. Crosskey, Treasurer and I.P.Z.; G. Stone, S.E.; W. H. Hodgkin, S.N.; J. Stedman, P.S.; W. Kraeuter and F. H. Hauxwell, Assistant S. The installation ceremonies were efficiently performed by Comp. C. A. Woolley, P.Z. On behalf of the chapter the M.E.Z. presented to Bro. R. Crosskey a P.Z. jewel for his services as first Principal during the year just completed. The financial condition of the chapter was reported to be good, although the number of members was not large. The chapter being closed, a banquet was held at the Bear Hotel, Bro. Whitcomb providing a very excellent repast, on which he was deservedly complimented. Among those present were Comps. J. H. Scott (Deputy Prov. G. Master of Sussex); C. Sandeman, Royal Pavilion Chapter; Day, Royal Sussex Chapter; J. M. Kidd, Lennox Chapter; J. C. Lucas, P.Z.; C. Briscoe, A. Holman, and others. The proceedings were very enjoyable, and concluded early that several companions might reach home by train.

Mark Masonry

MALTA.—Broadley Lodge (No. 248. E.C.)—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on the 13th ult., when the W.M.M., Bro. C. E. Coffey, also the P.G.M.M.M., Bro. A. M. Broadley, W.M.M., Bro. W. Read, and a large number of Mark Masters were present. The W.M.M., after opening his

lodge, vacated his chair in favour of the W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. Broadley, who advanced a brother to the Degree of a Mark Master in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. Bro. Coffey, W.M.M., having resumed the chair, tendered his warmest acknowledgments, coupled with those of the members of the Broadley Lodge, to the P.G.M.M.M., for acceding to their request that the lodge might bear his name, as well as for his kindness in working the Degree in the splendid manner he had done. The P.G.M.M.M. replying, said he deeply felt the honour the brethren had conferred on him in naming their lodge after him. He experienced great satisfaction in being with them on that occasion, and complimented the officers on the excellence of their working; after which Bro. Coffey, W.M.M., closed the lodge in due form.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Precceptory (No. 115).—The members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S.R. having paid an official visit to the Ivor Hael Chapter on Thursday, the 18th ult., an emergency meeting of the Gwent Precceptory, stationed in this town, was called for the 19th ult., by direction of the E.P. Sir Knight Captain E. O. V. Haldane, when the following illustrious visitors were present:—Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P.G. Const.; J. M. C. Montagu, P.E. Prior Dorset; R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G. Prior South Africa; H. E. D. Doherty, K.E.T., 1st G. Captain, P.E.C. Bladud, The Grand Sub-Prior, Bro. S. H. Clerke, opened a Priory of Malta, and installed Sir Knight J. L. C. Hunter Little (Registrar of the Gwent Precceptory) into the Order of Malta.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—William de Irwin Rose Croix Chapter (No. 27).—An emergent meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd ult., at their chapter-rooms, York Hotel, when the following illustrious members of the Supreme Council were present:—Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu, 33°, P.D.P.G.M., G. Supt., and Prov. Prior of the Temple of Dorset; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, 33°, Capt. of the Royal Body Guard, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Devon, D.P.G.M. R.O. of Scotland, Prov. Prior of the Temple for Sussex, and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, P. Dist. G.M., G. Supt., P. Prov. Prior of the Temple, and P.G.M.M. Mason for Bengal; R. Giddy, 33°, Inspector General of South Africa, and Prov. G.M., Prov. G. Mark Master and Prov. G. Sup. of South Africa; Genl. H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Inspector Genl. of South Western District, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Somerset; the Rev. C. R. Davey, 32°, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England; together with the following members of the chapter, viz.: Bros. Benjamin Cox, M.W.S.; the Rev. C. R. Davey, 32°, Acting High Prelate; Sidney Jones, First General, and Treasurer; Edward Gregory, Second General, pro tem.; Dr. Westcott, G. Marshal; W. Nott, Raphael; Edward Bath, Recorder, pro tem.; and other members. Bro. Ernest Edward Baker, of this town, was admitted a member of this high Order of Masonry, the ceremony of perfection being performed by the Grand Secretary General, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. The members of the Supreme Council expressed great satisfaction at the way in which they had been accommodated, the chapter having been fitted up so nicely. In addition to thirty-three lights on the altar, it was decorated with a hundred scarlet rose blooms. On the conclusion of the third point the members of the chapter, with the Supreme Council, sat down to an excellent banquet (which was *à la Russe*), under the presidency of Bro. B. Cox, M.W.S., supported on the right by Ill. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, G. Chancellor; General Doherty, C.B., Inspector General of the South-Western District; R. Giddy, Inspector General of South Africa; and on the left by Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke, Captain of the Royal Body Guard, G. Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, G. Sec. for Foreign Correspondence; and the Rev. C. R. Davey, Past G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. By permission of the Supreme Council, Royal Arch Masons were allowed to dine with them. Upon the removal of the cloth the Chairman submitted the following toasts:—"The Queen"; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Head and Patron of all Freemasonry"; "The Supreme Council," associating with this toast the name of Bro. Gen. Doherty. The G. Chancellor proposed "The Health of the M.W.S. of the Chapter, Bro. Benj. Cox," which was duly acknowledged. Ill. Bro. R. Giddy, Inspector General of South Africa, very humorously invited all the members of the chapter to meet him in South Africa at an early date. The toast of "Royal Arch Masons" was very suitably responded to by Bro. Matthews and Bro. J. J. E. Willmott; the newly-admitted, Bro. E. E. Baker, very cordially acknowledged the honour done him; and the last toast, that of "The Visitors," was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davey, Prov. G. Mark Master of Gloucestershire. We would state that, by the kind permission of Bro. B. Cox, Masons with their friends were allowed an inspection of the chapter-rooms, which were illuminated on the following evening for the purpose of showing to the Craft the handsome decorations of this high Degree in Freemasonry. The 6th Somerset Rifle Volunteer band played a selection of music during the evening, after which the men partook of the hospitality of the members of the Supreme Council and the members of the chapter.

PLYMOUTH.—Huyshs Rose Croix Chapter (No. 40).—Some members of the Supreme

Council of the 33°, now on a tour of inspection in the western counties, visited the above chapter at the Masonic Temple, Princess-place, on Monday last, Michaelmas Day. The deputation consisted of Ill. Bros. I. M. P. Montagu, 33°, Grand Chancellor; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, 33°, Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence. They were accompanied by Ill. Bros. General Doherty, C.B., K.C.T., 33°, Inspector General of the South Western District, and the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy (who is Colonial Treasurer of Griqualand, we believe) 33°, Inspector General for South Africa. A Sovereign Tribunal of the Thirty-First Degree was opened, at which were present the members of the Supreme Council and Ill. Bros. W. J. Hughan, 32°, and Emra Holmes, 31°, K.C.T., &c., when the Degree of Grand Inquisitor Commander, 31°, was conferred on Bros. J. E. Curteis, Arch Treasurer of the Order of the Temple, and Col. Peard, Provincial Prior of Cornwall. A Grand Chapter of Illustrious Knights K.H., 30°, was then opened, at which the above were present, together with Ill. Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 30°, the Rev. W. H. Blossome, 30°; Vincent Bird, 30°; Dr. Paul, 31°; J. Chandler, 30°, &c. E.P. Bros. Major Desmond Adair, 18°; Dr. Mason, 18°; E. D. Anderton, 18°; J. S. Short, 18°; T. Hart, 18°; and S. R. T. Templer, were duly obligated, and having received the intermediate degrees at the hands of Col. Clerke were with the usual imposing ceremonies admitted to the Degree of Grand Elected Knight K.H., Ill. Bros. Sandeman and Montagu conferring the Degree with that dignity which could not fail to deeply impress the candidates. At the conclusion of the ceremony Ill. Bro. Hughan rose to express on behalf of the western brethren their thanks to the Supreme Council for visiting the district and holding such meetings as the present, when brethren who often found it difficult to attend in London had the opportunity afforded them of taking the Thirtieth Degree and other Degrees, which otherwise they might be precluded from advancing to. He dwelt on the unexampled progress of the Order within the last few years owing to the admirable way in which it was managed at headquarters, and to the visits of the Supreme Council to their various chapters throughout England. When he was made a Rose Croix, some years ago, there were but twenty chapters in England; there were now eighty-five. Bro. Anderton also desired to thank the Council for holding a meeting of the Thirtieth Degree, which enabled brethren in the west to take that Degree. The business being over, the Grand Chapter was then closed, and later in the day the Rose Croix chapter was held, at which Admiral Glasse, C.B., and Bro. Baker were installed as S.P.R.C. A large number of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite were present. A banquet followed at the Globe Hotel.

TRURO.—Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter (No. 61).—On Saturday afternoon last the members of this chapter assembled in considerable strength, nearly all the officers and resident brethren being present, and received a visit from several members of the Supreme Council of England, viz.: Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor, 33°; Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. General, 33°; Hugh David Sandeman, Grand Sec. for Foreign Correspondence, 33°; R. W. H. Giddy, Inspector General, 33°, for South Africa; and Genl. H. E. Doherty, C.B., the Inspector General, 33°, for the Western District, as well as other distinguished visitors. The Supreme Council were pleased to find the chapter in such an efficient state, and appeared highly gratified at the cordiality and heartiness of their reception. One candidate was exalted by the M.W.S. in a pleasing manner, and a joining member was also unanimously elected. At this meeting a special consistory of the 32° was held for the purpose of raising Bro. W. J. Hughan to that Degree, and Colonel Clerke, announcing the fact, said that on account of his great Masonic erudition and services to the Order the Supreme Council with great pleasure conferred the Degree on Bro. Hughan. Bros. Anderton and Emra Holmes thanked the Council for this mark of their favour, and the latter said that Bro. Hughan was known and honoured in both hemispheres, and the Council in honouring him had done honour to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which they represented. The appointment has given universal satisfaction. The Supreme Council, in the course of their western tour, have already visited the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, at Bath; and the Ivor Hael Chapter, at Newport (Wales); the Morganwg Chapter, at Swansea; the William de Irwin Chapter, at Weston-super-Mare; the Alfred Chapter, at Taunton; and the Coryton and Rougemont Chapter, at Exeter. On Saturday, the 27th ult., they attended the St. Aubyn Chapter, at Morice Town, and on Monday, the 29th ult., the Huyshs Chapter, at Plymouth, at which a chapter of the Thirtieth Degree was held—an occurrence so rare that many were present who have attained that distinction. These visits have given a great impetus to the Rose Croix chapters, as well as to the Precceptories of the Knights Templar, which have also been visited, and all concerned have every reason to be pleased with the success of the tour.

SWANSEA.—Morganwg Rose Croix Chapter (No. 70).—The Supreme Council having informed the M.V.S., Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little, that they intended to pay an official visit to Swansea on the 20th ult., a chapter of emergency was held to receive them. The Supreme Council was represented by Ill. Bros. J. M. C. Montagu, 31°; S. H. Clerke, G.S.G., 33°; H. D. Sandeman, 33°; Genl. Doherty, D.G.I.G. for South Wales District, 33°; and R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.I.G. for South Africa, 33°. Notwithstanding that the day (Saturday) was very inconvenient to the members, some of whom reside in the neighbouring counties, there was a very fair attendance. By their own desire, the illustrious visitors entered the hall before the chapter was opened, and Ill. Bro. Montagu, having re-

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BIRTHS.

GOLDNEY.—On the 29th ult., at the Grammar School, Lichfield, the wife of the Rev. S. Goldney, of a son. STOCKWELL.—On the 25th ult., at 4, Victoria-park, Dover, the wife of Major Clifton Stockwell, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HICKMAN—CRESSEY.—On the 27th ult., at the Abbey Church, Romsey, by the Rev. E. L. Berthon, vicar, assisted by the Rev. — Bartholomew, William John, eldest son of William Hickman, Esq., J.P., Deputy P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, of Aldermoor House, near Southampton, to Isabel, daughter of the late Francis Cressey, Esq., of Deansfield, Romsey.

SMILES—MCINTYRE.—On the 27th ult., at the parish church of St. Marylebone, by the Rev. C. J. Phipps Eyre, M.A., rector, Clement Locke Smiles, of 15, Bedford-row, solicitor, youngest son of the late Dr. William Smiles, to Mary Ellen (May), youngest daughter of Bro. Æneas John McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, of 1, Park-square, Regent's Park.

TEALE—ARCHER.—On the 25th ult., at Eastwick, Herts, Walter, son of the late Bro. W. H. Teale, of Rye House, Herts, to Frances, daughter of the late J. Archer, of Eastwick, Herts.

DEATHS.

NEWMARCH.—On May 31st, at Naseby, Maniototo, New Zealand, of inflammation of the lungs, Bro. George Frederick Newmarch, formerly of Hull, Yorkshire, aged 35.

STEIB.—On the 28th ult., Emma, the beloved wife of William Steib, of Nevill-road, Stoke Newington, N., aged 57. Deeply lamented by a large circle of friends.

TOLLER.—On the 13th ult., at South Petherton, Somerset, H. W. Toller, son of R. Toller, of Leicester, aged 29.

WINKUP.—On the 26th ult., at Liverpool, Bro. Aaron Winkup, P.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1879.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We are not quite so sure as our good Bro. Ramsey, of Orilla, seems to be, of the "heinous crime" which the Grand Lodge of Scotland has committed in setting up a D.G. Lodge in Montreal. In a very animated appeal, which appears in our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, and which we publish elsewhere, Bro. Ramsey "heaps up the agony" considerably against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and as he seems to rest upon the action of the American Grand Lodges, we think it well to say a few more words on a subject which we had hoped by this time might have been dismissed as a "res adjudicata." The Grand Lodge of Quebec, an offshoot from the Grand Lodge of Canada, claims to forbid all Scottish and English lodges to hold warrants from their mother Grand Lodges. But on what grounds? Independently of an understanding, or concordat, with the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is still binding, honourably and Masonically, both in the letter and spirit, we apprehend that the common law of Masonry fully warrants the claims and the course of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the Grand Lodge of England. If the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be analyzed, it amounts to this: "We claim by Masonic law to sever the connexion between every lodge and its mother Grand Lodge, because that lodge is in our jurisdiction, utterly irrespective of any previous honourable understanding or compact on the subject." This is a bold and a decisive claim, which has to be considered, and considered alone, in the light of Masonic law and Masonic precedent. Bro. Ramsey, like others who have written on this untoward discussion, uses hard words, and angry words, and loud words; but let us, like good Masons, go back in a peaceful spirit to what is, as far as we know or understand, Masonic law on the point. For a very momentous point is involved in this discussion—the very independence of all true lodge life. Now, we apprehend that this is undoubtedly the Masonic law on the subject: A lodge to be in life must have a warrant or charter, and that warrant or charter must emanate from a legal body. The legality of the Scottish lodges in Montreal is undoubted, they were properly warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is set up, but certain Scottish and English lodges retaining their old connexion with the mother country, as they preferred to do at the time the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, with the full consent and approval of that body—the Grand Lodge of Quebec claims for them, on alleged jurisdictional sovereignty, a transfer of their allegiance, and calls upon them to surrender their old charters and take out new charters from the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Can such a claim be upheld? Certainly not! Can such a pretension be supported? Again we say, certainly not! If there is one clear fact in Masonic law, local or general, it is this, the absolute right of the lodge to adhere to its warranting authority. The powers and practice of the Grand Lodges of America are appealed to in support of such novel and unheard-of assumptions, but we fancy that they will be appealed to, after all, in vain. In the first place, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not exactly in the position of a State Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is, at the best, at the outside, a provincial body in a province which has no sovereign rights. It has more the "status" of a District Grand Lodge than that of a national Grand Lodge. Despite some recent speakers we believe we are correct in saying, that the American States are Sovereign States, all of equal power and status, and that their Grand Lodges are bonâ fide national Grand Lodges, in their own limits and territories. But is the precedent of Masonic proceedings in the United

States favourable to our Canadian friends and Bro. Ramsey's contention on any ground? We think not. Is it not true, as a fact, that though when new Grand Lodges are formed in America, and though union and uniformity may suggest a general recognition of the lawful authority of a lawful Grand Lodge, countless cases may be adduced where other Grand Lodges, the warranting Grand Lodges of individual lodges in the new jurisdiction, have manfully upheld the right of the individual lodge, despite the formation of a new Grand Lodge, to adhere to its original constituting authority? It is one thing, as our readers will see at once, to advise in a friendly and fraternal spirit; all lodges in a new jurisdiction, for the sake of peace and uniformity, to join that new body, and quite another thing to claim it as a right, and to attempt by threats of Masonic excommunication and violent resolutions "in terrorem" to compel recalcitrant lodges to leave the old Grand Lodge and take up with the new. The position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the line of argument of Bro. Ramsey may be very politic and convenient for the interests of an united Freemasonry in that special district, but they are not warranted by any good Masonic precedent, nor are they supported by any known Masonic law. We rather doubt if our American brethren will be led astray by the specious but unsound views put forward on this important point. They, like ourselves, wish to adhere to precedent and to law, and above all they are anxious to discourage novelties in practice and legislation, which if carried to their logical and legitimate extent must "stamp out" the rights of private lodges, and ignore what until this recent discussion has never been questioned, as far as we are aware, as the local and universal Masonic law on the subject. We cannot, therefore, concur on any grounds in the censure passed by Bro. Ramsey on the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

MASONRY RETURNING HOMEWARDS.

Little by little our good brethren are wending their way homewards, and back to the "little village," and are finding themselves in the "bosom of their families" again, let us trust with a smiling wife and contented "olive branches." From all quarters of the world, their modest holiday over, Freemasons are "ingathering" slowly from their travels within the area of this great Metropolis, and we may note symptoms, slight indeed, at present, in the weekly announcements of the *Freemason* of the resumption of lodge life, lodge labour, and lodge sociality. But it is not so much, at present, to Masonic journeyings or the revival of Masonic work, to both of which we shall allude later, that we wish to call attention to-day by the "little text" on which we have pinned our "lesser sermon," as it is that we feel bound to sympathize with many worthy married brethren of ours, who, the victims of circumstances, or "connubiality," teste Mr. Samuel Weller, have been compelled to vegetate in some out of the way bathing place, because Jemima Matilda was recovering from the "chicken pox," or Thomas Anthony had been half starved at school. And so Bro. Meriman is taken away from his customary life and his creature comforts, to walk up and down disconsolately on the beach, watch the one donkey carriage and smoke his cigar, while listening to the "yarns" of the coastguardsman. Unfortunate "Freemason," he whose jokes set a whole sympathetic audience in a roar; he who is the life and soul of that famous "musical union;" he who was never known to miss the gathering of the "Agreeable Goslings" any more than the assembly of his own good lodge, "Conviviality, 2591." Surely, kind readers, he is an object of pity under such melancholy circumstances, and in such a lonely condition, such isolated walks, and such limited society. In vain does our old friend Sister Mullberry tell us, with a shake of her good old decided head, that a "married man's first duty is to be with his wife," and that a "father's chief concern ought to be the care and control of his children." We admit all this at once. These are old world saws we have heard over and over again, whose venerable warning we

have often admired, whose sublime duty we have often appreciated. But in this go-ahead day, when we have given up so many of the ways and manners, nay morals, of the past, it does seem very hard on a married man, with cheap trains and excursion tickets, that he can't go where he likes, and we know as a fact that our good Bro. Panther declares, in which statement he is eagerly joined by Bros. Pope, Trippet, Carver, and Crome, that he "don't like the sea side," at all, and that it will be "some time before 'chicken pox,' or 'school starvation,' or any other marital or matrimonial mystery will take him to that most dreadful of all spots on earth, 'Sliddle-on-the-Sea.'" If he must go any where, he declares loudly, he will go to Harrogate, Scarborough, or Brighton, where there is something to do and something to look at, and where life is agreeable, and one can find a "little society."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTION.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
You were good enough to allow me to make an appeal last year, and I venture to trespass on your space to-day to ask all my worthy brethren who have votes to spare, and no case to support, to let me have their proxies for several very deserving London cases.

I am, yours fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

10, Upper Porchester-street,
Hyde Park-square, W.,
October 1st, 1879.

LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to draw the attention of your readers to an effort that is being made to liquidate a debt which has suddenly fallen on our much esteemed brother (the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain Prov. Lincolnshire), owing to the failure of the contractor.

Dr. Ace's income from his living is very small, and the village is but a poor one. The repairs which have been effected were such as were absolutely necessary for the preservation of the structure, and as there are no church rates, the sum cannot be paid by that means.

The following sums have already been received or promised, viz:—

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Mrs. Tayler	2	2	0
W. Piggott, P.G.S.W. Lincolnshire	2	0	0
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Any further contributions will be thankfully received by the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, M.A., Fricthorpe Rectory, Market Rasen; T. Oldham, Churchwarden, Laughton, Gainsborough; J. Hannan, Bookseller, Gainsborough; or by

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W. H. SAUNDERS, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex.
27, Walbrook, E.C.

THE NEW FOREST HOTEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

When it has been my lot to come across something particularly good I like that my brethren, my friends, and my neighbours should be equally able to enjoy the like pleasure.

On Saturday last I availed myself of an invitation to attend the installation meeting of Lodge 453, or Highwell Lodge, at the New Forest Hotel (in conjunction, or rather in

close proximity to, the old Hunting Lodge of Queen Elizabeth), in Epping Forest, in the parish of Chingford. The hotel is owned and has been built by the world-renowned Mr. Gordon, of Crossie Hall, Holborn Restaurant, &c. The hotel has been designed by Bro. Ebenezer Saunders, and the work carried out by Bro. John Egan, of Backhurst Hill. To each one great praise is due for their several parts in the undertaking.

The position cannot be surpassed for loveliness of aspect, or for interest in the days of yore. I feel quite sure that it must necessarily be a great success, not only from the beautiful scenery surrounding it, or for the elegance of the structure, but also from the easy access to the metropolis, and the known good qualities of Mr. Gordon as caterer for the public.

I shall content myself with describing the banqueting hall. The floor is of oak and American walnut in parqueterie; the walls are lined with French cretonne, 42s. per yard, representing various kinds of Sylvan spots; the roof is of pitch pine, panelled; windows commanding lovely views of the forest are placed in the N.E. and South. The table was regally furnished with massive gold and silver and silver-gilt ornaments, many of them having historic and regal memories attached. Some of the private sitting-rooms are furnished in the elaborate and costly styles of various foreign courts.

Now if I have not said enough to whet your appetites, and to cause you to go and prove in propria persona the truth of my words, then indeed I have written in vain.

Yours fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,
W.M. 1607.

THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

The Committee of the London Masonic Charity Association wishes once more to call the attention of the voters for the Boys' and Girls' Schools to the cases which it has selected with great care.

As some brethren seem to think that because the London Masonic Charity Association has taken up a case, therefore all individual exertion becomes superfluous, the Committee think it right to disabuse the minds of their London brethren of so great an error.

All exertions are needed to secure the election of the candidates, and all proxies should be sent at once to Bro. A. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRECEPTORY OF CORNWALL.

The Province of Cornwall in Knights Templary has been dormant for some years, the last appointed officers dating from 24th October, 1871, when the Earl of St. Germans (then Lord Eliot) was the Provincial Grand Commander. On his lordship resigning the post the late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., was appointed to the Provincial Grand Commandership, but died before he could be installed, and after his lamented death it was generally felt that the choice should fall upon Colonel John Whitehead Peard, J.P., of Trenynton, Par, who is the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge. This well-known brother, happily for the Degree, has been appointed by patent in the office in question, and Friday, 26th ult., was selected for his installation. Since 1871 a variety of alterations have been made in the statutes of the Order, and many of the titles have been changed, the head of the province now being styled the Provincial Pri, and the various provinces being united in this country under Lord Skelmersdale as Great Prior of England. England, Ireland, and Canada have united to form the "Convent General," over which presides the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and Her Majesty is the patroness. It is hoped ere long that Scotland will join in this organisation—being now independent of all others—and ultimately it is hoped that all the English-speaking languages throughout the world will accept the Prince of Wales as sole Grand Master, leaving each Great Priory for the various countries or States to make their own separate statutes. When this occurs there will be upwards of 100,000 members, many of whom are of the first rank in society, and enthusiastic and zealous Craft Masons.

Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clarke, Prov. Prior of Sussex, and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, had been deputed by Lord Skelmersdale as "acting Great Prior," and effectually fulfilled his high and responsible position on Friday at the Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, in the presence of the most distinguished body of Knights Templar that has ever assembled in the province. Among the numerous Sir Knights who attended in honour of the occasion were R. W. Hoskins Giddy, Prov. Prior of South Africa; J. M. P. Montagu, Prov. Prior of Dorset; Hugh David Sandeman, Past Prov. Prior of Bengal; General H. E. Doherty, C.B., Past first Grand Captain of England; Emra Holmes, Hon. Prov. Prior of Canada and Representative, &c.; William Tweedy, Past Preceptor of the Cornubian; S. G. Bake, Preceptor of the Restormal; Richard John, Preceptor of the Cornubian; Edward Dixon Anderton, Past Preceptor (C); T. C. Stephens, Past Preceptor (R); Charles Truscott, jun., (R), Past Preceptor, M.A.; W. Polkinghorne, Past Preceptor (R); John Stephens, Past Preceptor (R); Dr. Mason, Past Preceptor (R); A. Luke, Past Preceptor (R); Richard Carter, the Rev. W. H. Bloxome, Dr. Hugh de Legh, the Rev. F. B. Paul, George Brown, Samuel Harvey, W. D. Rogers, William Rooks, and H. Elliott.

The various banners of the Great Officers and of the Prov. Priors, &c., added much to the effect of the scene, which was very imposing, on the reception of Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clarke as acting Great Prior, and of Lieut.-Col.

J. W. Peard, the Prov. Prior nominate. The minutes of the last Prov. Priory having been read, the patent of Colonel Peard was announced, and he was then in a very efficient manner obligated, invested, and proclaimed as the Prov. Prior for Cornwall. He afterwards appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing term: Wm. Tweedy (C), Prov. Sub-Prior; Rev. W. H. Bloxome, M.A. (C), Prelate; Edward Dixon Anderton (C), Chancellor; Charles Truscott, jun. (R), Constable; Dr. Wm. Mason (R), Marshal; Thomas Couch Stephens (R), Registrar (reappointed); William Polkinghorne (R), Treasurer (re-elected); Rev. F. B. Paul (R), Almoner; Richard Carter (C), Organist; Col. S. G. Bake (R), Captain of Guard; R. John, Sub-Marshal; John Stevens, Aide-de-Camp; Alfred Luke, First Herald; Dr. Hugh de Legh, Sword Bearer; Samuel Harvey, Standard Bearer; H. Elliott, Equerry.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Great Priory for their kindness in attending, and particularly to the acting Great Prior.

Sir Knight Emra Holmes proposed a grant of five guineas to the "Cathedral Fund," but was ruled out of order as no notice had been given; but he gave due notice to that effect for the next Prov. Priory.

The banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by Colonel Peard, was a brilliant one, and gave satisfaction to the members who participated, the brethren of the Rose Croix Chapter, of which the Prov. Prior is a member, having joined the Sir Knights at the festive board. A very hearty reception was given to Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Clarke, especially for his valued and able services as the Installing Great Prior; and the other members of his distinguished staff were most warmly greeted and entertained by the Cornish fraters.—Western Morning News.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

The first and inaugural meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 11th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, in the midst of a very large gathering of Mark Masters belonging to the three English lodges forming the province, numerous members of the Leicester Mark Lodge, and a Mark Master belonging to the Scottish Constitution.

The Keystone Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Read, the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A., W.M. Broadley Lodge, No. 248, was called upon to read the patent from the Grand Mark Lodge of England appointing W. Bro. Alexander Meyrick Broadley, W.M. Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, and P.M. Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 222, barrister-at-law and advocate of the Consular Courts at Tunis, the first P.G. M.M.M. of this province. The letter of authority for W. Bro. Read to instal W. Bro. Broadley was also read.

An alarm having been given, W. Bro. Broadley was announced, and the first P.G.M.M.M. of this province entered the lodge in procession, preceded by Bro. R. F. King, P.G.D. of C.; Miller, Sec. Keystone Lodge, 107, Sword Bearer; and followed by Bro. Starkey, Sec. Broadley Lodge, No. 248, and two P.G. Stewards. The P.G.M.M.M. was escorted by Bros. Westrup, P.M., and Rotherham, P.M.

Having advanced to the pedestal, Bro. Broadley was obligated by W. Bro. Read, placed in the chair, duly proclaimed to the brethren by the D. of C., and saluted with grand honours by all present.

Addressing Bro. R. V. Westrup, P.M., the P.G.M.M.M. expressed his satisfaction in nominating him his Deputy for the coming year, and invested him accordingly. The Grand Wardens and other officers having been appointed, to each of whom the P.G.M.M. made suitable addresses, P.G. Lodge was opened.

Bro. G. Segond was elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck P.G. Tyler.

The P.G.M.M.M. then addressed the founders of the Broadley Lodge, announced his intention of consecrating it, and called upon the Secretary, Bro. Starkey, to state the proceedings which had been taken up to the day of meeting.

The petition and warrant of the Broadley Lodge having been read by the P.G. Secretary, the P.G.M.M.M., as Consecrating Officer, delivered the following eloquent oration, which was received with the most marked signs of approval:—

Mark Master Masons of the Province of Tunis and Malta: We are assembled here this evening for the purpose of inaugurating the Grand Mark Lodge of this Province, and at the same time consecrating, as an addition to its muster-roll, Lodge No. 248, upon which the kindly feelings of its founders have bestowed my name. The formation of this Provincial Mark Lodge on the classic soil of ancient Carthage on the one hand, and the last residence of the Knights of St. John on the other, may, perhaps, have an interest for Mark Master Masons beyond the boundaries of the district itself; indeed it is difficult to imagine any given combination of localities which could afford more food for the study and contemplation of the thoughtful brother than the two countries comprised in this united province. Our imagination may well carry us back through the vista of centuries to the distant epoch when the immediate descendants of the Operative Masons of Tyre, "going westwards" reared on the shores of North Africa that magnificent metropolis which for a time ruled the ancient world, and then pass from the consideration of their labours to the more recent period, when under Roman rulers, Masons of the Roman College of Artificers raised on the same site a second city which vied in architectural splendour with the Phoenician capital, upon the ruins of which it was erected. Turning to the part of the province in which we now stand, the eye rests on the varied proofs of the cunning and skill of that great military Order, the customs of which (to say the least) have

afforded a model for the ceremonies, and laid the foundation of one of the most interesting Degrees of Christian Masonry. It will be impossible for me on this occasion to trace in detail the history of the Mark Degree; still more to show its historical connection with this province, to which I firmly believe it has of late years been merely restored. The practice of the Mark begins doubtless in the earliest days of Operative Masonry, when guilds of Tyrian workmen under Tyrian overseers built the Temple of King Solomon, and when their descendants constructed the walls and citidels and harbours of Carthage. The "marks" of these early Masons abound in the deep buried remains of the Phœnician city, which now lie under the accumulated rubbish of more than two thousand years; they were perpetuated by the Roman occupants of the ancient site, and have descended to the operatives of the Moslem conquerors, whose victorious flag has waved for ten centuries over all that remains of the cities of Hannibal and Hamilcar, of Cato and Scipio. The city gates of Tunis still bear distinctive marks, familiar to every one present. The history of Masonry in its most general sense may, I think, be truly described as operative in its birth, partly operative and partly speculative in its growth, and purely speculative in its maturity. The Degree of the Mark was from the first an essential constituent of Operative Masonry. It was doubtless worked from time immemorial in the operative lodges of Scotland, as well as in the old semi-operative lodges of England and other countries deriving from us the origin of their Masonic systems. The Mark Degree forms an integral part of the pure and recognised Masonry of Ireland, Scotland, and the United States. In Scotland, even as early as 1598, the annals of Masonry abound in allusions to the Mark Degree, and in England it was worked in many lodges under one or other of the two Constitutions, as well as in others acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge at York. By the articles of union between the rival Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mark Degree was excluded from, or perhaps more correctly, not included in, the symbolical teaching of the Craft. In spite, however, of the new regulations the Mark was still extensively worked in many lodges, and flourished more especially in the north and midland districts of England. About a quarter of a century ago the attention of the Masonic world in general was drawn to this anomalous state of things, and more particularly to some lodges having obtained charters from the Supreme Chapter of Scotland. A rigorous attempt was made to obtain the recognition of the Degree by the Grand Lodge of England, and on this effort failing the Grand Mark Lodge was established, having, according to the precedent afforded by the history of the Royal Arch, exclusive jurisdiction over the Degree of the Mark. To discuss to-day any longer the origin of this Grand Lodge is, entirely useless. A Grand Lodge is nothing more nor less than a union of several lodges which vest in one the power which each formerly had separately, and any possible flaw in its original constitution is condoned by the adhesion of the lawful lodges it has received. The "time immemorial" lodges throughout the country, as well as those originally holding warrants from Scotland, have almost unanimously acknowledged its supremacy, and it now numbers 250 lodges on its muster-roll, which is, as a matter of fact, numerically stronger than that of the Craft Grand Orient of France and Italy, and many other Grand Lodges on the Continent. We find our Mark Grand Lodge to-day recognised as a legitimate governing body of the Degree of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Quebec, and many of the American States, and it is my agreeable task to inform you that on the 18th June last the Grand Chapter of Scotland resolved unanimously to acknowledge the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as lawful and supreme throughout those countries and to refrain from henceforth granting any charters for Mark lodges within its home jurisdiction. Thus, my brethren, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our Mark Masters will be recognised and our certificates respected wherever the Mark Degree exists. I would fain say something of the illustrious rulers of the Grand Mark Lodge (one of whom, Lord Carnarvon, became a K.T. in this very hall), of the admirable working of its various departments; of its fast increasing Benevolent Fund, and its excellent scheme for assisting to educate the children of Mark Masters, but time will not permit me. As to the intrinsic worth of the Degree itself, suffice it to say that its rapid progress is the best proof of its merits. Not only do we find in it practical illustrations of the truths taught in other Degrees, but it abounds in appropriate lessons for our rule in daily life. This province has had the pleasure of introducing the Speculative Mark Degree and the rule of the Grand Mark Lodge of England amongst foreign brethren, of many nationalities and many languages, in the Regency of Tunis, and I see in their keen appreciation of its eloquent teachings, homely illustrations, and striking lessons, yet another attestation to its value; and though necessity has sometimes compelled me to employ the medium of four languages in a single evening, I have never heard any candidate do otherwise than express himself gratified with the ceremony of his advancement. Your recommendation, and the approval of the M.W.G.M.M., has called me to the rule of this honourable Degree in this province, and I can only trust the progress it is destined to make in our midst will be commensurate with its rapidly increasing appreciation at the hands of the Craft at large. The inauguration of this Provincial Grand Lodge has brought with it the consecration of our third subordinate Mark lodge. I feel sure both the one and the other has the best wishes of every Mark Master present. I trust my assiduity for the best interests of the Degree in this province will justify the recommendation you made in my favour. The time seems to be approaching when each Craft lodge will have a Mark lodge attached to it, and we venture to hope that the

United Grand Lodge of England will feel justified in extending its recognition to the Mark Degree, under its own particular government, as a portion of "pure and ancient Masonry." May the activity of the Mark Masters of Tunis and Malta contribute to the general spread of Mark Masonry throughout the world. We cannot assist this end better than by carrying out in practice as well as in theory the principles of humility, uprightness, self-control, and universal benevolence, inculcated in the Mark Degree.

"The well-known sign we mark, and fly,
The wound to heal, to still the sigh,
And wipe the tear from sorrow's eye.
For ours the aim is, ours the art,
To meliorate the human heart
Of wild desires—to stem the flood,
And act as if of kindred blood."

The ceremony of consecration of the Broadley Lodge was then performed, the musical parts of which, under the able direction of Bro. Major A. Ewing, P.G. Organist, were very effectively rendered.

The P.G.M.M.M., dedicated and constituted the new lodge, congratulating the W.M., Bro. Coffey, on its formation, and delivering to him and his officers their respective collars.

W.M. Bro. Coffey returned thanks in suitable terms.

A collection, to form the nucleus of a charitable fund, was then made, and the P.G.M.M.M. having closed P.G.L., retired in procession as on entering.

W. Bro. Read having closed the Keystone Lodge, the P.G.M.M.M. and all the brethren present adjourned to the refreshment-room, where a magnificent banquet awaited them.

The ceremonies, both of installation and consecration, were a great success in every respect; they will long be remembered by all present as forming one of the greatest Masonic events ever witnessed in this island.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRIXTON ROYAL ARK MARINERS' LODGE.

The consecration of this lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be worked in connection with the Brixton Mark Lodge, took place on Saturday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The Mark lodge was opened by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., W.M., supported by Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of Wks., J.W.; G. Clark, M.O.; Pitt, acting S.O.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; G. S. Graham, Org.; Axford, and Potter (Tyler).

After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened, with Bros. Poore, as N.; H. Lovegrove, as J.; G. Clark, as S., and others, when Bros. McKay, Graham, Moss, Pearce, Baldwin, Axford, Anderson, and Potter were duly elevated, the ritual being most impressively delivered.

The chair was then taken by Bro. Donald M. Dewar, the Consecrating Officer, who called upon the acting Scribe to read the warrant, after which he delivered an oration on the ancient Degree of Royal Ark Mariners.

The usual ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and in due course the W.C.N. designate, Bro. H. Lovegrove, was presented by Bro. Poore, and the brethren below the rank of N. having retired, he was duly enthroned. The brethren on their return saluted in due form, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Clark, J.; Poore, S.; Pearce, S.D.; McKay, J.D.; Baldwin, Scribe; Moss, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Org.; and Potter, Tyler.

The brethren unanimously approved of the vote of thanks to Bro. Dewar for his able rendering of the ceremonies.

The W.C.N. then closed the lodge in ancient form.

The next meeting of the Brixton Mark Lodge will be held on the 8th November, when Bro. C. P. McKay will be installed as W.M.

FREEMASONRY IN NORFOLK.

(Continued from page 376.)

Of the next lodge in the order of time, though it enjoyed only a brief existence, we have some particulars, extracted from the "Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Richard Gardiner, Esq.," who was its first W.M., and published in "Freemasons' Magazine," vol. iv., pp. 304-6 (1795). The account begins by stating that "in the year 1764, Freemasonry was revived at Swaffham," though the word "revived" seems out of place, as we have had no mention, thus far, of a Swaffham Lodge. Be this as it may, "the Great Lodge at the Crown Inn," as it is described, was warranted by Lord Blancy, Grand Master, on the 17th December, 1764, "being the 329th Lodge in Great Britain" (? England). Benjamin Nuthall, Alderman of King's Lynn, was appointed to install the new Master, Bro. Richard Gardiner. "The Duke's Head" (No. 283) "and White Lion Lodges" (No. 31), at Lynn, were present, as well as "many members of the lodges at Norwich." After Divine service the installation ceremony was performed, and then "an elegant intertainment was prepared at the Crown. In the evening there was a brilliant assembly of ladies to celebrate the constitution of the new lodge." This "Great Lodge" soon increased in numbers, and "many of the first gentlemen were admitted into the fraternity," yet it had disappeared from the roll when the numbers were closed up in 1792. At least it became No. 267 in 1770, and No. 213 in 1781; after which it passes away, and all we have to remind us of its existence is this brief account in a defunct "Freemasons' Magazine." However, it seems to have played its part at the outset well. In 1765, "the Lynn Company of Comedians coming to Swaffham, the members of the Great Lodge were requested to bespeak a play." They bespoke the comedy of "Love for Love," and on the 6th of

May it was performed before a crowded audience "the members walking in procession, properly clothed (sic) to the temporary playhouse (a barn), where a building on the stage was erected for their reception." The officers of the lodge are given as follows: "Richard Gardiner, Esq., Master; William Pawlett, Esq., Deputy Master; William Mann, Esq., and Sir Henry Peyton, Bart., Wardens; Sir Clement Trafford, Bart., Treasurer. The following occasional epilogue was written by W. Master Gardiner, and spoken by Mrs. Dyer, and it has struck us as being sufficiently interesting to justify its reproduction in the columns of the *Freemason* :—

While royal splendor and theatric state
On princely Barry and king Garrick wait,
How little can we hope an humble stage,
Void of all pomp, can your applause engage:
For which among you ladies can discern
A Covent Garden in a Swaffham barn.

Yes, 'tis a barn—yet fair ones, take me right,
Ours is no play—we hold a Lodge to night!
And should our building want a slight repair,
You see we've friends among the Brethren there.

[Pointing to the Masons on the stage.]

Reply the Scalds* with miserable frown,
'Masons repair—they'd sooner pull it down.
A set of ranting, roaring, rumbling fellows,
Who meet to sing "Old Rose and burn the Bellows,"
Champaign and Claret, dozens in a jerk,
And then, O Lord, how hard they've been at work!

Next for the secret of their own wise making,
Hiram and Boaz, and Grand Master Jachin;
Poker and tongs! the sign! the word! the stroke!
'Tis all a nothing, and 'tis all a joke.
Nonsense on nonsense! let them storm and rail,
Here's the whole hist'ry of their mop and pail,
For 'tis the sense of more than half the town,
Their secret is—a bottle at the Crown."

But not so fast, ye enemies to light,
I, tho' no Mason, am their friend to-night;
And by your leaves 'tis something strange I trow,
To slander that which none of you can know.
We women, tho' we like good Masons well,
Sometimes are angry that they will not tell:
And then we flout away from rout to rout,
And swear like you, we've found the secret out.
But O! vain boast! to all enquiring eyes,
Too deep the mine where that bright jewel lies.

That Masons have a secret is most true;
And you, ye beauties, have a secret too.
Now if the Masons are so rigid gown,
To keep their secret to themselves alone;
Be silent in your turns, 'tis that allures:
Silence! and bid the Masons find out yours.

Thus far conjecture in the comic way,
But let not fancy lead your thoughts astray.
The ties of honour only Masons bind;
Friends to each other and to all mankind:
True to their king, and for their country bold,
They flew to battle like their sires of old:
Banish'd the trowel for the barbed spear,
And where loud cannons thunder'd, form'd the square.
Gallant and gay, at Minden's glorious plain,
And the proud Moro storm'd, alas! in vain!
In peace with honest hearts they court the fair,
And most they triumph when they triumph there.
Their actions known, their bitt' rest foes approve,
For all that Masons ask is—Love for Love.

The year 1765 saw the constitution of two lodges, one of them being No. 357, held at the Blue Boar, Norwich, and the other, No. 358, at the Red Lion, Fakenham. The former became No. 281 in 1770; No. 225 in 1781, by which year it had migrated to the Three Tuns; and No. 192 in 1792, when it was held at the Black Horse. It was re-numbered after the Union as No. 236, when it was known as the Union. It died before 1832. The Fakenham Lodge became No. 283 in 1770; No. 226 in 1781, when its quarters were at the White Hart, Thetford; No. 193 in 1792, when it was known as the Royal Edwin Lodge, and was held at Bury St. Edmund's, in Suffolk; and No. 238 after the Union. It has since passed out of existence.

The Royal Alfred Lodge, of Diss, No. 404, was founded on the 26th July, 1770, and became No. 313 in 1781. It had ceased to be when the lodges were re-numbered in 1792, so that its existence was not a prolonged one. However, the next that was established was more fortunate. Though no longer an East Anglian—having migrated between the year of its foundation and the Union into Warwickshire—it still flourishes. When constituted in 1792, it was distinguished as Lodge No. 501, and was held at the Little White Swan, in the parish of St. Peter-Mancroft, Norwich. In 1813 it was known as the Shakespear Lodge, No. 501, of Warwick, and was re-numbered No. 536 in 1814; No. 356 in 1832; and No. 284 in 1863. It is still on the roll of Grand Lodge.

The next two lodges ceased working between 1814 and 1832. They were the Lodge of Unity, No. 531, of Great Yarmouth, founded in 1793, and re-numbered in 1814 as No. 558, and the Norwich Theatrical Lodge, No. 563, of Norwich, which became No. 584 after the Union. Another 1797 lodge, to wit, the Lodge of United Friends, No. 564, of Great Yarmouth, became No. 585 in 1814; No. 392 in 1832; and No. 313 in 1863. It is still on the roll. Two other lodges, namely, No. 572, Lodge of Attention, held at the Green Dragon at its foundation in 1798, and No. 636, Lodge of Perseverance, Great Yarmouth, founded in 1812, became in 1814 Nos. 591 and 643 respectively, but were defunct at the re-numbering in 1832. These complete the tale of lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, or, to sum up the list, between the establishment of our Grand Lodge, in 1717, and the union of the "Ancients"

* The Scalds Miserable Society.

and "Moderns," in 1813, no less than twenty-six lodges under the latter were constituted, and of these six are still on the roll in Norfolk itself, namely, No. 52, the Union, of Norwich; No. 85, the Faithful, of Harleston; No. 93, the Social, of Norwich; No. 100, Friendship, of Great Yarmouth; No. 102, Unanimity, of North Walsham; and No. 313, United Friends, of Great Yarmouth. One other, now No. 71, Unity, of Lowestoft, is on the roll of Suffolk, and yet another, Shakespeare, No. 284, of Warwick, is on that of Warwickshire.

The "Ancients" do not seem to have been so successful in establishing themselves in this county. We have traced no more than three under their Grand Lodge, two of which are still flourishing. The Philanthropic Lodge, of King's Lynn, founded in 1774, was No. 142 in 1813, and met at the Maid's Head Inn. It became No. 172 in 1814; No. 124 in 1832; and in 1863, as it still is, No. 107. Lodge of Perseverance, of Norwich, founded in 1795, was No. 294 in 1813, when it met at the Angel Inn, and became No. 374 in 1814; No. 258 in 1832; and No. 213 in 1863. A lodge No. 166, King's Head, Norwich, became No. 203 in 1814, and No. 145 in 1832. It no longer exists. Thus no less than eight lodges founded before the Union are still in existence, and of them all but two can boast of an existence of more than 100 years.

It remains for us to enumerate the lodges which have been constituted since the year 1813 and are still working. These are as follow: the Cabell Lodge, No. 807, of Norwich, founded in 1860; the Sincerity, No. 943, of the same city, founded in 1863; the Joppa, No. 1114, of Fakenham, founded in 1866; and the Doric, No. 1103, Wymondham, founded in 1867. These were added to the roll during the Prov. G. Mastership of the late Bro. B. Bond Cabell, who presided over the fortunes of the county from 1854 to 1874. Lodge Walpole, No. 1500, founded in 1874, records the Grand Mastership of the late Hon. F. Walpole, whose rule over the province was of the briefest; while the Montgomerie Lodge, No. 1741, of Diss, and the Suffield Lodge, No. 1808, of North Walsham, bear testimony to the energy and active interest in Freemasonry of the present Grand Master of the province, namely, Lord Suffield, at whose installation His Royal Highness the Grand Master himself presided. We do not doubt that, under his lordship's auspices, every thing will be done to strengthen and confirm the position of Freemasonry in this favoured county, and we know that even in the short time he has held his high office the greatest activity has prevailed in what is essentially Masonic in its character—that is, in the support of our great central Charitable Institutions.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

The allusion to the "Holy Martyrs Four," will be found in Giles' "Patres Ecclesie Anglicane" (Latin and English), Book II., c. vii., p. 196-197, as follows:—Erat autem eo loci, ubi flammam impetus maxime incumbebat, myrtyrium beatorum quatuor Coronatorum. (English) "The church of the four crowned martyrs was in the place where the fire raged most." The heading of the chapter is: "Bishop Mellitus by prayer quenches a fire in his city. A.D. 619." The circumstance is similarly recorded in Ven Bede, Opera Historica (Stevenson, 1841), Book II., c. vii., p. 115 (Latin), and in Bede's Eccles. Hist., Bohn's Antiquarian Library (1847), p. 80 (English). Mr. H. C. Coote in his "Romans in Britain" has some interesting remarks on this subject, and cites a good many authorities, which Bros. Haghan and Woodford may find of value in tracing the prevalence and antiquity of this tradition. In a letter written by Mr. Godwin to Sir H. Ellis, published in the Archaeologia for 1843 (vol. xxx.), reference is made to one of the Arundel MSS. in the British Museum, described as Sanctiorum Fidei, Miracula, et Myrtyria. At folio 218 is a narrative of four men wonderful in the art of Masonry, "who always worked in the name of the Lord," after prayer and signaling with the cross; and whose skill when employed by the Emperor Diocletian (it will be recollected that the martyrdom of the "Four Coronati" is said to have occurred in his reign) excited both the envy and the astonishment of the "Philosophers," who attributed their skill to the "mysterious words" of "art magical."

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Bro. Fort's positive statement that Charles Martel is mentioned in the Hallwell MS. is calculated to seriously mislead the numerous readers of his work. The appearance or non-appearance of this Sovereign's name in our oldest Masonic charge being a point, as it seems to me, of no little importance, having regard to the contents of all the other MS. Constitutions.

MELROSE LODGE.

In the Freemason of 27th September, 1879, Bro. Vernon states that this lodge claims a history as old as either Kilwinning or Mary's Chapel, and that he thinks the claim may be fairly established. I would be glad to know the grounds on which he thinks so. Inquiry was made, about eleven years ago, into this matter by Bro. W. P. Buchan, of Glasgow, a well-known and well-qualified Masonic archaeological inquirer. He visited Melrose, and examined the whole records and documents of the lodge, but found nothing instructing its existence beyond the earliest date in its minutes, 1678. Bro. Buchan was satisfied that it had no other evidence to produce. None has since been discovered, either in the lodge's own possession or elsewhere. Unless it can instruct its existence by reasonable evidence at a date earlier than that of many other lodges on the Grand Roll, it need not expect that these lodges will stand tamely by, and for the mere sake of securing the accession of the Melrose Lodge to Grand Lodge, permit it to obtain a precedence over them. Bro. Vernon is somewhat mistaken as to the Kilwinning case. The Lodge Kilwinning did join the Grand Lodge at its institution in 1736, but seceded from it some years afterwards, because it claimed a greater antiquity than Mary's Chapel. It had never been able to instruct that claim by many years; but it succeeded, in 1807, in getting itself placed on the roll before Mary's Chapel, for reasons of expediency. This gave rise to a secession in Grand Lodge,

which took years to heal. It is most unlikely that, with such an example before it, Grand Lodge will again follow such a course, particularly with a lodge so weak as that of Melrose. The Kilwinning Lodge, in 1804, claimed and exercised the position of an independent Grand Lodge, with many lodges hailing under her banner; and it was to secure the accession of it, and its daughter lodges, that the precedence given to it was conceded. When Bro. Vernon has the old MS. of Melrose in his possession, I would suggest that he should obtain a photograph of one or two of its pages, to enable those qualified to test its antiquity by the formation of the writing.

P.M. No. 1., S.C.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire (Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M.) was held on Wednesday last, the 1st inst., at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

We are informed that Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, of Ardgowan, has again consented to allow himself to be nominated for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Town Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2.30 p.m., by order of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. John Fawcett.

The consecration of the Tudor Lodge, No. 1838, will take place on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton. The ceremonies will be performed by R.W. Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, acting Prov. Grand Master. Bro. G. S. Tudor, D.P.G.M., P.M. 526, is the W.M. designate.

The Earl of Carnarvon will lay the foundation stone of the new Town Hall, Free Library, and Museum at Reading on the 14th inst.

In a letter received by Mr. Mark Firth recently Prince Leopold definitely fixes the date of his visit to Sheffield. He will arrive from Balmoral on Saturday, the 18th inst., and remain till Wednesday, the 22nd. He expresses a wish to visit the museum established by Mr. Ruskin at Walkley, a suburb of Sheffield, for the purpose of art education. Firth College will be opened on the 20th inst.

The Prince of Wales will visit Sir R. Wallace, M.P., at Sudbourne Hall, Suffolk, in the third week in November. There is a good quantity of game on the estate, and some first-rate sporting is anticipated. The Prince was to have visited Sudbourne early last winter, but the death of Princess Alice prevented his doing so.

New Sadler's Wells Theatre, under the management of Mrs Bateman, will open on Thursday next. The theatre is estimated to hold 2500 persons. Over 300 supers are engaged for the opening piece, "Rob Roy."

The Folly Theatre will be opened in November under the leaseholdship of Bro. J. L. Toole.

The proprietor of the Freemason would be glad to learn the present place of meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., commencing at 5:30 o'clock. Bros. Brown, 862, W.M.; Gush, I.G. 1541, S.W.; Tate, J.D. 862, J.W.

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Celebrities in every walk of life seem to have given Bro. W. Shury Marshall sittings for their portraits. On view at his Gallery, 34, Parliament-street, may be seen likenesses, spirited, truthful, and characteristic, of numerous Englishmen who have acquired distinction in art, science, literature, sporting, and Masonry—in the latter the life-like portraits of Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Helston, Swallow, Percival, Osman Vincent, Veal, and Tidcombe call for especial mention; while in the section devoted to the athletic John Higgins, of sculling celebrity; John Keen, the bicyclist; and John Gale, the pedestrian. In art H. Larpent Roberts and Frank Holl, A.R.A., are amongst the foremost of those most easily recognisable, in fact to single out for special commendation any individual portrait is needless, since in almost every instance where acquaintance with the original made it possible, we found the representation true to life as well as artistic in treatment. Bro. W. Shury Marshall standing as he does at the very summit of photographic art, his invariable success entitles him to the very highest patronage that can be conferred.

Bro. Dr. Wm. Sparks, P.M. 289, P.F.G. Org. West Yorkshire, and Organist of the Leeds Town Hall, will play this (Saturday) evening at the popular organ recitals at the Bow and Bromley Institute, Bow. The vocalist will be Miss B. Grosvenor. These recitals are intended to cultivate a love of good music amongst all classes, and to offer the working classes an educational amusement at a cheap rate.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday next, the 7th inst. Lodge will be opened punctually at half-past 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society will be held on Thursday next, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, at 5.30 p.m. precisely.

A Reuter's telegram dated Ottawa, September 30th, states that the steamer *Sarmatian*, by which the Princess Louise has taken passage for England, sails on the 18th inst. It is said that the physicians of the Princess have urged a change of air for the benefit of her health, which has not been so good lately. Her Royal Highness, it is understood, will return to Canada for the opening of the Dominion Parliament.

ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY. — The memorial stone of the new Dispensary House, Bartholomew Close, will be laid on Thursday next, the 9th inst., at 2 o'clock, by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, President of the Institution. The ceremony will be followed by a *dejeuner* at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, at 3 o'clock.

"Dogberry" of the *City Press*, writes: "Attention has again been called to the fact that any one asking for a parliamentary, or, as the abbreviation in vogue has it, "parley," ticket may travel on the Metropolitan Railway from Aldersgate-street to King's-cross for one penny, whereas the ordinary third-class fare is threepence. Each of these tickets admits the passenger to all the trains. It is a fact of which I have long been aware, but which I am unable to explain."

M. Riviere announces that he commences a series of promenade concerts (for five weeks) at Covent Garden on Monday, the 6th inst. There will be an orchestra of 100 performers.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, M.P., and an influential gathering of Grand Officers. A full report will appear in our next.

The present series of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden will be brought to a close this (Saturday) evening, when Messrs. Gatti take their benefit. A capital programme is announced.

Bro. Wm. Ramsey, P.M. 1539, has been elected Master of the Glass-sellers' Company for the ensuing year.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 10, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1194, Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6.

- Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Westminster-chmrs., Victoria-st.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-rd.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- Rose Croix, 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 765, St. James's, Old White Hart Hot., Borol.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
- " 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington C., Wellington-st.
- " 1381, Kennington, Sy. C. House, Kennington Oval.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns H.H., Woolwich.
- " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
- " 1693, Kingland, Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-rd., N.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
- Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st-rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
- Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
- Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

- Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, rd.-qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 140, St. George's, Globe, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
- " 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's H.H., Fleet-st.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
- Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.
- P.G. Chap. and Lodge, R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Union Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.

- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 11, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hill, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Runcy, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

- Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 161, Walton, M.H., Kirkdale.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
- " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1384, Equity, Alfred Chambers, Widnes.
- Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

- Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- " 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool (Emergency).

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 11, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6.

- Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, M.H., Bolton.
- " 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
- " 381, Harmony & Industry Smalley's Hot., Over Darwen.
- " 1009, Shakespeare, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.
- " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

- Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro.
- " 1131, Newall, M.H., Salford.
- " 1312, Waverley, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-U.-L.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

- Lodge 54, Hop, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
- " 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
- " 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.
- " 221, Antiquity, M.H., Bolton.
- " 288, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden.
- " 852, Zealand, Albert H.H., Salford.
- " 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw.
- " 1064, Borough, Bull Hot., Burnley.
- Chap. 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
- " 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hot., Accrington.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

- Lodge 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., Cheetham.
- " 1144, Melton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-U.-L.
- " 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
- " 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
- K.T. Precep. St. Michael, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

- Lodge 64, Fortitude, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
- " 815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme.
- K.T. Precep. St. Joseph, M.H., Manchester.
- K.T. Precep. St. George, M.H., Oldham.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—This lodge met on Tuesday evening the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street, after an interval of five months, and there was a good muster of brethren. Among those present were Bros. Thomas Cox, W.M.; J. H. Thomas, I.P.M.; W. George, S.W.; W. Beard, J.W.; Pettifer, S.D.; White, J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Reynolds, Sec.; Bond, Treas.; and Past Master's Wynne, Hastelow, Scott, Grimby, and Taylor. Mr. Adolphus Bullock, F.S.A., was initiated by the W.M., and Bro. McNeill was raised to the Third Degree. After the business had been concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of Bro. Painter's sumptuous banquets. Among the toasts was that of "The Initiative," which was received with great cordiality, and responded to by Bro. Bullock in very felicitous terms. Several visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and gave expressions to the pleasure which they had experienced on the occasion.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, October 2, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; Henry Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M. Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Chillingworth, jun., S.D.; James Lorkin, J.D.; H. A. Pratt, I.G.; H. A. Carter, Steward; Henry Muggerridge, P.M.; John George Marsh, P.M.; Ebenezer Roberts, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohe, P.M.; Edward Jones, P.M.; Thomas Fisher, R. J. Dart, R. E. Bright, Charles Cann, John Kent, James Groves, W. Waring, Barclay Perkins, E. Hunter, R. H. Goddard, Cook, W. Darnell, John Guy, and other members. The visitors were Bros. J. Brooks, 51; C. M. Mathew, 263; Thomas Williams, British Oak; Henry Stubbings, 186; Anderson, 1320; C. F. Hogard, 205, P.G.S.W. Essex; W. White, 1693; G. T. Pummell, 1693; W. Simmons, 1871; W. C. Holladay, 1321; Walter Downing, 20; T. Bradley, 517; G. Clarke, 177; H. Youldon, 548; and G. Morrison, 548. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, an adjourned motion of Bro. Edward Jones, P.M., respecting a Charity Fund, was discussed, which resulted in its withdrawal, after which a notice of motion was given by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer, "That the subscription to the lodge be altered from three to three-and-a-half guineas." Another notice of motion was then made by Bro. H. A. Carter, Steward, to the effect "That, in the event of the Treasurer's motion being carried, an amount of ten per cent. of the subscription be applied to the Charity Fund." Two pounds were given to the widow of a deceased brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of fifty, then dined, the usual toasts being most ably given by the W.M. Bro. Henry Muggerridge, in replying to that of "The Past Masters," said that he was the father of the lodge, it being forty years since he was initiated in the Lion and Lamb lodge. Bros. Marsh, Bright, Cann, and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening by a selection of good songs. The menu, under the excellent supervision of Bro. Rand, gave universal satisfaction. The charity box having been passed round, a collection of £1 12s. was made.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. There were present Bros. R. H. Crowden, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, S.W.; Kent, J.W.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; W. F. Gardner, S.D.; Thos. Perrin, J.D.; M. Vizetelly, I.G.; Crump, Steward; J. Beckett, Tyler; H. D. Stead, P.M.; J. K. Stead, P.M.; Crouch, P.M.; John Crowden, and James Crowden. Visitors: Bros. Webb, P.M. Loyalty Lodge; and Fullwood, P.M. St. John's Lodge, 328. The lodge was opened in due form,

and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Druce and Orange, and declared unanimous. The W.M. initiated Messrs. Druce and Orange in a most praiseworthy manner. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in the usual elegant manner by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and afforded the brethren very great satisfaction, this being the first meeting at the Crystal Palace.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge (the first after the usual recess) was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Freeman, W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. J. Blackie, S.W. (W.M. elect); W. Catchpole, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treasurer; Moody, Secretary; T. Hamer, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; W. Kibble, I.G.; F. T. Keeble, Steward; and the following members: Bros. H. King, T. de Lelive, J. W. Cadiot, T. R. Vowles, A. T. Roberts, Julian Hartley, T. Keene, H. Bertram, L. Hudd, W. Baber, Owen Bowen, R. Zendrick, W. Lucas, R. Greening, H. Thompson (Freemason), and others. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, the W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. Moody, P.M. and Secretary, for the purpose of allowing him to raise his friend Bro. King to the Sublime Degree. Bro. King was accordingly examined as to his proficiency in the science, and his answers being considered satisfactory, he retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On his re-admission he was in due form raised to the Degree of M.M., that beautiful ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Moody, and he received only his due meed of praise from all present. The next business was to pass Bro. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens to the Second Degree. This was at the request of the W.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, of which lodge Bro. Stevens is a member, but as it does not meet for some time the W.M. of the Great City Lodge was requested to allow that rite to be conferred upon him in this lodge. He was initiated in the Lebanon Lodge, by his father, Bro. Jas. Stevens, who is a member of that lodge, as well as the Great City Lodge. By the permission of Bro. Freeman, W.M., Bro. Stevens was allowed to take the chair, and in due form passed his son to the Second Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when, pursuant to notice, Bro. Greening moved "That a Past Master's jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. J. Freeman, W.M., on the completion of his year of office." The motion was seconded by Bro. Cadiot, and warmly supported by Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., on account of his genial nature and kindness to every member on all occasions. The motion was put and unanimously agreed to. A long discussion arose in consequence of an announcement from one of the members tendering his resignation, and it was suggested by several of the speakers that some hardship would be inflicted if the rule as to resignations was too strictly construed, and the letter of it rather than the spirit was adhered to, but as that was a lodge of emergency it was impossible to take any action as to an alteration, and the subject was deferred until the next meeting. The lodge was then closed and adjourned until Saturday, the 11th inst., when Bro. G. W. Blackie, S.W., will be installed as W.M. of the lodge.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yesterday week at the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road. Bro. J. Symons, M.D., W.M., presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. William Stephens, P.M.; Elias Somers, W. J. Murlis, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; John High, S.W.; James Glaskin, S.D.; W. Grist, J.D.; Charles Smith, I.G.; A. J. Stanton, D.C.; John Tovell, Steward; Wm. Gray, F. A. Hawthorn, George J. Glover, James Hanney, C. H. Fisher, F. C. Nevill, H. Patient, Edwin Blunt, W. J. Brewster, James Clayton, B. G. Poulton, W. Matthews, Ed. George, Silvester Patient, and visitors, Bros. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Veal, P.G.S.W. Surrey; C. E. Barnett, 1678; James F. Hasdine, Org. 1364; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The only business on the paper was the installation of the W.M., the appointment and investiture of officers, and the reception of the Auditors' report; and after the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. William Stephens, P.M., was requested by the W.M. to perform the installation. Bro. Williams Stephens thereupon took the chair, and installed Bro. John High, the popular S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. After the W.M. had been congratulated on attaining the exalted position of the chief officer of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, the usual salutes and proclamations were given, and the following brethren were appointed as officers to assist him during his tenure of office:—Bros. T. Hastings Miller, S.W.; James Glaskin, J.W.; William Stephens, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Blunt, Sec.; William Grist, S.D.; Charles Smith, J.D.; A. J. Stanton, I.G.; John Tovell, I.G.; W. Gray, W.S.; F. A. Hawthorn, W.S.; James Hanney, Org.; and Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Stephens then delivered the addresses, and, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the admirable way in which Bro. Stephens had performed the duties of Installing Master. The Auditors' report was then submitted, from which it appeared that there was in the hands of the Treasurer at last audit the sum of £28 3s. 7d.; that there had been since received during the year £121 15s. 6d.; and expended, including dues to the Grand Lodge to the same time, £114 7s. The balance in the Treasurer's hands was, therefore, £35 12s. 1d. This report having been adopted, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors, and the lodge was closed. One of Bro. William Grist's choice banquets followed, and the usual toasts were proposed, honoured, and responded to; but all the

speeches were very short. Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Dr. Symons proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. High in responding expressed his sincere gratification at being placed in the Master's chair, and promised to use his utmost exertions to maintain the dignity of the office, and the distinguished position of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." he recalled the brethren's attention to the eminent services rendered by Dr. Symons to the lodge, of which the brethren shewed their sense by unanimously voting him a Past Master's jewel. This jewel, which was a very handsome one, he now presented, and he trusted that Dr. Symons might long enjoy life, health, and strength to continue with them in the lodge, and exhibit to future Masons this testimonial of the brethren's esteem. Dr. Symons in acknowledging the gift confessed that he endeavoured to perform his duties faithfully, and only regretted that his services to the lodge had not been still greater. The toast of "The P.M.'s" gave the W.M. an opportunity of expatiating on the great services of Bro. William Stephens, which, he said, all the brethren must acknowledge. Bro. Stephens was really the mainstay of the lodge, and was always ready to undertake at a moment's notice the duties of any office he might be called on to fill. Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., modestly acknowledged the compliment, but stated that the interest he felt in the success of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would ever lead him to do whatever he could for it. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," &c., followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a most agreeable evening.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—Friday, the 3rd inst., was the occasion of the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following were present:—Bros. John Dennis, W.M.; J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M.; W. C. Young, J.D.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. House, D.C.; J. Grout, Org.; and several other brethren, members of the lodge; also the following visitors:—Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 236; G. Anderson, P.G. Steward, W.M. 60; A. M. Ellingford, J.D. 834; R. M. Talbot, S.D. 1804; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; and E. Martin, 879. The lodge met at three o'clock in the afternoon, the business being to read and confirm minutes of previous meetings; to receive report from Audit Committee; to elect Treasurer for the ensuing year; to raise Bro. John Smith; to pass Bro. D. W. Forbes; and to instal Bro. J. Kemp Coleman as W.M. The minutes having been confirmed, and the audit report received, intimation was given that Bro. N. J. Fenner, who had acted as Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, did not desire to be put in nomination for the office for the year ensuing. This being the case, the choice of the lodge fell unanimously on Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M., to fill the position, and, at a later period of the evening, when a letter was read from Bro. N. J. Fenner resigning his membership in consequence of living at a long distance from Poplar, it was unanimously resolved that an honorary membership be conferred upon Bro. N. J. Fenner for services rendered as Treasurer. The ceremonies of raising and passing were performed by Bro. J. Dennis in his usual faultless style, and Bro. J. Kemp Coleman was then installed W.M. of the All Saints Lodge, according to ancient rite, also by Bro. Dennis. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Leonard Potts, S.W.; W. C. Young, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Treas.; E. L. Bracebridge, Sec.; T. Bates, S.D.; J. House, J.D.; E. L. Kennett, I.G.; and J. Grout, Org. The installation ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master and ordered to be entered on the minutes. In communicating this to Bro. Dennis the W.M. expressed his personal thanks for the manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered, and took the opportunity of presenting the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel voted at a previous meeting. Bro. Dennis in reply assured the W.M. and the lodge of the gratification he felt in thus being honoured, and promised that although his year of office had expired he should continue to take a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and would make a special point of supporting the W.M. just installed. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to another part of the large hall, where a banquet awaited their attention. Justice to this having been done, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. To the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Coleman responded, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received; he trusted to receive the support of the members of the lodge during the year, promised constant attention to his duties, and hoped when the time came for him to retire he would be able to look with satisfaction upon his year of office. To the toast of "The Visitors" those present responded, and Bro. J. A. Farnfield alluded in a humorous vein to the presence of brethren from the west at a lodge in the east, and that inasmuch as in olden time wise men went to the east, so in present days brethren might do worse than go to the east for instruction in Freemasonry. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Dennis and W. F. Farnfield, and that of "The Officers" by the S.W. and other officers, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This civic lodge met on the 29th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. Charles Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.S.B. Middx., S.W. (Freemason); H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. H. Jackson, I.P.M. and Sec.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middx., P.M.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Potter, I.G.; Hart, Hon. Org.; Strugnell, D.C.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Dr. Hunter, W.M. 1677; Butt, J.W. 907; P. J. Jackson, 49; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the previous meeting

having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M., by permission of the W.M., raised Bro. Thomas Simpson to the Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was well performed. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. Richards and Wildash to the Degree of F.C. The subject of the bye-laws was postponed until the November meeting. The lodge was then duly closed, and the members and visitors then adjourned to the banquet. The Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that Bro. Jacques for the zeal which he had manifested in the founding of the lodge, and for the uniform attention he had displayed in the discharge of his duties, was worthy of their warmest commendations. In conclusion, he (the I.P.M.) trusted that the remainder of the W.M.'s year of office would continue to be prosperous and harmonious. The W.M. having responded, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in very eulogistic terms. This toast having been most warmly received, Bros. Hunter, Butt, Acland, and Jackson duly and tersely acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. spoke at length upon the great assistance some of them had rendered in the founding of the lodge. He particularly mentioned the services of the Treasurer, Bro. Ramsey, who, for the first time since the consecration of the lodge, was unavoidably absent. He believed that very few young lodges possessed so many good working Masons as the Farringdon Without undoubtedly had. In conclusion, he hoped that the new members anxious for preferment would endeavour to emulate the skill of their superiors in office, in order that the future Masters might be as well supported during their tenure of the chair as he was then. This toast having been duly honoured, each of the officers present made a suitable reply. The proceedings were agreeably diversified by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Hart, Potter, Samuel, Jackson, and others. The Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting of the season after the summer recess was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at 7.45 by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by the following brethren, Brov. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; and P.M.'s F. J. Brown, P.P.G.S.W.; Peel Floyd, Moutrie, Dr. Tunstall, Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. Warwick, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Radway, Sec.; T. Wilton, sen., Dir. Cir.; T. Willon, jun., as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Styles, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Bro. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was announced that many members of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, demanded admission. They then entered, headed by their W.M., Bro. Howes, and were received with honours. Mr. Henry Lane Brown, previously balloted for, was admitted as a candidate for Freemasonry, and duly initiated by the W.M., the obligation being administered by his father, the symbolism of the working tools explained by the J.D., and the charge delivered by the S.W. Bro. F. J. Brown brought before the lodge the utter uselessness of the library for want of a resident curator and means of access to the books, except at the times when the lodge meets. Some discussion followed, which had no immediate result, but the brethren were requested by the W.M. to think over the matter with a view to some satisfactory arrangement. Other private matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed at 9.30.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of the old lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the evening of Michaelmas Day, at half-past six. The W.M., Bro. J. Rymer Young, was supported by a goodly number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Dr. Young, J.W.; Thos. Grime, J.D.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Cumb. and West., Hon. Sec.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. designate; Archibald Crawford, Charles Skinner, John Pierpoint, Thos. Domville, and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512, and I.G. Lodge of Progress, 1768. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The W.M. then said that the brethren would notice that the Second Degree was to be worked as an instruction that night, and he was exceedingly glad that their visiting brother, T. W. Ockenden, was willing to work the Degree. Bro. Skinner having volunteered as a candidate, and Bro. Bowes taking the S.D. position, the Degree was worked with a quiet impressiveness that will not soon be forgotten. Bro. Ockenden then delivered the "Six Periods of Creation." A vote of thanks preceded the closing of the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. J. Roger Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; Robert Tomlins, S.D.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas., acting I.G.; John Church, Sec.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; James Wilson and P. C. Holmes, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Dawson, P.M.; John Higginbotham, P.M.; E. J. Rix, Henson, J. W. Edwards, De Gough, H. Walmsley, Ludwig Oppenheimer, Saml. Percivals, Francis Hilton, Ellis Jones, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitor: Bro. J. L. Greenwood, 163. The lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ellis Jones being a candidate for raising was interrogated, and having answered the questions without hesitation withdrew. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Donbavand assumed the W.M.'s chair. Bro. Jones was re-admitted and raised to

the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Too much praise can scarcely be awarded to Bro. Donbavand for the careful and painstaking manner in which he performed this beautiful ceremony, his elocutionary gifts and distinct accentuation making it a pleasure to listen to him, and must undoubtedly have had an impressive effect on the candidate. The traditional history was delivered by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the only visiting brother, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate, on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult. Bro. W. N. Helme, the Worshipful Master, occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by his respective officers. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and afterwards in the Second Degree, when Bros. Marriott and Kershaw, having given proficiency as Fellow Crafts, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Marriott and Kershaw severally re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by the W.M., Bro. Sheriff, I.P.M., giving the traditional history and the working tools. The working was well gone through. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the usual proclamations made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer. The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the evening of the 6th inst., in the lodge room, but the business was only routine.

SCARBOROUGH.—Leopold Lodge (No. 1760).—On Monday night, the 6th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Old Globe Hotel. Bro. S. Middleton, S.W., having been unanimously elected, was duly installed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., assisted by Bro. G. H. Walsham, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. After the usual impressive ceremony had been gone through, the newly-elected W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Fraser, S.W.; Kirk, J.W.; R. H. Peacock, Treas.; Knaggs, Sec.; Thackers, S.D.; Thackett, J.D.; Webster, I.G. The business of the lodge being over, the members adjourned to the large dining room of the hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared. After the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge, which holds its meetings at the Clarence Hotel, met in good strength on the 27th ult. There were present among others Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fricker, Treasurer; Fitt, Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.D. (Freemason); Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Organist; and Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Brown, Treas. 1685; Frampton, 622; Beard, 946; W. Lane, J.D. 1638; Alidge, 1638; and Featherstone, W.S. 1656. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hickinbotham was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Messrs. Warner and Phelps were initiated, both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. Handel, 1656, was balloted for and unanimously received as a joining member. In consequence of the recent demise of Bro. Captain Brown, one of the most active founders of the lodge, the members were in mourning. Previously to the lodge being closed the W.M., in a few brief but kind words, touched upon the melancholy event, and proposed that a vote of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. Brown, and that the lodge should wear mourning for six months. The proposition was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. It having transpired that the caterer of the hotel had expressed a wish that the lodge should be removed in consequence of the inconvenience to his business, Bro. Walls proposed that an application should be made to the R.W. P.G.M. for permission to remove the lodge to the commodious and elegant Assembly Rooms, in the Queen's-road, Teddington. The proposition was seconded and carried nem. con. The members inspected the Assembly Rooms, which had been designed by Bro. Goodchild, and erected by Bro. Hurst, and they unanimously agreed that with a slight alteration the rooms were capable of affording every Masonic requirement. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. "The R.W.P.G.M." was proposed in very warm terms by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. "The R.W.D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. Walls, who directly afterwards gave "The W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a modest reply, in which he expressed his satisfaction at the rapid progress the lodge was making. It was to him a source of congratulation that with one or two exceptions the initiates were local residents, and, therefore, it proved that the necessity for having a Teddington lodge had not been over estimated by the original petitioners. In conclusion, he thanked the members for the very great support that had been given him hitherto, and which satisfactory state of things he hoped would continue to the end of his tenure of office as first Master of 1793. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and elicited from Bros. Warner and Phelps brief but pertinent replies. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the status and the number of the visiting brethren who had honoured them with their presence. The practice

of visiting various lodges was a custom highly to be commended, as it conduced to the harmony of Freemasonry, and, in point of fact, assisted in the dissemination of one of its greatest principles, namely, brotherly love. He then touched upon the Masonic services and merits of the different visiting brethren present. This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Brown made an exhaustive reply. He congratulated the lodge upon its progress and upon its generally good "working." He had been present at its consecration, and he was pleased to see that the good things then predicted for it by the Provincial Grand Master and other distinguished Masons who had taken part in the ceremony had thus far been amply verified. In conclusion, upon behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he expressed their and his sincere thanks for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they had been received that day. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by the S.W. and others. The remainder of the evening was agreeably spent, and the brethren separated highly pleased with the success that had characterised their first regular meeting after the summer recess.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held in the new Masonic rooms at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst. The following companions were present:—Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; Neville Green, H.; T. C. Chapman (Z. 193), J.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Standard Bearer, P.Z.; W. H. Brand, S.E.; E. Somers, P.S.; F. Brasted, J. L. Payne, W. Beasley, R. George, J. Marsh, Janitor. The chapter having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Comps. Brasted and Payne were appointed Assistant Sojs. Ballot was taken for Bro. Sidney T. Fisk, Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, a candidate for exaltation, which proved favourable, and Bros. Fisk and Edwin T. F. Bell, Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319 (previously elected), being in attendance, were regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The usual banquet followed; after which the ordinary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Comp. Buss, P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," congratulated the chapter on the progress it had made, and the officers on the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been carried out. Comp. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z., returned thanks. Comps. Fisk and Bell returned thanks for "The Exaltees," and Comp. Somers for "The Officers." The proceedings at the banquet table were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Comp. Bell, Payne, and Brasted. The Janitor's toast was given by Comp. Marsh, Janitor; after which the companions separated, no doubt looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the next meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This old chapter for instruction and improvement in the ceremonies pertaining to the R.A. Degree, met for the first time after the recess at its old quarters, the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The offices were filled as follows: W. H. Lee, Z.; F. Brown, H.; S. P. Catterton, J.; G. Walker, N.; N. Moss, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. G. P. Gillard as candidate. There were beside the above a goodly attendance of companions, amongst whom Comp. A. J. Thomas, Z. 7; W. Sayer, 1185; T. Dixon, J. 1489, were elected joining members. A letter having been read from Comp. T. W. White, Scribe E., stating his inability to attend through illness, expressions of sympathy were passed, all uniting in the hope of his speedy recovery. Chapter was then closed in due form. We commend this chapter of improvement to all companions seeking instruction; it is centrally situated, meets at a convenient hour, and ought to have a very large support.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the following brethren were present: Ill. Sir Knight T. B. Whythead, P.S. Int. Gen., unatt., as M.P.S.; E. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland, V.E.; Sir Knights T. Humphries, as S.G.; George Simpson, I.G.; M. Millington, Prefect; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; L. Murphy, H.P.; W. P. Husband, Herald; J. Ward, S. F. Bousfield, H. Jackson, and others. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, having been elected, was duly installed a Knight of the Order. A draft code of bye-laws was submitted and agreed upon. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was proposed and seconded as a candidate. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read, and the conclave was closed. The sanctuary of St. Peter and commandery of St. John were afterwards successively opened, and those Degrees conferred upon Sir Knight Wilkes. The members subsequently met at refreshment.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands a thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections, the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.—[ADVT.]

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

That Masonry flourishes, notwithstanding bad times which have had scarcely a parallel within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, was shown by the large and most enthusiastic attendance of brethren from every section of the division at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, which was held at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The arrangements were certainly not perfect, but this can hardly be wondered at, when no fewer than eighty lodges require to find accommodation at these annual gatherings. The immense and brilliant assembly on this occasion again gave incontrovertible proof of the sustained and even increasing popularity of our deservedly esteemed D.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire Province, who on this occasion was again welcomed with the warmth which is always displayed by the multitudes of Masons over whom he holds Masonic sway. There were between 500 and 600 brethren present, and this was a most significant fact, when it is borne in mind that the meeting was held in nearly the most remote corner of the province. The majority of the brethren hailed from Liverpool, Wigan, Preston, and Lancashire, and for their accommodation the London and North-Western Railway Company (of which Bro. Shaw, of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, is the local superintendent) ran special trains.

The whole of the eighty lodges in the extensive province, which is the second largest in the kingdom, were represented, with one exception (the Ashton, No. 1140, Wittington).

The Craft lodge was opened by the W.M. of No. 32, assisted by Br. T. F. Hill, M.M. No. 220, acting as S.W.; and Bro. T. Salter, W.M. No. 241, as J.W.

Bro. the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., and D.G.M. of England, who was most enthusiastically greeted, took his seat on the throne, and was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Colonel Frederick Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., Secretary of State for War; W. Baldwin, P.G.S.W.; H. R. Robertson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Rea Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain; R. Robinson, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; T. W. Sergeant, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Jackson, Supt. of W.; Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of Eng.; F. Binckes, P.G.S. Eng.; Major George Turner, P.P.G.T.; Peter M'Muldrov, P.P.G.S.D.; Harding, P.P.G.S.D.; Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lanc.; S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035 (Mayor of Bootle); W. Vines, P.P.G.D. of C.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; Remington, P.P.G.J.W.; Royds, P.P.G.J.W.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Bowes, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C.; Taylor, P.G. Treas. East Lanc.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; Captain J. W. Newman, P.G.S.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D. of C.; Dr. J. F. Bailey, W.M.; J. H. Johnston, P.M., D. of C. 1350; Dr. Arthur Samuel, P.M. 1350; W. P. Evans, I.P.M. 1350; C. P. Titherley, S.W. 1350; R. Carruthers, J.W. 1350; Rowan, W.M. 1013; Thompson, P.M. 1013; Tomlinson, 1013; W. Little, 477; Fothergill, Sec. Neptune Lodge; R. Warriner, W.M. 1547; W. Ladyman, S.W. 1547; J. McKune, P.M. 216; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; T. Salter, W.M. 241; J. Bell, P.G.S.; H. Williams, P.G.S.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C.; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356; Treasurer 1609; W. Sandbrook, S.W. 1609; J. Atkinson, J.W. 1609; Fred. Wilkinson, Secretary 1609; W. Savage, I.G. 1609; H. P. Squire, S.D. 1356, S. 1609; R. W. Barnes, 1609; W. Heap, 1609; T. F. Hill, W.M. 220; H. Hatch, S.W. 220; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; John Latta, J.W. 241; J. Winsor, I.P.M. 241; J. Hayes, P.G.S., P.M. 249; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; T. Clark, P.M., Treasurer 673; J. Houlding, P.M. 823; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; G. Musker, W.M. 1182; A. C. Wylie, S.W. 1264; J. Keet, J.W. 1356; J. McCarthy, P.M. 1393; W. Pughe, P.M. 1620; and others.

The P.G. Sec. (Bro. H. S. Alpass) called the roll of the lodges, and afterwards read the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at the Philharmonic Hall on the 2nd of October, 1878, which were unanimously confirmed.

The accounts of the P.G. Treas. (Bro. J. T. Callow), which were taken as read, showed that during the past year the income in connection with the Charity Fund, including balances, amounted to £510 1s. 3d.; to the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, £644 8s. 11d.; to the Fund of Benevolence, £2084 14s. 8d.; total, £3238 16s. 10d. Amongst the disbursements were £105 for the West Lancashire Educational Institution; £105 for the Masonic Institution for Girls; the total expenditure amounting to £477 16s. 3d. It appeared that £2039 had altogether been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution. There was a total balance of £2761, of which £1000 was invested in dock bonds, £795 at the savings banks, and about £965 in the North-Western Bank.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. Major G. Turner, P.P.G. Treas., Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas., Bro. Turner remarking that he had become a convert to the idea that the office of Treasurer of the P.G. Lodge should be held for two years by the same brother. (Laughter.)

In thanking the brethren for the honour which had been conferred upon him, Bro. Callow said he trusted that he should be able to discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. the Rt. Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P. Prov. D.P.G.M.
- " J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.M. 995 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " Joseph Bell, P.M. 1609 and 1356 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Capt. Newman, P.M. 786 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " T. Clark, P.M. 673 ... Prov. G.S. of Wks.
- " D. W. Finney, P.M. 1250 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " H. Williams, P.M. 1264 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " J. Hayes, P.M. 249 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. Skeaf (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.O.
- " J. Ballard, P.M. 724 ... Prov. G.P.

Bros. Harrison, Longman, Longmire, J. Houlding, P.M. 823, Sharples, and Whitenead } Prov. G. Stewards.

Several applications for assistance from the Fund of Benevolence were read and considered, and relief amounting to about £100 was granted.

The P.G.M. moved, "That any brother of this province who may be entitled to wear the Charity Jewel shall be presented with the same by Prov. Grand Lodge." He would suggest that the motion should be made of a retrospective character, and he trusted that in future more brethren than hitherto would come forward to help a most deserving object, and so become entitled to wear the jewel. (Applause.) The motion was seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G.R., and carried unanimously.

The P.G. Sec. (Bro. Alpass) reported as follows:—

I have nothing special to report to Prov. G. Lodge. The depression in trade has affected Freemasonry to some extent. There have been fewer initiations, and, for the first time in my experience, a diminution in the number of the subscribing members of the lodges in the province. Notwithstanding these untoward circumstances, a few zealous brethren of this province accepted office as Stewards at the last festival of the Girls' School, and worked so well that they took up a larger amount of money than the brethren from any other province. The following is the list for the West Division of Lancashire:—Bro. Deeley, Selson Lodge, No. 680, £126; Bro. Salter, Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, £115 10s.; Bro. Wylie, Prov. G. Lodge, £105; Bro. Robertson, St. George's Lodge, No. 32, £53; Bro. Pochin, Architect Lodge, No. 1375, £48 6s.; Bro. Buxton, Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, £42; Bro. Wells, Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, £36 15s.; Bro. Platt, Fernor Lodge, No. 1313, £26 5s.; Bro. Wainwright, Lodge of Unity, No. 613, £21; Bro. Roberts, Bridson Chapter, No. 613, £21; Bro. Harding, Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, £17 17s.; Bro. Remington, Lodge of Furness, No. 995, £13 14s.; Bro. Houlding, Everton Lodge, No. 823, £10 10s.; Bro. Mattison, Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, £10. At the festival of the Boys' School, Bro. Goodsacre, Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, took up £65 2s.; Bro. Barker, Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, No. 1330, took up £13 13s., the last-named brethren fulfilling the engagement at the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, that the youngest lodge in the province should raise for one of the Masonic Charities a sum of not less than fifty guineas during the first year of its existence. I have no account of the names of the subscribers at the last festival, the annual report of each school being published early in the year, I shall therefore esteem it a favour if the Stewards will see that voting papers are received by all the donors on their lists, and forwarded to me, signed, in order that they may be used at the election of the Boys' School, in October, in favour of Albert Grice Aspden, a candidate from this province. In conclusion, I have the pleasure of informing Prov. Grand Lodge that all the lodges have sent in their returns and paid their dues.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., it was resolved that the sum of 150 guineas be voted out of the Charities Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. J. R. Goepel, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted out of the Charities Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

It was also resolved, on the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., that 100 guineas be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, it was further unanimously resolved that the sum of £30 be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to assist the election of Albert Grice Aspden, son of the late Bro. Aspden, a candidate for the Boys' School; and the election of the widow of the late Bro. Robert Grace, a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to these cases.

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., it was agreed that the votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be given to these cases.

Bro. R. Wylie next gave the sixth annual report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, from which it appeared that the Charity was making most satisfactory progress. Although the amount contributed during the year was small as compared with the number of lodges in the province, yet the Committee were thankful for the support which had been given, and believed that in the event of the fund having many calls upon it the brethren would respond in such a manner as to enable the Committee to meet every claim. There was still one annuitant on the fund, and it was satisfactory to find that no other application had been made during this year. The invested funds now amounted to £750, and, besides this, upwards of £200 was in the bank.

The officers of the fund for the ensuing year were then appointed, and thanks were given to those brethren who had served the Charity during the past year.

The P.G. Lodge was next resolved into a Court of

Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a resumé of the proceedings for the year being read by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., one of the Honorary Secretaries. The annual report of the Charity was as follows:—

A perusal of the accounts will show that the Institution is, as ever, prosperous, not only with respect to its funds, but also to its increasing usefulness in carrying out the objects for which it was founded, and which it has for many years so successfully effected. Important as were the objects and intentions of its founders, this importance has become greatly enhanced from the fact that Freemasonry has of late years been so considerably extended in the Province of West Lancashire, and the greater necessity that has arisen for local effort, supplementary and independent to that of the London Charitable Institutions. No better proof of the success of the Institution, and the desire for its maintenance and support, and no clearer view of the manner in which its benefits are appreciated, can be found than in placing before you the following figures. During the first fourteen years of the existence of this noble Charity the payments for the education and advancement of children were as follows: 1850 to 1859, £238 2s.; 1860, £121 11s. 6d.; 1861, £110 18s. 5d.; 1862, £143 2s. 10d.; 1863, £166 17s.; total, £780 11s. 9d. During a nearly similar period, namely, the last fifteen years, the payments have been: In 1865, £263 4s. 1d.; 1866, £267 5s. 11d.; 1867, £178 7s. 5d.; 1868, £256 18s. 6d.; 1869, £238 6s. 8d.; 1870, £260 8s.; 1871, £274 3s. 1d.; 1872, £341 1s. 3d.; 1873, £266 15s. 5d.; 1874, £288 15s. 7d.; 1875, £430 9s. 11d.; 1876, £470 6s. 3d.; 1877, £580 17s. 3d.; 1878, £580 16s. 1d.; total, £4697 16s. Notwithstanding this handsome and increasing expenditure, promoting, as it does, so much lasting benefit, it will be seen, by reference to the accounts, that the invested fund amounts to £14,907 19s. 6d., and it will be admitted that the wisdom of those who in the early history of the Charity husbanded its resources, and carefully guarded the investment of its funds, was of the highest importance, inasmuch as the subscriptions and donations of the brethren have now ceased to cover the annual expenditure for the education and advancement of the children, and it is only from the interest on investments that its financial position can be maintained, and the increasing demands upon its resources fully satisfied. We, therefore, earnestly call upon the brethren, and especially upon the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in the province, and of those who take an interest in the cause of charity, and particularly in the continued welfare of our West Lancashire Charity, of which the brethren of the province are so justly proud, to take care that the various lodges with which they are connected are fully represented in the lists of donations and subscriptions which appear year after year. These annual reports, issued from time to time, form a lasting record of the generosity of those who are thus called upon to perform the important duties attached to the position they have been elected to occupy, whilst the absence of such a record shows but too clearly that some of the brethren have not so faithfully discharged their Masonic duties, a circumstance which they cannot but regret in years to come. While earnestly commending these observations to the notice of the brethren, we would also impress upon the Worshipful Masters, Treasurers, and those having charge of the affairs in the various lodges, the necessity of rendering a statement of subscriptions and donations before the 31st of December in each year. In many instances, returns have been sent in so late as the middle of May. Reports and accounts are thus delayed, and considerable irregularity is the result. It having now been decided that the accounts of the honorary Treasurer shall in future close promptly on the 31st December, it will be necessary to give strict attention to this matter, as otherwise those lodges omitting to carry out this arrangement cannot be represented in the ensuing reports, which will in future be issued early in each year. During several months preceding the date at which this report is issued, a Sub-Committee, consisting of many of the most earnest and energetic workers in the cause of Freemasonry in this province, have been actively engaged in revising the bye-laws of the Institution. The increasing extension of the Charity, and the altered circumstances surrounding its working, having gone considerably beyond any ideas that its founders could have anticipated, rendered this revision and amendment necessary, and the Committee feel that their labours, the result of which will be shortly placed before the brethren, must tend to the better and more harmonious working of the Institution, whilst its improving financial position has fortunately enabled the Committee to increase the benefits to the children for whose welfare the Institution has been established. Finally, we ask for continued and increased effort on the part of all good Masons, the result of which will in years to come enable those who will have the management of this great Charity still further to increase these benefits to the fatherless and the orphan, and so maintain the position of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution as first and foremost in the ranks of Masonic beneficence.

Five Past Masters of the Committee of the Hamer Benevolent Fund were elected, and also two Auditors, a Secretary, and Treasurer.

The annual Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution was then held, and subsequently the Annual Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the usual business was transacted.

The P.G. Lodge was then closed in solemn form, and according to ancient custom.

The banquet was held at the Winter Gardens, and was largely attended. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, presided, being supported by the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and many of the P.G. officers of West Lancashire.

After "The Health of the Queen" had been duly honoured,

The P.G.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." He observed that not only was the Prince of Wales a most ardent Mason, but Prince Leopold was also, for His Royal Highness, in his own Province of Oxford, took an active part alike in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. (Loud applause.)

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Col. Stanley, P.D.G.M., and responded to by Bro. Dr. Moore.

"The Health of the R.W.D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire" was received most enthusiastically.

Lord Skelmersdale, in responding, said Masonry was in a most flourishing condition in this province, for there were somewhere about 5000 members, and this year there were upwards of 600 initiations. (Applause.) He thanked the brethren most cordially for attending in such large numbers that day. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Davis, P.M., proposed "The Right Hon. Frederick Stanley, R.W.D.G.M., and the Prov. G. Wardens." (Loud applause.)

Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., who was loudly cheered, responded. He said he thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast, and he was happy to find that, notwithstanding the bad times, Masonry in West Lancashire was in so good a position. That showed that Masons were determined to put a cheerful face on matters, and that, whatever might be the ups and downs of life, they were determined to hold together. (Applause.)

Several other toasts were proposed and most cordially received, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Second Grand Principal of England and Grand Supt. of the Western Division of Lancashire, the annual P.G. Chapter of West Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Morecambe, immediately preceding the P.G. Lodge meeting. There was a large and influential gathering of P.G. Officers and others.

The P.G. Chapter having been opened in due and solemn form, the minutes of the previous P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed.

The M.E. Superintendent appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Robert Wylie...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. R. Robertson ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. S. Alpass ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Wm. Tyrer ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. H. Evans ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. W. Cottam ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" J. Wainwright ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. Robinson ...	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" T. Clark ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" P. J. Edleston ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" John Wells ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Joseph Skeaf ...	...	...	Prov. G.O.

The usual business of the P.G. Chapter was transacted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

On Monday last the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, occupied the throne, and he was supported by a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. J. H. Scott, Prov. Deputy G.M.; Warden Sergison, Prov. G.S.W.; J. St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Hale, Prov. G.S.D.; M. Tanner, Prov. G.J.D.; C. Tomkinson, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. G. Sharp, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Jos. Farncombe, Prov. G.S.; A. King, Prov. G. Org.; W. T. Nell, Prov. G. Purs.; G. T. Evershed, A. J. Hawkes, F. J. Rubie, F. Holford, and S. B. McWhinnie, Prov. G. Stewards.

At one o'clock the Prov. Grand Stewards entertained the Prov. Grand Master and a number of distinguished Masons a luncheon, after which the Board of Finance assembled and transacted a considerable amount of business in readiness for the general meeting at three o'clock.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A very satisfactory report was then presented from the Board of Finance and adopted.

The Charities Committee presented a report showing that all the lodges in the province had subscribed, and that one election in the Girls' School, and one election of a widow to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been secured. This report was also adopted.

The Provincial Grand Sec. then read statistics, showing that new lodges had been established during the year at Bognor, Hurstpierpoint, Brighton (Atlingworth), and Shoreham. That the number of brethren at the last meeting was 828; that during the year sixty-five had been initiated, forty-seven joined, thirty-eight resigned, twelve died, and six had withdrawn, leaving the present number 884.

Bro. Sir Walter Burrell congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the province, as evidenced by the statistics just read. In 1877 there were 784 members, since which time there had been an increase of one hundred. During the past year three new lodges had been opened, and in the course of next month another was to be

added to the roll. He congratulated the province that the scheme brought forward last year of subscriptions by lodges to the Masonic Charities had worked out successfully, and he threw out some practical suggestions for further development of this movement by subscriptions from individual members. If this were fully carried out the province might make pretty sure of the election of their candidates. He urged upon them the desirability of making good and sufficient inquiries into the character of those who wish to become members of the Craft. The object was not so much to increase the number as that those initiated should be men of the highest respectability. He trusted that honour and success would attend the Institution in the future as in the past. (Applause.) He then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. C. Raymond Burrell ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" R. Adams ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Crosskey ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. A. Woolley ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Bright ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" S. Evershed ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. Wyatt ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. M. Kidd ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. R. Crouchier ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" A. J. Hawkes ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. King ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Rubie ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. J. T. Whatford, T. Morris, C. R. Chandler, G. Stone, S. W. D. Williams, and C. J. Smith ... Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. T. Hughes ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Dawes (P.P.G. Reg.) proposed "That the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, the privileges accruing therefrom to be conferred on Bro. John Scott, Prov. D.G.M., and to be exercised by him and his successors in office in perpetuity.

Bro. Walter Kirkland seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the handsome sum which they had thus added to his list, as one of the Stewards to the Benevolent Institution for the present year, and expressed a hope the brethren would individually help to swell the amount.

After some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet took place in the banquetting room at five o'clock, the services of Messrs. Sayers and Marks having been secured to carry out this important part of the day's programme. About 100 were present. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and his Provincial Officers, the Masters of the various lodges in the province, the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. Marriott, Q.C., Bro. Kuhe, and others.

Grace having been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Prov. Grand Master and heartily received.

Bro. Rev. R. Adams proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," eulogising the eminent services of Bro. Kuhe, who, as Grand Organist of England, had done his duty, and who was not only a true Mason, but a good man in every sense of the word. (Applause.)

Bro. Kuhe responded.

Bro. J. Henderson Scott gave "The Health of Sir Walter Burrell," and said it was a happy day for Masonry in Sussex when he (Sir Walter) was appointed to the high position in the Craft which he now occupied. Their Provincial Grand Master was most popular in the province, and he devoted considerable time and attention to the duties of his office. He desired to make himself familiar with the working of every lodge, and he had visited each one during the short time he had presided over them. He trusted Sir Walter might long be spared to occupy the proud position of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. (Loud applause.)

The Prov. Grand Master replied in a happy manner amid frequent applause, especially thanking his Past Officers for the assiduous discharge of their various duties.

Bro. Marriott proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master." In doing so he said that Bro. Scott was a tower of strength in the Craft, and his energy in well doing knew no bounds. He had to couple with the toast "The Health of the Present and Past Provincial Officers," and in doing so spoke of the popularity of the appointment of Sir Walter Burrell's eldest son to the post of Senior Warden. As the next officer in rank none was more popular than Bro. Davey, the respected Mayor of Brighton. (Applause.) The other appointments he had no hesitation in saying met with general approval.

Bro. J. H. Scott replied. He said it was very gratifying that those who held office did so with the hearty approval of the brethren. He wished to point to his own career as an example to young Masons. He had been every round of the ladder, and all would attain honours if they only threw energy into their work and were content to bide their time.

Bro. H. Davey also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Marriott, Q.C., responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. C. A. Woolley gave "The W.M.'s of the Province," a body of men who held very responsible positions in the Craft, and who discharged their duties with great zeal and ability.

Bro. W. Curtis replied.

The Prov. Grand Master asked the brethren to drink

"Success to the Masonic Charities," urging upon them love and charity as their watchwords. (Applause.)

Bro. Gerard Ford gave "The Health of the Stewards," who had catered so well for their comfort on that occasion.

Bros. McWhinnie, Hawkes, Holford, and Rubie, expressed their appreciation of the compliment.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end.

During the evening Bro. Kuhe favoured the brethren with a brilliant pianoforte performance. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. King, Prov. G. Organist, the vocalists being Bros. Large, G. T. Carter, F. Distin, and L. Conti, all of whom discharged their allotted parts with considerable ability.

A TEN-MINUTES' "ORATION."

The following oration was delivered on September 18th and 19th, at the consecration of Portmadoc and Holyhead Lodge Rooms, by Bro. the Rev. J. Sidney Boucher, P.G.C. and P.W.M. Segontium, 606, Carnarvon:—The appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new lodge-room seems equally to call for remark upon the time-honoured Institution which is here to have its home. What then, briefly, is Freemasonry?—originally, no doubt, a Guild of Artificers, dating from the reign of King Solomon, and organised by his marvellous wisdom; with valuable trade secrets to keep close among themselves, and a careful system of passwords, signs, and tokens for their preservation; a regular classification of the brethren into convenient groups or lodges; orderly arrangements for government and discipline; periodical examinations of junior workmen, to ascertain the progress they were making; solemn forms and ceremonies for admitting new members into the brotherhood, passing successful candidates to higher degrees of proficiency, and investing them with conspicuous badges of merit; special times and places for discussing business matters, with a rigid exclusion of all exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of temple-building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of India and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this, and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic association rapidly developed, and extended to every quarter of the civilised world. A powerful organisation of this kind, with its ever accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures, beautiful even in their ruin, erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era; and in especial for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals that sprang up everywhere in Great Britain and the Continent during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown for the sake of companionship with the illustrious Masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory. By degrees, however, these "speculative" Masons, who by special favour were admitted to the freedom of the Craft, so far outnumbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners from the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the Ancient Guild, with its working tools and badges; its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive ritual, and its oral triadic instruction—but turning all into parable and metaphor, so that, as we have it now, it is simply a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have in all probability passed away from us for ever. Such is Freemasonry in the past. What then are its claims upon us in the present? And why are we here to-day doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future? Now to answer these inquiries we must call to mind that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects, a lower and a higher; viz.: (1) as connected with lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world, and (2) as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever. In its lower aspect it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz.: as (a) a bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity; (b) a central ground of meeting for free and social intercourse among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances; (c) a universal letter of introduction to entire strangers, and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed. In its higher aspect it is still more worthy of the eulogies and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our fraternal charges well expresses it: "Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Masons' Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge through all the various stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious truths connecting earth with heaven: the eternal existence of a triune God, the resurrection of

the body, and the immortality of the soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue, and teaches plainly in the First Degree to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct, in the Second, by the square of morality and honesty; and in the Third to circumscribe our passions with the compass of propriety, and keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just, and true to our fellow men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother of the Craft may calmly wait that awful moment when his heart shall cease to throb and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless, unexplored expanse above. Truly then is Masonry a noble thing, and nobly should it be enshrined among us. It is a precious jewel which demands a goodly setting, and we congratulate the brethren of this lodge upon the admirable hall which is consecrated to its use to-day, as our first G.M.K.S. congratulated himself and his people when his building at Jerusalem was completed—"I was glad when they said unto me, We will go unto the House of the Lord. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit His temple." Being then what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent it is, no doubt, and, in proof of this, we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet, is it not the case that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be?—that, in fact, they might and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say that Masonry is by no means popular with women as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who take an independent stand in thought and feeling fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a wide-spread feeling that men become Masons, not from high but low motives, to increase their business connection, perhaps, or enlarge their "jolly-good-fellow" circle; and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little else than a costly knife-and-fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spiced money upon extravagant eating and drinking, especially drinking. That this opinion may have had foundation in the conduct of some few past and even present brethren cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room for meeting can be found except at the public inn, where temptations and excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons thus unhappily situated have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest lodge refreshment with Masonic guards and checks on every side, that does the mischief; but the un-Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the lodge is opened, and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen, that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten, that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbed by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole fraternity. Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy; or than the Legislature for not making every one sober and religious by Act of Parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing the temptations to vice and the facilities for getting drunk. And an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves, and the world at large, when every lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes, where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary well kept reading room, without hesitation on their own part or suspicion on the part of others; where evenings may be often spent, not wearily and drearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in "lectures" and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation, to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge." And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an ancient charge? "A Mason's lodge is an emblematic representation of the universe, the magnificent temple of that G.A. whom we all revere and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty are the pillars of His throne and manifest in all His works; His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and His beauty shines through all creation, in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how can it possibly be realised in a public-house, with un-Masonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders in every corner. Very cordially then do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the Madoc and St. Cybi Lodges for the temple-building they have done. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper as you well deserve! This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord. Long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good-fellowship, by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this lodge so tend to exalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that

Masonry may flourish here as in every other quarter of the globe; and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission by diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to all the opposition of the outer world; like the lofty summit of the mighty Snowdon, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

The following balance sheet may interest some of our readers:

THE TREASURER GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33rd, 1st JULY, 1879.

Receipts.		
	£	s. d.
1st July, 1878.		
To Balance in London & Westminster Bank	423	6 11
„ Receipts to 30th June, 1879 ...	2508	16 10
	£2932	3 9
Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.
By Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages,		
Furniture, Repairs, &c. ...	1488	5 0
Charitable Donations ...	198	11 0
Balance in London & Westminster Bank	1229	18 9
Do. in Treasurer's hands ...	15	9 0
	£2932	3 9
Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct.		
(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33 rd .		
G. LAMBERT, 33 rd .		
F. RICHARDSON, 31 st .		
3rd July, 1879.		

BALANCE-SHEET, 1ST JULY, 1879.

Assets.		
	£	s. d.
Cash in London & Westminster Bank	1229	18 9
" in Treasurer's hands ...	15	9 0
£900 Madras Stock cost ...	1007	5 0
£800 " Debenture Stock ...	800	0 0
£1200 Russian Bonds, cost ...	1189	10 0
£1000 3 per cent. Consols ...	962	10 0
Library, estimated at ...	2158	2 0
Plate, valued at ...	365	10 0
Organ, valued at ...	300	0 0
Furniture and Appointments ...	1842	0 7
Leases:—33, Golden Square ...	864	0 0
2, Upper John-street ...	925	0 0
Masonic Hall ...	1356	0 0
Cellarage ...	500	0 0
	£13515	5 4
Liabilities.		
	£	s. d.
Compounders, 31 st , 32 nd , 33 rd —139 Members ...	722	8 6
" 30 th —292 Members ...	1011	8 0
Unappropriated ...	2	19 6
Balance, being Capital ...	11778	9 4
	£13515	5 4

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Public Accountant,
22, Bedford-place, Russell-sq., W.
33, Golden-sq., London, W.,
H. CLERK, 33rd, Grand Treas., Gen.

MASONIC MUSIC.

A very interesting and instructive lecture on the above subject was given by Bro. Dr. Spark, P.M. 289, P.P.G.O. of West Yorkshire, to the brethren and visitors of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 289, on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the special request of the W.M., Bro. G. B. Scott. The lecture was divided into two parts, the first consisting of music adapted for the various ceremonies of the Craft, the second of that used at Masonic festive gatherings. The illustrations, which were most efficiently given by Bros. Blagboro, Dodds, Higgins, and Rickard, were all taken from the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," edited by Bro. Dr. Spark, who also took part in the vocal examples, and played the necessary accompaniments. Mendelssohn's "Like as a Father pitieth his Children," Mozart's "Gude us, oh, thou Great Jehovah," and the lamented Bro. Henry Smart's "I will wash my hands in innocency," were much appreciated amongst the adapted music of the first division of the lecture; whilst of the music specially composed for Masonic ceremonies, a part song, "Now the Evening Shadows," by Bro. Dr. Spark, and a *Sanctus*, with a tenor solo and soft response chorus, by the same composer, were greatly admired, the solo in the latter piece being beautifully given by Bro. Blagboro. In the second division of the lecture "Hail, Masonry Divine," an inspiring composition, specially written by the lecturer for the ceremony of installation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, was very effective. A very quaint old English tenor song, "The Pratty Flowers," composer unknown, was much applauded, and was given with that charming sweetness and purity of tone for which Bro. Blagboro is so justly celebrated. The lecturer, as might be anticipated, strongly advocated

* Of this balance £800 has been since invested in Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds.

a closer and more systematic alliance of good and appropriate music with the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry than is at present general. The literary merits of the lecture were considerable, and, with the musical illustrations, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience, amongst whom was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. J. W. Tew, J.P. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and the brethren assisting him, proposed by Bro. H. Hutchins, P.M., and seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was carried by acclamation, and it was very evident that the object of the lecture was in thorough accordance with the desires of those present. After refreshment further illustrations of Masonic festive music were given by various brethren, and once more an enjoyable Masonic evening was spent in the lodge, which its brethren love to speak of as "Old Fidelity."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly Committee meeting of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton presided. There were also present Bros. W. Hale, S. Rawson, C. P. Dilley, J. Brett, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles Atkins, J. H. Leggatt, J. M. Case, Wm. Stephens, R. H. Giraud, C. J. Perceval, L. Stean, J. Kemp, J. A. Farnfield, Dr. Jabez Hogg, H. Somerville Burney, Chas. Lacey, Jas. Willing, jun., Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, James Terry (Secretary), and E. C. Massey, (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting (10th September) were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported the death of two female annuitants, one having received £130, and the other £80.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

An investment of £1000 in Three Per Cent. Consols on account of the Male Annuitants' Fund, and a similar addition to the Female Fund were ordered.

The Secretary reported that he had made a contract with a firm at Croydon for supplying coals to the Institution throughout the winter months at a fixed price of 25s. per ton.

A letter from the Assistant Grand Secretary was read stating, in reply to a letter of inquiry from Bro. Terry respecting office accommodation, that the matter is under consideration of the Premises Committee.

Petitions were considered of two female candidates, whose names were added to the list. Petitions were also received from four male candidates, with the result that three names were added to the list, one petition being sent back, not being in conformity with the rules of the Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Joyce Murray in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. Richard Morris, L.L.D. (Head Master of the School), F. H. Ebsworth, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, W. H. Perryman, Donald M. Dewar, S. Rosenthal, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. B. Webster, William Roebuck, Richard Tyrrill, J. G. Chancellor, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thomas Meggy, Geo. J. Palmer, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, an addition of £5 per annum was made to the salary of the Foreign Master. The petition for placing one candidate on the list for the April election was received, examined, and agreed to, and an outfit was granted to one lad who has left the Institution and obtained a situation. An application for funds for apprenticing one boy, after a little discussion, was ordered to stand over for further information, and the Committee then adjourned.

Order of St. Lawrence.

YORK.—Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at which were present Bros. G. Simpson, R.W.M.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., as J.W.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. Humphries, I.G.; W. P. Husband, K. of G.; A. T. B. Turner, Sec.; L. Murphy, S. F. Bousfield, P. Pearson, Tyler. The Degree was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Wilkes, Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington. Bro. T. B. Whythead gave a report of the proceedings at a meeting he had attended at the Alexandra Palace on the 9th August, for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees. The lodge expressed its general approval of the course adopted, and after some conversation and suggestions relating to the government of the Order of St. Lawrence, the lodge was closed.

The Eighty-Second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in June next at the Alexandra Palace, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, in the chair.

The Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, was opened on Monday last, and will meet regularly for the future on Monday evenings, from 8 to 10, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. W. Robinson, P.M.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

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BIRTHS.

CUFFE.—On the 3rd inst., at 143, Sloane-street, the Lady Margaret Cuffe, of a daughter.

GORDON.—On the 30th ult., at 5, Clarendon-villas, West Brighton, Sussex, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Gordon, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MAY—LYON.—On the 1st inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Morgan, son of Walter May, Esq., Bridgman House, Teddington, to Sarah Charlotte, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Lyon, rural dean and vicar of Kilbarron, county Tipperary.

HOLLEY—HAYTER-HAMES.—On the 1st inst., at St. Michael's Church, Chagford, Edmund Hunt Holley, Esq., captain Royal Artillery, to Georgina Amelia, daughter of the Rev. H. G. Hayter-Hames, rector of Chagford, Devon.

DEATHS.

NANGLE.—On the 27th ult., at Gibraltar, the Hon. Mrs. W. C. Nangle.

YORKE.—On the 2nd inst., at the Deanery, Worcester, in his 70th year, the Hon. and Very Rev. Grantham Munion Yorke, D.D., Dean of Worcester.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1879.

THE RECENT MEETING OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Though the reports we have so far received from the last "Convent" are neither precise nor particular, we are able to state that in several very important points the last meeting was marked by great moderation and circumspection. We do not so far gather what has been the result of the Ritual Revision, or what are the exact modifications introduced in the Ritual, but we shall refer to that subject later, and we hope that previous anticipations of any serious change or of any revolutionary alterations may be found to have been exaggerated or hasty. We are, we confess, struck with the wise tone and cautious temper of the meeting, so clearly exhibited, and, above all, with the repeated assurances of the speakers that no actual negation of the G.A.O.T.U. is really intended by previous innovations, whatever outward appearances may seem to suggest. We are, therefore, in hopes that a bridge may yet be formed by which the chasm between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of England may be passable, and we shall rejoice if that anticipation prove these, as, while we have always regretted the course events have taken (and events are sometimes, as we know, stronger than men), we have always had a most kindly and fraternal feeling for French Freemasons. We know the real difficulties of their position, their trials and their troubles, their stumbling blocks and pitfalls, in the face of unwise friends or a bitter Ultramontanism, and if we have spoken strongly it is because we wished sincerely well to the Grand Orient of France, and were interested as brother Masons in the progress and prestige of French Freemasonry. We trust that better days are in store for Freemasonry in France, and if moderate counsels prevail, if calm reflection leads our good brethren to modify needless changes, and to remove unwelcome impressions in the interests of peace, goodwill, and cosmopolitan fraternity, we trust that some "modus vivendi" may yet be discovered as between French and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. We venture, therefore, with genuine feelings of goodwill and sympathy, to offer our advice to the members of the Grand Orient of France, in the interests, above all, of peace and confraternity. Do not too hastily take up with alien bodies or doubtful organizations in other jurisdictions, for if you do you will only add complication to complication, and stumbling block to stumbling block. Freemasonry is something too high, too grand, too noble, too true, and, above all, too universal to be coloured or dominated by "Positivism," or any other "ism," and remembering what just now is the attack on Freemasonry "all along the line" by vigilant and unscrupulous Ultramontane antagonists, we feel sure that the only safe position for universal Freemasonry is to be found in the old and religious avowal of positive belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., the acceptance of the Bible, and the realization of the immortality of the human being. The questions of "creeds and catechisms" must be left, where Freemasonry leaves it, to the conscientious conviction of humble and pious believers, but, alike in its exoteric symbolism and its esoteric instructions, Freemasonry, avoiding controversy, seeks to rally round its peaceful banners all who can reverently look up to T.G.A.O.T.U., and work together in love, unity, and harmony, screened altogether from controversial difficulties, and ignoring antagonistic schools of thought, philosophy, and belief. Freemasonry passes judgment on none, condemns none, excommunicates none, but recognizes bonâ fide the sublime axiom of inspired authority, that each mortal "to his own master standeth or falleth." We, therefore, are glad to hail such signs of moderation as the last Convent of the Grand Orient really displays, if we are rightly informed, and to express our hope that unfortunate divisions and sad separations

may one day be healed and removed. We speak, as we said before, with some diffidence and reserve, as we do not quite understand as yet what has actually taken place on that most important point, the revision of the ritual, and which must affect, for good or for evil, French Craft Masonry, from our Anglo-Saxon point of view, greatly and gravely for the future. But we are willing and ready to hope, we repeat, for the best. As regards the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the accounts of the position do not appear. We have already expressed our sympathy, clear and decided, with the "Grand Conseil," but we fear that men's minds are too heated just now to accept either pleas of moderation or the traditions of honour, justice, and truth. We fear that with the animus prevalent in some quarters in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France there is a tendency to "extreme measures," both of defiance, of authority, and revolutionary change, and while we still feel how unjust is this violent excitement, this rampant insubordination to the governing body on the hierarchical and sovereign principles of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite itself, we will add another expression of hope that calmer counsels and moderate measures may yet prevail.

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We are so much struck with the report of this excellent Charity, so much so that we think it right to call the attention of our readers to it, and support the earnest appeal of the Committee for continuous and increased support. It is impossible to overrate its utility and needs, as a few figures will speedily show. It was founded in 1850, and from 1850 to 1863 it expended £780 11s. 9d. in the prosecution of its laudable designs, its philanthropic efforts. From 1863 to 1878 its payments have amounted to £4647 16s., and in 1878 it reached the highest amount, £580 16s. 1d. With this sum it helps the education and advancement in life of eighty-nine children, of whom forty-four are girls, and forty-five are boys. The highest sum paid for any child is James Mott, £30; the lowest is E. Warlington, £1 8s. 9d. The Association has now £14,900 invested and luckily for it, it has been that in past years its resources have been husbanded, as the donations and subscriptions from brethren do not now cover its working expenses. Its annual balance-sheet is as follows:—It had a balance at the bank of £306 5s. 7d., and received from investment, &c., £755 5s. 10d.; from Masonic hall, Liverpool, £103 10s. 9d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, £105; donations and subscriptions, £469 9s. 6d.; interest £2 15s. 8d.; in all £1742 6s. 7d. Its expenditure for education of children, &c., was £580 16s. 1d.; it purchased stock £807 18s.; it paid for stationery and small expenses £24, and had a balance in hand of £329 12s. 6d. Such is the resumé of twelve months' work of a very useful Provincial Institution, and such we commend to the notice and approval of our readers.

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

We cannot concur with the gloomy estimate which our contemporary, the *Times*, is pleased to take of our "financial position" in respect of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget, neither do we profess to understand the principle on which this melancholy, (rather morbid), view of our financial struggles has been arrived at. If we understand figures, as we hope we do, they tell us a very different tale, apart from interested speculations or party "discounting," and we venture to think, on the contrary, though not as good, and certainly not as cheerful as they might be, they are yet coloured with a brighter gleam of hope, are yet suggestive of slight, and, let us trust, increasing improvement. As we read the figures, they amount to this; a deficit, though not in some items, but on the whole, if a loss on the quarter, a gain on the half year, and the twelve months. The decrease in the quarter appears to be £100,305, mainly, as was to be expected, on the Customs and Excise; the gain

of £332,695 on other items being counterbalanced by a deficiency of £433,000. On the half year the increase is not large, for it only amounts to £4050, still it is an increase and not a decrease, and we can afford just now to be thankful for "small blessings." On the twelve months ending Sept. 30th, the increase is £3,322,351, with a decrease of £653,000. The whole amount for the twelve months ending September 30th, 1879, being £83,102,022, as against £79,797,671, and though, no doubt, the main increase is on the Income Tax, yet stamps give us an increase of £163,000, the Post Office of £40,000, and repayment of interest £183,004. The loss on Excise and Customs amounts to £619,000—£189,000 for Customs and £430,000 for Excise. Considering the exceptionally hard times we have lately gone through, for trade has been very bad in almost every branch, we are not surprised at such a statement, but we are inclined to believe from a comparison of the quarters ending September 30th, 1878, and September 30th, 1879, that good hopes may yet be entertained of a "rally" before next April in the important matter of "Customs" and "Excise." It would have indeed been strange if Customs and Excise had not fallen with the national barometer of prosperous or unprosperous trade, and we ought, we think, instead of complaining, to be glad that matters are so worse. We trust sincerely that with 1880 we may witness renewed confidence and reviving trade, and that the onward tide of increasing national prosperity may float our good ship "Britannia" beyond the gloomy breakers of deficits and debts. We venture to think, not being politicians, that a good deal of exaggeration in view of a coming election prevails on such matters, and that, after all, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may yet, in 1880, be able, if not quite to "balance his accounts," to exhibit no very alarming deficit.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

BRO. COLEMAN'S MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879 AND 1880, AND HIS ACCOUNT OF MASONIC IMPOSTORS, TRAMPS, &c., IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Our R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, of La Grange, Kentucky, United States, has most kindly sent me a copy of this most interesting and valuable annual, which contains the names and addresses of the fifty-four Grand Lodges of America and Canada, also of their Grand Officers, and the names and location of the 10,000 lodges holding under them; also the names and address of nearly every Grand Lodge, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Masonic Body over the whole globe.

Amongst other interesting and valuable information is an article, by R.W. Bro. Morris, on the Jewish half-shekel, widow's mite, &c.

The calendar also gives most valuable statistics, by M. Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, and a list of all American Relief Committees.

This short note of its contents will show how valuable this work will be to all brethren who have Masonic correspondence abroad, and how its perusal will well repay any brother.

Bro. Coleman, at page 95, gives most interesting accounts of Masonic impostors, tramps, &c., and names a great many leading American ones, adding, "But I might accumulate page upon page of such notices. There are not less than 500 of those leeches to-day sucking the blood out of our Masonic Charities."

Doubtless few of your readers will be prepared for such a statement, but there can be no doubt of it from the facts stated by Bro. Coleman.

Now, as our Masonic lodges will be renewing their meetings this month and next, I would like to call their attention to this matter.

Bro. Coleman states from his own experience and that of the many brethren whom he has consulted, and amongst whom are our venerable and esteemed R.W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, and R. Ex. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, that the following are good rules to guard against these impostors, tramps, &c.

1st. To ascertain that there is the lodge the applicant states he hails from, as American applicants sometimes hail from lodges which do not exist, or from what are called Black Lodges, which are not recognised in these countries. This can be ascertained from the proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges, or Bro. Coleman's calendar.

2nd. Always, if possible, to telegraph to the lodge to know the standing of the applicant in it, and if the applicant be an impostor or a tramp he will become very indignant, and make an excuse for his departure, and not wanting the relief at the time.

Not long since an applicant sought to gain admission as a Grand Master to a lodge here, but who was found to belong to one of these Black Lodges, and of course refused, and being shown our Masonic buildings and the matter explained to him, he was quite pleased and satisfied.

I need not say I am proud to find such brethren as Bros. Parvin, Fox, and Coleman approve of the system of telegraphing—I long since urged it in a letter you kindly inserted; and I would again most strongly, and from longer experience, urge even more strongly than before its use before giving relief.

I remain, yours, fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin,
2nd October, 1879.

CAN WE NON-CONFIRM?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A lodge issues a summons convening a regular meeting. Business: passing Bro. Brown; raising Bro. Smith; election of W.M. for the ensuing year. There are a majority of brethren desirous of electing a Past Master, instead of the S.W., who has made himself very unpopular. The S.W. and his friends are at the posts at the hour named on the summons, open the lodge, and read the minutes. Before any one else is admitted into the lodge the W.M. says they will now proceed to elect the W.M. for next year, and so gain the election by three votes before others are admitted known to be in favour of the P.M. Can the minutes be upset at the next meeting on account of the election not being taken in the order of business on the paper?

Yours fraternally,

E. L.

[The minute of election can be non-confirmed at next meeting on any ground the voters think well to take, so far, that is, as is proper, legal, and Masonic. If this election, as it seems, is the result of a "trick," it will be properly non-confirmed by the majority. All our brother has to do is to move "the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes relating to the election of the W.M." The lodge will then proceed to ballot for a W.M. This position is, however, to be deprecated, as the W.M. will not have served his twelve months.—E. F. M.]

Reviews.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS. W. W. Morgan, 67, Barbican.

We have never changed our opinion on this vexata questio. We expressed it strongly years ago, and time only confirms our objections to meddling interference with our established system. There never has been perfect uniformity of ritual in our English system, and there never can be, owing to the imperfections of the human memory, unless, indeed, we resort to that most objectionable, and idle, and worthless of all proceedings, a printed ritual. Before the Union in 1813 more that one system was in vogue in England, and since the Union certain allowable differences may be traced by the careful observer in the "working" in various parts of England. There is the Emulation working, for instance, based on Williams' corrections, now very popular and widely used. There is the working, which our good old Bro. Muggeridge preserves so carefully in the Stability Lodge of Improvement, and which is the earlier stage of the Emulation. There is the Prestonian working, which was the predominant working until 1813, and which still prevails in many parts, and there are lodges, like the Lodge of Antiquity, with special ceremonies. So long as in all these workings the landmarks of the Order and the appurtena of Freemasonry are strictly and studiously preserved, there is no reason why we should not allow these slight differences, and any attempt to reduce all working to one stereotyped form could only result in a period of "cram" and parrot-like performance. A Board of Ritual Preceptors would do more harm than good, and though we doubt not Bro. Stevens' zeal, in our opinion that zeal outruns his discretion, and we feel quite persuaded ourselves that Grand Lodge will never consent to any such proposition. It is alike unnecessary, uncalled for, and, in our opinion, will be utterly injurious to industry and energy in our officers, and to true, and educated, and sensible Freemasonry amongst us.

THE REALITIES OF FREEMASONRY. By Mrs. BLAKE. Chapman and Hall, 193, Piccadilly.

We rise from the perusal of this work, (well printed as it is), with mingled feelings of wonder and curiosity. We cannot quite understand it—its "raison d'être," the cause of its appearance. For it tells us nothing we did not know before, and throws no new light on the realities, or objects, or work of Freemasonry. It is practically a reprint of well-known Masonic documents, a statement of facts and views as regards Freemasonry, resting too often on the "picturesque" but unsafe authority of Clavel, and of works which in our modern criticism are not now acknowledged as reliable teachers or trustworthy guides. Indeed, it is to us nothing but what can be found in well-known manuals. Mrs. Blake, with some admiration for the benevolent aspect and work of Freemasonry, seems to lean, curiously enough, in much, at any rate, to the mistaken, most mistaken, Ultramontane theory of Masonic existence, formularies, and work. If we are to judge from her words, she clearly does not recognize either the mission, or the need, or the benefits of Freemasonry at this epoch in the history of civilization and the annals of the world. Mrs. Blake accepts the Georgian era of Masonic life, and repudiates the connection between speculative Masonry and Guild Masonry. She also accepts the Romish distinction

between Freemasonry in England and Freemasonry abroad, and brands all foreign Freemasonry with the stigma of revolutionary and destructive principles. While, therefore, we note the publication of this work as a feature of the hour, significant both of the curiosity of the reading public and the present prestige of our Order, we must beg respectfully to dissent from its supposed "reality" and "realism" as explaining what Freemasonry is, and can only remember it among many similar publications, which have no real worth and no "staying power" as authoritative expositions of a remarkable Order, beyond gratifying an idle love for exposition of "mysteries," and an "ad captandum" sentiment of unsatisfactory "cram" in respect of recondite truths and mysterious symbolism. While we say this we feel bound to recognize the carefulness with which Mrs. Blake has collected and arranged her available authorities, though we cannot assent to her deductions, nor can we concur in her conclusions. The work is a remarkable work, even in its errors, omissions, and weaknesses, for a non-Mason to have put together.

HOW I VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CAPE. By

T. E. FENN. Tinsley and Co.

This amusing work is the production of a son of our esteemed and well-known Bro. Thomas Fenn, for not to know that good Masonic ritualist and teacher is really to argue oneself Masonically unknown. For his sake the work would have deserved, had even its merits been less conspicuous than they really are, notice in the *Freemason*. But having read the book we can safely commend it to the attention of our many readers, as containing a truthful and effective picture of striking events and a desperate struggle. If any wish to know the real difficulties of "bush warfare," if any are desirous to realize the conditions of an encounter between civilization and barbarism in a far-off land, if any seek to master the "facts of the case," and to appreciate how well our soldiers, and sailors, and volunteers "went to the front" and "fought it out," obedient to the calls of duty, let them open the interesting pages of Mr. Fenn's work, and master alike his lively illustrations and animated descriptions of "stiff service" and "hard blows." We have in this book a very lucid, but we feel sure, truthful description of what all went through who have taken part in the Zulu war, and we think that no candid reader can rise from it without feeling proud of numerous heroes of our race and land, and without thanking the writer of it for a most readable and instructive work. It says a good deal for the author's pluck and patriotic feeling that, instead of leading an idle life at home, as too many do to-day, he volunteered for work, and danger, and rough doing, and bad fare, anxious as the son of a good Mason to demonstrate his loyalty as an Englishman, and his devotion as a volunteer.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CHARLES MARTEL.

My esteemed friend, Bro. Hughan, is not (for once) quite correct as to Charles Martel. He is referred to at lines 579, 580, 581, and 589 in Matthew Cooke's MS. as Carolus Secundus and Charles the Second, and is, no doubt, the same as mentioned in all the subsequent prose contributions. Charles Martel did give laws and privileges to the French Masonic Guilds, as Depping shows us. There is no reference to Charles Martel in Halliwell's poem.

A. F. A. W.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

Masonic students are indebted to Bro. Gould for reviving this interesting question. Findel's argument as to un-Teutonic origin of the "Ars Quatuor" of English Masonry is clearly unhistorical. The allusions to the "Coronati" probably date even before 600, though it would be interesting to hear when these names first appeared in the Roman Service Book. Perhaps some one can tell us what is the date of the "earliest service book" known in England or at Rome.

A. F. A. W.

"P.M. No. 1 (S.C.)" AND MELROSE LODGE, &c.

I do not care to say aught as to the relative positions of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland—which existed prior to its formation—in the event of the old lodge at Melrose agreeing to enter its fold, but, doubtless, the members of Grand Lodge would do much for the sake of peace and harmony, should the much-wished-for union occur, as they did in 1807 and since. The note of warning, however, which a writer has sounded under the signature of "P.M. No. 1, S.C." must not be disregarded, and, therefore, I trust that the authorities "across the border" will carefully consider his letter in the *Freemason* of last week. As a member (honorary) of Nos. 0, 1, and 5, Scotland, I may be excused saying this much, but yet I have so great a longing to see old Melrose Lodge fall into line that I fraternally advise the terms to be made as easy and honourable as possible to all concerned. Our Bro. Vernon will soon announce his complete account of his researches, which, it must be remembered, have culminated in the tracing of one of the oldest Masonic MSS. in Scotland.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ANOTHER MASONIC M.S., AND STILL ANOTHER!

In May, 1874, our zealous Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., stated in the "Masonic Magazine," relative to the reproduction of the "Halliwell MS." (modernised version), "It is just possible that this publication may lead to the search for, and discovery of, other Constitutions, and if so, Bro. Hughan's efforts and mine will be

amply rewarded." Since that period we have, together and with other co-workers, traced more MSS. than were known twenty years ago, and we have not yet arrived at the end of our researches. Every now and then a copy of the "Old Charges" is being found, and ere long we shall have quite a number to reproduce for the information of the Craft universal. I have the pleasure to announce the discovery of another old MS., which has been in the most handsome manner placed in my hands (to examine and transcribe) by our illustrious Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., &c. It is written on two parchment skins, which are sewn together, and bears on a most ornate illumination at the head the inscription "J. 2d., R., 1686," i.e., James the Second, King, A.D. 1686. It is, therefore, the same date as the Antiquity MS., and is an exact reproduction of the Dowland MS., save as to the orthography, which, in many respects, is an improvement on that version. The illumination contains two fine ovals, within which are the arms of the City of London and that of the operative Freemasons. It was found lately in Wales, and my own impression is that the document is the missing Masons' Company MS., and so I have informed Colonel Clarke. Our brother has consented to my copying it, and then intends to place it in the valuable library of the Supreme Council, 33°, London, which already is especially rich in uniques, and then will contain one of the most perfect and ornate MSS. known. I hope ere long to announce another MS. which is in the fine collection of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite."

W. J. HUGHAN.

MELROSE LODGE.

In your issue of last week I observe a note by a P.M. of No. 1, Edinburgh, upon the above subject in which he makes some rather dogmatic assertions, upon the authority of "Bro. W. C. Buchan, a well-known and well qualified Masonic archaeological inquirer," who, it seems, had "visited Melrose and examined the whole records and documents of the lodge, but found nothing instructing its existence beyond the earliest date of its minutes, 1678." I am sorry to confess that this is the first time I ever heard of this well-known brother, still my ignorance of his existence does not affect his qualification as a Masonic archaeologist. I have no doubt his researches are accurate in the main and are of great value, and I shall only be too pleased to sit at his feet and study his works if any brother will kindly direct my attention to them, but I must question his accuracy in the present instance if he asserts that the earliest minutes of the Melrose Lodge are those of 1678, and that "he was satisfied that it had no other evidence to produce" of its antiquity. Upon this "P.M. No. 1, S.C." asserts that no evidence has since been discovered either in the lodge's own possession or elsewhere. I am in an position to prove the contrary, having seen documents of an earlier date, and a minute of 1674. I have neither time nor inclination to enter into a correspondence upon this subject, but I cannot but remark that the writer of the note I refer to does not seem to take up the matter in a fraternal spirit; his remarks anent Melrose Lodge seem to partake of a sneering tone, the expressions "a lodge so weak as that of Melrose" (I believe this weak lodge has about 200 members), "it need not expect that these lodges will stand tamely by," seem to me to be wanting in one of our first principles, Charity. I have nothing whatever to do with Melrose Lodge, only in the course of my investigations into the history of some of the Border lodges I came across this anomaly in our midst, an ancient and flourishing lodge, which is unrecognised by the Craft in general—hence my first communication.

W. FRED VERNON.

Obituary.

BRO. AARON WINKUP, P.M. 1356.

As we briefly announced last week, Bro. Aaron Winkup, who was greatly esteemed by a wide circle of Masonic and other friends in Liverpool, died at his residence in Crown street, on Friday, the 26th ult., after an illness of considerable duration. The mortal remains of our deceased brother were interred in the Necropolis, West Derby-road, Liverpool, on Monday the 29th ult., and the wide cherished respect felt for the memory of the deceased was shown by the attendance of about 100 brethren. The deceased had the distinguished privilege of being the first P.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, and was also a P.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667. Amongst the members of the fraternity present were Bros. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; Councillor E. Grindley, 1547; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356; Treasurer 1609; J. Keet, J.W. 1356; H.P. Squire, S.D. 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; J. R. Goepel, P.P. G.D.C.; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; W. Philipps, P.M. 667; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; M. Corless, P.M. 594; T. Clark, P.M. 673; R. Pearson, P.M., 673; Urnson, P.M. 667; W. Evans, W. Jacobs, 673; R. Fairclough, 1356; W. Gamble, 249; C. Campion, 1609; J. Hughes, W. Humphries, Kropman, J. Kirkman, Baker, Ellison, W. Parrington, Bolton, P.M. 667; Devaynes, P.M. 667; Peake, J.W. 667; Campbell, 249; J. Horner, 1356; R. Douglas, and others. The majority of the brethren walked from Crown-street to the Necropolis, preceded by the hearse and three carriages, the first containing three sons of the deceased; the second, Messrs. Tomlinson (senior and junior), Mr. A. Scott, London, and Mr. S. Hughes; and the third, Bro. Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Sinclair, Mr. C. Milbourn, and Mr. Williams. There were also present at the funeral Messrs. Luke Barber, Rankin, R. S. Milbourn, J. Milbourn, H. Shimmin, and other gentlemen. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Rees Evans, the clergyman attached to the Necropolis.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE CHAMBERS.

In response to a suggestion that a Masonic Testimonial in the shape of a purse of money should be presented to Bro. George Chambers, head waiter at the Cannon-street Hotel, in recognition of the very courteous and at all times most efficient discharge of his duties, a Committee has been formed, composed of members of the various lodges and chapters meeting at Cannon-street Hotel, to give effect to the proposition.

The following is the preliminary Committee:—Bros. Captain Kain, P.M. 766, Chairman, pro. tem.; George Kenning, P.Z. 192, Treasurer; George Newman, P.M., P.Z. 192, 766, &c., Hon. Sec.; George Abbott, P.M. 192; A. Braun, M.E.Z. 766; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P. G.S.B. Herts, &c.; Edwd. B. Grabham, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 19; Dr. Kempster, H. 766; Henry Muggidge, P.M., &c.; John Harper, P.M. and Steward St. Paul's Lodge, 194. The co-operation of brethren who may be willing to assist in promoting the object in view is solicited.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

Table with columns for lodge names and amounts in £ s. d. format. Includes entries for Panmure Lodge, Bro. Henry Muggidge, St. Thomas Lodge, etc.

Bro. Major Chard, V.C., has been granted leave of absence, and received Her Majesty's commands to proceed to Balmoral.

The October Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, this day (Saturday) at twelve o'clock. The election will commence at one o'clock and close at three precisely. There are vacancies for eighteen girls, for which there are forty-eight applicants.

Lord Brougham, when practising at the Scotch bar, joined a yatching party to the Western Isles. All of the party, excepting himself, were Freemasons. Having been invited by the brethren of the Lodge Fortrose, Stornaway, to pay them a visit, Brougham was entered, passed, and raised upon that occasion. On returning to Edinburgh, Lord Brougham affiliated with the Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning, and was a frequent attendant, until he removed to London, where his busy political life so absorbed his attention that we hear nothing further of his Masonic career. He never appears to have held Masonic office.—The Krystone.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.—A Grand Council of Illustrious Knights K.H., 30°, will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, the 14th October.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Monday next, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

A warrant has just been granted for the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, to meet at the Warrior-square Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. The day of consecration is not yet fixed.

Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O. England, gave the first of his annual series of pianoforte recitals on Wednesday afternoon to a crowded and fashionable audience at the Pavilion, Brighton. Mr. Carrodus, the eminent violinist, and other artists, assisted at the performance.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421, on Wednesday next, the 15th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. The various Sections will be performed as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

Table listing 1st Section to 7th Section with names and P.M. numbers for the First Lecture.

SECOND LECTURE.

Table listing 1st Section to 5th Section with names and P.M. numbers for the Second Lecture.

THIRD LECTURE.

Table listing 1st Section to 3rd Section with names and P.M. numbers for the Third Lecture.

The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorsetshire was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Dorset. The R.W. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, presided, there being a large attendance of companions from the various chapters in the province, with visitors from other provinces. A report will appear in our next.

The Right Hon. Sir Fitzroy Kelly, head of the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice, was born in London on Oct. 9th, 1796, thus completing his eighty-third year on the 9th inst. As Lord Chief Baron he receives a salary of £7000 per annum. In point of age Sir Fitzroy Kelly is the oldest occupant of the judicial bench.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, at the Crown Hotel, 108, Blackfriars-road, on Thursday, the 23rd October, at 7 p.m. Bros. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, W.M.; Farwig, W.M. 180, S.W.; Wise, P.M. 1158, J.W.

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THIRD LECTURE.

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Bro. Walter Wood, 193, Acting Secretary.

The dinner which was to have been given by the members of the Wanderers' Club on Thursday to Bro. Major Chard, Bro. Major Bromhead, Surgeon-Major Reynolds, and the other defenders of Rorke's Drift who have received the Victoria Cross, has been postponed until the return of Major Chard from Balmoral.

The Queen will, according to present arrangements, leave Balmoral the second week in November, and the stay of the Empress Eugénie at Aberfeldie will terminate at the same time. The Court will pass four weeks at Windsor, and will then remove to Osborne for a couple of months. If the Queen goes abroad next spring she will start about the middle of March.

The installation meeting of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, takes place on Wednesday next, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-street, Pimlico, when Bro. Wm. Vincent will be installed, W.M. A report will appear in due course.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the Freemason, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

Bro. J. L. Toole will officiate at the laying of the foundation stone of the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, this (Saturday) afternoon.

We understand that R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., intends to dedicate to the public a plot of ground in a prominent part of his estate, and commanding a fine view of the sea, upon which the hon. baronet will erect a monument to Captain Cook, the celebrated circumnavigator, who was a native of the locality of Whitby, near to which he served his apprenticeship.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s., sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 17, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

- Quar. Court and Election Girls' School at 12, F.M.H.
- Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1436, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hot.
- " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

- Quar. Court and Election Boys' School at 12, F.M.H.
- Lodge 50, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, 1585, Railway Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
- " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wandéfers, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Gdn.
- S. C. 33^o, 33, Golden-sq.
- Grand Council K.H. 30^o, A. and A.S. Rite, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
- Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

- Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge 140, St. George's, Tratalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

- Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Grand Chap. Knights K. H. 30^o, 33, Golden-sq.
- S. C. 33^o, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

- Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
- " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
- " 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
- " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-avenue.
- The Great City, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salsbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

- Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
- " 711, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs., Barrow.
- " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
- Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Red Cross L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
- " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

- Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
- Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- " 1733, Urnston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urnston.
- Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

- Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

- Lodge 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
- Mark 156, County Palatine, F.M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

- Chap. 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.
- " 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

- Lodge 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.
- " 325, St. John, M.H., Islington-sq., Salford.
- " 581, Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
- " 633, Yarborough, F.M.H., Manchester.
- " 1129, St. Chad, Roe-buck Hot., Rochdale.
- " 1161, De Grey & Ripon, Denmark Hot., C.-on-M.
- " 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.
- Chap. 344, Beauty, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe.
- Preceptory De Lacy, M.H., Southport.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

- Lodge 43, Relief, Albion Hot., Bury.
- " 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- " 348, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.
- " 367, Probity of Freedom, Rd. Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
- " 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.
- Chap. 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

- Lodge 153, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.
- " 993, Alexandra, Medway Hot., Levenshulme.
- " 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.
- Preceptory St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Todmorden.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge held its first regular meeting since the vacation at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. There were present Bros. Charles Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; E. Mallett, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.D. (*Freemason*); Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Abrahams, D.C.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Millar, Robert Burns; H. Smith, Lodge of Israel; J. Andrews, Royal Union; A. Coleman, P.M. 1306; W. Bate, 1306; T. Murrey, 1475. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Hart and initiated Messrs. Harrison and Burchon, both ceremonies being well performed. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Rumball, Carter, and Longstaffe. The election of trustees of the Benevolent Fund then took place, and Bros. Hopwood, Green, and Rumball were duly and unanimously elected. The resignation of Bro. Taylor, P.M., was received, and accepted with regret. Bros. Walls, Holland, Holmes, Catmur, Whitby, and Clark were elected unanimously upon the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. The Audit Committee were appointed to examine the accounts on the 14th inst. Previously to the lodge being closed, upon the motion of the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Bro. Dairy having returned thanks for the honour awarded him, then presented the lodge with a shield, emblazoned with the arms of the lodge, for affixing to the Master's chair. This gift having been accepted with acclamation, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Clemow in the new, commodious, and thoroughly ventilated hall attached to his establishment, and which building might favourably challenge comparison with any similar place of Masonic rendezvous in London. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave with commendable brevity the preliminary toasts. In giving "The W.M.," the I.P.M. congratulated Bro. Dairy upon the great success that had attended his year of office. He had been exceedingly fortunate in respect to the number and quality of the candidates that had entered the portals of the old Faith Lodge. The proceedings also had been throughout exceedingly harmonious, and on his retirement he (the W.M.) would carry with him the good wishes of every individual member. (Hear, hear.) The Worshipful Master having briefly replied, then proposed "The Initiates," in which he expressed a hope that they would never regret the step that they had taken that day in enrolling themselves members of the ancient Craft. He trusted they would endeavour to carry out in their every-day life the principles that they had heard climated that evening in the lodge. The W.M. then concluded by briefly touching upon several other matters in connection with the Order. The initiates having returned thanks, the toast of "The Visitors" immediately followed, and was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. Coleman, P.M., and others. On introducing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that as the hour was late he should connect that toast with "The Officers." The Past Masters of the Lodge of Faith were not only a large but a most influential body. Many of them had distinguished themselves in other lodges, and in other grades of Masonry. He was particularly pleased that one of their oldest members, Bro. Carter, should have been unanimously re-elected for the nineteenth time their Treasurer. (Hear.) Another old Past Master had rendered himself exceedingly valuable to him, the W.M., during his year of office, namely, Bro. Stuart, their Secretary, and he took that opportunity of expressing his thanks to him. With respect to the other officers he had also to thank them as a body for their attendance and assistance. In concluding his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon their unanimously electing the Senior Warden as W.M. for the ensuing year. No brother in the lodge was more capable of carrying out the duties of the chair than

Bro. Rumball, and he hoped that his health would permit him to attend to the responsibilities of his position without inconvenience or harm. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Hopwood, P.M., Clark, Titley, and others responded. The Tyler's toast then terminated the proceedings.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The minutes of the last regular lodge, as well as an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed; the W.M., Bro. M. Spiegel, in the chair; Bros. Henry Hymans, S.W.; R. Baker, as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Campion, who sent a telegram to the W.M. expressing his inability to attend, having that day met with an accident); Lewis Alexander, sen., P.M., as I.P.M.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., Secretary; H. Levy, P.M.; Maurice Alexander, P.M.; S. L. Hickman, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, Lewis Lazarus, P.M., and a large number of members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Constantine Burk, Prov. G.M. of Jamaica, &c., &c.; T. Poore, P.M. 720; W. Klingenstein, J. Grunebaun, P.M. 1017; J. Lazarus, W.M. 1017, and others. The candidate whose name appeared on the summons for initiation was not in attendance, the business therefore consisted of an election for Treasurer, the result of which was almost unanimous in favour of Bro. J. S. Lyons. Two distressed brethren appealed to the lodge for assistance—in each case a small sum was awarded. The lodge was closed shortly after seven o'clock. The brethren then retired to partake of a sumptuous banquet, worthy of the Albion Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Jennings. The W.M. having proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. then proposed "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," which he made the special toast of the evening, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Lewis Alexander, sen., P.M., and President of the fund. Bro. L. Alexander replied to the toast in suitable terms, in the course of which he informed the brethren that although frequent and heavy claims had been made on the fund during the last eighteen months, he was glad to say there was a balance of nearly £1100 to the credit of the fund. "The I.P.M. proposed 'The Health of the W.M.," which was well received by the brethren. The W.M. briefly replied, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was received most heartily by the brethren, and responded to by Bros. Burk and Poore, the former of whom expatiated on the vast amount of good Freemasonry had effected in the colonies, which had come to his knowledge. Bro. T. Poore, in the course of his reply, said that he felt great pleasure in stating that he had derived all the knowledge he possessed of Masonic ritual from Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., and complimented the lodge on having a member so well versed in the lore of the Craft, &c. Bro. Alexander, sen., P.M., returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and in the course of the reply advised some of the younger brethren not to lose sight of the honour and dignity of the lodge while they were enjoying themselves at the festive board. The vocal entertainment (which was provided by the W.M.) was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren, and the meeting terminated pleasantly.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation and sixth anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. James Freeman, W.M., presided, and all the other officers were in their places. Amongst the members present were the Past Masters, Bros. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the lodge; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); E. Moody, Sec.; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas.; and the following visitors:—Bros. Bissett, 405, S.C.; J. Goulden, 854; C. A. Frost, 1728, Temple Bar; T. Gütens, 1056; W. Earl, 1695; T. Poore, P.M. 720; G. H. Thomas, W.M. 1632; G. W. Saul, W.M. 1201; Percival, W.M. 1647; E. J. Renaud, 1607; J. Painter, P.M. 749; F. Greenall, 275; T. Eastgate, 1563; H. T. Tiddeman, 813; G. Block, 859; Wethult, 1601; W. Partridge, 1445; A. Jamieson, 1270; W. W. Morgan, 1385; T. Lawrence, 1804; and R. H. Pearson, 1196. The lodge having been opened by the W. Master, and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Blackie, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. The usual forms having been gone through, and the brethren below the chair retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blackie was installed as Master of the lodge. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; Hamer, J.W.; Simpson, Chaplain; Headon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Kittle, J.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Bate, D.C.; Jenkins, Org.; Fendick, Steward; Potter, Asst. Steward; Steedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Headon then resumed the ceremony, and gave the usual addresses in a most careful and correct manner, which elicited unanimous approval from the large body of Masons assembled. Some notices of motion having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, in which the customary banquet was to take place. The W. Master presided, supported by the Grand Officers and visitors, and both the fare and the attendance were unexceptionable, and reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Rand, the manager of the establishment. At the conclusion of the repast "Non nobis Domine" was sung by Bros. Frost, Hanson, and Kempson. On the removal of the cloth, the W. Master said the first toast of the evening was one that was usual in all gatherings of Englishmen, as it was the health of the Queen, and Freemasons always did honour to that toast. He proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk, and followed by the National Anthem. The Wor-

shipful Master then said: Brethren, the next toast I have the honour to propose is "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." I think we have much to congratulate ourselves on the fact that so high a person as the Heir Apparent to the throne is our Grand Master, and I am assured that he feels the deepest interest in Freemasonry, and takes great care of our affairs. It is well for Freemasonry that that high position is filled by the Prince of Wales, who at all times takes deep interest in the affairs of the Craft. With these few observations I give you "The Health of the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master." The toast was enthusiastically responded to. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was rather a comprehensive one, and he feared that it was so comprehensive that he should be unable to do justice to it. It was "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master there was little doubt that they had a good working brother, and one who was able to undertake all the duties of the Grand Master in his absence. All who had had an opportunity of attending the Grand Lodge knew well how very pleasantly he went into all matters brought forward, and how ably his duties were discharged. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale they might say "ditto," and the Craft had just reason to be proud of him. As to the rest of the Grand Officers they were too numerous to go through then, but they had two present with them that evening, Bros. Simpson and Fenn, but he should associate this toast with the name of Bro. Fenn, P.G.D. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., said: Worshipful Master, I beg to thank you on the part of the Grand Officers for the compliment you have not only paid them, but to me in coupling my name with the toast, a compliment which properly belongs to Bro. Simpson, who takes precedence of me in Grand Lodge. I may say that I have been a Grand Officer for fifteen years, and with the arduous duties which devolve upon me I have endeavoured to execute what I have undertaken to the best of my ability, with willingness and cheerfulness. It is with great regret that I miss from my side one of the Grand Officers, and one who has rendered more service to the Craft than any other Grand Officer living, and I must say that before this I have never been present at this lodge without having Bro. Hervey at my side. I have been associated with him for many years, and long before he ever became a Grand Officer, but I fear that I shall never again see him occupying that active position in Freemasonry so characteristic of him. I hope, however, with returning strength and careful treatment we may occasionally see him amongst us. Brethren, in allusion to the services that the Grand Officers are always willing to perform, I cannot help, in mentioning the name of Bro. Hervey, remarking that he has belonged to the Lodge of Emulation for thirty-three years as its Treasurer, and has been a most active working Mason. He is one of the links between the past and the present, for the Lodge of Emulation depends upon tradition for the excellence of its working, and there were but three who had derived their teaching in a direct line from Bro. Peter Gilkes, revised by Bro. Williams, and happy am I to say that a link is not wanting to keep up the Emulation ancient system of working. While I am alluding to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, I may say that I feel so much interest in its working that I am present there about forty nights out of the fifty-two weeks of the year, and our simple duty is to preserve in its integrity the system as handed down to us by Peter Gilkes and Stephen Barton Wilson, there being only two links between them and the Lodge of Reconciliation, by whom it was concocted. We wish to preserve what has thus been handed to us without alteration, and while we do not attempt to alter some slight anachronisms, we have endeavoured to hand down the pure system of working, and I would strongly recommend you all to follow the same course. I trust that you will not allow any pretended reform or correction to be made in the ancient working of Freemasonry, for it is my firm belief that if you attempt to reform or correct the ritual of Freemasonry it will be very difficult to find out where to begin, but you will never be able to find out where you should leave off. In the name of the Grand Officers I thank you for the honour conferred upon them. There were calls for Bro. Simpson, who said he had no wish to make a speech upon the speech which Bro. Fenn had just delivered, as he had great pleasure in giving way to him, although nominally he stood before him in the Grand Lodge. He had given them a few practical remarks, and the subject of them he had most admirably dilated upon. He hoped that they would give him (Bro. Simpson) absolution for coming so late to the lodge, as he thought the installation would not begin until five o'clock. He had previously a little duty to perform, and he thought he should have arrived in time, but he was glad to have had the opportunity of making this apology and to wish success to the Great City Lodge, and also to the W.M. in the chair. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., rose, and said that the toast he had to propose was one that gave him great pleasure, as it was "The Health of the W. Master." He was sure that there was not a member of the lodge but was highly pleased to see Bro. Blackie installed as the W. Master. He had been connected with the lodge since its foundation, and had gone through all the offices, and no man had done the working of them with more credit to himself than Bro. Blackie. He was about to say that no man ever did the work better in this lodge or any other. However they might have the work done by other Masters, he felt satisfied that they would see it well done by their W. Master. During his year he (Bro. Freeman) was certain that they would give him all the duty and order he required at their hands, both in the lodge and at the banquet table, and when the time came when he should sit in the place that he (Bro. Free-

man) occupied they would be able to confirm what he then expressed. Praises were fulsome, but they might safely trust Bro. Blackie for the way in which he would conduct himself in the Great City Lodge. In conclusion he proposed "The Health of the W. Master." The W. Master said he begged sincerely to thank Bro. Freeman for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their unanimous reception of it. He had been connected with the lodge from its consecration, and from the time he received the first collar he was determined to perform the duties of the office to perfection if he should be able to do so. He had gone through the various offices from the bottom to the top, and he believed that he had done so to the satisfaction of the different Masters who had come to the chair, and now by electing him to the chair they had passed the highest honours upon him, and in return for that compliment he would perform the duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped to be able, if not to excel, at any rate to work up to as high a standard as had been arrived at by those who had gone before. The W. Master said the next toast was one that he had peculiar pleasure in proposing, which was that of "The Visitors," and he on the part of the Great City Lodge gave them a hearty welcome. In response to this toast the visitors severally returned thanks. The W. Master, in giving the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters," said he should skip over the first part of the toast, and for the instant thank Bro. Headon for the very creditable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of placing him in the chair, and in no lodge had he seen the installation ceremony performed in so careful a manner as on this occasion. Bro. Headon had got the task thoroughly at heart, and he had never heard it done better by him except when he installed his successor. As to Bro. Freeman, in recognition of his services, the brethren had agreed to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he was very happy in being the medium of making that presentation. He had great pleasure in presenting it to him, and long might he be spared to wear it, as it could not fail of being a reminder of the many happy hours he had spent in the Great City Lodge. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said he thanked the W. Master for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for drinking it. He thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him during his year of office, and that night they had rewarded him by presenting him with a magnificent jewel. He had some work to do every night in the lodge. The lodge was in a prosperous state, and he hoped that it would continue to be so. They were all aware that he had taken unto himself a wife, and they would all be pleased to know that up to the present time he felt that he had not done a wrong thing (laughter), and what he wished to speak of was, to acknowledge their kindness, for on coming back from a tour at his house he was pleased to find a handsome tea and coffee service, and he thanked them sincerely for so useful and valuable a gift from the lodge, which he should highly appreciate, and when he went hence it would be transmitted to others who might follow him, and he also thanked them for the splendid jewel with which they had presented him that night, which he looked upon as a great honour conferred upon him. He hoped long to be with them, and when the W.M. left the chair he trusted that he would receive the same honours as had been awarded to him. Before he sat down he hoped to be allowed to thank Bro. Headon for the very able manner in which he had filled the office of Installing Master. Bros. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, Stevens, and Stanway also returned thanks. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said those two offices could not be filled with better brethren. Their Treasurer had already received the congratulations of all upon the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and their brother Secretary was simply a wonder, as the office of Secretary of that lodge was no light duty, for the manner in which the accounts were kept would do credit to any mercantile establishment. He hoped the Secretary would long continue in that position, and therefore he asked the brethren to drink with cordiality the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Headon said he had already inflicted upon them a speech in response to the toast of the Installing Master, and he was now asked to respond as Treasurer, and he thanked them very cordially for recognising him as Treasurer, an office he had held for about four years, and he said he had done the best with the money entrusted to him. He certainly received the money, but as certainly they soon spent it, and in conclusion he thanked them for the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, also responded, and the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour. The musical performances were by Bros. W. Frost, 1726; Hanson, 1706; Kempton, 1706; and H. J. Bertram, 1426. Instrumentalists, Mr. T. Harper, trumpet, and Bro. H. Frost, 1426, pianoforte.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Bros. Walter Mitchell, W.M.; Runacres, S.W. (W. Master elect); Chalk, J.W.; Boyton, S.D.; Power, J.D.; Dann, Sec. There were present Past Masters Bros. Cackett and Sleaf, and the following visitors: Bros. H. A. Robinson, Prosperity; Smith, 1158; Yeman, 167; Macan, 26; Hilton, 1475; J. Dixon, P.M. 1728; Malthouse, 1623; Sandell, 907; Renault, 1623; Bolt, 1839; Bath, 788; E. Dodson, P.M. 72; Graham, 1543; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 178 and 1158 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Dann, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last lodge, which were acknowledged to be correctly recorded, and were put and confirmed. The re-

port of the Auditors was then presented and agreed to. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. G. H. Trenaman was questioned as to his progress in the science, and being considered satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and P.M. Bro. Sleaf took the chair, and on re-admission Bro. Trenaman was impressively raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. pro. tem. giving the traditional history of the Degree, and an explanation of the Tracing Board. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, when Bro. Dann, P.M. and Sec., presented Bro. Runacres, W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual forms having been gone through, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Runacres was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and received the congratulations and customary salutes. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Chalk, S.W.; Boyton, J.W.; Dann, P.M., Secretary; Corfe, Treasurer; Power, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Harris, D.C.; Emms, W.S.; J. R. Smith, A.W.S.; Wilkins, Organist; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were emphatically delivered by Bro. Sleaf, the Installing Master. The new W. Master said his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present his predecessor and Immediate Past Master with a jewel, which had been voted to him by his brethren in acknowledgment of his valuable services during the year he had presided over them as W. Master of the lodge, and in attaching it to his breast he hoped he might long live to wear it, and afterwards that it might be preserved as a heirloom in his family, and be passed down from generation to generation. (The jewel is one of singular beauty, consisting of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's Arms, with the quarterings most exquisitely defined, and the Pythagorean problem, the name and number of the lodge, and the word "Founder," Bro. Mitchell being one of its first members. On the reverse "Presented to Bro. Walter Mitchell, by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, on his retiring from the Master's chair, October, 1879.") Bro. Mitchell, P.M., said he thought he should best consult the wishes of the brethren by deferring any observations he had to offer until a later period in the evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where a splendid repast was provided. At its conclusion the W. Master gave in rotation the usual loyal toasts, which were all cordially responded to. Afterwards Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., said he had for a short time been entrusted with the W. Master's emblem of power, and the brethren were well aware of the purpose to which he should apply it, and that was, with great pleasure to propose "The Health of Bro. Anthony Runacres," their W.M. It was, as he said, with great pleasure that he proposed the health of so worthy a man as their incoming Master, Bro. Runacres, for he was sure that he would prove as good a Master as ever sat in the chair, and perhaps better. He knew his good qualities during the time that he had worked under him, and, therefore, he needed no recommendation on his part. To his knowledge Bro. Runacres was constant in his attendance during every year he had been a member of the lodge; he had the welfare of the lodge at his fingers' ends, and he was sure that he would do all in his power to promote the interests of its members. Words failed him to say what he should wish to say on behalf of the W.M., but had he not possessed their good opinion they would never have elected him to fill the chair, and he could only say that if Bro. Runacres only carried out in Masonry the good qualities that distinguished him in private life the brethren would have no reason to regret the choice they had made, believing that no more happy selection could have been made. (Cheers.) The W. Master said: Brethren, I am sure that the very flattering speech which Bro. Mitchell has just addressed to you has taken me so much aback that I know not what to say to you. This, however, I will say, that you may take it for granted that I will do all in my power to make the Duke of Connaught Lodge one of the finest lodges in London. We now number forty-four members, and that is almost as many as we require, but our wish is that we shall only admit those who will prove a credit to us, and such as we may feel a pleasure in sitting beside. I thank you sincerely for the honour you have conferred upon me. The W. Master then proposed "The Past Masters of the Duke of Connaught Lodge." Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., in returning thanks, acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and for their confidence reposed in him for his humble endeavours during his year of office, when he had done everything in his power to the utmost limit of his capacity and capability. Bros. Sleaf and Cackett also returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. Sleaf, the Installing Master," who said he felt extremely proud in being again called upon to respond to the toast. If he had given them satisfaction he was proud at what he had done that evening, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. "The Health of the Visitors" was next given, for which the brethren severally returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a very happy meeting was brought to a close. It ought not to be omitted to be stated that Bro. Chalk sang some choice ballads during the evening, for which he was most deservedly applauded.

EGGLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, the 15th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico. Bro. J. C. Flattely, W.M., presided. The other brethren present included Bros. Daniel McLeod, I.P.M.; Wm. Vincent, S.W., W.M. elect; Samuel Jones, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; Alfred H. Beckham, Sec.; J. Galt Fisher, S.D.; E. Powell, J.D.; W. E. Moorman, Org.; C. Taylor, L.G.; H. J. Johnson, S. W. Creation Lodge, No. 1791, D. of C.; Charles Thomas, Tyler; J. Tapp, Asst. Tyler; C. T. Naylor, P.G.D. of C. Jersey; C. J. Hood, E. Pactel, J. Playford, E. Potter, H. Scott, R. Botle, L. Ber-

trand, F. Bond, John W. Ray, E. King, A. D. Renshaw W. Carter, E. W. Fisher, E. Peacock, N. J. Crow, Thos. Coulthard, R. Cullingford, James Morgan, G. Breckles, R. C. Fry, E. Horn, J. Chitty, R. H. Burnham, C. Watkins, F. Sloman, W. J. Beazley, F. Arnold, J. R. Jones, B. Newnham, J. Webb, A. A. Johnson, W. Ballard, J. Ashbourne, J. L. Coulton, and the following strong array of visitors:—Bros. A. Barfield, W.M. 35; Thos. Simpson, W.M. 1178; J. Ion Cattle, W.M. 1257; F. J. Wray, W.M. 1604; J. H. Boyd, P.M. 137; C. Pulman, P.M. 720; R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194; J. Weyer, P.M. 1314; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; T. C. Pratt, S.W. 957; Thos. Cross, J.W. 1194; W. Carrington, I.G. 1791; J. Easton, John Williams, J. C. Bond, jun., W. Honeyball, S. Nash, J. Penn, J. Snook, G. Hamilton, G. R. Egerton, J. Healey, G. H. Atkinson, J. H. Hawkins, T. F. Davis, J. C. Hall, Wm. Dyke, S. Cooper, W. H. Lucas, Chas. Armfield, C. T. Green, G. E. Saunders, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. These were confirmed, as also was the Auditor's report. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Scott was passed to the Fellow Craft by the W.M., Bro. F. C. Flattely. The next business was that of installing Bro. Wm. Vincent, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. After the customary ceremonies all the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. F. C. Flattely, in a most impressive manner, ably installed his successor into the chair. The brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees, after which Bro. Vincent appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. C. Flattely, I.P.M.; S. Jones, S.W.; John Galt Fisher, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; A. H. Beckham, Sec.; E. Powell, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; W. E. Moorman, Org.; H. J. Johnson, I.G.; McLeod, P.M., D.C.; Wilson, Asst. D.C.; Tapp and Botle, Stewards; Charles Thomas, Tyler. Bro. F. C. Flattely, in a very distinct tone, impressively delivered the various addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The new Master at once commenced his duties by initiating Bro. Hooper, which ceremony he performed in a most skilful manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall for the banquet, which was most recherché, and ably served by Bro. A. W. Beckham, of 182, Ebury-street, Pimlico. After grace, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given by the Worshipful Master, and loyally received, the National Anthem being sung by the brethren. The W.M. then gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. of England." It was well known, the W.M. said, that among his many duties H.R.H. could not be so often among the brethren as His Royal Highness would like. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, followed by the song "God bless the Prince of Wales," the solo parts being given by Bro. McLeod. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." After eulogising these distinguished brethren for their services to the Craft, Bro. Vincent expressed his regret that they were not that night honoured by the presence of any of the Grand Officers, and read a letter from Bro. W. Hyde Pullen expressing his sincere regret at his forced absence. Bro. Flattely, I.P.M., then rose and proposed, in flattering terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M.," and in the course of his remarks praised Bro. Vincent for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Flattely's remarks were constantly applauded by the brethren, which sufficiently testified as to the popularity of the W.M. Bro. Vincent, in reply, said his Bro. Flattely had so eulogised him that he could hardly find words to reply, but he would say that when he first put himself forward to become Master of the lodge he made a resolve to follow if possible in the footsteps of his predecessors, but his predecessors having been so great a credit to the lodge, made it a much harder struggle for him. He flattered himself that during his connexion with the lodge he had made many friends, and not one enemy. He assured the brethren, that the post entrusted to him he would do his very best to well fill. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Flattely," and included in this toast the names of the other Past Masters, Bros. Hunt and McLeod, and regretted that the first-named (son of Sir Henry Hunt) who was the first W.M., had found it impossible to be present that evening. In speaking of the I.P.M., Bro. Vincent acknowledged with thanks the many kindnesses he had from time to time received at his hands, not only at the lodge, but also at the lodge of instruction. He deemed Bro. Flattely to be one of the most genial and kindhearted men he had ever met. He (Bro. Vincent) had great satisfaction in investing Bro. Flattely with a handsome Past Master's jewel, presented to him as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Flattely, in the course of his reply, thanked the brethren for their good opinion. A more hearty and unanimous response to his health he thought could not be given. He considered that the secret of his success as W.M., and the success also of the officers during his year of office, was their constant attendance at the instruction meetings, which are held at the King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, every Saturday evening, at seven o'clock. Bro. McLeod also replied. Several other toasts followed, and were duly acknowledged. Some capital singing was given during the evening by Bros. J. Ion Cattle, C. Taylor, and W. E. Moorman.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Albert J. Altman, W.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M.; George Kennig, S.W.; Dr. Henry Alder Smith, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treas.; Alfred Brook-

man, J.D.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Dr. Saml. Benton, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.S.; Geo. Sims, C.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. Visitors: Brns. James Lewis Thomas, G.D. of C.; Lavender, De Luca, Taylor, Beard, McNeill, Paget, Picken, Dodd, Altman, jun., Protheroe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was proposed as a joining member. Notice of motion having been given that the lodge should meet five times a year instead of four, the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren dining together. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. James Lewis Thomas responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Dr. Henry Alder Smith for "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette for "The Past Masters." The charity box being passed round, the contributions amounted to £2.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemasons'-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frampton, supported by Bros. Potts, Lutert, Todd, Henderson, and Suttees, Past Masters, and Bro. Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bros. Cowen and Smart were examined in the former Degree and gave satisfaction. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Cowen and Smart were regularly admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work with the charge in this Degree being done by the W.M. in a very able manner. A petition was read from Bro. Halliday, P.M., to the P.G.L. of Durham, when Bro. Lutert, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Suttees, P.M., seconded, that the petition be signed by the W.M. and brethren, which was done. All business being finished, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, when the brethren retired a short time for refreshment.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at seven o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. F. M. Watson, supported by Bros. Egglestone, 949; M. Frampton, 941; T. Henderson, 94; Cook, 481, P.M.'s. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The circular was read convening the meeting, and the circular was also read of the P.G. Lodge of Durham, meeting on the 21st inst. Bro. Wake was examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction; he then retired, and the lodge was raised to the Second Degree. Bro. Wake was then admitted and made a Fellow Craft Freemason. Bros. Singleton and Nashett were examined in the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when they were regularly admitted, and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, then to the First Degree. All business being done, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form. The brethren then retired to refreshment.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 164).—A crowded meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at York. The business consisted of a passing and a raising, which were worked by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, with his usual ability. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and a joining member was proposed. On the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., the following brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge: W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.; A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta; and C. E. Meyer, P.G. High Priest, Pennsylvania. Ten guineas were voted to the loop list for the Benevolent Festival, at which Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., expressed his intention of representing the lodge, and ten guineas to the Girls' School Festival, at which Bro. J. S. Cumberland expressed a hope to be present. Bro. C. G. Padel, S.W., was then unanimously elected to the chair for the coming year, and Bro. G. Balford, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. At subsequent refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being proposed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and received with enthusiasm.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; G. T. Mullock, S.W.; William Bagnall, J.W.; Thos. Guest, S.D.; Jno. Sutcliffe, J.D.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; Chas. Duckworth, I.G.; J. C. Hind; Past Master's R. A. Eldershaw, R. Timperley, and A. Humphreys. Bros. J. Batty, H. Paulden, B. Taylor, Jno. Harrop, W. Dearden, Thos. Fairrie, M. Thomas, jun., P. D. Apartoto, Wm. Percival, Edmund Orrell, Thos. Sawen, and Wm. Grundy. Visitors: Bros. John Slack, 993; R. W. Whitaker, 1213; Henry Darbishire, P.M. 581; Henry James Banks, 179; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The brethren met at six o'clock and partook of tea, and afterwards assembled in the lodge room. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no "work" the W.M. announced to the brethren that he had expended some little time and trouble in examining the minutes and records of the lodge since the year 1802, a portion of which he had copied, and for the information of the brethren he would read it, to show them the progress the lodge had made since the year mentioned above. Some very curious facts and items of expenditure were then read from the extract of the minutes, and which created some little amusement amongst the members, who could scarcely fail to be struck with the peculiar methods adopted in those days, and to make with them a favourable comparison of the present system. At the conclusion of the reading, Bro. Roberts remarked that he trusted the brethren had been

interested with the extracts he had selected from these old records, and that he had not thought it advisable to make the subject too lengthy, and, therefore, had only selected a portion up to a certain period, but if they would like him to continue the details on some future occasion, he should be very pleased to do so. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. was put, and carried with acclamation. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was formally closed in peace and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—On the evening of the 8th inst. one of the most interesting ceremonies ever held in connection with the above lodge was celebrated in presence of a most brilliant Masonic gathering, consisting of some eighty leading Masons of the province. The occasion was to commemorate the appointment by Lord Waveney, Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, of their W.M., Bro. T. Wentworth, as Provincial G.S.D. of Suffolk, last July. This appointment is a most popular one, as the great interest Bro. Wentworth has from the commencement taken in the erection and completion of the new Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, and as the successful issue is in a great measure owing to his undaunted exertions, with others, to overcome so many difficulties that beset the enterprise, it was a graceful compliment to himself and the lodge to confer this honour upon him. There were about thirty guests, and, amongst others, the lodge was honoured by the presence of their greatly beloved Dep. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, rector of Long Milford, and Past Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Martyn is so well known in Masonic circles that it is quite needless to say his genial presence is always a welcome addition on such occasions. There were also present Bros. H. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Secretary of Suffolk, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of England; Thomas Clement Cobbold, M.P. for Ipswich, and who has lately been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with the dignity of C.B. for past diplomatic services; W. P. Mills, 376, P. Prov. G.S.W.; N. Tracey, P. Prov. S.W., 376; H. Casley, Prov. G.J.W., 114; W. B. Jeffries, Prov. G.S. of W., 376; J. M. Harvey, Prov. G.P., W.M. 936; W. Boby, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., 114; J. H. Staddon, P. Prov. G.S.D., 379; B. P. Grimsey, S.D. 114; R. S. Anness, S.W. 376; R. Anness, S.D. 376; H. Sidney, P.M. 376; T. Elkington, 376; H. Buckham, 376; S. Gooding, 376; G. S. Elliston, S.W. 114; A. Bennett, P.M. 959; W. Spalding, P.M. 144; T. Thurlow, W.M. 555; H. Pearson, 936; J. Bury, 936; T. Harris, 114; A. Barfield, W.M. 35; H. Palmer, 376; W. Ross, Panmure; F. W. Hammond, 279; D. D. Steele, 959; C. Cooke, 959. The members of St. Luke's Lodge present were Bros. T. J. Wentworth, W.M., Prov. G.S.D.; W. T. Westgate, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C.; T. Prentice, D.C., and P. Prov. G.P.; P. Whitehead, I.P.M.; G. Abbott, J.D., and P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; W. Daking, P.M.; J. G. Churchyard, P.M.; W. G. Cunlold, S.W.; J. Napier, J.W.; A. Barker, Sec., P.M.; J. Talbot, S.D.; J. Daniels, I.G.; G. Spalding, W. Leathers, S.S.; J. L. Brooke, J.S.; W. T. Jobson, C. Hillyard, J. Shepherd, J. Orton, W. Eaves, R. Senton, F. S. Spinks, M. Crannis, W. Fisk, R. Crawley, P. Harrison, F. B. Brown, O. T. Gibbons, T. Saul, J. Thornton, G. Griffin, W. Brown, A. W. Cooke, H. Murray, J. King, J. White, W. H. Sedgwick, F. Senton, T. Turner, G. Bell, E. W. Saxby, and others. Bro. Philip Harrison supplied the dinner in most excellent style, and gave great satisfaction. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. Turner was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, after which Bro. C. J. Martyn gave in a beautiful manner the working tools to the candidate, and the lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. It may here be mentioned that about eighteen candidates have been initiated in the last twelve months, and the lodge numbers now about 150 members. Before the lodge was closed Bro. W. G. Cunlold, S.W., advanced to the Master's chair, and in a most touching and effective manner presented to him a beautifully chased gold Past Master's jewel, which he pinned on his breast. In doing so, he said that he was sure their Master would appreciate the gift from the fact that it was subscribed for by each individual member, and not paid from the funds of the lodge, which was so frequently done. He also said that the lodge was under a very great obligation to their W.M. by the able and efficient manner and the great courtesy and kindness he had shown in conducting its affairs, and to him in a very great measure they owed their position of being the strongest lodge in Suffolk. He also asked his acceptance of a splendidly framed parchment address, beautifully illuminated, and signed by the members of the lodge, as a token of their esteem. Both the jewel and the address contained the following words:—"Presented to Bro. T. Wentworth, W.M. 225, and Prov. G.S.D. of Suffolk, by the officers and members of St. Luke's Lodge, for the zeal and energy he has displayed during his year of office, 1878-9, and as a mark of their brotherly esteem." The W.M., Bro. Wentworth, was greatly affected by this presentation, and confessed himself quite unmanned by so much kindness. He trusted that any want of words to thank them adequately for their noble present was from the fulness of his heart. He resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then congratulated the lodge on this very appropriate ceremony, and also expressed the pleasure he felt in their Worshipful Master deserving such honour, and said he sincerely trusted they would go on increasing in usefulness and charitable deeds towards their fellow creatures. He trusted their W.M. might long be spared to render himself useful to his lodge and the Craft in general. This brought the business portion of the lodge to a close. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. We may here mention that the jewel was very handsome, and of first-class quality. After the usual toasts the W.M. proposed "The Deputy

Provincial G. Master, Bro. Martyn," and thanked him and the other guests for their presence on that occasion. They all knew the unbounded kindness of Bro. Martyn in all Masoxic matters, and the love and respect he was held in by his own parishioners as well as the Masonic body. Bro. Martyn responded, and again expressed the great pleasure he had experienced by being present that evening. Bro. Westgate, P.M., proposed "The Health of their esteemed Worshipful Master." This toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in replying, said that he hoped their flattering reception would not render himself puffed up with vanity, but would rather stimulate him in the endeavour to maintain their good opinion for years, he hoped, to come. Bro. T. C. Cobbold, M.P. and C.B., and also their respected friend Bro. W. Boby, P.M. 114, so well known in "Charity" circles, responded on behalf of "The Visitors." The toast of "Masonic Charities" was left in the hands of Bro. Martyn, and it is needless to say how earnestly he urged the attention to the new scheme of Charity in reference to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, in which he takes so great an interest, and has so frequently been alluded to in your columns. His remarks met with very hearty response. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was given by the W.M., who said how he was indebted to them for their assistance during his year of office, and that nothing would give him more pleasure than the election, he trusted next month, of their Senior Warden, Bro. W. G. Cunlold, as their Master for 1880. The Officers responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the greatest success connected with St. Luke's Lodge to a close. We cannot conclude these remarks without mentioning the Secretary, Bro. A. Barber, P.M., who is so zealous a member, and renders such useful service to the lodge. Bros. G. Abbott, D. D. Steele, and C. Cooke, rendered some beautiful songs and glees during the evening, and all kindly volunteered their services.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., when Bro. W. Brackenbury, W.M., occupied the place of honour in the E. There was a large gathering of the fraternity, including Bro. D. Jackson, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas.; T. Clark, P.G.S. of W.; H. Burrows, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M., Secretary; Councillor G. Peet, P.M. 241; Councillor J. Ball; S. Jacobs, 241; I. Levy, 1609, and others. During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. D. Jackson, I.P.M., with an elegant tea and coffee service, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, a presentation which was suitably acknowledged.

NEWQUAY.—Fort Lodge (No. 1528).—At a meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 6th inst., Bro. T. Boyle, W.M., presiding, Bro. Robert Martyn, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. B. Wellington, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. C. Carrivick, Tyler for the ensuing year. Bros. R. Rowe and N. N. Lewarne were appointed Auditors, Bro. Boyle, Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and five brethren were nominated as the Festival Committee.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The last regular meeting for the season of this summer lodge took place at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 1st inst., presided over by the new W.M., Bro. W. Shury Marshall, who, although deprived of two of his officers with an unusually small attendance of members, was honoured with many distinguished visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Wm. Stephens, W.M. 1637, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Japheth Tickle, I.P.M. 1702, P.G.S. Middx.; A. F. Roberts, W.M. 1702; W. T. Buck, S.D. 1702; C. S. Buck, I.G. 1702; T. L. Roberts, 1702; W. Grist, J.W. 1489, 1637; H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541; and others. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master at 4.15, and after having the minutes of previous meeting duly confirmed, further opened in the Second Degree, to admit of the examination of Bro. Bamford, prior to his admission to the Third Degree, which proving satisfactory, the W.M. further opened his lodge, and raised the worthy brother to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most creditable and impressive manner. On resuming to the First Degree the report of the Committee appointed at last meeting to revise the bye-laws was read and adopted. A vote of thanks was also duly recorded to Bro. Tidcombe, I.P.M., for having during his year of office secured a vote to the lodge in perpetuity for the Boys' School. The usual enquiries, resulting in the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, completed the business, and the lodge was closed in due form at 5.40. The customary banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were duly given and responded to, many of the brethren contributing to the musical programme, which with the Tyler's toast brought the eventful season of 1879 to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, who was officially supported by Bros. L. Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. J. Chapman, P.M.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were about thirty brethren present, including Bros. D. Saunders, G. Lewis, W. Hildyard, W. Heap, H. Round, Addis, C. Du Val, W. Fry, J. Keet, and others. The lodge was called for the purpose of initiating Bro. Richard Geldard, the well-known comedian, who is about to proceed to the south of England in connection with a professional engagement. After business, the brethren partook of slight refreshment, and a pleasant two hours were spent. Among the few toasts "Our Dramatic Professional Brethren" was in-

roduced by the W.M., the toast being acknowledged by Bro. D. Saunders and Bro. C. H. Du Val.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—The vitality of the Masonic Order in the Principality was again demonstrated at the annual installation meeting of this lodge, which took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge was consecrated on the 3rd of August, 1877, and since that time its career has been both pleasant and prosperous. Amongst the more illustrious brethren on this occasion were Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Boucher, P.G.C.; Bro. Lister, P.G.P.; Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. W. A. Dickson, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; Bro. T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; Bro. Smith, W.M., 1336; Bro. Owen, S.W., 1336; Bro. Davies, J.W., 1336; Bro. Edwards, W.M., 721; Bro. Rowland, S.W., 1477; Bro. Roberts, J.W., 1477; Bro. Major Penn, 1674; Bro. W. A. Dew, 1674; Bro. Rev. T. Hughes, 1674; Bro. S. Roose, 1143; Bro. S. Perks, 1143; Bro. L. R. Morgan, 755; Bro. T. Davies, 755; Bro. C. Foulkes, 606; Bro. Prothero, W.M. elect, 606; Bro. W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D.C. Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W., most effectively installed Bro. W. H. Foulkes as W.M. for the ensuing year; and the following brethren were subsequently invested as officers: Bro. J. Salmon, I.P.M.; J. Rhydwyn Jones, S.W.; R. M'Ewen, J.W.; W. L. Nicholas, Chaplain; W. T. Girdlestone, Treasurer; H. A. Steer, Secretary; T. Coxhead, S.D.; E. W. Keatinge, J.D.; E. Groucutt, D.C.; F. Wrigley, O.; W. Hackforth, I. G.; G. D. Burdett, S.; and J. Bayliss, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Westminster Hotel.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W., P.M., P.Z., &c., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsey, Hon. I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; F. J. Perks, D.C.; G. S. Graham, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; with Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M.; Heelis, Gritten, W. S. Dunkley, C. A. White, Wood, Villars, and others, members of the lodge; and Bro. J. F. Wuest, P.M., 753; W. Brown Kidder, P.M., 12; G. W. Dixon, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; E. W. Dubois, 1216; J. O. Carter, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Bassett Keeling, and W. M. Stiles, W.M., 1732, visitors. After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting, and the confirmation of same, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. W. Dubois and Cannon as joining members. The ballot was then taken for four gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. Elliott, Thorn, Holliday, and Boyle, which being unanimous they were admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Considerable interest attached to the initiation of Mr. Boyle, who is the Consul representing the Republic of Liberia at Sierra Leone, and is a native of the latter colony. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mark S. Larham, P.M., M.E.Z., for the purpose of proceeding with the installation. Bro. Dubois, W.M., then presented Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., W.M. elect, who assented to the usual charges, and having been obligated, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, with Bro. Dixon as S.W.; Stiles as J.W.; Ramsey as I.G.; and Bro. Henry Lovegrove was installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient form. The new W.M. having declared the Board of Installed Masters closed, the brethren were admitted and saluted him in the Three Degrees, after which the addresses were very ably given by the Installing Officer. The officers were then invested as follows: Bro. G. Clark, jun. S.W.; Harry Clark, J.W.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; W. Heelis, D.C.; T. G. W. Wood, W.S.; G. S. Graham, Organist; and J. Daly, Tyler. The retiring W.M. was invested as I.P.M., and Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., was invested as Treasurer, the W.M. alluding to his reelection to that office, and his liberality to the Masonic Charities during the past year. A letter was read from Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. Grand Secretary, announcing that the M.W. Pro Grand Master had consented to the removal of the lodge to the Albany Hotel, at Twickenham, an announcement which was received with much satisfaction by the brethren. After receiving some names for initiation, and passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for his services, the lodge was closed in due form. The retiring W.M. declined to accept any recognition of his services until the lodge had been longer established. At seven o'clock the members and visitors assembled at the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel. The printed list of toasts was appropriately embellished with texts from Shakespeare, arranged by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, those of "The Prov. G.M., Col. F. Burdett," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge" being especially well received; the latter was responded to by the I.P.M., who, owing to the meetings of other lodges, was the only Provincial Grand Officer present. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who alluded to the energy shown by him in the formation and working of the lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and proposed that of "The I.P.M.," who had skillfully managed the affairs of the lodge. Bro. G. Clark, S.W., suitably responded for "The Officers." In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. made some pleasing remarks about their private life, as two of them had been known to him for some years, and their initiate from Africa for over sixteen years. Bro. Stiles, W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and congratulated the W.M. on his advancement, also on the officers who had been appointed by him. As the time for the departure

of the last train approached the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—This new lodge of instruction was opened on Monday evening, the 6th inst., at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, under very favourable auspices. Bro. J. W. Robinson, P.M. of Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, was selected as the first W.M., and he chose for his officers Bros. John Noble, J.W. of No. 975, S.W.; John Featherstone, 1656, J.W.; George Bugler 975, S.D.; J. C. Radford, J.D. of No. 1420, J.D.; and Joseph Wright, P.M. of Nos. 1585, 1158, &c., I.G. Bro. George A. Watkins, Treasurer of No. 1585, was elected Treasurer of the new lodge, and Bro. C. E. Goldring, of Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, is the Secretary. After verifying the authority of the Royal Commemoration Lodge to open and work the lodge of instruction under their warrant, and some other formal business was transacted, the ceremony of the First Degree was worked by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Harry John Carter, 1585, who is the Preceptor to the new lodge. Subsequently a number of brethren were elected members. Amongst those present were Bros. P.M. Wm. Platt, 144 and 23, P.M.; J. G. Carter, 1044, P.M.; Wm. Carter, 141; R. W. Forge, S.W. 1793; John Frost, Sec. 1044; J. J. Holland, S.D. 1044; H. Wildey Wright, J.D. 1828; A. T. Trehearne, 1441; Frederick Reed, 1420; Isaac Kerby, 975; George Simmons, 975; Edward Ayling, 975; Alfred Weston, 1585; C. D. Blackford, 1563; Henry Langley, 228; and John Phillips, 196. The formation of the new lodge has been most actively promoted by Bro. John Featherstone, (the J.W. of the evening), to whom a vote of thanks was accorded in acknowledgment of the trouble he had taken. The meetings will be held every Monday evening, from 8 till 10, at the Royal Hotel—opposite the station—Putney.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 22).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Guildhall Tavern on the 13th inst. There were present Comps. J. Canham, I.P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z., as H.; William Birdseye, J. The chapter was opened in due form, and, in addition to the above, there were also present Comps. H. Muggeridge, P.G.S.B., P.Z. and S.E.; James Hamilton Townend, P.Z. and Treas.; Ernest Wright, S.N.; W. E. Maddever, P.S.; R. A. Wright, P.Z.; W. J. Crossfield, P.Z.; Louis Hirsch, W.S.; John Jonas, R. W. Muggeridge, and two visitors, viz., Comps. J. J. Berry, M.E.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 554; and Graveley, 554. The S.E., Comp. Muggeridge, read the minutes, which were confirmed. A ballot then took place for Bro. John Greig, of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, and he was unanimously elected to the Degree of Holy Royal Arch by Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer. The resignation of Comp. Chas. Jacques was accepted, and the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by Comp. John Canham, I.P.Z. Comp. Henry Muggeridge having returned thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers," remarked that the Mount Sion Chapter was not his mother chapter; he joined it in February, 1851, and since then he had introduced above 100 members; he was M.E.Z. in 1856; he became Scribe E. in January, 1865; he was now the father of the chapter, but intended to resign next February, after installing the Principals of the chapter for the year 1880, thus completing twenty-nine years as a member. He therefore reminded the companions that at the next convocation they would have to choose one of their number to fill the office of Scribe E.

ARDWICK.—Chapter of Rectitude No. 581).—The last regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. Julius Arensberg, Z.; John Hayes, H.; Henry Darbyshire, J.; Joseph Wilkinson, Treas. and acting E.; Thomas Tyers, P.Z.; Taylor Topham, A.S.; Henry Booth, James Burton, John Brown, P. H. Nicholls, J.; and visiting Comps. James Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; John Gallagher, Z. 325. The chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.45 by Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., in a very neat style. The minutes of the last regular chapter were then read and confirmed. Several communications were then read and disposed of, and there being no work that evening, the E.Z. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Comp. James Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.T., a very handsome P.P.P. Sojourner's jewel and collar, which had been unanimously contributed for by the members of the Rectitude Chapter as a token of esteem for Comp. James Hall, and in recognition of the very many services rendered to the chapter by this highly esteemed companion. The duty was all the more pleasing from the fact that it was the first jewel ever received by Comp. Hall from any chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and he could assure Comp. Hall that it was the earnest and heartfelt wish of every member of the chapter that he might be long spared to wear the jewel, and that he would continue to honour the chapter with his visits, and in the future he hoped that the officers would by their united endeavours show to Comp. Hall that his long and arduous exertions to fit the officers for doing the work which devolved upon them had not been in vain, and that they might give him pleasure and rest in his visits henceforth. Furthermore, it gave him very great pleasure to say that the companions of the chapter had unanimously decided to make Comp. Hall an honorary member of the chapter, and he hoped by the help of the Most High that he might be long spared to enjoy that honorary member

ship, and concluded by adorning neck and breast with the collar and jewel, which was very graciously received by Comp. Hall amidst the hearty applause of all the companions present. Comp. Hall, on receiving the jewel, said: Companions, I am very thankful for your kind expressions and also for the very handsome collar and jewel which, as your E.Z. says, has been so unanimously given to me by the companions generally. I do assure you that I have always taken a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and anything I may have done for you in the past I will readily and most willingly do in the future, if my health will permit. I esteem most highly the great honour you have conferred on me by honorary membership, and I do assure you that from this fact alone I shall feel more than ever that I am one of you, and will more than ever try, by example and precept, to stimulate the officers and companions to efficiency, so that when the chapter is visited, as it no doubt will be, by Provincial Grand Officers, those officers will go away pleased to be able to say that the officers and companions of the Rectitude Chapter are well up to their work, and have plenty of work to do. Companions, from my heart I sincerely thank you. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following companions were duly elected: The First, Second, and Third Principals were appointed to again serve in their several chairs for another year, owing to the fact that amongst the companions there did not happen to be one eligible; Comps. John Brown, Scribe E.; Wilkinson, Treas.; Emanuel Nelson, P.S.; and Comp. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., seeing that an efficient N. was wanted, very generously offered to take that office, which was most readily given to him with hearty expressions of gratitude by the E.Z. and loud acclamations by the companions. Comp. Nicholls being re-appointed as Janitor, the election of Auditors was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Comp. Julius Arensberg, seconded by Comp. Burton, Comps. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., and Henry Darbyshire, J., were appointed Auditors. The chapter was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, at 8.30 p.m. Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., having given the visitors his usual hearty invitation, the companions sat down at the festive board to a grand supper, which was (as it always is) put on the table by the comely hostess and most excellent cook, Mrs. Langford, with her usual neat style and pleasing manner. Supper over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and then Comp. John Gallagher, E.Z. 325, was called upon to respond on behalf of the visitors, and concluded by moving the next toast, which was "The Health of the Officers, and the Prosperity of the Rectitude Chapter." Comp. Gallagher made a most enthusiastic speech, and after complimenting the E.Z. upon his choice of officers, said it had given him very great pleasure to be present for two especial reasons—one was to see his old and highly esteemed Comp. James Hall presented, for the first time in his life, with a jewel, and by a chapter who knew so well his merits and his worth, and the other reason was that he had seen the true characteristic of a Royal Arch Mason exemplified in Comp. Thomas Tyers, P.Z., who on seeing that there was a companion wanted to fill the office of N., had very nobly and very humorously stooped down from his high and honourable position of P.Z. and proposed himself for the office, very much to the gratification of the chapter. He had every confidence in the prosperity of the Chapter of Rectitude, and gave the companions a hearty invitation to 325 whenever they could make it convenient to attend. Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., and Comp. John Hayes, H., in a few very appropriate remarks acknowledged the compliment, and said that it had been thought desirable by some of the companions to form a chapter of instruction, and concluded by requesting Comp. H. Darbyshire to draw up a circular convening a meeting to be held at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, Manchester, on the 7th October, at 8 p.m., for the further consideration of the subject. At 10.45 the companions retired, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the Rectitude Chapter.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 975).—There was the usual meeting of this well established chapter of instruction, which has resumed its meetings for the season, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. This chapter, like the lodge of instruction in Craft Masonry, is looked upon as the high authority of instruction in the superior Degree, and is attended by some of the most efficient and best working Arch Masons of the Metropolis. Comps. W. L. Lee presided as Z.; F. Brown (Preceptor), H.; W. H. Kimpton, J.; H. Higgins, P.S.; G. L. Walker, N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Poore, P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, being the candidate, and he was afterwards elected as a joining member. The ceremony was excellently performed, and after some formal business the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 101).—The annual meeting of this Mark lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., when W. Bro. J. F. Hooper, P.J.G.D., W.M., who had been re-elected, was installed as Master for the ensuing year. The installation was carried out by Bro. Niness, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. A. Moyle, S.W.; S. G. Moyle, J.W.; J. Niness, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. G. L. Church, P.M., Secretary; J. Hall, P.M., Registrar of Marks; J. Estlick, M.O.; J. Dorrington, S.O.; J. Williams, J.O.; J. Paull, P.M., S.D.; W. P. Hugoe, P.M., J.D.; W. T. Davey, P.M., I.G.; W. Lean, Tyler; J. Paull, jun., Assistant-Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren partook of a banquet.

HELSTON.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 175).—The annual meeting for installation of the officers of this Mark lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms on the 8th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Trembath, P.G.P., was installed by W. Bro. N. J. West, P.P.G.W., P.M. No. 87, Cornubian Lodge, after which the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bro. T. Davey, I.P.M.; W. Wearne, S.W.; J. Jeffery, J.W.; J. Q. James, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas., re-elected; T. Taylor, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; Sedgman James, M.O.; T. J. Joyce, S.O.; W. Ellis, J.O.; W. E. Lukies, Org.; J. H. Willey, S.D.; J. M. Richards, J.D.; J. Ellis, I.G.; M. Pascoe and J. A. Hill, Stewards; and R. James, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined at the Globe Hotel.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The Quarterly Convocation of the above college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The fraters present were Frs. Dr. Woodman, as Master of the Temple; Stanton Jones, Deputy Master; H. G. Buss, Treas. Gen.; John Mason, Sec. Gen.; Foulger, George Kenning, Massa, McCartney, M.P.; Weaver, Rosenthal, Peck, Dewar, Thiellav, T. C. Walls, and others. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed. Fr. Rosenthal was installed Master of the Temple for the year ensuing; Fr. Thomas Cubitt elected Deputy Master; and Fr. H. G. Buss re-elected Treasurer General. Afterwards the usual banquet took place.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and subscribers was held last Saturday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. Among a crowded meeting of the brethren there were present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, C. L. Mason, Thos. Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, James A. Birch, J. L. Hine, A. H. Tattershall, G. F. Lancaster, G. Mellor, J. F. Tweedale, H. A. Dubois, W. Nicholl, L. Tyerman, W. West Smith, A. Pratt, G. R. Sherrill, H. T. Bartlett, J. A. Farnfield, F. W. Ramsay, David D. Mercer, J. Todd, Edgar Bowyer, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, J. G. Stephens, J. P. Platt (Cheshire), H. Dearsley, No. 3; A. Tisley, Andrew Middlemass, G. Brown, Thomas Cochrane, William Roebuck, John Bodenham, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thomas Meggy, Col. James E. Peters, H. S. Goodall, W. Seaman, E. Caste, A. J. Duff Filer, Edward Cox, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting, the Scrutineers of votes for the election were chosen.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, Past G. Steward, and Vice-President, moved "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court." He said he thought no brother was unaware that within the last few years there had been several scrutinies demanded of the result of the poll of the elections, and frequently it had disclosed the fact that the Scrutineers had not correctly made a declaration of the poll in the first instance. He did not think there was any good reason why his motion should not be carried. There was evidently some laxity in the scrutiny somewhere or other; possibly the arrangements might be slightly at fault; and if a Committee were appointed to consider those arrangements, it might result in the declaration of the poll being correct in future.

Bro. John G. Stevens said that after some consideration of the subject he would second this motion, not that he quite endorsed or fully agreed with Bro. Meggy in all that he said, but for the purpose of having this matter ventilated.

No other brother spoke on the motion, and it was then put and lost.

Col. Creaton then, as Chairman of the Building Committee, proposed "That a dwarf wall be built on the south side of the Institution grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300." He said he might tell the brethren that the present fence was very old, and worn out. It had been in its present position ever since the building had been erected, and it was necessary now to have a new fence of some kind. The Building Committee thought that a dwarf wall instead of the wooden fence would be much better, and that was the reason they recommended and he moved it.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, brought forward the following motion. "Proposed alteration of Rule 71, Sub-section 2, to read as follows:—The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee, the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member, not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of election." Bro. Birch said that this motion was intended to assimilate the form of election for Secretary to that which was now adopted for getting children into the schools. The election of Secretary was vested in the Life Governors, but owing to the fact that it had to be a personal vote, and that each voter had to attend in London at Freemasons' Hall, the election of Secretary was really vested in the brethren of and around London. A provincial brother after he had purchased his Life Governorship of the Charities, of which distinction he was naturally very proud, found if he wished to exercise one of his privileges, that of voting at the election of Secretary,

he was put to a cost which varied in amount, but taking his own province, that of East Lancashire, amounted to some pounds. This he thought was an unfair tax. Looking over the list of Life Governors of the Boys' School, he found there were about 3000 Life Governors in the provinces. Now if they took the expense of those Life Governors coming up to vote at the election of Secretary at £3 a head it amounted to £9000, and it appeared to him that this money would be much better invested if given to one of these Institutions. It had been said to him that there was a certain amount of jealousy among London brethren against the provincial brethren, which would prevent him carrying this motion; but it seemed to him that any jealousy of that kind would be unbecoming such a universal brotherhood. He did not believe there was that jealousy. The only jealousy which ought to be admitted as the portals of Freemasonry was the noble emulation of doing benevolent work. It was argued that if the brethren of the provinces possessed that power of voting for Secretary they might put forward an inefficient candidate and so sacrifice the Institution. He could assure the brethren that the most lively interest existed in the provinces on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and that there was no possibility of such a thing occurring, because if any one did propose a particular candidate for the office of Secretary it would be impossible for the provinces to be united against London. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that the brethren would by their vote show that there was no jealousy, and would make the concession to the provinces which the provincial brethren considered fair and just. He was sure the London brethren would not deny to the provinces what was just and fair.

Bro. T. Constable seconded the motion. The Chairman put the motion, when there appeared

Table with 2 columns: For the motion, Against the motion. Values: 29, 17.

Majority in favour of the motion 12

Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January "That the Institution accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

Bro. Louis Hirsch, Vice-President, gave the following notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January, 1880:—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

The election of eighteen out of a list of forty-eight girls was then proceeded with. The poll was declared at half-past four, when the following was found to be the result:—

Table with 2 columns: SUCCESSFUL, UNSUCCESSFUL. Lists names and vote counts for 48 girls.

Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers. As a proof of the admirable way in which those brethren had discharged their duties he might mention that they had made the return that a West Yorkshire candidate, Jessie Delaval Wilson, who was No. 16 on the list, had polled 1101 votes, and that was the exact number that he had recorded.

Bro. Kirke seconded the motion. Bro. Tattershall returned thanks, and said the Scruti-

neers tried to do their best. They could not expect to please every one, but he was sure they endeavoured to do justice to every candidate.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who had presided so admirably, with such patience, urbanity, and impartiality. He need hardly say anything in praise of Bro. Colonel Creaton, as he was well known to all the brethren, but he was sure he expressed the feelings of every one of the brethren when he said he hoped they would see Bro. Col. Creaton as their Chairman for many years to come.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, seconded the motion.

Bro. Col. Creaton, after the motion had been unanimously carried, said he was extremely flattered by the kind expressions of Bro. Woodford and by the hearty reception the brethren had given to them. It gave him great pleasure to attend these meetings, and if spared he hoped to come many, many years among the brethren.

The proceedings then terminated.

STOKENHAM (NEAR KINGSBRIDGE) CHURCH PULPIT.

At the time the above church was being restored, a few years ago, it happened that the Duncombe Lodge (No. 1486) was consecrated. There was Divine service at the Kingsbridge Parish Church on that occasion, when the Ven. Bro. Archdeacon Earle, of Totness, preached, the offertory being made a special gift towards a new pulpit in the church of Bro. Rev. J. C. Carwithen, vicar of Stokenham, who is very much respected in that neighbourhood, besides being a great friend of R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe, Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, who consecrated in person.

The restoration of the church was entrusted to Bro. T. Lidstone, ecclesiastical architect, residing at Dartmouth, P. Prov. G.D. of Works Devon, who designed the pulpit, which is of Bath stone, and octagonal in plan, each side being filled with tracing, with shields, and a carved and battlemented cornice, &c. The decorations of the church have been since continued from time to time, as opportunity offered, several stained-glass windows having been added. The church is a noble structure, and deserves the attention our rev. brother continues to give to it. During the last few weeks he, in conjunction with the R.W. Bro. Huyshe, who, from the necessity following the infirmity of age, has this year resigned his post of P.G.M. of Devonshire, have further decorated the pulpit, by having it illuminated in ecclesiastical style and with Masonic illustrations, which will mark the event in R.W. Bro. Huyshe's Masonic career just referred to. Advantage has been taken of the presence of the shields to introduce the banners of the twelve tribes, and the four minor banners, which—the lion, the eagle, the ox, and the man—are further significant from their subsequent ecclesiastical adoption. It may be observed that a pulpit in the same archdeaconry (Totness) bore many of these Masonic emblems emblazoned on its sides until recently; when the process of "restoration" resulted in their removal. On Sunday, October 5th, the work being completed, the reverend vicar preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, taking for his text Genesis xlix, 1; and Ezekiel, i, 10. In the course of this address, the reverend brother gave a succinct history of each of the tribes; and promised a further dissertation on that of Ephraim from which tribe many learned persons contend that we (Englishmen) are descended. He then alluded to the four living creatures or cherubims (Ezekiel x, 20), having four faces each, answering to the four great kingdoms of Assyria, Persia, Greece, and Rome, and which the early Fathers of the Church identified with the four Evangelists. "The man represented intelligence and understanding; the lion, strength and power; the ox, the ministration of patience and assiduity; the eagle, the promptness and celerity with which the will and pleasure of the Supreme Jehovah are executed." They guarded the Sacred Name which was ever present in the temple, and which is as surely present in our churches, though we see Him not with our bodily eyes, just as our souls are present in our bodies, although they be invisible indeed. Our care should be to recognise this Presence everywhere; especially in all assemblies dedicated to His worship, and for instruction in Divine Truth. This is the "Bright and Morning Star" to which all are directed. Our object should be to attain to a full communion with God, to be no longer unsatisfied, and wandering in the dark, but to ascend steadily that only ladder which exists between this world and the world unseen, Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living God. And those who have this life-giving knowledge have the solemn charge laid upon them to make their Redeemer's name known upon earth, and his saving health among all nations. We are all members of the same family, all brothers of the dust. At the Judgment the monarch will be side-by-side with the slave, Dives with the poor petitioner for his alma. May our prayer be, "O! Great Architect of the Universe, teach us to feel our brotherhood now; Thou that hearest prayer teach us to forgive our brother his trespasses, as we hope to be forgiven by Thee hereafter, for art Thou not our Father and we Thy children?" He trusted they would also add a petition that he (the preacher) may, by God's grace, fully preach Christ's crucified, as the only name given amongst men whereby they may be saved.

The illumination of the pulpit was entrusted, under the general direction of the architect, to Bro. Driffeld, ecclesiastical decorator, of Exeter (Beer and Driffeld), who has done his work very satisfactorily. Several of the stained windows in this church have been produced by the same firm.

The pulpit was much admired, and has cost about sixty pounds.

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C. A. H. writes to correct an error, but does not give the name of lodge, town, or date, so that we cannot trace it.

The following stand over until next week in consequence of pressure on our columns: Lodges 1507, 1619; 1637; Old MSS.; Bro. Lamonby's History of Cumberland and Westmorland.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Montreal Herald," "The Rhy Journal," "Voice of Masonry," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Geschichte Freimaurerischer Systeme in England, Frankreich und Deutschland," by C. C. F. A. Ven Nettelblatt: E. S. Mitzler and Son, Berlin," "The Masonic Fair."

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BIRTHS.

DICKENS.—On the 13th inst., at Cleveland-terrace-gardens, Kensington, the wife of H. F. Dickens, of a son.

THOMPSON.—On the 7th inst., at Belmont, Parkstone, the wife of E. N. Thompson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BUSS—ROBERTS.—On the 13th inst., at St. Andrew's Holborn Viaduct, by the Rev. Mr. Blunt, Thomas Odempsey Lebert Buss, of 33 Hatton-garden, London, and Gloucestershire, to Ellen Roberts, of Edenbridge, Kent, second daughter of the late John Roberts, of Marylebone.

DEATHS.

FARNFIELD.—On the 7th inst., Bro. William Farnfield, Clerk to the Plumstead Board of Works, aged 47.

WOOD.—On the 9th inst., at No. 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, aged 72 years, Ann, the beloved wife of Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 1094, 249, &c.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1879.

GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS RECENT COURTS.

The Elections have proceeded with their usual regularity, the large numbers voting showing the increased and increasing value of these admirable Educational Institutions. At the Girls' School meeting on Saturday Bro. Meggy's motion was rejected, to appoint a committee to scrutinize the Scrutineers, (Quasi custodiet ipsos custodes?), and the proposal to elect the Secretary by voting papers instead of personal voting, as heretofore, was carried by a large majority. On Monday Bro. Meggy's motion was again rejected by an overwhelming majority, and Bro. Matier's motion to strike out the word, "consecutive," after "seven" and before "years," moved for him by Bro. Woodford, was also carried by a large majority. Bro. Birch's proposal for voting papers for the election of Secretary was likewise again carried by a decisive majority. What the effect of the change will be time can only show. A good deal may be said, in our opinion, for it and against it, and the subject hardly received the consideration which it deserved at the recent meetings.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

This most distinguished province held its gathering last week under most auspicious circumstances and before a most goodly attendance. Indeed, the assembly of 600 Masons is not a matter to be lightly regarded or hastily ignored. No doubt the popularity of the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M. and the Masonic zeal and fervour of our worthy West Lancashire brethren are sufficient to account for a state of things, if noteworthy in itself, most creditable to the eighty lodges which now compose the Province of West Lancashire, and whose members so gladly rally round the banner of their Prov. G.M., one of the chief rulers of our Craft moreover, on all occasions and under all circumstances. We need hardly say that the proceedings of this united and enthusiastic body, when duly convened for the good purpose of our admirable Craft, were characterized from first to last by all that warmth of Masonic feeling, and that harmony of inter-communion, and that unity of thought and action so pleasant always to the Masonic mind to contemplate, so congenial with the principles we constantly and carefully avow, and so very prevalent, and happily prevalent, in the Province of West Lancashire. Though we are well aware of the fact, as a fact, we are glad to be assured of irrefragable authority that the province is in a most healthy and prosperous state, and despite the badness of trade, the trials of agriculture, and the fluctuations of commerce, that there is no apparent weakening either of the golden chain of Masonic union or the goodly outcome of Masonic charity. The Province of Lancashire is second to none in its zeal for our great Masonic Institutions, and maintains a very effective and important educational system of its own. In fact, "all round," all West Lancashire brethren may feel proud both of the Masonic district to which they belong, and of that wise and energetic rule under which their prestige as a province increases year by year. Surely we have a right to add that all this auspicious state of things, in general and particular, reflects the highest credit on the distinguished ruler of the province and its hard-working officials, among whom we feel bound to mention the name of that worthy, and energetic, and respected Mason, Bro. Alpass. We congratulate sincerely all in West Lancashire on this their normal and undoubted state of Masonic efficiency and Masonic work. One point, indeed, we do not, we confess, to understand in the account of these interesting proceedings; that is, how the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire can be turned "for the nonce" into a Board of

Governors of any other Masonic Institution. If we read the Book of Constitutions correctly, and understand the laws and precedents which govern the provincial organization, the Prov. G. Lodge must open and close as a Prov. G. Lodge, and nothing else, and that it has no power under any circumstances to resolve itself into any other body whatever, neither can such proceedings legally appear on its minutes. We suppose that there is some explanation of the proceedings possible, some ancient custom which takes the face and form of law. We have thought well to notice the point, because we do not profess to understand it ourselves, and because in other days we have ourselves objected to what was once not uncommon, the transaction of the affairs of a benefit club, of which all the members of the lodge were members, attached to the lodge, in the lodge. But such a proceeding is contrary to the Book of Constitutions, as could easily be shown if it were necessary. We are aware that something may be said as to the force and effect of provincial bye-laws which have been current for years, and at one time may have received the sanction of competent authority. But provincial bye-laws cannot go beyond, or over, or beside the Book of Constitutions, and as Provincial bye-laws require, legally and strictly speaking, re-enactment under each Prov. Grand Master, nothing like finality can attach, even to the most skilfully framed of them, many of which are a credit to their compilers and to the province. We have said this with no desire of finding fault, (far be from us any such intention or desire), but simply for information, as we confess as we said before, to be in doubt upon the subject, and nothing in our opinion is so bad in in Freemasonry, in general or in particular, as precedents of questionable validity, especially when by the force of circumstances, or what Lord Palmerston called the "concatenation of atoms," they come before us invested with all the sanction which high character, Masonic work, and personal merit can give.

THE BRITON AND FREEMASON TRAVELLING.

Though we do not profess to admire the "advice gratis" sort, immortalized by Mr. Samuel Weller, junior, we yet think it well and not unbecoming, in us, as "Amici Curie" above all, translate it as you will, to tender a little homely advice to many a wandering brother and sister especially, if a lady will take advice. Wherever our numerous friends, or "fraternities," now may be, among the Alps or in Venetian gondolas, loitering at Vevay or sojourning at Marienbad, wondering at the Splügen, or enthusiastic in the Tyrol, amid the sights of Paris, the art treasures of Dresden, the palaces of Munich, or the agreeabilities of Vienna, surely to them a little friendly and fraternal advice will not be altogether valueless, especially when tendered with the most sympathetic good will in the genial pages of the *Freemason*. It has been said by some one, we forget who, but probably an "anser," we are inclined to opine, that "nobody should travel who did not understand the language of the country through which, on highways and bye-ways, (pleasant reminiscences of an old work of Colley Grattan's here supervene), he is to wend by noisy train, by lumbering diligence, or with kaapsack on back and alpenstock in hand." But this mistaken adage has been proved to be untrue in countless ways and by innumerable voyagers. Some of the best travellers we ever knew were those who practically did not know one word of any language but their own, and would not learn. In the Duke of Wellington's memoirs a good story is told of the well known Sir Colin Campbell, (not Lord Clyde), one of his most trusted and effective officers, and who, as the Duke himself said, did not "know two words of French." "I have heard him," said the Duke, "disputing with a French departing guest about an umbrella, and all Colin could do or say was to seize the umbrella and shout out, Cest moine." Neither do we agree with another facetious and proverbial saying, (by whomsoever composed),

"When you go abroad, mind you know the lingo, If you don't, like me, you'll be done, by jingo."

The truth is, that as a general rule, if our dear compatriots abroad would only conform to the ways of the countries through which they pass, if they would become personally, as they Masonically profess to be, "citizens of the world," they would get on themselves a good deal better and everything would "dovetail" in better with their ideas, their habits, and their idiosyncrasies. We have often admired the Briton and Britoness finding fault with everything abroad out loud, for the benefit of the company in general. For them everything was "frightfully dear," there was "positively nothing to eat; no, nothing, my love, but kickshaws; and "then if you don't dine at the Table d'Hôte you pay double for everything," and so on, "ad infinitum." We once met a genial, burly Briton on a Rhine steamer, who declaimed thus: "Sir, the Rhine is all very fine, but it is much exaggerated, and then you never can get boiling water abroad. I've not had a decent cup of tea since I left England." Now our advice to many travelling friends is this, we have found its efficacy in many a pleasant jaunt, alas, over for us: try to conform to the habits of the country in which you are pro tem. Give up insular ways, ideas, and even meals. You will fare better if you will only accept the "Café au lait," &c., for instance, as an early breakfast, and make a good luncheon at their "Dejeuner à la Fourchette;" you can get some tea if you like in the afternoon, and then a late dinner. But do at Rome as Rome does. If you will have expensive apartments and solitary meals you must pay for them, and pay for them, dear brother and dear boy, and grumble not. Always be civil to the "natives" and they will be civil to you. Remember, a little civility goes a long way, and if you respect them in word, manner, and act, they will assuredly treat you in the same manner. If you go abroad don't expect all the luxuries and conveniences of home. You can't have a good British breakfast, (for the most part), at 9; you can't open the broad sheet of the *Times*; you can't be purely English; but you can, if you will, thoroughly enter into all the incidents and varieties of foreign life and travel; you can journey on contented and come back with your mind enlarged, illustrating one of the great tenets of Freemasonry, the true citizenship of life and of the world.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

COUNCIL OF SIDE DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a notice of the Ebor Lodge at York of the Order of St. Laurence I find a statement upon which I think I am entitled to be heard, especially as it cannot in any way disturb or react upon the prosperity of that lodge and that Order. It would seem by this report that some meeting was held at the Alexandra Palace, on the 9th August last, "for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees." This appears in your issue of this day, the 11th October, and very much astonishes me in more ways than one. So long ago as October, 1875, during the time that I was issuing my "Royal Masonic Cyclopædia," and before the publication of the part in which Side Degrees were spoken of, the proof sheets of that work, now in my possession, were submitted to several eminent Masons, including Bros. Captain Irwin, Hughan, Hyde Pullen, Yarker, and others, and in the correspondence incidental to the completion of the book, the formation of a Council of Side Degrees was suggested and took place, and the following passage from my book, written in January, 1876, may be cited in evidence:—

"As a Council of Side Degrees is taking under its protection all stray rights not otherwise expressly claimed by the former five bodies, they will for the sake of convenience, and for clear Masonic thought, be placed unattached, but with the addition of the letters C.S.D. to indicate the desire of this body to collect and preserve in its archives many obsolete degrees at present lying dormant.—'Royal Masonic Cyclopædia'—article, Knights, Masonic, pp. 425-6."

A Council was then formed, and I was requested to take charge of it in a secretarial capacity, which I have done, not for the purpose of emolument, but from a desire to co-operate in preserving many interesting Degrees from undeserved neglect. A prospectus—now lying before me—was privately submitted to most eminent brethren, to their perfect satisfaction, and my book contains the list of the Degrees the Council desired to protect. Finally Bro. Capt Francis George Irwin temporarily agreed—as his letters to me show—to act as President of this Council, and had not the premature demise of his son caused him to retire

very much from active Masonry, the Craft at large would have heard more of it. But I claim priority as the representative of the Council in every respect, not only on account of publication, but because the detailed organisation lies before me at this moment, having been duly announced in my book.

In conclusion I should like to be informed by whose authority the Alexandra Palace meeting was convened, and who it is, therefore, that is so zealous for the purpose entertained by the brethren with whom in so many ways I have for years been intimately associated.

In any case I must claim for those brethren and myself the real merit, so far as it may exist, of a Council of Side Degrees for the United Kingdom and the Colonies.

A study of Masonry rather closer than given by the majority of my brethren has afforded me wide opportunities for the accumulation of trustworthy information on these recalcitrant points. Many really Masonic Degrees are in my possession totally unknown to the present generation of Masons, derived from trusty historical sources of indisputable authority.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX^o,

Hon. Secretary Council of Side Degrees (Instituted 1875);

S. Grand Sec. Swedenborgian Rite.

Flint-villas, Hounslow, Oct. 11th, 1879.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Bro. Kenning,

As I receive many Masonic letters day by day perhaps you will kindly allow me to inform kind correspondents through your columns that my address henceforth is 25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W., instead of 10, Upper Porchester-street, though practically it is the same street still, curiously enough.

Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W. Oct. 14th, 1879.

MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret that any remarks of mine should have given umbrage to a Craftsman so worthily esteemed as Bro. Vernon. I can assure him that such was very far from my intention. Their object was to ascertain the grounds on which he based his opinion that the Melrose Lodge could instruct an antiquary as ancient as that of Kilwinning or Mary's Chapel Lodges. As he has not stated them, I am afraid that I and others must remain of opinion that Melrose can instruct no such claim. Bro. Vernon from his letter leads one to infer that it was only recently that he discovered the existence of this lodge, which surprises me. Several attempts have been already made to induce it to join Grand Lodge. The most recent was that made by the Past Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirk Shires a few years ago. He had meetings at Melrose on the subject, and did everything to induce the Melrose brethren to—as Bro. Hughan happily puts it—"fall into line." He even indicated that the lodge would get the highest vacant number on the Grand Roll, and possibly a higher "Bis" number, if they would come to terms. After much trouble the proposal was abandoned as hopeless. Every one shares the "longing" of Bro. Hughan to see the Melrose Lodge hailing under the Grand Banner. But to attain this desirable object it is surely not necessary to do an injustice to other lodges. My own recollection was, that the minutes of the Melrose Lodge opened in 1674, and on referring to the MS. of my note you will find that I had so stated it, but as Bro. Vernon's letter gave the date 1678, and I was writing from recollection, I altered the date to that given by him, believing his date was the correct one. As Bro. Vernon states that documents have been discovered since Bro. Buchan visited Melrose, about eleven years ago, would he kindly state what they are, and where they were found. As regards the "Melrose MS.," Bro. David Murray Lyon tells me that he knew of it many years ago. He says it is a copy of the old charges similar to those of Kilwinning (which was obtained from Mary's Chapel) and the Aitchisons Haven Lodges. As the Kilwinning Lodge obtained its copy between the years 1675-1678, and the Aitchisons Haven Lodge in 1666, dates corresponding to the minutes of Melrose, very likely the latter lodge obtained its copy about the same period, and from the same source. Facsimiles of the Kilwinning and Aitchison Haven charges are given in the history of Mary's Chapel Lodge; and I respectfully suggest that Bro. Vernon should compare the caligraphy of those documents with the Melrose MS., and tell us the result. Bro. Murray Lyon states that Kilwinning was in the practice of selling copies of her copy of the "Charges" to lodges. Other lodges may have followed a similar practice. If Bro. Vernon will look into the "Freemasons' Magazine" (published ten years ago by the "Freemasons' Magazine" Company, London), and other Masonic publications about that date, he will find many instructive archaeological articles by Bro. W. P. Buchan, who was then a large contributor to Masonic literature. In some of these magazines, too, he will find everything that can be said about the Melrose Lodge.

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Reviews.

THE LETTERS OF THE YOUNGER PLINY, Translated by J. D. Lewis, M.A. Trubner & Co., Ludgate Hill.

Curiously enough only three English translations of these famous epistles are in existence. The versions of Melmoth and Lord Orrery, both published about the middle of the last century, are now only to be found in the libraries of the great or of book collectors, and are somewhat scarce. Mr. Bohn some little time back published an edition of Melmoth's translation, but with some adaptations and modifications. And even the two versions named are not most inviting to the general reader, and though they may be fairly, we think, said to contain a true representation, on the whole, of the mind and meaning of the writer, they cannot be considered literal translations of the Latin of the man whom the Emperor Trajan addressed as "my dear Secundus." Mr. Lewis has accordingly produced a translation based on the text of "Keil," and we, having read the book through, can honestly say that he has done his work well. Some little doubt may here and there perhaps exist, whether in intricate passages and obscure Latinity he is always correct, but such little points are few and far between, and only serve, in our opinion, to set off the general fidelity and accuracy of the work. And how interesting to us still are these letters of Pliny the Younger, in the glimpses they give us, so true and minute, endued with a sort of word painting of the old world life of Imperial Rome, rapidly hastening to its decay and fall. We seem, as we read his frank and animated letters, to live over again the scenes well known to our "classic youth," to see and converse with the very persons whom we have often heard of, and whose works we have studied and read. We see Rome depicted as it really was in Trajan's days by one who, a successful lawyer and a distinguished statesman, had every opportunity of knowing the facts he describes so well; who was above all temptations to deceit, all imputations of partiality, and who seems to recount the daily doings he talks of so easily and so confidentially, as a faithful and close record of things as they really were. Such a witness is very valuable, such a writer deserves both perusal and reliance. We who have studied the annals of the past, know how difficult it is to discriminate between truth and falsehood, owing to the animus of the historian or the peculiar colouring which in consequence of predisposing influences or preconceived opinions, he gives to well-known contemporaries or passing events. Horace Walpole, delightful as a letter writer, has always to be read cautiously when he touches upon historical facts, and his so-called historical works are valueless as authorities for the student of history. Even that great writer, Lord Macaulay, though he will always be admired for the grace of his diction, and the point of his antithesis, and his admirable collocation of words, will in another generation not be looked up to as an authority on what is most important, after all—historical accuracy and fairness. And almost the same may be said, more or less, of all our historians. But, when we open the pages of Pliny, we are struck with his fairness and his accuracy. Perhaps it was his legal training; perhaps it was his "mens æqua;" perhaps it was his own narrow escape from the brutal cruelties of Domitian, which made him adopt that admirable spirit of liberal and enlightened appreciation of things and persons, which renders his letters so valuable a picture of the public and private life of the age he lived in. In his dealing with the Christians Pliny has justly incurred grave censure, and was practically rebuked by Trajan. Like all the Roman statesmen, he seems to have looked upon the Christians as a "secret fraternity" more than anything else, and records, with a sort of unctuous satisfaction, worthy of an Inquisitor, or a callous persecutor of his brethren, how he tortured two poor deaconesses to get at the truth and meaning of the "secret assemblies." As is well known to us Masons, Pliny's letters contain Trojan's reply to a request to establish a guild of firemen, (not of Masons, as some older Masonic writers had it), which is a negative one, on the ground of their becoming "secret societies." The Collegia of the Romans, no doubt, sometimes played the part of secret fraternities, but from them undoubtedly the Fraternity or Guild of Freemasons took its rise, (as all guilds did), and handed down through Anglo-Saxon times those sodalities those sodalities which afterwards played such an important part in the social, domestic, and building life of England. To many of our reading brethren we commend this edition of Pliny's letters, as a like useful and entertaining in the highest manner.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

Communiqué.

We understand that this useful and growing Association has been very successful in the recent elections, having succeeded in carrying, or aiding to carry, three girls and three boys, and having placed its female candidates in such a position as to render, humanly speaking, the election of two certain next April, and a third probable and possible. We are glad to think that the objects of the Association are becoming more and more appreciated and their honest labours zealously supported.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday next, the 24th instant. The lodge will be opened at 6 p.m. precisely.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Colonel Creton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron and Trustee, presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), John Wordsworth, Robert B. Webster, J. L. Hine, W. H. B. Tomlinson, Thomas Ruddock, A. H. Tattershall, W. H. Perryman, Charles Godtschalk, S. Rawson, Don. M. Dewar, John Bodenham, H. A. Dubois, William Stephens, William Hale, H. Hacker, A. Pratt, William Roebuck, John Thompson, George W. Dixon, R. C. Spaul, W. H. Bowden, F. H. J. Barish, H. Cox, W. A. Barrett, H. T. Bartlett, J. Vaughan, W. Hickman, J. E. Le Feuvre, Thomas Meggy, Joyce Murray, James Hodges, F. H. Cox, J. P. Platt, Hy. C. Burt, W. Douglas Dugdale, George Everett, Edward Clark, Arthur E. Gladwell, Hyde Pullen, Frank H. Celli, John Alfred Pitman, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. Binckes having read the notice convening the meeting, the minutes were read to the brethren and confirmed.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, Past Grand Steward, Vice-Patron, then moved, pursuant to notice, "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court." He said it was probably in the minds of the brethren that several times mistakes had been found in the returns of the Scrutineers of votes at elections, and when a further scrutiny of the votes had been demanded it had been proved to have been justified by the first return proving inaccurate. The mistakes had occurred quite unintentionally, but still they proved that there must be something wrong in the system, whether in the casting of the votes, or the checking of the votes, or the way in which the Scrutineers were appointed. Whatever the defect was, if the question were submitted to a Committee, that Committee would find out where the fault lay, and probably would suggest a better mode of conducting the scrutiny of votes. For this reason he moved that a Committee be appointed.

Bro. Thompson seconded the motion.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said he thought there was great objection to this motion being now brought forward in the Boys' School. At the meeting of the Girls' School on Saturday, a similar motion by Bro. Meggy was rejected, and if the brethren were to carry a resolution now which had been rejected in the Girls' School, it would seem to be a reflection on the Scrutineers of the votes in the Boys' School. He objected to having two different modes of treatment in the two Institutions. If there was to be an enquiry as to the Scrutineers it must be for all the Charities, and not for one Charity only. He begged to move as an amendment that the motion be rejected.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded the amendment. From what he knew of the scrutines for many years, they had been most honestly, carefully, and fairly conducted. There was not a suspicion on the Scrutineers, and even in this motion of Bro. Meggy's there was no question of improper conduct.

Bro. Thomas Meggy: Certainly not.

Bro. A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B., said he was not behind the scenes in this matter, but he was present on Saturday when the same motion was brought forward and rejected by a small majority. The motion might be brought on again at the next meeting of the Girls' School, and the best way would be for the same motion in the Boys' School to stand over till after that.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought that parties bringing forward such a resolution should be agreeable to acting as Scrutineers themselves. If they would come and see how the work was done they would find no fault with it. The way the work was done on Saturday at the Girls' School election was a fair specimen of the way it was generally done. Of course mistakes would sometimes occur—it was unavoidable; but it frequently arose from some brethren being chosen as Scrutineers who were not used to the work. He thought that on Saturday there was no objection raised.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, in reply to an observation of Bro. Tattershall, said he had been a Scrutineer, and it was in consequence of having been a Scrutineer that he brought forward this motion.

The motion was then put and lost by an overwhelming majority.

The next motion was one by Bro. C. F. Matier, "That in Law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven,' the word 'consecutive' be omitted," the effect of the motion being that if a candidate's father has subscribed to one or other of the Masonic Institutions seven years in all, the candidate shall be eligible, rendering it unnecessary that the subscription should have been for seven consecutive years.

Bro. Binckes said no doubt it would be in the recollection of the brethren and other members of the Court that this question was discussed at the last Court, as also at the Court of the Girls' School. In the case of the Girls' School it was resolved to erase the word "consecutive." On the following Monday the Court of the Boys' School retained the word "consecutive," therefore the laws of the two Institutions as they at present stood differed in this respect. In the Girls' School it was "seven years," in the Boys' School "seven consecutive years." Bro. Matier had given notice of motion to eliminate the word "consecutive," but he was not able to be present, and wrote from Glasgow that Bro. Dr. Woodford would make the motion for him.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said he was very unwilling to trespass again on the time of the meeting, but as he had promised Bro. Matier to second the motion when it came on he would now explain the reason of the motion without going into the whole question of the

object of it. It was brought forward now for the purpose of assimilating the laws of the two Institutions. At present there were two systems in existence, and that was clearly not an advisable state of things. Under those circumstances, whatever opinions the brethren might entertain on the question of aggregate or consecutive subscriptions, the motion was now brought forward for the sake of uniformity. He begged to move that the word "consecutive" be omitted, so that the systems of the two Institutions would be harmonious.

Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion.

Bro. Henry Hacker said a Committee might be appointed to revise the bye-laws. Some subscribers might feel that seven consecutive years should still be the rule. Would it not be better that notice of motion should be given in the other Institution to alter the laws of the Girls' School so as to make it "consecutive?"

Bro. Col. Creton said the motion at present was whether the word "consecutive" should stand. It had been struck out of the laws in the Girls' School.

Bro. W. Roebuck moved that the word remain. It was quite right that the rules of the two Institutions should be the same; but in this particular instance the case of the two Institutions was different. There were more candidates for the Boys' School than there were for the Girls. In the Boys' School there were seventy-seven candidates and only sixteen to be elected, whereas on Saturday in the Girls' School there were only forty-eight candidates and eighteen to be elected. It had been found that there were many Masons who belonged to a lodge only for four or five years, and attended no lodge at all for years before they died. Their children were put up for the Institutions, and very often they pushed out the children of the thoroughly energetic Mason.

Bro. J. Joyce Murray seconded the amendment.

Bro. Binckes said no amendment was necessary. The motion only required to be met with a direct affirmative or negative.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford observed that with reference to the remark of Bro. Roebuck, as to the list of candidates for the Boys' School being larger than the Girls, it was not a "sequitur." There had been times when the Girls' list was the longer of the two, and there was no reason why it should not be so again. Bro. Roebuck's argument, therefore, was not of any great weight. But the great argument was that one system of "qualification" should prevail for our two educational charities.

The motion was carried by thirty-six votes against seventeen.

Bro. James A. Birch, East Lancashire, moved a proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election."

He said it was probably superfluous for him to adduce again the arguments he brought forward at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, especially as the Boys' Court was composed of very nearly the same members as were present at the Court of the Girls' Institution when the resolution was adopted. Those Masons who resided at considerable distances from Freemasons' Hall thought that the election of Secretary when it did take place should be conducted in the same manner as the election of candidates for admission to the School, by balloting papers. After having by donations to the Institution acquired the privileges of a Life Governor, they felt it was a hardship upon them that, in order to exercise one of those privileges, they should be put to the expense of a journey which involved an outlay of £5 perhaps, and the loss of two days' time, which to many of them was a very serious consideration. By the present law the country brethren were partly disfranchised unless they chose to incur this additional tax, and the election of Secretary, if it should occur, would be vested in those brethren who resided in close proximity to Freemasons' Hall. He did not know that he had anything more to say. The brethren did him the honour to adopt this resolution on Saturday. If he might say without appearing obtrusive, he would mention that if they conferred on the provinces the privilege he asked the Province of East Lancashire trusted it would be many years to come before they had to exercise it in this School. The eloquent advocacy of Bro. Binckes on behalf of this Institution had not only tended to diffuse the privileges of this School alone, but also to promote the prosperity of the other Institutions, by awakening in the breasts of the brethren those feelings which led them to support the Masonic Charities. The brethren trusted it would be many years before he was removed by any cause from the office of Secretary of the Boys' School, because they believed that he sincerely sympathised with the afflictions of the fatherless and widows, and there was no more eloquent or able brother to plead their cause. He hoped that this Quarterly Court of the Boys' School would not be more indifferent to the wishes of the provincial brethren than the Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, but that they would adopt this resolution, and so assimilate the laws of the two Institutions.

Bro. Ruddock seconded the motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., while agreeing with the remarks of Bro. Birch in reference to Bro. Binckes, thought that after a large Committee had decided, after due consideration on the law as it at present stood, it was inexpedient to make any alteration.

Bro. W. Roebuck agreed with Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, supported Bro. Birch, and trusted that the Court would do what the Court of the Girls' School did on Saturday. If the principle asked for was granted to the provinces, they would exercise it with great caution. There

need be no fear or doubt as to their supporting a proper person. They certainly thought they had a right to the privilege. They did not ask for any new favour. If the London brethren would be generous they would take nothing from themselves, while they would be giving a great deal to the provinces.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart enquired what would be the expense of sending out balloting papers.

Bro. Binckes said the postage would be about £15, and the printing £10. If he might endorse the good wishes expressed by Bro. Birch, he would add that this expense would not occur every year. (Laughter and cheers.) He had held the office himself twenty-five years, and his predecessor held it thirty-seven years. He did not think the question of the expense of printing and postage ought to influence the question at all.

Bro. James A. Birch, in reply, said if the brethren did not pass his resolution, the laws of the two Schools would not be assimilated. The benefits of these Institutions were not restricted to any locality, and really the interest which was felt in these Charities ought to be co-extensive with the benefits conferred. The provincial brethren were anxious to exercise the little influence they possessed without the additional tax he had referred to, and to exercise that influence for the best interests of this Institution.

The motion was carried by thirty-eight against ten votes.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of sixteen boys, by ballot from a list of seventy-seven approved candidates. At five o'clock the Scrutineers of votes, of which Bro. R. B. Webster was chairman, made the following report:—

SUCCESSFUL.	
43	Stone, Percy Herbert ... 1815
60	Johnson, John Charles... 1734
45	Garstin, Paul Belmore... 1697
21	Beckett, Ernest George... 1633
3	Walt, Emanuel ... 1611
56	Healey, William Henry... 1603
20	Hounslow, Herbert Rich ... 1568
52	Aspden, Albert Grice ... 1555
54	Godfrey, Frederick F. ... 1528
2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles ... 1523
30	Wagstaff, Charles C. ... 1519
58	Young, John Alfred ... 1510
23	Henderson, John ... 1504
49	Murgatroyd, John Roebuck ... 1474
16	Bazley, William Henry... 1467
5	Allin, Charles James Fox ... 1457

UNSUCCESSFUL.	
24	Thomas, John M. Alex. ... 1456
7	Parker, George Shadwell ... 1449
9	Salding, Edmund Purcell ... 1443
29	Colbeck, Frank ... 1413
22	Norrish, Herbert ... 1273
18	Brooks, George Bettie ... 1089
10	Black, William ... 1075
42	Seddon, James Albert ... 1026
62	Moore, Ernest Stambler ... 785
6	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett ... 727
72	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead ... 623
11	Scott, John Sheppard ... 617
19	Grave, Richard Arthur ... 592
27	Fellows, Herbert M. ... 591
38	Kennedy, Arthur James... 485
61	Smith, William Henry ... 428
17	Gauntlett, George Fredk. ... 390
44	Shrapnel, A. E. Scrope... 361
57	Saville, William James... 356
51	Knott, Herbert Wilfred ... 351
32	Brown, Walter Boston ... 316
55	Hobbs, Robert Norton ... 310
73	Gee, Arthur Alban ... 263
4	Ridpath, Lovell Hope ... 253
15	Tracy, William ... 251
41	Coe, Albert Edward ... 244
36	Unwin, Fras. Arthur ... 242
13	Marshall, Phillipson ... 223
69	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel ... 222
26	Wilton, Ernest Colville C. ... 206
39	Neville, Fredk. John ... 204
33	Fellows, Arthur ... 187
50	Thomas, Frank Robert... 182
64	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F. ... 180
25	Crane, Harry Samuel J. ... 169
35	Goldbrough, Jno. Tom ... 165
48	Lee, Sidney Edward ... 153
76	Wilson, William Leslie... 135
46	Woollons, Walter H. ... 118
75	Gunnell, William Pearse ... 106
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas ... 91
74	Lucas, Edmund Charles ... 88
28	Steinhauer, George W... 75
68	Ibbe, Robert Leigh ... 50
70	Watson, William Renwick ... 45
77	Frost, James Bray ... 41
65	Ball, Edward Thomas... 27
59	Webb, Charles Edward... 24
8	Bell, James Herbert ... 22
12	Gay, George John ... 18
14	Read, John ... 4
66	Granger, Ernest Bloomer ... 4
71	Loveridge, Sydney Earle ... 3
34	Barker, Arthur ... 2
31	Hawke, Edwin Ernest... 1
67	Laing, Herbert Lawson... 1
37	Foot, William Robert D. ... —
47	Mey, George ... —
53	Pike, William Thomas... —
40	Pratt, Robt. Williamson... —
63	Sparks, Albert Edward ... —

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to the Chairman of the day, Col. Creton, terminated the proceedings.

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL FUND.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

The ancient lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, on Monday eve last, the 13th inst., assembled in full force to celebrate the centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Liquidation Fund," which was formed on June 21st, 1779, and to which the lodge contributed very handsomely. There was a very large attendance, and throughout the interest was well sustained, and was enthusiastic to the last.

The W.M., Bro. Wilson Lloyd Fox, took the chair at 7.30, and was supported by the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Bro. Col. J. W. Peard (in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M.); R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England; and W. Bro. W. Copeland Borlase, F.S.A., P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall. The R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, was also expected, but was unable to be present, to the regret of his many friends in Falmouth.

After the usual business was finished, and the election of Bro. O. H. Marson du Gillon (late S.W. 1511) as a joining member, the real duties commenced by the W.M. aptly introducing the matter by saying that the fact of the lodge having the privilege to wear the Freemasons' Hall medal, in the person of its W.M., had been quite lost sight of for many years, and the jewel itself had been lost, but the publication of their distinguished Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register of Lodges" had directed attention to the subject, and through the interest exhibited in the medal, in consequence of the beautiful lithographic plate of it in the work, he and others had endeavoured to procure one of the original medals which had once belonged to an old but defunct lodge, but without any success. He then communicated with Bro. George Kenning, of London, who had a duplicate struck, and he felt very proud indeed to know that the lodge was again to exercise its privilege.

The W. Bro. W. F. Newman, P.M. and Treas. (P. Prov. G.D.), then rose, and expressed his great pleasure on being permitted to invest the W.M. with the medal, on behalf of the Past Masters and members, and he desired to draw attention to the character of the ornament thus attached to the Master's jewel. An unfinished building was depicted on the obverse, thus suggestive of the incompleteness of our lives, and until all discordant elements had been subdued the medal would not be wanting in symbolism to remind us of the cementing character of our ancient and honourable society. The W.M. was then duly invested with the collar, jewel, and medal, amid the plaudits of the brethren.

Bro. Hughan was then asked to address the lodge, and in response, furnished a complete historical account of the beginning, continuance, and ending of the "Freemasons' Hall Fund." Certain lodges had subscribed the sum of £25, without interest, while others had given that sum to the Grand Lodge to liquidate the debt on the Hall, which was inaugurated in 1776, and so the Grand Lodge on 21st June, 1779, had passed a resolution that those members and lodges who had thus aided in the erection of their hall should be presented with a silver medal, to wear "as an honourable testimony to their services," &c. Eighty-two brethren had subscribed, including the Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Sir John St. Aubyn, whose privileges had died with them, but whilst they lasted the twenty-six lodges were to retain their rights through their W.M.'s for the time being. Of these nine have died out, and outside the London district there are only four left in England which have the right to use the medal, one being No. 75, Falmouth, the nearest else being No. 41, Bath, and the other two are No. 154, Wakefield, and No. 237, Swansea. It was, therefore, a great honour to be thus distinguished, and he felt proud to be an honorary member of one of these lodges, especially No. 75, warranted so early as 1751, and noted from its constitution for its liberality and heartiness. It was also the premier lodge in the county, and the founder of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall.

Bro. Hughan's address was listened to most earnestly by the brethren, and frequently was much applauded.

The W. Bro. H. Tilly, P.M., Prov. G. Reg., then moved that a record be made in the minutes of the celebration that evening of the institution of the Freemasons' Hall under such distinguished auspices, and, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his hearty appreciation of all that had been done to make the meeting such a complete success, and to bring the exertions of the W.M. and Bro. Hughan to such a successful issue.

The W. Bro. Michael Little, P.M. 75, seconded the proposition, and gracefully alluded to the distinguished character of the guests that had honoured them that evening by being present, his reference to Col. Peard, as "Garibaldi's Englishman," and one so honoured and respected, provoking a hearty outburst of applause, as also his remarks respecting the W. Bro. W. C. Borlase, a lineal descendant of the great Cornish historian, the Rev. Dr. Borlase, who (it transpired that evening) was initiated in 1751 in their Lodge, No. 75.

Bro. Borlase, responding, observed that it was due to the antiquity of the lodge that they assembled that evening, and drew some very beautiful thoughts from the object contemplated by the meeting. He was not aware that his illustrious ancestor had been a Mason, and was highly gratified that Bro. Hughan had made so important a discovery in examining the old records of the lodge.

The W. Bro. Col. Peard (who had been duly saluted early in the evening), on rising, was most warmly greeted, and his genial, happy speech was as gratefully and fraternally received by the members, as the reception was most thorough and hearty. He had great pleasure in visiting their old lodge, and particularly on so important an occasion. In reply to the W.M., he consented to accept

the position of one of the honorary members of the lodge, the ballot, of course, proving unanimous, and he was presented with a copy of the curious history and bye-laws of the lodge.

The W. Bro. W. H. Dunstan, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W., then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his well directed efforts, and for the trouble he had taken to obtain the medal, but was brief in his remarks, so as not to make the meeting too protracted.

The W. Bro. F. Dennis seconded, and on being put to the lodge by the I.P.M., the proposition was carried most enthusiastically.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindly mention of his humble services, and to have succeeded in obtaining them was a sufficient reward to him for what he had done. He, however, wished it be known that the meeting was really due to the publication of Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register of Lodges," and he also expressed his appreciation of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges."

The banquet was served in the spacious ball room of the Royal Hotel by "mine host," Bro. R. Carter, P. Prov. G. Org., and Sec. of the lodge, and, as becoming the time of the year, it was duly served in a most temptingly hot condition. The speeches were much above the ordinary, and, in addition to those already named, the following Past Masters and others were present at the meeting of the lodge and banquet, as well as very many of the members:—Bros. John Vivian, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Timothy C. Polglase, P.M., P. Prov. A.G.D.C.; John H. Mitchell, P.M. 589; Joseph Wallace, S.W.; W. D. Rogers, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge.

[Note by the Editor.]

As so much interest has been exhibited in this celebration we append a full list of the lodges entitled to wear the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," taken from Bro. Hughan's work.*

- Subscribers to the Hall Liquidation Fund, A.D. 1779:—
- Grand Stewards' Lodge, F.M.H., London.
 - 4 Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, London.
 - 6 Lodge of Friendship, Willis' Rooms, London.
 - 21 Lodge of Emulation, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis' Rooms, London.
 - 29 Lodge of Saint Alban, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 33 Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.
 - 41 Royal Cumberland Lodge, F.M.H., Bath.
 - 46 Old Union Lodge, Holborn, London.
 - 75 Lodge of Love & Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth.
 - 99 Shakespeare Lodge, Aldersgate-street, London.
 - 108 London Lodge, Leadenhall-street, London.
 - 134 Caledonian Lodge, Leadenhall-street, London.
 - 154 Lodge of Unanimity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield.
 - 235 Lodge of the Nine Muses, Bond-street, London.
 - 237 Indefatigable Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Swansea.
 - 255 Lodge of Harmony, Richmond, Surrey.

Extinct Lodges.		Erased after
102	Lodge of Prince George, Plymouth	1814
104	Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket	1814
223	Lusitanian Lodge, F.M.H., London	1814
227	Gothic Lodge, Harwich, Essex	1814
311	Lodge of Virtue, Masonic Rooms, Bath	1814
301	Lodge of Jehoshaphat, Wotton-under-Edge	1792
382	Lodge of Liberty and Sincerity, Wellington	1814
414	Lodge of Honour, Kensington, London	1814
314	Royal Gloucester Lodge, Gloucester	1832

FREEMASONRY IN NORWICH.

The Craft in Norwich have at length fallen upon what they consider comfortable quarters, away from the contaminating influence of hotels and taverns. The residence of the late Mr. H. Bollingbroke, situated at 23, St. Giles'-street, coming to the hammer, a couple of speculating Masons went in for the purchase thereof, and with Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves as Secretary, and "having the cordial support of the R.W.P.G.M. (Lord Suffield)," a Masonic Club has been started with all the usual facilities of such places. Subscription, one guinea per annum. It remains to be seen how this will succeed. Anyhow, three lodges have already located themselves at No. 23 for their usual monthly meetings—Walpole taking the initiative (with a splendid opening on Thursday evening, the 9th inst.), followed by Cabbell and Perseverance, and it is expected Social and Sincerity will come in shortly, and maybe the aristocratic Union; this latter, however, we doubt, unless his lordship smiles benignly and says yes. Provincial Grand Lodge this year is also to be held in this house, and as the ruling powers are going in strictly for economy, and do not intend to advertise in the local press, we give their announcement free, gratis, for nothing. Major Penrice, D.P.G.M., is unaccountably averse to newspaper reports of Masonic banquets, and expressed himself to that effect at the opening of the new North Walsham (Suffield) Lodge the other day, and yet half a column appeared in our non-Masonic daily contemporary—full of inaccuracies, we admit, nevertheless it must have been supplied by a brother standing well in the Craft. How was this? Here is the circular above alluded to:—

"PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.—The Right Honourable Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W.P.G.M., Major Penrice, D.P.G.M.—Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of this province, will be holden at No. 23, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Friday, October 17th, 1879, at half-past 12 o'clock precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers, Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens

* "Masonic Registrar of Lodges" (plates), by Bro. W. J. Hughan (12/6). London: George Kenning; Truro: of the Author.

are summoned to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present. [Here follows the agenda.] At half-past 3 o'clock the brethren will assemble in the School-room in the Cathedral Cloisters, and from thence proceed, in their Masonic clothing, to the Cathedral for Divine Service, at 4 o'clock, when the Rev. H. T. Griffith, Felmingham Rectory, P.G.C., will preach a sermon. H. G. Barwell, P.G.S. A banquet at Cooper's Restaurant, Bank-plain, Norwich, at 6 o'clock, at which the R.W.P.G.M. will preside. Tickets 11/ each (to include half a bottle of champagne), to be obtained of W. Bro. James Dunsford, P.P.G.S.D., St. Giles'-street, Norwich, and of Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves, No. 23, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, not later than Tuesday, the 14th inst."

Touching this migration to "Cooper's," we have received a letter from "A Mason" protesting against holding a Masonic banquet "under the roof of the greatest Atheist in the Eastern Counties, when we have such respectable hotels in our midst." These hotels are many of them lodge houses, held by brethren who naturally feel aggrieved that they should be passed over in favour of one—however good a caterer—who reviles at religion, and holds Freemasonry in contempt. The matter has created much stir among the Craft in the province.—*Norwich Argus.*

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

In consequence of the sudden illness of Lord Carnarvon, the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the Public Buildings in Reading, intended for Tuesday last, the 14th inst., was unavoidably postponed. Lord Carnarvon is suffering from a very severe attack of gout, which makes it absolutely impossible for him to attend. It is hoped that the ceremony may take place on or about Tuesday, the 4th November. The Provincial Grand Lodge, summoned for the 14th inst., was, therefore, not held.

[The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robt. Bradley, desires us to state that he took every possible precaution to prevent inconvenience by sending to every Mason in the province a copy of the above notice on Friday evening, the 10th inst., having been informed of the postponement only that same evening at seven o'clock. A notice was also sent on the following day to all others whom he had reason to believe would come, and it is hoped the means taken will have prevented any brother coming.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

It is again my delight to announce the advent of another MS. which, although the latest in point of publicity, has been known to me for some little time, only I have not had the opportunity to carefully examine it until now. Some months ago it was exhibited to me by Capt. N. G. Phillips (P.G.D.), one of the Illustrious Chiefs of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," it forming one of the special features of the Grand Library owned by the "Supreme Council," 33, of England, &c. I have already alluded to the older MS. of A.D. 1686, which is a most valuable document, and carefully preserved in the archives of the Supreme Council. The junior is a transcript of the old MS. known as "Matthew Cooke's" (of the 15th century circa), and is a marvel of the calligraphic art. Its size is 6 1/2 inches by 4, and the binding is of red morocco, gilt. The copy is likely to have been early last century, say about 1730, and a pencil note thereon entitles it the "Lord Coleraine MS." Likely enough the title refers to Lord Coleraine, who was Grand Master in 1727-8, whose name occurs on a similar transcript, now in the possession of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A. (P.G.C.) Bro. Woodford's copy has the arms' plate of "William Cowper, Esq., Clerk to the Parliaments" (doubtless the Grand Sec. of A.D. 1723), and contains the following important note:—"This is a very ancient record of Masonry, wch was copy'd for me by Wm. Reid, Secretary to the Grand Lodge 1728. Ld. Coleraine, Grd Master, Al. Choke, Depy., Nat. Blackesby and Jo. Highmore, Gd. Wardens." The original MS. was purchased of a Mrs. Caroline Baker, Oct. 14th, 1859, by the authorities of the British Museum, and was edited in 1861 by Bro. Matthew Cooke, hence its title. Evidently, in 1728, it was known to the Grand Secretary, and from it apparently several transcripts were made, two at least being still in existence. Bro. Woodford's copy was purchased a few years ago from a bookseller at Bristol. The present MS. under notice I beg to name the "Ancient and Accepted Rite MS.," and I desire to thank the R.W. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, P. District G.M. of Bengal, for the facilities afforded me to carefully examine its pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ANCIENT MASONIC POETRY.

The following extracts were taken from our good friend, the *Keystone*. We wish its pleasant Editor would also give us a reference whence they came:

The following is an ancient Masonic Epitaph:

The Circle's round
Is Virtue's bound.
The Perfect Square
Tell's God is there.
The Plummet's fall
'S Heaven's grace fo. all.
Employ good tools
By Mason's rules.
Eschew all evil
And shame the Devil.

An old Masonic poem closes with this telling stanza:

Let love abound in all your ways,
That all Mankind may see
That trust in God is the Keystone
Of ancient Masonry.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

I hope in December number of the "Masonic Magazine" to give the Latin and English versions in Arundel MSS., British Museum, of the old legend of the four faithful Craftsmen. A. F. A. W.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright has been elected Master of the Needle Makers' Company.

We are happy to state that Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., who, as already stated, is suffering from a severe attack of gout, is somewhat better, although still confined to his room.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday last, the 15th inst. A report of the proceedings unavoidably stands over.

The election meeting of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, was held on Saturday last. A report will appear in our next.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Geo. King, P.M., Preceptor, on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

In our report of the lecture delivered by Bro. D. Spark it was stated that it was given to the brethren and visitors of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 289, whereas it should be the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds. We are also informed that a practical application of this lecture was made at a ceremony of initiation in the same lodge on Thursday, the 7th inst., when both vocal and instrumental music was introduced, as advocated in the lecture.

The Fifteen Sections will (by invitation) be worked on Wednesday week, the 29th inst., in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, by the brethren of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, presided on Tuesday, at the opening of the Madeline wing of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin. The new wing is a substantial addition to the hospital. It is named after the late Lady Madeline Crichton, wife of Colonel the Hon. C. F. Crichton, and daughter of the Marquis of Headfort.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, speaking on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the opening of a bazaar in aid of the new church of St. Luke's, Southport, said he had very high authority for saying that the heavy cloud of depression, under which we had been for a long time, was disappearing. There was a rift in the cloud, which he hoped and trusted would open until we saw the blue sky of prosperity above us once more.

The annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' School will take place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday next, Baron Henry de Worms presiding. The institution maintains, clothes, and educates 200 poor children, at an annual cost of about £7,000.

The meetings of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, will in future be held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 20th instant. Bro. Martin, of the Southwark Park Lodge, No. 879, will occupy the chair of W.M. on this occasion, and the lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

The Rev. D. Armstrong, D.D., preaching in Holy Trinity Church, Walton Beck, on Sunday, the 14th ult., made special reference to mission work in Mexico, and said that Dr. Riley, Bishop of the Happy Valley, had told him that Freemasonry had done more to promote the extension of the Gospel in Mexico than any other thing that had ever been introduced into that country.—Rock.

The brethren within the Liverpool Masonic circle, and many besides who are beyond it, will learn with regret that Bro. Joseph Wood, who for so many years has occupied a working position in Masonry, has recently sustained a severe loss in the death of his wife, who for the long period of forty-five years had been his sharer of every-day joys and sorrows. The sad event took place on the 9th inst. at Monument-place, after a long and painful illness, which was borne by the sufferer with the greatest resignation and patience. Mrs. Wood, who had reached her seventy-second year, was universally respected and esteemed; and now that Bro. Wood, by the dispensation of T.G.A.O.T.U., has been bereft of her who was for nearly half a century his kindly helpmeet, he may fall back for some consolation on the heartfelt and universal sympathy of all who know him, both in and out of Masonry. The interment of Mrs. Wood took place on Monday afternoon at Smithdown-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, where there were gathered a number of Bro. Wood's personal friends. The funeral service was read by the Rev. Dr. Harrison, of St. Silas's Church, Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcers, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections, the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.—[Adv't.]

It will interest many of our readers to know that a complimentary benefit is in preparation at the Gaiety Theatre, to Mr. William Belford. Few actors on the stage have more claims on the sympathy of the public than Mr. Belford.

The *World* says the household at Camden Place is broken up, and Dr. Conneau and M. Pietri have virtually taken their leave of the Empress, with whose family they have been so long associated.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, October 25, 1879.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 147, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, 1585, Railway Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Board of Gen. Pur. at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 10, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
Chap. 13, Union, Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppiu's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

- Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clekenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1601, Ravensbourne, Dist. Board of Wks., Catford.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1370, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boole L. of I., 141, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 32, St. George's Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 650, Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whitele-
le-woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton, Norris.
" 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.
Chap. 374, Concord, M.H., Church Inst., Bolton.
" 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
Precep., Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 1052, Callender, M.H., Manchester.
" 1534, Concord, George Hot., Prestwich.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury.
" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., Ashbury.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., C. on M.
" 1723, St. George, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hot.,
Middleton.
" 348, St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton.
" 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle.
" 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Preceptory, Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hot., Bury.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The members of this lodge assembled in good numbers on the 7th inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. There were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. of Middx.; W.M. (Freemason); Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; H. Higgins, P.M., acting I.P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Webb, S.D.; Marston, J.D.; Stokes, D.C.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie, &c., Organist; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c.; Goodhall, 33; G. Rumball, W.M. elect 141; Ayling, 975; Bennigfield, 1589. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Reeves, I.P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; and Robinson, I.G. Bro. Cockburn was then raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Wm. Robertson was initiated. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Koch, P.M., in a very flattering speech. This toast having been briefly acknowledged, "The Initiate" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Robertson in fitting terms. The next toast, "The Visitors," was most warmly received, and was replied to at length by Bros. Goodhall, Ayling, Bennigfield, Rumball, and Stevens. The latter brother, in the course of an able speech, took the opportunity of ventilating the subject of uniformity in Masonic ritual, and which matter he fully dwelt with on the work recently compiled and edited by him. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his regret that the senior member of that important body, Bro. Page, was prevented by indisposition from attending. His services as Treasurer could not be over-estimated, and he (the W.M.) hoped that at the next meeting Bro. Page would be sufficiently restored to come among them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the Past Masters present briefly replied. "The Officers" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Stuart, Kohler, Speedy, and Webb. The brethren were entertained during the evening by Bros. Honeywell, Stevens, Stokes, and others. The Tyler's toast at eleven terminated the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. John Douglass, who was supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, J.D. 12; S. Hollidge, 1602; B. Kauffmann, 1732; Leon Jacobs, I.G. 1732; T. W. Kingston, P.M. 1107, 912, 615, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. Daw Kerrell, I.G. 145; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. Stevens, 1732; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middx.; C. Reingspach, 392, G.O. France; J. Cherry, 19; F. G. W. Guyer, 1288; W. Read, 177; C. Harcourt, 1319; A. Hubbard, 1732; J. L. Simpson, 1076; W. Walden, 49; W. Medcalf, 206; E. F. Pierdon, 948; A. Mulord, J.W. 1288; T. Wilson, D.C. 1328; W. Searle, 907; M. S. Boyle, 1777; J. J. Wine, 826; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. B. Putland, 1732; J. H. Lamer, 733; W. W. Morgan, J.W. 1385; Bradshaw Brown, J.W. 1; G. W. Churchley, P.M. 615; F. Morgan, 169; and others. Bro. C. J. Scales, the W.M. elect, occupied the position of S.W.; Side, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; G. Clark acted as S.D.; Colls, J.D.; Eduonds, as I.G.; and H. Lovegrove, Steward. Among the Past Masters were Bros. Kingham and Michael. After the confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. On the proposition of Bro. Stiles, seconded by Bro. Kingham, the sanction of the lodge was given for the removal of the lodge of instruction, held under the sanction of this lodge, to the Moorgate Station Restaurant. Bro. Weias, of No. 145, was passed to the Second Degree, and then Bro. Scales was formally presented for the benefit of installation,

which ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. John Douglass. The following brethren were in due course appointed and invested as officers for the coming year: Bros. W. Side, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Sec.; G. Colls, S.D.; H. Stiles, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, D.C.; G. W. Brunell and T. Gilbert, jun., Stewards; J. Daly, Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed, and the W.M. at once called upon to shew his proficiency, there being two candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. H. Connolly and C. Rooks. Each of these gentlemen were admitted to a participation of the secrets of Freemasonry, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge. Previous to doing so, Bro. Michael proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. John Douglass for the able way in which he had installed his successor; this was seconded by Bro. Willing, and carried with acclamation. It was then announced that the W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and as it was pointed out that the lodge was already Vice-President of one branch of that fund, a hope was expressed that on the occasion of the Master's Stewardship sufficient money would be forthcoming to enable the lodge to the rank of Vice-Patron. Bro. Michael also offered his services to represent the lodge at another of the festivals, and treated that the year on which they had just started would be marked for the amount devoted by the lodge to the Charities of the Order. Nothing further offering, the lodge was now closed, the brethren proceeding to the banquet hall, where a first-rate repast awaited them. Bro. Clemow personally superintended the serving, and although they had the capabilities of their establishment fairly tested, proved they were equal to the work demanded of them. One of the items the W.M. mentioned previous to proposing the toasts was that during his year of office brevity would be observed by the clear and appreciated from the members—if the speeches on this occasion are a criterion of what may be expected in the future, we may assume the remarks of the W.M. will be acted on thoroughly. The usual first three toasts were quickly disposed of. Bro. Douglass proposed "The Health of the W.M.," rarely remarking that the present was the first occasion on which Bro. Scales had been thus honoured, and he (Bro. Douglass) hoped, therefore, that the response would be a hearty one. Bro. Scales thanked the brethren for the compliment the brethren had paid him, and then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master." Bro. Douglass had, by installing him that evening, he said, conferred on him the greatest honour it was possible to receive from a lodge. He had very great pleasure in carrying out the wishes of the brethren, and investing Bro. Douglass with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted from the lodge funds. Bro. Douglass in acknowledgment tendered his hearty thanks. If the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening had met the approval of the lodge, he was highly gratified. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with what he had done for the lodge during the past twelve months; the very handsome jewel they had presented to him led him to believe that such was the case, and for it and their support during the term of his Mastership he tendered the heartiest thanks. Bro. Scales now proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." The toast was one that had been so often proposed, and the brethren it included were so well-known, that it was quite unnecessary to dilate long on its merits; he hoped the brethren who had occupied the chair of the lodge in years past would for a long time to come be found in their respective places in the lodge, where they would always command, and he felt sure receive, the greatest respect. Bro. Willing, in replying, tendered his congratulations to Bro. Scales on his promotion to the chair of his mother lodge, and likewise the lodge on having so early initiated a brother who had proved himself so capable in performing the various duties he had undertaken. It was a great satisfaction to the Past Masters to see the brethren they had initiated fill the chairs of the lodge. Bro. Michael considered that his office of Secretary was one requiring him to write rather than speak. He was pleased to see the lodge in the position to which it had risen, and pointed out the great credit that attached to the members in having so zealously supported the Charities on each opportunity that had arisen since the lodge was consecrated. He thought the idea of giving up one of the banquets and devoting the money that would have been then spent was a good one, and hoped that should the present Master see fit to adopt such a course during his year of office the members would attend in as great a number as usual, and show they were really sincere in their support of the Institutions. He should ask each brother, on some future occasion, to put a few shillings towards making the lodge a Vice-President of the various Charities. Bro. Kingham followed in a few words, mainly supporting Bro. Michael's plan for placing the lodge in the proud position of V.P. of the Institutions. Bro. Scales now proposed "The Health of the Initiates." The two received that evening were worthy brethren, and likely to advance the interests of the lodge. Bro. Rooks thanked the brethren; he greatly appreciated the compliment that had been paid him in receiving him in the lodge. Bro. Connolly likewise thanked the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," calling upon Bro. Dubois to respond. That brother on behalf of himself and fellow visitors expressed the gratification they felt at hearing that the rule in the lodge had been for each Master to instal his successor; he considered such a course was of great benefit to a lodge, and any brother who thus finished his year of office was entitled to greater honour that could otherwise accrue to him. Bro. Brown followed, complimenting the lodge on its efficient officers; he should endeavour to emulate their example and point them out as a pattern for young brethren to copy. Bro. Cherry also replied. The toast of "The Charities" followed, Bro. Terry responding. He urged the brethren to support their Master in the

laudable endeavour he had promised to make to place the lodge among the Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Institution; this was a position attained by only thirty of the 1845 lodges on the roll of English Grand Lodge, and the fact of so young a lodge as the Metropolitan qualifying itself would reflect the greatest credit on all connected with it. The next toast was that of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge," which was heartily proposed and responded to by each of the officers then present, all of whom expressed their intention to work in their new offices as much for the benefit of the lodge as was possible. The Tyler's toast followed, and thus the proceedings terminated.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Newton, supported by Bros. Huntly, P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Surtees, P.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949; and Douglass, P.M. (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hayhurst and Huntly were examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction. They then retired, and the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Hayhurst and Huntly were regularly admitted, and made Fellow Craft Masons. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Douglass, P.M., nominated Bro. Hawdon as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lemon proposed, and Bro. Hayhurst seconded, Mr. Buckhart as a candidate for Masonry. The W.M. proposed Amos Broughton as a candidate for Masonry, which was seconded by Bro. Huntly, P.M. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, in due and solemn form.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the lodge rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, when about fifty brethren were present. In the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the W.M., Bro. W. Harrison, P.S.G.D., the lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G. D.C., who was supported by Bros. Collier, S.W.; C. Pearson, P.M., as J.W.; W. W. Shelmerdine, Treas.; T. Bullock, Sec.; W. Booth, Prov. G. Steward, S.D.; G. Balfie, Org.; E. Stevens, Prov. G. Steward, I.G.; H. W. Mather, and J. Fox, Stewards; Past Masters Schofield, Kirk, and Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030 (Mayor of Stockport); Oswald Wilkinson, S.D. 1030; C. E. Steward, W.M. 336; S. P. Bidder, P.M., 993; J. Worsnup, W.M. 328; L. Bradbury, J.W. 322; W. Alcock, J.D. 322; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 1126; J. Leigh, J.W. 287, Prov. G. Steward; R. Johnson, 281; and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been ratified, letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the W.M., and Bro. J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The ballot was then taken for Major Francis Preston, C.E., as a candidate for initiation, which proving favourable he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., his proposer. The remaining business consisted of a passing and a raising, the chair being occupied during the former ceremony by Bro. Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C., and during the latter by Bro. C. Pearson, P.M. All the ceremonies were conducted with an impressiveness and finish which betokened careful study and rehearsal on the part of the officers concerned in them, and which at a later period of the evening called forth the highest eulogiums from the visiting brethren. On the motion of Bro. Finch, P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Collier, S.W., two questions were referred to the General Purposes Committee of the lodge for consideration and report, viz., the desirability of having a paid Secretary of the lodge, and an increase in the annual subscription, the Committee's report to be included in the next lodge summons. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and a couple of hours afterwards spent in a most enjoyable manner at the festive board, the performances of the lodge choir enhancing the pleasures of the evening to no inconsiderable extent.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this "crack" lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Salter, the excellent W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers and large attendance of brethren, amongst the visitors being several recently appointed Prov. Grand Officers. Mr. Blades was efficiently initiated by the W.M., who afterwards passed three brethren to the Degree of F.C. in an equally satisfactory manner. This being what is known as a "quarterly night," the lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the J.W. called the brethren from labour to refreshment. An adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where a capital supper was served. The standard loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and during the evening several capital pieces of music were rendered by the brethren and visitors. Prominent amongst the latter was Bro. Walter Belton, the popular baritone of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, who literally took the brethren by surprise as a consequence of his masterly rendering of "Largo al Factotum." The duet, "The moon has raised her lamp" (from "The Lily of Killarney"), was also effectively rendered by Bro. Bolton, and Bros. Thomas Hatton, 203, Child, Pugmire, E. Donnelly, and others also contributed several choice items. The accompaniments were capably played by Bro. J. P. Bryan. The last toast was given at 10.30, when one of the most enjoyable meetings in the annals of this popular and influential lodge was brought to a close. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Captain Newman, P.G. Reg.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; H. Williams, P.G.D.C.; Longmire, P.G.S. (Morecambe), and others.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School on Monday evening, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Eggleston, W.M.; Munro, S.W.; Hall, P.M.; Gray, P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Surtees, P.M. 94; Newton, W.M. 80; Douglass, P.M. 80 (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the circular was read convening the meeting. Bro. Thompson was then examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction. He then retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Thompson was re-admitted, and made a Fellow Craft Mason. Bro. Macnamara gave a lecture on the Second Tracing Board in a most praiseworthy manner. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. proposed, seconded by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Mr. Thos. Lachenby as a candidate for initiation in this lodge. No other business being done the lodge was closed in due and solemn form, and according to ancient custom.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Friday evening, the 17th inst., at 7.30, after a vacation of five months. The lodge was opened in due and solemn form by the W.M., Bro. W. Beattie, supported by Bros. Bell, P.M.; Lord John Taylour, P.M.; John Tillman, P.M.; Nicholson, I.P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The election of the W.M. then took place, when Bro. Barnard was unanimously elected. Bro. Hudson, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Douglass, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Albany. The W.M., Bro. Devereux, presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Loos, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; B. Wright, Sec.; J. H. Pearson, S.D.; Dr. Ryley, J.D.; E. H. Thielley, P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P. M. and Treas.; B. Squire, W. Morton, Messrs. M. A. and A. A. Sims, R. Chipperfield, and F. P. Jenkins. Bro. J. T. Moss was unavoidably absent, but was well and worthily represented by his son, Bro. J. T. H. Moss, 169. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Long, of the Fitzroy Lodge; Jackson Barwise, 255; R. A. Fraser, 1567; J. W. Watts, 507; Middlemass, 957; T. Edmondston, 1669. The lodge was called for three o'clock, and after opening, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and duly signed by the Worshipful Master. Afterwards the ballot was taken for four candidates, which was unanimous in favour of their admission, and being in attendance were very impressively initiated by the W.M., who afterwards passed Bro. B. Squire to the Second Degree. This being election meeting Bro. A. Loos was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, as were also Bros. Baldwin, re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert, as Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Baldwin, seconded by Bro. Henman, the usual twelve guinea jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bros. Henman, Elliott, and Squire were elected Auditors in addition to the standing Committee, and notices of motion were given by Bro. Baldwin to reduce the joining fee from seven to five guineas, and by Bro. Elliott to make an alteration in Bye-law 25, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and returned to town at an early hour.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side East. The meeting was convened for two o'clock, but it was long after that hour before the brethren assembled in the lodge room, in fact it was nearly 3.30 ere the lodge was opened; and we must protest against the tardiness of brethren in not being "up to time," as, although due allowance must be made for pressure of business with some, yet it cannot be the case with all, and it would be better to arrange the meetings for a later period of the day than to cause brethren (who imagine that punctuality will be "l'ordre du jour") the inconvenience of filling up as best they can the wasted hour. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. W. S. Watson, W.M.; Henry Jones, I.P.M.; John Rowe, S.W.; S. D. McKellen, J.W.; D. Johnson, J.D.; E. B. Harding, Treasurer; John Brierley, Secretary; Jas. McGrath, I.G.; William Hill, Tyler; Edwin Jordan, Jno. Jordan, George Burslem, George Marsden, Thos. L. Frith, Thos. Carter, B. Halliwell, Henry Pattison, Christopher W. Willis, C. F. Mathew, George Johnson, J. Atkinson, and Dr. R. Ausfield. Visitors: Thos. Fallows, 1052; George Balford, P.M. 236 and 1611; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G.T. E.L.; Benjamin Taylor, P.M. 935, Prov. G. Treas. E.L.; Edwin Hardon, P.M. 1030, P.P. S.G.D. E.L.; Thos. Elliott, P.M. 1147; P. Child, P.M. 177; Robt. White, I.G. 1052; James Batty, W.M. 1387; Albert Kenworth, 217; Jas. Warren, P.M. 992; Chas. Jones, S.W. 1060; Wm. Byway, 1633; W. P. Hayhurst, 1633; Thos. Buxton, P.M. 1345; John Buckley, S.O. 277; William Rye, 467; Joseph Wild, 277; Samuel Rome, 252; H. Carr, 1170; Edward Carr, 1170; and R. L. Senden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A copy of the balance-sheet for the past year was then handed to each member of the lodge, and the Auditors, Bros. Burslem, Halliwell, and Dickinson, having testified to the correctness of the same, a proposition was put and carried that it be passed. The usual extracts from the Book of Constitutions were then read by the Secretary to the W.M. elect, Bro. John Rowe, who gave the requisite responses. At the conclusion of this

formality the brethren, with the exception of those who had passed the honourable goal of W.M., retired, and a Board of P.M.'s having been formed, Bro. Rowe was duly installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Gillman very ably performed the ceremony of installation. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Harding proclaimed to them that Bro. John Rowe had been installed W.M., and called upon them to salute him in the customary manner, which was done. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. S. D. McKellen, S.W.; D. Johnson, J.W.; Stuart, S.D.; James McGrath, J.D.; Harding, Treasurer (re-appointed); Geo. Burslem, Secretary; F. Dickinson, D. of C.; Atkinson and George Johnson, Stewards; and J. Hill, Tyler. The address was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Dickinson, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. Jones, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Watson, I.P.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure in so doing, for, as the brethren were aware, Bro. Rowe had been connected with the lodge from its commencement, and had by his assiduity well earned the position he had attained, and no one felt prouder than he (the I.P.M.) did to see him in his present position, and he had no doubt that his year of office would be as successful as the last had been, and in wishing the W.M. all prosperity he would call upon the brethren to drink a bumper to this toast. The I.P.M., Bro. Watson, in response to the toast of his health, said it afforded him great satisfaction to know that in retiring from the chair of W.M. he carried the good wishes of the brethren with him, and in thanking them sincerely for their kindly expressions of feeling, he trusted that there would always be that thorough understanding and cordiality which had hitherto existed between himself and the members of the Trafford Lodge. The toasts of "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Newly-invested Officers," "The P.M.'s of the Trafford Lodge," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," followed, and were duly responded to. A choice selection of songs and glees were ably rendered by the Bros. Dumville (two) and Bro. Lister, and a word of praise must certainly be awarded to Bro. Dickinson for his excellent catering at the banquet.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This provincial lodge met on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. The officers present were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, acting W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Court, W.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; H. Court, jun., Organist, acting J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, &c., Treasurer; Ashley, S.D., acting Secretary; the Rev. D'Orsey, Assistant Chaplain; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, D.C. (Freemason); and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year unanimously resulted in favour of Bro. William Taylor, S.W. Bro. Tomlinson then stated that in consequence of his being about to reside permanently in Norfolk he was reluctantly compelled to tender his resignation of the office of Treasurer. This announcement having been received with great regret by the lodge, Bro. Richnoll was then unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The election of Tyler fell upon Bro. Harrison. Previously to the lodge being closed two notices of motion were given for discussion at the next meeting. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.," and "The W.M. elect." The members separated at an early hour.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The last regular meeting of this very successful lodge for the present year was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M. and Secretary; C. W. Noehmer, P.M.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Walter Harwood, C. Firbank, M. Ovenden, and G. W. Holmes. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Thorpe, S.W. 176; S. Harrison, P.M. 804 and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hampshire and I. of W.; Jos. Irith, 1507, and J. Hopkinson, 38. The lodge was opened in the First Degree punctually at five o'clock. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Christopher Firbank, G. W. Holmes, and Mark Ovenden, candidates for raising, having replied to the usual questions, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and these three brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this most impressive ceremony the lodge was resumed to the Second and then to the First Degree. The W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. Head, J.W., explaining that he was prevented from attending through a death happening in his family the day before, and upon the suggestion of the W.M. the brethren unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write a letter to Bro. Head expressive of their sympathy. Letters of apology from Bros. P.M. Noke, Dickman, Woolgar, and Pile for their non-attendance having been read, and other business concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial repast, served by Bro. Ovenden in the large market-room of the hotel, and a very pleasant evening closed the meeting. During the repast the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured.

GREAT STANMORE.—Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—This lodge met on Saturday last at the Abercorn

Hotel. There were present Bros. Wm. Stephens, Prov. G.D.C., W.M.; C. J. W. Davis, Prov. G. Steward, S.W.; W. Grist, J.W.; E. C. Woodward, P.M., Treas.; W. Coombes, Sec.; S. A. Cooper, S.D.; J. W. Cooper, J.D.; H. Slyman, D.C.; J. Adkins, I.G.; J. Middleton, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Reed, P.M. 733; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; W. J. Mullis, P.M. 1642; S. Parkhouse, W.M. 1642; H. D. M. Williams, W.M. 874; J. J. Pattison, W.M. 1678; T. P. Smith, W.M. 1441; J. E. Cattle, W.M. 1257; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; G. Brown, P.M. 65; C. Daniel, W.M. 65; Blunt, 1489; E. Rea, 1096, Deal; G. J. Glover, 1489; C. Hickling, 538; J. Hurdle, 1348; and Wolmer Brown, 355, South Australia. Mr. Bristow was initiated, after which the W.M. installed his successor, Bro. C. Davis, who appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. Grist, S.W.; S. A. Cooper, J.W.; W. Stephens, Treas.; T. W. Cooper, S.D.; J. Adkins, J.D.; Slyman, I.G.; Geo. Penn, D.C.; J. Linscott and Oldroy, Stewards; Middleton, Tyler. The charges were then delivered, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the many lodges represented, the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Jas. Terry, Prov. G.J.D. Herts, responded for "The Charities." Bro. Stephens, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke of his many excellent qualities and his determination to make the Unity Lodge a great success. The past year had seen a great accession to their numbers, and, no doubt, the present year would complete their ranks, the members of this lodge being limited to thirty only. Letters of apology were read from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and many others. This was the largest meeting since the formation of the lodge, and with such an excellent staff of officers it augurs well for its future prosperity.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—A goodly number of the brethren assembled at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on the 15th inst., on the occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked by Bros. James Boulton, S.D. 1056, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056, P.M. The various Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, I.G. 171.
2nd " ...	W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445.
3rd " ...	G. F. Dix, J.W. 1421.
4th " ...	M. Christian, 860.
5th " ...	G. W. Verry, P.M. 554.
6th " ...	A. Carver, 933.
7th " ...	F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056.
2nd " ...	J. J. Berry, P.M. 554.
3rd " ...	J. G. Defriez, P.M. 45; S.W. 1278; Sec. 1677.
4th " ...	B. Cundick, P.M. 1421.
5th " ...	F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. F. King, J.W. 1056.
2nd " ...	B. Cundick, P.M. 1421.
3rd " ...	G. H. Stephens, I.G. 1623.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Bro. G. M. Felton, W.M. 1056, in proposing a most cordial vote of thanks to the W.M., expressed the great treat he had personally experienced in hearing the Sections worked in so masterly a manner. The proposition was seconded by Bro. T. S. Taylor, and unanimously carried. Votes of thanks were also proposed, seconded, and unanimously awarded to the working officers, Bros. Cundick, Myers, Durrant, Dix; the Hon. Sec., F. C. D. Fenn; and the Hon. Preceptor, F. Y. Latreille. The brethren who had worked the Sections having been unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and several brethren having been elected joining members, the proceedings were brought to a close. There were present Bros. J. Boulton, S.D. 1056, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056; A. Mole, 186; G. F. Dix, J.W. 1421; F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056; F. C. D. Fenn, I.G. 171; H. N. Taylor, S.W. 1421; E. Triggs, 749; R. G. Owen, P.M. 1421; G. Gwinn, 772; H. John, 749; W. C. Hall, J.D. 749; J. Brooks, 51; J. Bullwinkle, 1421; M. Christian, 860; W. J. Quiney, 87; J. Morley, 1421; A. Calver, 933; G. E. Long, D.C. 1056; G. R. Atkinson, 1056; E. Mages, 51; H. Atter, 1056; C. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. E. Sims, 1445; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; G. M. Verry, P.M. 554; H. Hobbs, 749; W. L. Greenfield, 975; J. H. Gurney, 749; T. S. Taylor, W.M. 1421; F. W. Job, S.D. 1076; H. Tapley, J.W. 1076; F. King, J.W. 1056; J. Pallen, 1056; W. H. Bateman, W.M. 12; W. Brooks, 545; J. M. Petrie, 171; T. Grover, 1421; S. W. Iron, 902; W. Iron, 1579; J. Grey, 504; J. G. Defriez, P.M. 45; J. Marsh, 1336; G. Graveley, 808; J. Barley, 1056; W. W. Quiney, 87; J. Magrath, 1306; H. R. Davies, I.G. 1056; F. Foster, 51; J. G. Garin, W.M. 781; G. L. Rundsen, 431; F. Walls, 50; G. M. Felton, W.M. 1056; F. Herold, J.D. 1056; P. Burgess, 72; J. W. Braund, 72; R. Hayward, 1306; G. Bench, 51; C. Walls, 1306; T. Holmes, W.M. 1259; G. H. Stephens, I.G. 1623; C. Mansfield, 1421.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. J. Dignam, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; C. Lorkin, Treasurer; J. Williams, Secretary; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation

was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin being candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by Bro. C. Lorkin worked the Fifth Section of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. A. R. Olley seconded, that Bro. J. Williams be W.M. for the ensuing week, carried unanimously. Bro. J. L. Payne proposed, and Bro. J. Williams seconded, that this lodge of instruction be removed to the Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Smithfield, E.C., on the 8th inst. The reason of the lodge leaving its old home is that the Knights of St. John require the exclusive use of the lodge rooms at St. John's Gate, thereby compelling Bro. Guy reluctantly to part with the lodge, of which he is a brother and officer. Bro. Hunter, W.M., opened the lodge in the usual form—Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; T. Goode, J.W.; Rothschild, S.D.; and Millward, J.D. The minutes of the last regular meeting and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and passed. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, Bros. Mount, Keiller, Gilbert, and Scull being candidates for raising. The W.M. having put the usual questions, the brethren were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the brethren were raised in the W.M.'s usual impressive style. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Goode, was the next business, Bro. Dr. Hunter being installing Master, Bro. Maples, P.M., D.C., the ceremony being done with great credit to Bro. Hunter. The brethren being admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, the following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Millward, S.D.; Calderwood, J.D.; Pigott, I.G.; Gay, D.C.; and W. Goode, J.W.S. The addresses being given, the W.M. proceeded to take the ballot for the following gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. James Fletcher, W. Aynsley, J. H. Budden, and Edward Lenard. This proving satisfactory, the W.M. performed the ceremony, for the first time in the Crusaders Lodge, in a style that augurs well for his year of office. Business being finished, the brethren, nearly seventy in number, adjourned to the spacious hall recently built by Bro. Butt, where a *recherché* banquet was provided, which did great credit to mine host of the New Market Hotel. The usual toasts followed. The banquet was enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental music under the direction of our experienced Bro. Millward. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Dr. Barringer, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Terry, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; E. Bowyer, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; Price, P.M. 1288; Percy, W.M. 228; and many others.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. There were present Comps. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z.; M. D. Lowenstark, H.; W. Smeed, P.Z., as J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treas.; B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. H. Goodall, P.S.; J. S. Swasey, jun., 1st A.S.; and others. The only visitor was Comp. J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, P.Z. 771. The chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals who were present. The companions were then admitted, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Pennefather, P.M., S.W. 1623, and was unanimous in favour of his admission. Bro. W. Pennefather was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony, as usual in this chapter, being well rendered. Several important notices of motion were given, and the chapter was then closed. The usual banquet followed.

ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this new chapter was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel. There were present on the occasion Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooks, H.; James W. Lambert, J.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. Statham Hobson, 2nd A.S.; J. Terry, Hon. P.Z.; James C. Hayes, G. Motion, A. Webb, S. W. Yockney, Rev. W. Stanton Moses, A. W. Haines, Robt. Martin, R. F. Scarth, Wilhelm Ganz, No. 8; P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; J. L. Thomas, P.G. Swd. B.; T. S. Hellier, P.S. 1471; Edgar Bowyer, P.Z. 1471; G. N. Dodd, 12; Fred. Thos. Dubois, P.Z. 1216; and H. Massey, P.Z. 617 (*Freemason*). Comp. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, installed Comps. G. A. Rooks as M.E.Z.; J. W. Lambert as H.; and C. F. Hogard as J. Comp. H. C. Levander was invested as I.P.Z. The other companions appointed to office were Comps. W. Beattie, S.E.; F. W. Levander, S.N.; H. A. Dubois, Treasurer; F. J. Macaulay, P.S.; F. Statham Hobson, 1st A.S.; Rev. W. Stanton Moses, M.A., 2nd A.S.; and Rawles was elected and invested as Janitor. The newly-appointed officers immediately proceeded with their work, and exalted Bro. Francis William Percival, performing their duties in a masterly manner, Comp. F. W. Levander, S.N., in the absence of Comp. W. Beattie, filling the post of P.S. When the ceremony was completed Comp. Rooks, M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter presented to Comp. H. C. Levander, I.P.Z., a very handsome ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his services in the part he took in founding the chapter, and discharging the duties of M.E.Z. during the first year of its existence. The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an elegant banquet. When the toasts were proposed

Comp. P. de Lande Long, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he esteemed it a very great honour to have his name connected with the toast on the first anniversary festival of St. Thomas's Chapter. He had the good fortune to be present at the consecration, but he esteemed it a greater good fortune to be present at the first anniversary, because he had had an opportunity to witness the success and prosperity of the chapter. The work he had seen that evening would be gratifying to any good R.A. Mason, and it had more than realised what was predicted twelve months ago. Had the chiefs and rulers who were present at the consecration attended that day they would have been delighted at what took place. No work could have been performed better by the most distinguished R.A. Mason. The St. Thomas's Lodge was celebrated for good work, and he believed that as many of its members belonged to the chapter it would be equally celebrated. Under the present M.E.Z.'s sceptre it would be sure to flourish, and all the visitors would hope to have the opportunity of again attending and being spectators of the flourishing condition of the chapter. Comp. James Lewis Thomas, Prov. Swd. Br., also responded in compliance with loud calls, and said that the only words he could add to those of Comp. Long were that, being an old member of the St. Thomas's Lodge, he must congratulate the chapter sincerely on its eminent success. He took great interest in the chapter, and regretted that up to the present he had not been able to join it. Still he hoped the period was fast approaching when the companions would allow him to be one of them. Comp. H. C. Levander, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the newly Installed Principals." The companions all knew Comp. Rooks, who for two consecutive years filled the Master's chair in St. Thomas's Lodge, and presided at the time when it celebrated its first centenary. The companions all knew how well he discharged the duties when in that position, and they believed that the same devotion to his work which he showed as Master of the lodge he would exhibit as Principal of the chapter. Comp. Lambert, who was next to him in office, was also a distinguished Master of St. Thomas's Lodge. He likewise was well known, and he brought with him an earnest of his zeal and anxiety to do his work most thoroughly in whatever position he might be placed. Comp. Hogard, though he was not a member of the St. Thomas's Lodge, was well-known to many, if not to most of the brethren of that lodge, and he was equally known to the members of the chapter as one of the most energetic among them, one to whom they were especially indebted for the very flourishing condition in which it now was. All these companions, he and the other members hoped, might pass into the ranks of the Past Principals of the chapter, and remain among them for many years to come. The M.E.Z., after announcing that the alms box had yielded 30s., thanked the companions for the toast they had just drunk so cordially. Speaking for himself—and his sentiments he was sure were those of the other Principals—he took from the first, and took still, the greatest interest in the St. Thomas's Chapter. There was a doubt at first as to whether the chapter would be successful, but it was now seen that it was launched on a long and prosperous career. He should do the best he could to follow in the footsteps of Comp. Levander, who was the first First Principal of the chapter, and the companions would agree he could have no better guide. He knew he should be ably assisted by his colleagues, or he did not conceive what he should do in the position in which the companions had placed him. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the Exalted, Comp. F. W. Percival," and said that at no previous meeting of the chapter had they been without candidates for the R.A. Degree. He trusted that the ceremony had made some impression upon their newly-made companion, and he was almost saying he would not give much for a companion who did not admit that his introduction into the Order had not made an impression upon him. It was an impression which would grow with a further acquaintance with the ceremonies and the teaching of this Sublime Degree. Comp. Percival replied. It was most difficult for him to show his gratitude for the welcome given to him, or to express the pleasure he felt at being made a R.A. Mason. Only a week ago he did not know whether his engagements would allow him to take the Degree, but he was happy to say he had been able to come, for this chapter he knew was regarded as the child of a most illustrious parent, and he believed that as it grew in years it would follow the steps of its parent, and be equally illustrious. Again it was a pleasure for him to be present, because he knew all congresses of Masons were agreeable, and that this meeting would bear out the dictum of Shakespeare—"Brother; for in that word doth nature plead." In giving "The Health of the I.P.Z.," the M.E.Z. said all the companions were deeply indebted to Comp. Levander for what he did in founding the chapter, and for the spirit in which he carried on its business during the first year. It was unnecessary to add anything to the mention of his name, because he was so highly esteemed by and so endeared to the members of St. Thomas's Lodge as well as to the companions of the chapter. Comp. H. C. Levander responded, and thanked the companions who had so ably assisted him during the past year in the performance of the work of the chapter. It was said that honour should be given where honour was due, and he would be doing very wrong indeed if he arrogated to himself all the honour which Comp. Rooks had bestowed on him as to the founding of the chapter. He really was not the founder, though he had the honour of being selected to fill the first chair. The honour was really due to Comp. Lambert. He it was who brought on the motion in the lodge for founding the chapter, and both to him and to Comp. Rooks and others the credit belonged. He had again to thank the companions for selecting him as first M.E.Z., and especially on the present occasion for the very handsome manner in which they had testified their

approval of his conduct during the past year. He had had a very happy and pleasant year, which he ventured to say had been a very prosperous and successful year through the energy and zeal of several members. He trusted that during the years which were to come other First Principals, though they might not have as many candidates for exaltation as he had had, yet that they would have such companions join as would at all events conduce to making their year of office as pleasing. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Comps. Edgar Bowyer and H. Massey. In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the M.E.Z. observed that he particularly took advantage of the opportunity of proposing it to mention that distinguished man they had among them, Comp. Terry. It was their good fortune to number among the members of this chapter that particular companion. They knew the great service he did at the consecration of the chapter. Even at the present meeting he had not been found wanting, and he (the M.E.Z.) was quite sure that whenever the chapter needed the assistance of his excellent working they had but to ask it and it would be forthcoming. In his position as Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charities they all knew his immense zeal, and what a pattern he was for all those who were animated with the true feeling of charity. It was with great pleasure, therefore, that they saw him among them that evening, and with the name of the Masonic Charities he could most appropriately couple the name of Comp. Terry. Comp. Terry replied. The Masonic Charities were doing an immense amount of good, and the recipients of it were extremely grateful. The three Masonic Institutions were the model Charitable Institutions of the country. In the Girls' School and in the Boys' School everything that could be done was done for the clothing, maintenance, and education of the children, and it mattered not what suggestion was made for the improvement of it the Committees were always glad to consider the suggestions. A fund was now being got up for the further advancement of the pupils when they left the School, but whether it would be a success or not he did not know. With respect to the old people, they did not require an advancement fund. The Benevolent Institution was doing, he thought, the largest amount of good, for whereas the expenditure of the Boys' School annually was between £6000 and £7000, and the Girls' School between £8000 and £9000, the Benevolent Institution was spending in annuities £10,700 a year. In speaking at Norwich the night before, he had said that, notwithstanding the great depression in trade, the Benevolent Institution last year received the largest amount any of the three Institutions had ever received in one year, which, he ventured to say, showed that the depression had not affected Freemasons as it had the other portion of the public. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master afterwards said he thought it was in consequence of the depression of trade and the almost ruin of the agricultural interest that members of the Craft had been desirous to see their Charities progress, and, therefore, had given so largely. Perhaps there was something in that. Bro. Terry afterwards said he expected that the three Institutions this year would total up as much as £43,000. He also expressed the pleasure he always had in being present at this chapter, to which he should ever feel delighted to be of any assistance. Subsequently Comp. F. Statham Hobson undertook the Stewardship of the chapter for the festival of 1880 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and headed the list with five guineas, an example which was followed by the M.E.Z., the H., and several other companions. The proceedings closed with the Janitor's toast.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The companions present were Comps. T. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z. George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; J. Lorkin, P.S.; J. Kent, S. D. Ewins, C. B. Cheese, G. J. Potter, J. Greenaway, W. Medwin, H. Brand, J. Perry, C. J. Harmsworth. Visitors: Comps. Darcy, Darcy jun., Gale. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Herbert Cuff, Macdonald Lodge, 1216, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. T. S. Holland was elected a joining member, and the election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the result being: Comps. H. Birdseye, Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, H.; Charles Arkell, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Cheese, S.N.; Lorkin, P.S.; Marsh, Janitor. The companions dined together, presided over by Comp. Chapman.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, Comp. D. Jacobs, who has recovered from his severe and dangerous illness, occupying his position as M.E.Z.; Comp. Wyer, H.; and Comp. H. Thompson, J. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last convocation were read by Comp. Green, P.Z. and S.E., and confirmed. The next business was the election of M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Comp. Wyer. A ballot was equally unanimous in favour of Comps. Thompson, as H.; Sharrett, as J.; and Dodman, as S.N. Comp. Seaman, P.Z., in a few well-chosen observations on the merits of the M.E.Z., Comp. Jacobs, proposed that a jewel of the usual value should be presented to him on the completion of his year of office, he having won the good opinion of every member of the chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. Green, P.Z., put, and unanimously agreed to. The Audit Committee was appointed. The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, served in Comp. Cox's best style, and it embraced all the delicacies of the season. The usual Royal Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., and cordially responded to, and the evening was spent in a

most harmonious manner. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close at about 11 o'clock.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Ex. Comp. A. Penfold, as Z., with Ex. Comps. Denton, P.Z., and P.G.P.S. Kent, in the chair of H.; and T. D. Hayes, as J. The following officers and companions were present:—Comps. J. McDougall, P.Z., and P.G.S.B. Kent; C. Coupland, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. H. Myers, P.Z.; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; Eugene Sweny, 1st Asst. P.S.; H. Mason, 2nd Asst. P.S.; J. F. Randall, H. Shaw, P.S. 13; E. B. Hobson, Thos. Cartland, W. Rees, J. Topp, G. Frost, J. H. Roberts, G. R. Nichols, R. Edmonds, J. Chapman, H. Mabbett, Janitor; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the companions were admitted. The only business before the chapter was a report of the meeting of Grand Chapter, held at the Skating Rink, Plumstead, in July last, and a long and exhaustive report, especially prepared by Comp. Pryce, was read by him, and it was resolved that a copy of it should be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter. Several votes of thanks were recorded to those companions who had assisted in the necessary preparations to receive the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, and the members of Prov. Grand Chapter, and then the chapter was closed in solemn form. A modest little dinner was then partaken of, and the cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were honoured. In giving that of their "Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale," Comp. Penfold said the companions had had an opportunity of seeing the great interest his lordship took in Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent. That was but a solitary instance of the many calls there were upon his time, but it would be one that would show them the many and arduous duties he had to perform. He had won the respect and admiration of every Mason in Kent, and he trusted their noble and honoured Grand Superintendent would long be spared to rule over them. "The Present Prov. Grand H., Ex. Comp. Eastes, and Prov. G.J., Ex. Comp. Robinson," were then honoured. The Past and Present G. Officers Comp. Penfold looked upon as the toast of the evening, because they had present two Grand Officers, members of their own chapter. One, Comp. Denton, had been twice honoured, and the other, Comp. McDougall, had taken his first step in Prov. Grand Chapter honours. Comp. Denton had been a veritable pillar of Masonry in this district, and well and worthily merited every distinction given him, and as to Comp. McDougall, he (Comp. Penfold) should have said if the honour had been offered him, "No, give it to Comp. McDougall." Comp. Denton, in reply, said as one of the present Grand Officers it devolved upon him to respond to the toast. It was a great honour to hold office under Lord Holmesdale and under the present H. and J. of the province. His lordship had been pleased to confer an honour upon him, but it was intended to be as much an honour to the Pattison Chapter as to him personally. Their Grand Superintendent had expressed his satisfaction at the reception this chapter had given him and Prov. Grand Chapter at Plumstead, and that sentiment had been echoed by a number of distinguished companions from all parts of the province. He congratulated the chapter upon the success that had attended its efforts. It was one of the most important events in the history of the Pattison Chapter, and would be an event, not only for the present companions to be proud of, but for those who joined it in years to come. In conclusion, he thanked them most heartily for the toast. Comp. McDougall also returned thanks, and then proposed in glowing terms "The Health of Ex. Comp. Penfold, Z. of the Chapter," and, in so doing, congratulated himself that he was just out of the chair when his lordship visited them, and the chapter that Comp. Penfold was in to receive him. Comp. Penfold said that he ought to be one of the happiest men in Kent, for it was something to be First Principal of a chapter like the Pattison, and to receive the Grand Superintendent of the province and Grand Chapter in one year. As the head of the chapter it was his duty to do all that he could to make that gathering a success, and he trusted that it had been one, but he could not have succeeded had it not been for the hearty co-operation of the whole of the companions. He passed a high eulogium upon Ex. Comp. Pryce, who, he said, was indefatigable in his exertions to bring the meeting to a happy issue, and also the companions who were on the committee, and concluded by assuring them of his desire, above all, for the prosperity of the Pattison Chapter. "The Health of the Second and Third Principals" was then proposed, and Comp. Hayes replied, regretting the absence of Comp. Butler, who, the M.E.Z. told them, was at the Isle of Wight, superintending some experiments for the Government. The toast of "The Officers of the Chapter" was coupled with the name of Comp. Pryce, who briefly returned thanks. The meeting then broke up.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—This chapter held their bi-monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; Joshua Potts, H.; and James G. Batty, J. Also Comps. J. E. Lees, H. 317; R. Davies, S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.N.; Jno. Dewhurst, P.S.; E. Brundritt, 1st A.S.; D. Williams, 2nd A.S.; Alfred Love, Treasurer; C. J. McBride, H. Marshall, W. Chesshyre, Janitor, and others. After the chapter had been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. H. Milner, W. Butcher, and C. Heywood, all of the Chorlton Lodge, and being in each case favourable, the ceremony of exaltation was performed in a most praiseworthy manner by Comp. Sillitoe and the officers of the chapter, who one and all have striven hard to make themselves thoroughly efficient in their respective duties. Some

disappointment, however, was felt at the unavoidable absence of the Organist, Comp. Miller, and his quartet party, as the musical ceremony which has been specially arranged for this chapter had, under the circumstances, to be omitted. After the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to a substantial supper, provided under the superintendence of Comp. Davies, S.F., and served by Mr. and Mrs. Langford, the hallkeepers, in a manner which elicited the hearty approval of all present. Songs and recitations interspersed the toasts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The installation meeting of this Mark lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, the 10th inst. Bro. T. Horton, W.M., presided. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were unanimously confirmed. Bro. W. Hammond, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested his officers. Business being ended the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. J. Stevens, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; W. Pennefather, Sec.; and others.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.—This old and distinguished encampment met on Friday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, for the dispatch of business. Among those present were Sir Knight Tanner, P.E.C., acting E.C. (in the absence of Sir Knight Morgan); D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Recorder; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Rosbeck, P.E.C.; Driver, 1st Captain; Neeld, 2nd Captain; T. C. Walls, Expert (*Freemason*); Williams, Captain of the Lines; Beridge, Saunders, Rawles, Equerry. It being the election meeting, Sir Knight Driver was unanimously elected M.E.C.; Sir Knight Paas, Almoner; and Sir Knight Rawles, Equerry. Comp. Driver having been submitted as a candidate for installation at the next meeting, the encampment was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was most excellently served by Bro. Best and assistants. The customary preliminary toasts having received full justice, Sir Knight Rosenthal proposed in happy terms "The Health of the P.E.C." This pledge was heartily drunk, and Sir Knight Tanner replied upon behalf of Sir Knight Morgan in a very neat speech. "The Health of the P.E.C.'s" followed, and drew from Sir Knight Dewar an exhaustive reply. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the Mount Calvary Preceptory upon possessing so many young officers who were on the road to the chair, and who he felt confident would discharge the onerous duties of the post in a manner that would equal if not surpass the efforts of those Sir Knights who had held the position. In conclusion, upon behalf of his colleagues and himself, he warmly thanked the members for the very hearty manner in which their healths had been proposed and received. The toast of the evening, "The E.C. elect," came next in succession, and in response Sir Knight Driver made a modest speech. "The Officers" was acknowledged by Sir Knight Driver, Neeld, and Williams. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Sir Knights Baxter, Driver, and others.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. LAMONBY'S HISTORY OF PROVINCE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

What Bro. Lamonby has done for his own Province of Cumberland and Westmorland should be achieved by competent brethren for every other province in England. Some have preceded our brother in this good work, and I hope still more will succeed him, so that we have a complete history *Masonically* of the English Provincial Grand Lodges. The present handsome little book before us, of which a review has previously appeared in the *Freemason*, is adorned with a portrait of the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland, &c., the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, to whom also the work is appropriately dedicated. We all as subscribers feel indebted to Bro. Lamonby for so skillfully weaving his materials as to form a very pleasing narrative, and his venture should prove a success in every way, for surely there should not be the slightest difficulty in circulating the 500 copies printed, and published at a crown each. After a readable introduction on Freemasonry in general, and a sketch of the Province of Cumberland from 1771, and that of Westmorland from 1788, the united Province of Cumberland and Westmorland is then noted from 1860, the Earl of Bective, installed 27th Sept., 1867, being the third Prov. G.M. from the Union, that number having been appointed during the period of seven years, owing to the deaths of the first and second soon after their accepting office. Having satisfactorily presented much interesting information on these points, Bro. Lamonby enters upon what I consider to be the chief value of the work, viz., the history of all the lodges in the united province, both *extinct* and in *existence*, from 1740 down to 1876, thirty-seven in all. It is just possible that there may have been more "ancient" lodges at one time in Cumberland and Westmorland than we find in this history, but at all events there are six enumerated, all of which have ceased to exist save No. 119, Whitehaven, of which most curious particulars are furnished. One will suffice as a sample. Sixteen brethren had been guilty of a Masonic offence, not described. After a due trial the sentence inflicted on one of the delinquents was to be "silenced for ninety-nine years," another was to be similarly treated for six months,

another for three months, the latter having also to perform the Tyler's work without remuneration. The ordinary warrant is still preserved, and was issued in 1768 by the "Hon. Thomas Mathews, G.M." The oldest lodge working is the "Union," Kendal, of A.D. 1764, whose centenary was celebrated in 1864, the lodge having a Centenary Jewel Warrant, so we are informed, which was granted during the same year, a distinction all the more prized because of being the only one of the kind conferred upon any lodge in the province. Mention is made of a Scottish lodge working in Carlisle from about 1784 until 1796, when the members came under the English Constitution, and in 1825 a great number of Scottish stonemasons were employed in the construction of the county prison, some of whom were anxious to become Freemasons. Accordingly the Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire addressed a letter to the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland asking permission for the Master of the Journeyman Masonic Lodge of Dumfries to visit Carlisle and initiate his countrymen, which was agreed to by George Blamire, as "P.G. Master of Manual, Instrumental, and Scientific Masonry for Cumberland." The ceremony was observed on 28th January and following day, A.D. 1825, and appears to have taken exceedingly well. I must not give more now from the work, but ask for its being welcomed by the Craft.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OLD MSS.

Is it quite certain that the "Charles" mentioned in the Cook MS. is the veritable Charles Martel? Bro. Hughan in his note of Sept. 27th says—"The name of Charles Martel does not occur in this MS.," and this is beyond doubt. As to whether by Charles II. is meant Charles Martel, is another matter, but I scarcely think we are justified in assuming it to be clearly made out. There are, indeed, four of the name (Charles) to either of whom the MS. in question may refer, viz., Charles Martel; Charles (Karl the Great or Charlemagne) A.D. 771; Charles (son of Charlemagne) A.D. 806; and Charles the Second (so called), crowned Emperor A.D. 875. Bro. Fort at p. 163 of his work, whilst referring to Charles Martel in the text, adds in a foot note, "or, according to Cooke's MSS., Charles II." As regards the discrepancy between the oldest (the Halliwell) and the other charges, what, I think, many of us would like to hear from Bros. Hughan and Woodford would be some explanation of the omissions in the former of any reference to Solomon, Naymus Grecus, or Charles Martel? These names continually recur in the later MSS., in fact the entire legend hinges upon the transmission by Naymus Grecus* to Charles Martel of Masonic lore, acquired at the building of King Solomon's Temple. Upon this point Bro. Fort's book contains some very instructive remarks (pp. 118, 163), but the same writer (at p. 181) comments with much force upon the absence of any allusion to the *Solomonian theory* in our very earliest MSS. If, as it seems to me, at a certain point in our legendary history our leading characters all "drop out," the circumstance is so far remarkable as to call for a little explanation from those "specialists" by whom only the subject is at all understood, and of whose labours it would be altogether impossible to speak too highly.

R. F. G.

ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

At page 367 Bro. Hughan refers to an old Masonic MS., the original of which bears the date 1581. In reference to it Bro. Hughan says, "For the time then we put it down to 1583." Now, I cannot understand what he means by that, as the date of the extracts is afterwards given as "Anno MDCLXXIII," or 1673. Perhaps Bro. Hughan will kindly explain this.

W. P. B.

MASONIC MSS., &c.

If it can be proved that "Matthew Cooke's MS." refers to Charles Martel, I am ready to acknowledge my error in saying that neither "Halliwell's MS." nor the *Forgoing* allude to that individual, though our Bro. Fort declares they do. My friend, Bro. Woodford, admits my accuracy as to "Halliwell's MS.," but not as to the other, but, so far as I can see, has not proved his assertion, for it is not likely that "Charles the Second" was the Charles Martel of the Masonic MSS., for they are all most explicit in reference to that monarch, when they really allude to him. As to the "Holy Martyrs four," we want positive evidence as to the earliest notice of the legend, rather than surmises as to the matter, and Bro. Woodford has special facilities to elucidate this point if he will kindly look it up.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MELROSE MS., &c.

Bro. W. P. Buchan, of Glasgow, was a most energetic and useful Masonic student some years ago, and deserves all that our Bro. "P.M. No. 1, S.C.," has said on his behalf. Have heard from him recently, after a long silence, and whilst expressing his unabated interest in our studies, he regrets his inability to work at them as formerly, owing to his increased duties as an author on sanitary science, &c. All his friends are pleased to hear of his success in that direction. Respecting the "Melrose MS.," I am not aware of any one having stated in print that there was a copy of the "Old Masonic Charges" at Melrose until Bro. Vernon came on the scene, and in a letter to me announced the fact, which I published. If my esteemed friend, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, knew of it, he has not, to my

* A MS. note, penned some 125 years ago, in the margin of a copy of the 1723 Constitutions, has the following: "Witness the story of Meron Grecus, who was at ye building of Solomon's Temple, in the year of the world 2933, and after came into France to Charles Martel, their king, who began to reign in the year of ye world 4660. So the man was 1727 years old."

knowledge, ever said so in print, either in his grand work on the "Lodge of Edinburgh," or elsewhere,
W. J. HUGHAN.

THE FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS.

These words refer to one of the oldest legends of Freemasonry, most interesting to the Masonic student and archaeologist. The "Quatuor Coronati," as they are called, and who are referred to in the Masonic poem under the head "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," are four working Masons, "quadratarii," stone-squarers, who are said in the reign of Diocletian to have been cast into the Tiber in leaden coffins for refusing to make a statue to Æsculapius. The names are, however, not always given the same, and the legend in the Roman Catholic service-books is somewhat confused. In the Sarum Missal, 11th century, under November 8, and "Quatuor Coronati," they are named Claudius, Nichostratus, Simphorianus, Castorius, and Simplicius, being actually five in number. The breviary of Spire, 1478, and the Roman breviary of 1474, term them Claudius, Symphorianus, Nichostratus, and Castorius. Some legendary books call them Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus. In one of the Seismetza Constitutions the names thus run: Claudius, Chacterius, and Significanus—three instead of four; just as in the Sarum Missal they are five instead of four, so here they are three instead of four. All this shows how uncertain they were about the actual names, though not of the fact itself; and this we think a strong proof of the truth of the legend per se in some form or another. Whatever their actual names may have been, they were in early times the patron saints of the Operative Guilds, and especially of the German Steinmetzen. Heidehoff states in his "Bauhütten des Mittelalters," that many of the altars erected by the medieval German Steinmetzen were dedicated to the "seligen vier gekrönten." Mrs. Jameson, in her "Sacred and Legendary Art," Mackey appositely points out, tells us that on the other side of the Esquilaine, and on the road leading from the Coliseum to the Lateran, is the church of the "Quatuor Coronati," the four crowned brothers. On this spot in the 4th century were found, she also says, the bodies of four men who had been decapitated, whose names being then unknown, they were merely designated the "Quatuor Coronati"—crowned, that is, with the crown of martyrdom. This church, Mrs. Jameson, says, is still held in much esteem and particular respect by the builders and stonemasons of Rome. She has found allusions, she adds, not only in Roman art, but in Roman sculpture and glass, to the "Quatuor Coronati," where they are always to be distinguished by the fact that they stand in a row, bearing palms with crowns on their heads and various Masonic implements at their feet—such as the rule, the square, the mallet, and the chisel. As we have said before, the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" is found in our so far earliest Masonic document, the Halliwell MS. so-called, and where the Quatuor are treated as a well-known legend,—so much so that their names are not given, though we are told of

Those holy martyrs four

That were in this Craft of great honour;
They were as good Masons as on earth shall go.

Who so well of their life will know,
By the book he may it learn
In the legends of the Saints,
The names of the four crowned ones.
Their feast will be without denial
After All Hallows the eighth day.

We have been somewhat lengthy under this head, because we think it is important that the whole matter should come clearly before us. Bro. Findel bases on this very "ars quatuor," &c., his argument for the derivation of English Freemasonry from Germany. But the fact that the "Quatuor Coronati" were in the Sarum Missal in the 11th century, is surely the best answer to that supposition. In all probability the "ars quatuor" was originally an old Latin legend, and if "Para Occult" ever turns up, will probably be found in it. The legend is a beautiful one per se, and in our humble opinion casts, so to say, a ray of light on the actual history of the early guilds, which no doubt were guided and directed to a great extent by the religious confraternities, and had special Bulls for their incorporation and privileges from the Popes of Rome, as many writers affirm, which it is convenient for the Ultramontanes now to forget. Freemasonry has never been hostile to religion in any age, nor really antagonistic to the Roman Catholic Church in any country, until forced into an attitude of opposition by the bitterness and calumnies of its assailants. Indeed, the later senseless charges of the Roman Catholic Church against Freemasonry are alike piously perverse and historically untrue.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia.*

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following Grand Officers were elected for the year ensuing:—

- M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham ... G.M.
- R.W. Bro. C. Judge (re-elected) ... D.G.M.
- " W. M. Lemesurier ... D.D.G.M.
- " J. B. Charleson ... D.D.G.M.
- " J. P. Martin ... D.D.G.M.
- " Arthur Lyons ... D.D.G.M.
- " T. P. Butler ... G.S.W.
- " G. R. Marvin ... G.J.W.
- " Rev. J. Scrimger ... G. Chaplain.
- " J. H. Stearns ... G. Treasurer.
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GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

We give the following extracts from the address of our respected friend, Bro. Graham, of Quebec:
Companions of the Holy Royal Arch:

As your chief executive officer, it is my pleasing duty fraternally to welcome you to this, the third annual convocation of the most excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of the Province of Quebec;—to render to you an account of my stewardship;—to guide you in your present important deliberations;—and to aid you in drafting your designs on the trestle-board of the future, so that the great work entrusted to us may be carried on to the glory of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, without whose blessing the craftsmen labour in vain. May our work thus begun in order, be continued in peace, and closed in harmony.

The year just closed has been one of concord and fraternal harmony, and the overseers and workmen have most commendably manifested their desire to lay the foundation of Capitular Masonry within our jurisdiction, wisely and well. No case of dissonance has been submitted to me for adjudication; and to the extent of my observation, it appears that the materials received for the erection of our superstructure, if not so great in quantity, have been of superior quality, and well fitted for the acceptance and approval of the chief overseers, and for the upbuilding and beautifying of our symbolic temple. It may moreover be justly inferred that the increasing zeal and intelligence so happily being displayed in Craft Masonry, and the favourable drawings of greater material prosperity, everywhere observable within our borders, will cause many of the more expert and able of Master Masons to seek exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, and thus reach the perfect consummation of the labours and rewards of ancient Craft Masonry.

The following communication from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, in reply to the address forwarded to him by this Grand Chapter, will be by you with the greatest satisfaction; and the cause of the delay in answering, arising from the universally lamented death of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice of Hesse Darmstadt, will meet with deep responsive sympathy in the heart of every Royal Arch companion, and of every member of our Order within our jurisdiction and throughout the Dominion.

Freemasons' Hall,

Sir and Companion, London, 24th January, 1879.

I am commanded by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to acknowledge receipt of the fraternal address which you have been good enough to transmit to him in behalf of M. E. Grand C. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and to apologize for the delay which has taken place in such acknowledgment, a delay caused mainly by the almost constant absence of the Prince officially at the French Exhibition and elsewhere during the summer and autumn of the past year, and subsequently by a severe domestic affliction.

His Royal Highness however now commands me to thank the companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec most sincerely for the good wishes expressed towards himself personally, and the Grand body over which he deems it an honour to preside; and most especially for the sentiments of loyalty and attachment to which they give utterance, to Her Majesty his beloved mother the Queen, and for the blessings they have invoked on the Princess of Wales, and the members of the Royal family.

The Prince is also much touched by the reference made to the services rendered to Masonry in general by his illustrious ancestor the late Duke of Kent.

In conclusion, I am to convey to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the most earnest wishes of the Most Excellent the First Principal of England, for its future success and prosperity.

I have the honour to be, R. E. Grand Scribe E., Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY,

E. Companion J. T. McMillan, G. S. E.
R. E. Grand Scribe E.,
Grand Chapter of Quebec.

From time immemorial, it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities; and although on this continent, the Holy Royal Arch, for its better governance, is under the authority of a separate Grand Body, yet it remains as ever an indivisible part, and is the copstone of ancient Craft Freemasonry, and hence has no need of a separate form of burial service for its deceased members, as our companions clothed in their distinctive regalia are wholly identified with the other members of our ancient Fraternity in the performance of the sad funeral rites. But as more especially in our day, many commendable benefit and other like societies have sprung into existence, and to one or more of which members of our Order may properly belong, and as some of these excellent bodies have adopted, or in part borrowed from the Craft, a form of burial service, it becomes therefore highly desirable, that the immemorial principles and practice of our Order relating to burial should be fully understood and prudently carried out. The rulers of the Craft should therefore always bear in mind, that it is only at the request of a brother, that his remains are to be honoured with Masonic burial, the formalities of which at the grave take place immediately after the services of the church to which the deceased may have belonged or was in some way connected, and the Masonic services close the last mournful rites.

The Craft cannot, therefore, take part in or unite with any other body or bodies in having a double or triple funeral service at the grave. No member of our Fraternity should make a request to be buried by any society, if he

desires Masonic rites of sepulture, but if he has done so, and if it is arranged that the burial services of any other body, except those of the church are to be performed, the Craft cannot then rightly perform any burial service. This practice does not arise from any assumed superiority, or from any want of good-will to such societies on the part of our Fraternity, but because it is required by immemorial custom, and is adhered to in order to have everything on such sad occasions, "done decently and in order," and to promote peace, harmony, and concord.

Although we are members of the one of youngest and the smallest of Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Freemasons—and on account of our peculiar surroundings, we are not likely soon to have the large numerical increase enjoyed in many other jurisdictions—yet we cannot but rejoice at the healthy growth and rapid extension of Capitular Mark and Craft Masonry in so many countries, on every continent, and on distant isles.

In all free and enlightened nations Masonry is becoming a mighty power for good. Freedom and Freemasonry are twin-sisters. Human enlightenment and the light of the Craft spread alike together. Sound morality and the genuine principles of our Order are one and inseparable. Wise government finds in our Fraternity a bulwark of loyalty. Benevolence finds in it a perennial fountain, and pure religion finds a hand-maid in our Fraternity whose fundamental doctrines are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Just rulers of nations deem it among their highest honours to be rulers in the Craft. Distinguished statesmen and learned divines,—eminent jurists, literati and scientists,—gentlemen of business and of leisure,—and a host of good and true men of every rank, through our temples.

Methods the golden age of our ancient Fraternity is now dawning; it is not mere enthusiasm to affirm that an unprophetic eye may see in the not distant future a grand realization of the vision of so many seers and sages of the olden time, who beheld afar off the benign reign of human Fraternity.

The hitherto most distant parts of this grand old world of ours are being brought nearer and nearer to each other every year. The whole earth is fast becoming one great neighbourhood, with all whose inhabitants we soon shall hold daily converse as neighbour with neighbour; and it is no day-dream to predict that the time is at hand when from every clime the sovereign rulers and princes of the craft will readily and frequently assemble in a world's conclave for the consideration and promotion of the interests of our Universal Brotherhood.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,
Grand Z.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

At the annual convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., the following officers were elected:—

- M.E. Comp. J. Hamilton Graham ... G.Z.
- R.E. Comp. I. H. Stearns ... G.H.
- " Frank Edgar ... G.J.
- " Angus Grant ... G. Scribe F.
- " J. W. Wiggett ... G. Scribe N.
- " Albert D. Nelson ... G. Treas.
- " Samuel Kennedy ... G. Pris. Soj.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

- R.E. Comp. John McLean, Montreal District.
- " J. F. Thomas, Quebec District.
- " James Addie, Eastern Townships District.
- Comp. John Porteous ... G. Janitor.

On Tuesday Prince Leopold, who is the guest of Mr. Mark Firth at Sheffield, visited the Norfolk Works of Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons, Saville-street, where a 5-ton ingot of steel for a heavy gun was cast; the Cyclops Works, belonging to Messrs. C. Cammel and Co., where an armour plate for H.M.S. Hotspur was rolled; the works of Messrs. Dixon and Sons, silversmiths and electro-platers; and the cutlery works of Messrs. Rodgers and Sons. At Messrs. Dixon's he was presented with a silver pocket-flask, bearing a coronet and his monogram. The Prince met with an enthusiastic reception at the several works and in the streets. In the evening he was present at a ball given by Mr. Mark Firth.

The Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, has been re-opened after extensive enlargements and alterations, which have occupied the past three months. The building will now contain an audience of about 3000, representing £50 increase in the receipts. Bro. Toole, with his company, appeared, the programme commencing with the singing of the National Anthem by the company. Mr. Barnard's comedy, "Artful Cards" was then played, followed by the farce of "Turning the Tables," after which Bro. E. Saker, lessee and manager, delivered a speech. Both Bros. Toole and Saker were enthusiastically received by a crowded audience.

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HILL.—On the 19th inst., at Oak House, Tufnell-place, Holloway-road, the wife of J. R. Hill, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

KELLY.—On the 20th inst., at Hamilton House, 18, Rivers-street, Bath, the wife of Lieut. Colonel Kelly, late 60th Rifles, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MONCKTON—MORPHEW.—On the 14th inst., at St. Saviour's, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, Frederick Edward, son of Bro. W. Monckton, of Basted, Wrotham, to Emily Maud Minna, daughter of the late W. Morphey, Esq., of Bitchett's House, Seal, Kent.

DEATHS.

BARKER.—On the 19th inst., at Honiton, after a few days' illness, Mr. William Henry Barker, aged 47, late manager of the National Provincial Bank, Honiton. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

LUBBOCK.—On the 20th inst., at High Elms, Down, Kent, Ellen Frances, wife of Sir John Lubbock, Bart, M.P.

MASON.—On the 20th inst., at Fountains Hall, aged 64, William Mason, Agent to the Marquis of Ripon. Friends will please accept this intimation.

NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1880 is preparing for publication early in November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

The Freemason Office, 198, Fleet-street.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1879.

MASONIC CHARITY.

The scene which is presented at our Masonic elections is a very remarkable one indeed. So remarkable is it in all its incidents and all its bearings that it may be doubted if any similar scene exists in this country, or, in fact, any other portion of the world. America, for instance, with its 7,000,000 Masons, knows nothing of it, and it is reserved for us English Masons, happily, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., to exhibit an "outcome" of Masonic Charity before which our enemies may well be silent, and of which our friends may be justly proud. The English Craft is a great organization. It raises £40,000 annually to keep up its goodly Charities, which minister to the feebleness of old age, which aid and educate the sons and daughters of Masons. Each year, as it passes over our heads, serves but to attest the wonderful, nay increasing value of these goodly Institutions, inasmuch as with a growing brotherhood the claims on our Masonic sympathy and benevolence are augmented in about a two-fold ratio, and there seems at present no limit either to the one or the other, no probable bar to the former, no possible restriction to the latter. Old age and calamity know no repressive or Malthusian laws. They exist, and always will exist, and the very prosperity of Masons, on the whole, is too often only the prelude to hours of adversity. Indeed it is affecting to remember how many of those who thus at our elections appeal to our good feelings and ask for our support, are the children of those whom we once met in lodge, who filled the same social sphere as ourselves, were our friendly mates, our genial companions. Memory takes us back a long flight when one worthy brother was an habitual subscriber, a member, an officer of our own old lodge, and with him, perhaps, are bound up, too, the unfading reminiscences of pleasant days and vanished friends. And here is his child asking from us help for that education and care which, had he been spared in the infinite wisdom and preserving care of T.G.A.O.T.U., it would have been his glad duty and his zealous effort to have procured. Alas, his place in the lodge knows him no more, and we, like good and true Masons, stand, sympathetically and Masonically "in loco parentis" to that poor child. This is the sublime, and yet practical, idea of our Schools, and a very sublime and yet practical idea it is. When then to-day men deride us or assail us, question our utility or our work, we have always thought, (are we not right in so doing?), that the best, the truest argument for our "raison d'être" is to be found in the good we do, the "charity" we labour for. Our lodges are very pleasant social gatherings, our Grand Lodge is a wonderful organization. The members of our Order are many, educated, and distinguished; the rank we win and the decorations we wear need be despised by none. But, after all, all these things sink into comparative insignificance when we consider the superabounding, the overwhelming claims and grace of Masonic Charity. That is the "salt" which seasons all our "symposia," that is the "leaven" which leaveneth our whole framework, that is the end and goal of all our efforts, that is the reason of all our true Masonic labour. Without it we might be a mighty sodality, but we should have no vitality of existence, no power of endu-

rance, the scorching "simoom" of the world's great wilderness would exhaust our being and shrivel our external form, or "the encroaching hand of time" would sweep away our little building, level it to the ground, or consign it to the dust and oblivion of ages. And so, wherever Freemasonry has forgotten Charity it has degenerated into one of two shapes,—it has either become a purely social body, given up to galas and great festivals, or it has become mixed up with politics, and it has ere long been found to be inimical to authority and destructive of social order and constitutional laws, Happily in England, avoiding these pitfalls, we have kept by the via media of practical work and charitable efforts, and there our Freemasonry evidences itself, alike to the outer world as to its own members, in that its utility is unquestioned, its position recognized, and the unostentatious good it does is recognized and experienced. We therefore rejoice to note the increasing votes for our Charities, and find no fault with our many claims. They are for the most part unavoidable, the necessary result of the onward and expansive march of Freemasonry in this country, and must be watched over carefully, and when they exceed our present means of dealing with them, must be looked at from no niggard or grudging point of view, but as true Masons we should ever treat the rightful claims of those who make a fair appeal to their principles and their pockets. One word of warning, however, comes in here. Speakers at meetings are apt sometimes, dilating upon the duty of giving to the Charities, and properly enough in all sound measure, to ignore the fact that all Masonic charity is not confined to giving to the Charities. There are many ways of giving in Masonic charity, which, as Freemasons, we should always seek to aid and forward, and whether in lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge, or in our support of the Charities, and, above all, our private gifts, we should ever bear in mind that it is not so much what we give as how we give it, in what real, true spirit we make the offering, that constitutes its value, help, and blessing.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

In the earlier days of this paper a movement for uniformity of ritual was looked upon with some favour by its then able editor. But "tempera mutantur," and as we also change with them so do editors. There is no finality or infallibility in editorship, neither is there any reason why because once upon a time an opinion, favourable or unfavourable, was expressed on a particular subject, therefore the same opinion is always to be expressed at all times and under all circumstances. It very often happens in journalism that the view of one editor is not the view of another, and, indeed, journalism itself could not exist if we were supposed to be always bound by casual opinions and ancient theories. It is more than probable that had the able brother who once conducted our paper been still editor he would have completely endorsed the views of the writer of a late review in our pages on this old controversy. But be that as it may, we who now have the honour to address our brethren week by week in Bro. Kenning's widely-spread paper, have conscientiously expressed the opinion we have always held on the subject, to which we have given frequent utterance in lodge and out of lodge, and which a long and careful study of our ritual and our archæology has only confirmed and consolidated the more. We feel quite sure of this, that no more unhealthy or unsound movement could be carried on, than that which would serve to bring about a slavish adherence to, a rigid uniformity of ritual. In the abstract something may perhaps be said à priori for an uniformity of ritual, but in practice we are persuaded nothing, nay, less than nothing. The only result will be a system of "cram" and "cribbing," idle officers, and the encouragement of surreptitious formula. As it is, we are suffering just now, and we speak feelingly, from personal knowledge and experience, from that want of a close mastering of our ancient lore, which is best to be obtained in lodges of instruction and from expert teachers. The differences about which so much is often said amount in reality to an infinitesimal quantity, while on the other hand a certain

amount of liberty is preserved in our ceremonial usages, which, so far, has not worked ill for English Freemasonry. In our opinion any attempt to enforce one ritual is sure to fail, alike from the impossibility of the result as from the opposition of the best and brightest Masons amongst us. Much of the discussion relating to this subject cannot well be discussed in a newspaper, even a Masonic one, but we speak with some certainty when we say that any proposal to form a lodge of Preceptors will only throw back educated Freemasonry amongst us, or advance, what some wish, (despite its absolute failure elsewhere), a printed ritual. For who are they who are beginning this new agitation? Are they Masonic teachers like those we possess in our lodges of instruction? Are they those who, having carefully studied the ritual, we know well from their careful and correct rendering of it? Are they those to whom the history and antiquities of Freemasonry, as well as its ornate and intricate ceremonial, have been the subject of minute study for years? Certainly not. We have often heard the subject discussed in former years, but we never heard any brother who had looked closely into the matter on reflection approve of the proposal, or fail to see the difficulties, and dangers, and pitfalls involved in the question. In all societies there are a set of fussy men, who always must be saying or doing something. To them controversy is a boon, agitation a blessing. They swim like the little apples of old in the stream, and are elate if only they can manage to cause a certain amount of discussion, to secure a certain amount of spare type. They are friends to the printer, but not to themselves. They are not the persons who make great movements or create needful reforms, and we feel sure that if ever this little question is seriously discussed in Grand Lodge it will be found that the good sense of the brethren will at once reject a proposition fraught, as we know it to be, with countless evils to all honest and loyal working Masons amongst us. As we have often said before, these very objectors to slight discrepancies seem to forget, in their love of uniformity, that this very independence of ritual is a strong proof among many more, alike to the antiquity of our Order and to the long continued usage of habitual archaisms and familiar words, with some slight allowable variation in the different lodges of our jurisdiction.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We are pleased to notice that our esteemed Bro. Graham is re-elected G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We trust that this is a good omen that moderate counsels may prevail. Bro. Graham has much experience, kindness, and tact, and he is, we venture to think, a friend to Masonic peace and fraternal concord.

THE LICENSE OF LIBEL.

Just now libel seems very much in fashion, and we are informed, on what we consider a good authority, that there are several papers which under various and euphonious titles seem to revel in the garbage of disgraceful slander. In a free country like ours it is obviously impossible to restrict the liberty of the press, except within the limits of public safety, general morality, and personal forbearance. We can undoubtedly, and we do by statute and common law, punish those who write treason, who insult religion, who vilify individual character, who do injury to the fair fame or actual credit of unoffending fellow-citizens. But beyond this we cannot go, and we can only leave to the good taste of the community to discourage that "fifth estate" of the press which is a disgrace to journalism, and an injury to society. For as there is no smoke without a fire, so unless these scurrilous prints and printers have readers and supporters they could not thrive at all, much less survive the needful expenses of production. It becomes a serious matter for enquiry who are they who read such papers which, false in themselves, discredit and degrade every axiom of decency, fair play, and truth? Unfortunately there always is a class in society, both of old and young, which seems to revel in prurient

gossip or defamatory mysteries. These are they who, the nuisances of our clubs, retail in private circles the vile innuendo or the deliberate libel with a nod of intelligence or a wink of sagacity, and so it is passed on from one gobemouche to another as "the last new thing at the clubs." We always distrust a person who tells us what he heard at the clubs, as, with the exception of the "City," to which many extraordinary statements are credited day by day, more lies, to use a plain good word, are put down to the authority of the "clubs" than ever were coined in the idlest and most reckless of them all. Hence it comes to pass that social life is saturated with that tendency to "libel," to all "uncharitableness," to downright cruel and wicked slander, which is either significant of debased morals or a dissolving society. At this moment many are these truthful and intellectual prints which cater to a vitiated taste, to this diseased condition of morals and feelings. The publisher of two of them has lately been before Mr. Alderman Staples, and is now at the Old Bailey, for audacious libels, simply intended to create "sensation" or inflict pain. It represents well the state of things to which a portion of contemporary journalism is reduced, that the proprietor states that he had resource to a special agent to ascertain the truth of the vile and cowardly libel given him by a contributor, which he so greedily and daringly published, and that he was deceived by both. Can any further commentary be needed on proceedings which we feel are disgraceful to us all? Let us hope that the common sense and keen perception of our great community will ere long render all such "ventures" both profitless and hopeless, and that the punishment of the law, and the contempt of society will await all who, violating every decency of public and private life, pander to a passing craze for what is libellous, hateful, debasing, and untruthful.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to thank your correspondent P.M. No. 1, S.C., for his courteous information about Bro. Buchan's contributions to Masonic literature, and I will endeavour to avail myself of his previous researches in the ground I am now going over. Respecting the ancient charge, all I can say at present about it is that it purports to be "extracted by me, A.M.," in MDCLXXIV. from one of date 1881. The original must have been an English document, as it is subscribed "in the raising of our most Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the (22) year." Not having Bro. Murray Lyon's valuable work I am unable to compare the documents. I have, however, compared the writing with that of some of the earlier minutes in the Melrose Lodge book, and find it resembles some of them very much, and I further find that the chirography of one of these old Masons, yeleft Andro Mein, is remarkably like that of the old charge, and this idea is borne out by the initials A.M., which stand in all probability for this Andro Mein.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
W. FRED. VERNON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a correspondence which has been going on in your columns about the Melrose Lodge, and reference is made to a visit paid by me to Melrose about eleven years ago, when I had the privilege of getting a glance at the old records of the lodge, and also seeing the fine old abbey.

An account of my visit was published at pp. 205-209 of the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" for September 11th, 1869, and inter alia I stated "It has records so far back as 1674." I did not assert that it had no other older documents, but mentioned 1674 as the date of the oldest I was either shown, or spoken, or written to about then. I published a copy of the lodge seal, but it was not old, and also of certain regulations dated 1796. I referred to the Melrose Masonic legend that John Murdo was Grand Master of the Masons of Melrose in 1136, when the abbey was founded, but showed its absurdity as proved by Mr.—or shall I say Bro.—Murdo himself.

In the inscription tablet at Melrose Abbey, where John Murdo treats us to his autobiography, we learn that Melrose only got a share of his patronage, for he says he "had in keeping all Mason work of St. Andrews, ye high Kirk; of Glasgow, Melrose, and Paislay; of Myddysdale and of Galway," &c. So from this we see, that even supposing that John Murdo had been either a Master or a Grand Master of the Melrose Lodge, yet as he places it after Glasgow during his life, there is no good reason why

it should be placed before Glasgow after his death. Taking the whole matter into consideration, and with the desire to give the Melrose Lodge as high a position as possible upon the roll of Grand Lodge without unnecessarily insulting other lodges possibly older than the Melrose Lodge, I would respectfully suggest No. 34, so as to place it between the Lodge of Glasgow St. John, No. 34, and Kilwinning, No. 4. I think I published a minute of the Lodge of Glasgow St. John of 1613, while the Glasgow Masons' incorporation have minutes back to 1600, I think, and a charter or seal of cause a number of years earlier. Then again, as the Glasgow Masons signed the 1628 Roslin Charter, I fear that Bro. Vernon must in justice restrain his enthusiasm a little before really supporting the idea of placing the Melrose Lodge upon the roll as either "1A" or "A1." I wish Bro. Vernon, however, good speed with his researches, and trust he will be able to publish valuable and interesting information shortly. Only, above all, give us historical accuracy, and support the truth, no matter what becomes of pretensions. I cannot close without holding out my hand to my old and esteemed friend Bro. Hughan, May he long be spared to the Craft.

I am yours fraternally,
W. P. BUCHAN.

A CORRECTION: RECTITUDE CHAPTER No. 581.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the meeting of this chapter contained in your last week's issue Comp. Arensburg is stated to have said that the jewel he was presenting to Comp. James Hall was the first ever presented to him, and at a later part of the evening Comp. Gallagher, Z. 325, repeated the statement.

In fairness to our esteemed Comp. Hall, I think it right to prevent any misapprehension which might arise from the above erroneous statement, as such would lead your readers to suppose that Comp. Hall's valuable services had hitherto been unrecognised by the various chapters in which he has worked so energetically.

Some five years since eight or nine chapters subscribed for a very handsome eighteen-carat P.Z. jewel set with diamonds, which was suitably inscribed and presented to Comp. Hall. Each subscribing chapter had a bar bearing its number placed across the ribbon.

It seems somewhat strange considering that the Rectitude Chapter as well as St. John's, 325 (Comp. Gallagher's), took part in this presentation, that such statements should be made, more especially so as St. John's Chapter in addition presented Comp. Hall with a P.Z. jewel on their own account.

It is a pity that more care is not observed in making such statements, as these errors sometimes cause much trouble and annoyance. And correspondents ought also to be more careful in giving proper titles, and not send them to the press hap-hazard. Comp. Hall is not P.P.G. Treasurer, as reported, but P.P.G.P.S., as the presentation jewel denotes.

Yours fraternally,
"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased to inform you H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has forwarded through Bro. Binckes £20 as a donation to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. I enclose you the list of Patrons up to October 11th; there are some thirty names to add since. I find the well-known Westminster and Keystone Lodge have since the year 1866 forwarded a subscription annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, for the purpose of assisting deserving boys and girls on leaving school (an example I am sorry to say not followed by other lodges.) I am informed at the present time the Supreme Council and members of the Schools Committees have several cases they are supporting in the manner proposed by the R.M.P.A.F., and Dr. Morris can mention other cases. This alone speaks for the necessity of establishing a separate fund, and when we remember that at various periods such well-known brothers as Bros. Clabon and Dr. Jabez Hogg have proposed that some such fund be established, as also that our illustrious Bro. Lord Leigh, as Chairman of the Boys' Festival, proposed the advisability of establishing scholarships, there can be but little doubt Lord Roslyn's proposal at the last Boys' Festival will meet with hearty support and approval, and the success up to the present is so far beyond my most sanguine expectations that very early I hope to be able to report the proposed scheme "un fait accompli."

Thanking you, Sir, for your hearty support,
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
DICK RADCLIFFE.

128, High Holborn, London, W.C.,
October 11th, 1879.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The work bearing the above title is still in hand, and will, in all likelihood, be published in the course of six months.

It will shew by the science of speculative astronomy,

* I have made somewhat free with the spelling here. I believe it will be difficult for John Murdo to prove his existence before the fifteenth century. He tells us he was not engaged building new edifices, but he "had in keeping" those he mentions, which were already erected, and which often suffered at the hands of the English after the death of Robert the Bruce, and the memory of whose raid uses him to pray that Melrose Kirk might be protected from harm, or "kept fra skaith."

and its keys of the Old and New Testaments, that the theology of Catholicism is founded on astronomical fiction; that the astro-Masonic theology of the one pure and simple faith in God is founded on His Divine sciences of creation, and that that faith will be the theology of the future.

The work will be illustrated by one Egyptian and four Planispherical pictures, and sold at two shillings or two shillings and sixpence, and be dedicated to the Grand Lodges of all nations.

Yours fraternally,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard-hill, Guernsey.

Reviews.

LETTERS OF THE YOUNGER PLINY. Lewis. SECOND NOTICE.

Since we wrote the review of this interesting work, which appeared in the last *Freemason*, our attention has been called to the fact that the generally received statement as to the number of translations is not quite correct. On looking carefully into the matter we find that as far back as 1576, Abraham Fleming, in his "Panoplic of Epistles," 4to., London, published "Certain selected epistles out of C. Plinius, translated out of Latin into English. Pliny's Epistles were published, together with the Paneygerick, in 1724, in two volumes, 8vo., London, by Mr. Henley. Robert Castell, in his "Villas of the Ancients," fol., London, 1720, published two of the letters of Pliny, and it may be well to observe that in 1711 a book called the "Description of Epsom," &c., four letters of Pliny were translated by John Toland. In 1746, Wm. Melmoth published the "Letters of Pliny" in two volumes, a second edition appeared in 1747, a third in 1748. Other editions appeared in 1757, 1770, 1777, 1786, and 1796. John, Earl of Orrery, published in 1751, in two volumes, 4to., London, the "Letters of Pliny the younger," which were reprinted in Dublin the same year in 8vo., as also in London. In 1747, in the "Gentleman's Magazine," appeared the sixteenth and twentieth epistles of the sixth book, translated. These, so far, besides Mr. Bohn's more recent edition, are all the translations of Pliny traceable, and Mr. Lewis seems to have been ignorant, as we were ourselves, of the edition of Mr. Henley in 1724, until our attention was called to it by Mr. E. W. Stubbs, of Museum-street.

THE CAUSE OF COLOUR AMONG RACES. W. SHARP, M.D. David Bogue, 5, St. Martin's-place.

We have read this little "brochure" with much interest. It seems to give us a very sensible and reasonable explanation of the strange contrast of colour of races. As Ethnology has recently received great attention it is a reasonable contribution to the discussion of that matter-of-fact state of things which exists in this world of ours. We commend the little work to the attention of our readers, as so much that is interesting, and so much that is striking belong to the history of mankind, in its physical as well as its psychological condition, that no more profitable path of study can be struck out, especially for the young. Freemasonry reminds us of a great truth, often forgotten, not unfrequently ignored—that whatever colour we be of, we are all children of one Great Parent, that it is the same God who made us one and all.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL. Second Notice.

We called attention to a work of Bro. Stevens's, propounding the uniformity of ritual in a recent issue, and feeling convinced that any such effort was a mistake, we said so, and to that opinion we adhere, and shall certainly give to any such proposal, from whomsoever emanating, all the opposition in our humble power and capacity. But since we wrote the review we have looked into this question of uniformity of ritual as a matter of history, and we give the following facts for the consideration of our readers. From 1717 to 1813 there was not, as far as we know, any one authorized system of ritual. At one time there were two competing and conflicting systems of ritual in use—that of the Moderns (our Grand Lodge), that of the Antients, or the Schismatic Grand Lodge. There was considerable sameness between the two systems, that of the Antients being a little more elaborate apparently, in symbolism, and leaning a little more to Christian symbolism. The earliest ritual of which we know of appears to be that of Desaguliers and Anderson, and if Oliver is to be credited a sort of Committee of Masons whom he names, revised the old workings and adapted it to the Grand Lodge working's at that time. About 1732 Martin Clare again revised the working, which, until 1770, when it was again revised by Duncerley, seems to have prevailed in our lodges. Between 1770 and 1813, William Preston again methodized the working and the teaching, and in 1813, under the Lodge of Reconciliation, Dr. Hemming prepared a ritual, afterwards completed by Williams, which is now that of the Lodge of Emulation, while the earlier working of Hemming, untouched by Williams, seems to be that of the Stability Lodge, so ably presided over by our good friend and brother "Old Mug." Thus any idea that before the Union there was any uniformity of working is alike a chimera and a myth, and subsequently to the Union the G. Lodge by a wise toleration has allowed—subject to uniformity of landmarks and aporata—some pardonable and innocuous variations. Any attempt, therefore, to introduce an iron, or rather a leaden, uniformity can only be productive of grave mischief, as it must inevitably lead to a reign of "cribs" and "crams," and that greatest of all curses to Masonry—a printed ritual. As Freemasons, proud of our oral traditions, happy to meet in lodges of instruction under skilful Preceptors, when any one is so rash as to endeavour again to raise this needless and inopportune

question, we fancy that an overwhelming majority of "bright Masons" will prove that, uninfluenced by nonsensical bombast or childish ignorance of the subject, they are determined to "leave well alone."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President.

The other brethren present were Bros. H. G. Bass, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. Dodd, Neville Greene, W.M. 1524; W. Smithson, P.M. 1001 (Harrogate); S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master China; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; W. Mann, P.M. 186; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; James Kench, Asst. G. Pursuivant; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1416; W. Stebbins, P.M. 1489; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; W. J. Marlis, P.M. 1642; T. F. W. Knight Smith, W.M. 1441; E. W. Deveaux, W.M. 1423; A. Middlemass, W.M. 957; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Chas. Atkins, P.M. 27; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1805; George Cooper, W.M. 507; Walter J. Stride, P.M. 176; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417; Richard Croynod, P.M. 254; J. A. Matthews, W.M. 143; E. Scratton, P.M. 898; J. K. Young, P.M. 1327; Fred Drummond, P.M. 217; H. Sweetland, W.M. 1460; Charles Daniel, W.M. 65; G. H. Wigglesworth, W.M. 975; W. Smith, W.M. 1158; Spencer J. Weston, W.M. 7; F. A. White, P.M. 1437; Richard Jennings, W.M. 907; J. Kemp Coleman, W.M. 1716; John Dennis, P.M. 1804; G. F. Weige, W.M. 860; E. W. Braine, I.P.M. 1471; Percival A. Nairne, P.M. 1329; W. Miller Goss, P.M. 176; Thos. Edmondston, P.M. 1508; James Garnar, P.M. 1622; A. McMillan, W.M. 1365; John Henry Leggett, W.M. 145; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 1623; E. White, W.M. 177; H. Vickery, W.M. 1475; Samuel H. Parkhouse, W.M. 1642; H. Potter, P.M. 11; W. F. Richards, W.M. 27; E. Squirell, W.M. 206; H. Sadler (G. Tyler); and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants, recommended to the Grand Master at last meeting, to the amount of £310, and then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were twenty-seven on the list. Twenty-one of these were relieved with a total sum of £755. Two recommendations of £100 each were made to Grand Lodge; and five of £50 each; three of £40 each were made to the M.W. Grand Master; two of £30 each; two of £25 each; and one of £20. Five grants were made of £10 each, and one grant was made of £5. Six cases were deferred.

The lodge sat four hours.

SOUTHAMPTON NEW MASONIC HALL.

The new hall and premises built by the Freemasons of Southampton, in Albion-terrace, just off the High-street, though not yet completed, are in so forward a state that the banqueting room has been occupied this week by a party given by the Mayor of the borough (Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M.), to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of new Municipal Offices for Southampton.

The new buildings have been erected by a joint-stock company of Freemasons, the brotherhood in Southampton having outgrown the accommodation provided by the hall in Bugle-street, which has been dedicated to Masonic purposes for the past fifty-five years. So long ago as June, 1823, the brethren of the Royal Gloucester, then the only existing lodge in the town, removed to this hall from premises which they had previously occupied in East-street. Several years later the owner finding himself in financial difficulties, the hall fell into the hands of a few of the brethren, chiefly through the exertions of the late Bro. C. E. Diacon, and has been used by the brotherhood ever since. The site, however, being leasehold of the Corporation, who in their turn hold it of Queen's College, Oxford, it was thought advisable when the question of rebuilding was revived a year or two since to secure a freehold site. After considerable difficulty in obtaining a suitable position, a vacant piece of land overlooking the Western Shore was purchased of the executors of the late Mr. John Aslett, a limited liability company, with a capital of £4000, being formed for the purpose of erecting thereon a new hall, which now occupies as nearly as possible the site of the old donjon or keep of Southampton Castle, close to some of the (preserved) walls of which it is built. The series of buildings thus erected is intended to provide accommodation for the five Craft lodges, three Royal Arch chapters, the Mark, and other Masonic bodies in Southampton, the brethren of which exclusively form the Masonic Hall Company. The building, treated in the Italian style, is constructed of white brick as a facing, with Douling stone finishings to the entrance, principal windows, and balustrades; and embraces an arched entrance porch, lobby, passage, and corridor, paved with neat pattern Minton's tiles, leading to the chief rooms. These are a lodge, which is enclosed on all sides, 45 feet by 30, lighted from the ceiling by two large lantern lights, and having in the principal walls, over two handsome fire places, ornamental niches for busts or pictures, of which latter the Masonic body here possess a goodly number, several of them being of great artistic as well as personal value; a smaller room designed for chapters or as a reception room, is 24ft. 6in. by 18ft. 9in., inclusive of a large bay window which commands a very extensive and pleasing view of the West Bay, the opposite shore, New Forest, &c.;

whilst facing Albion-terrace there is a banqueting room, 38ft. by 25ft., lighted by five windows, and intended to be let for public or quasi-public gatherings such as that of to-day, the lodge and chapter rooms being reserved exclusively for Masonic use. Besides a cloak room, lavatories, and other offices, the domestic portion of the building consists of a kitchen, with ample cooking appliances, a scullery, &c., and four small rooms on the upper storey for the use of the hall keeper. The gas lighting in the lodge and banqueting room is by sun lights and pendants. The work throughout is of a plain and economical character.

THE NEW MARKET HOTEL.

A Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City was held on Saturday, the 18th inst. There were present the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman Finnis, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, Alderman Sir T. Dakin, Mr. Alderman Nottingham, and Mr. Alderman Hadley.

Bro. Thomas Butt, licensed victualler, applied for a new licence for the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, Farringdon-street, for music and dancing. Mr. Fulton appeared in support of the application, and Mr. Vennell opposed on behalf of Mr. Maskell, the landlord of the Victoria, a neighbouring public-house. Mr. Fulton explained that his client, who bore an excellent character, and who had been a licensed victualler for twenty years, did not intend to convert the house into a music hall. His object was to keep it for balls exclusively, and he would give a guarantee that only the Masonic and other societies who held their meetings at his house should be allowed to hold their balls there. Alderman Sir T. Dakin observed that all the lodges in the list produced were not Masonic, and he wished to know whether applicant would give a guarantee to the effect that none but Masonic lodges should hold balls at his house. Mr. Fulton replied that if the Bench thought it necessary to exclude all but Masonic lodges, his client would do so. Mr. Vennell said his ground for opposing the application was that the neighbourhood was most unfitted for such a licence. The majority of Bro. Butt's customers were persons employed at the Meat Market, who came early in the morning, and consequently retired home at an early hour. The neighbourhood was an unusually quiet one, and he submitted that should the Bench grant the licence the result would be that persons living in the neighbourhood would be annoyed by the noise. In addition to this he would put his client in the box, and he would swear most positively that for the last two years he had been kept awake of a night by the noise made by a piano played in Bro. Butt's house. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden asked whether the learned counsel's client had not a piano in his house? Mr. Maskell replied that he had not. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden: Then you are an exception to the general rule. The landlord of the Victoria was put into the witness-box, and he corroborated the statement of his counsel. He generally closed his house at ten o'clock, but had heard persons in Bro. Butt's after twelve. Cross-examined: He had often complained about the music to Bro. Butt, who, on one occasion, acknowledged that a certain amount of noise had occurred at his house. Mr. Fulton: The petition in opposition is signed by thirteen persons, who do not vouch that this house is a nuisance. How is that? Why did they not embody in their petition that it was a nuisance to the neighbourhood? Was it ever suggested until by your counsel to-day? Witness: I do not know. Mr. Fulton: Your house is a small one. Witness: It is smaller than the other. Mr. Fulton: The other is a large place. You could not accommodate 200 or 300 at a banquet? Witness: No. Mr. Vennell: Though the noise was sufficient to disturb you in your rest you thought it was not your duty to make complaints to the police? Witness: That is so. Mr. Vennell: So that you would not embody it in your petition? Witness: No. Mr. Vennell: But complaints have been made to you personally by these petitioners? Mr. Fulton objected to the question. The Lord Mayor: The question is out of order. In answer to the Bench, Mr. Fulton said the music should be confined to Masonic and Foresters' lodges. The application was granted. —City Press.

FREEMASONRY IN PHILADELPHIA.

SUPREME COUNCIL, THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

Had the clerk of the weather been a 33° Mason, he could not have favoured the members of the Supreme Council with more delightful weather than we have had during the present week, and it has added materially to the comfort and pleasure of our distinguished visitors. On Tuesday morning and afternoon the sessions were largely attended. In the evening the formal reception by the members of Philadelphia Consistory took place in Corinthian Hall, when that body met and opened in the 14° Ill. Commander in Chief, John Hanold, in the East. There were present some 230 members of the body.

The members of the Supreme Council met in the Grand Chapter Room at 7.30 o'clock, when the Committee of Arrangements, Bros. Meyer, Hutchinson, Dealy, Hall, Coulomb, Young, Garrigues, and Kendrick, met them, and escorted them to Corinthian Hall, where they were received in due form. Ill. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, headed the line, arm-in-arm with Ill. Bro. Albert G. Markey, Dean of the Supreme Grand Council of the Southern Jurisdiction (Bro. Albert Pike not being able to attend).

The guests were introduced by Bro. C. E. Meyer, and welcomed by Bro. John Hanold. Addresses were made by Bros. Drummond and Markey.

After an interchange of courtesies, the line was formed, and the entire body, numbering some 350, were conducted

to the grand banquet room, where a repast had been furnished. The tables were handsomely arranged, the flower and fruit pedestals setting off the immense tables to great advantage. It was about as handsome a sight of this kind as one would wish to see. The bill of fare was quite an extensive one of seven courses, and the manner in which it was served reflects great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Jacob Wiener, 527, Arch-street. The dishes were served in courses, the dishes of one being removed before the succeeding one was put upon the table.

After the edibles and drinkables were disposed of, a Table Lodge was opened, with Bro. Charles E. Meyer in the East, Bro. Thos. R. Patton in the West, and Bro. James S. Barker in the South.

The toasts respectively were "The United States of America," the brethren taking in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

"The Supreme Council Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.," responded to by Bro. Drummond.

"The Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction," responded to by Bro. A. G. Mackey.

"Ancient Craft Masonry," responded to by Bro. J. L. Lewis.

"To all Poor and Distressed Brethren," responded to by Bro. Roome.

"Woman," responded to by Bro. Woodbury, concluding with "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. Bastert's parlour orchestra enlivened the evening with choice instrumental music, and Bro. Aaron R. Taylor gave some fine vocal selections.

At the session on Wednesday the following officers were elected—Bros. Henry L. Palmer, Wisconsin, Sovereign Grand Commander; Charles Levi Woodbury, Boston, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Joseph D. Evans, New York, Minister of State; Heman Ely, Ohio, Grand Treas. General; Clinton F. Paige, New York, Grand Sec. General; Samuel C. Lawson, Massachusetts, Grand Keeper of Seals and Archives; Charles T. McClenahan, New York, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Homer S. Godwin, Pennsylvania, Grand Marshal General; W. R. Higby, Cincinnati, General Standard Bearer; George O. Tyler, Vermont, Grand Captain of Guard.

The Thirty-Third Degree was conferred upon the following members—Bros. George Henry Bigelow, Vermont; James Kirker, Connecticut; Charles William Batchelor, Pittsburg; John Hodge, New York; Edwin Gates, Brooklyn; William P. Witsie, Ohio; Stith M. Sullivan, Dayton, Ohio; Joel B. Parsons, Cleveland; Edgar P. Tobey, John McLaren, Alfred Russell, Amos Pettibone, J. A. Allen, M.D., James B. Bradwell, and Loomis E. Bullock, all from Chicago; William D. Rowell, Freeport, Ill., and H. C. Clarke, Kankakee, Ill. Deputies for the States in the Northern Jurisdiction were elected as follows: Bros. G. W. Dearing, Maine; John Christie, New Hampshire; George O. Tyler, Vermont; Benjamin Dean, Massachusetts; F. A. Doyle, Rhode Island; C. W. Carter, Connecticut; Colonel B. M. C. Graham, New York; Joseph H. Hough, New Jersey; Anthony E. Stocker, Pennsylvania; D. Burham Tracy, Michigan; Enoch T. Carson, Ohio; Elbridge G. Hamilton, Indiana; Hosmer A. Johnson, Illinois; and Alvin B. Alden, Wisconsin.

The following subordinate appointments were made on Thursday, when the annual session was closed—Bros. Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Massachusetts, Grand Prior; J. H. Hobert Ward, New York, First Marshal of the Camp; Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Second Marshal of the Camp; Hugh McCurdy, Michigan, Third Marshal of the Camp.

The next session will be held in Boston.

On Thursday afternoon the guests and their ladies were taken to Fairmount Park. Each carriage had one Philadelphian as escort. They left the Continental Hotel at 3.30, and passed up the East Park, on the river road, to the Wissahickon, near the Sixth Mile Stone, returned across Falls Bridge, thence around Belmont to Horticultural Hall.

Here the party alighted and took a brief survey, re-entered the carriages, drove around George's Hill, and thence to Pennsylvania State Building, where ice cream, cakes, lemonade, and fruits were provided. They left here at 7 o'clock, arriving at Continental Hotel at 7.30. The drive was highly enjoyed.

The Royal Order of Scotland had a business meeting on Wednesday evening, after which the members proceeded in a body to Bro. J. Wiener's, 527, Arch-street, where they partook of a choice banquet.

The next meeting of this body will be held in Washington in October, 1880.—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald, Friday, Sept. 19th.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—A Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the above Institution will shortly take place at Liverpool. An influential Committee has been formed, and we have no doubt our Liverpool brethren will carry it through with their usual spirit, and the result will be a substantial addition to the funds of this excellent Institution.

PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.—The Provincial G. Master for Cornwall, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at Callington, on Tuesday next, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of the Loyal Victoria Lodge (No. 577) to Masonic purposes. The Valletot Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be consecrated the same day at three o'clock.

Lord Carnarvon presents the prizes at the School of Art, Winchester, on Tuesday next. On the following day his lordship will move the following resolution at the conference to be held at the County-hall: "That it is desirable to promote in every way the efficiency of the system of preaching in the Church of England."

MASONIC COLLEGES AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Masonic Fraternity of the United States has never succeeded in establishing institutions of learning, though many and expensive efforts have been made. The Grand Lodges of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Missouri, by turns, invested large amounts of money in colleges, under the pleasing hope of usefulness, but in vain—wrecks, debts, and a long feeling of dissatisfaction were the net results. Education is so cheap in America there seems to be little call for Masonic Charity in this direction.

There are at present five living institutions deriving their existence in whole or part from Masonic beneficence, viz.:

1. St. John Masonic College, Little Rock, Arkansas.
2. Masonic Female College, Covington, Georgia.
3. Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford, North Carolina.
4. Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
5. Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Kentucky.

A Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas recently circulated the American Grand Lodges with the following queries:

1. What organised Masonic charitable institution is maintained in your jurisdiction, for the benefit of the widows and orphans?
2. How was it founded and endowed, and how is it supported?
3. What are the details of its organisation and government?
4. What has it accomplished in the way of contributing to the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased brother Masons and others?
5. What modifications, if any, in its plans, organisation, government, resources, or in any other respect, can you suggest for our benefit?

6. If you are familiar with any other organised Masonic Charity, please inform us in regard to such.

7. If you know of any such institution having failed, please give us specifically the cause of its failure.

In reply California says: "We have no special institution for the benefit of Masonic widows and orphans." Alabama the same. Canada: "The Grand Lodge created a fund for a Masonic Asylum, but it was never applied to that purpose." Connecticut: "We are striving to organise an institution for widows and orphans and for aged brethren. Contributions coming in for that purpose are set apart to accumulate principal and interest." Colorado and Dakota reply as Alabama. District of Columbia has an organised Masonic Charity entitled St. John Mite Association. Idaho has an orphan fund to which every Master Mason pays one dollar a year. It amounts at present to 5000 dollars. Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio have none. Indiana has recently organised the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Society, and aims to raise \$100,000, and then erect an edifice. Maine has a plan on foot, and has raised about \$10,000 already. Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Missouri have none. Nebraska has an Orphans' School Fund amounting to 10,000 dollars, but no building is proposed. South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah, and Pennsylvania have none.

If relief lodges are placed under this head, the list will swell into hundreds. That at San Francisco, Cal., does an immense work in this good direction. The relief lodges of New Orleans, New York, Louisville, Ky., Baltimore, Md., and many others, have won noble testimonials to their efficiency. Philadelphia, however, takes the lead, having a Stephen Girard Charity Fund, founded some fifty years since, the capital investment of which is now 62,000 dollars, the annual interest over 3000 dollars. This is devoted strictly to the purposes intimated in the bequest, viz.: "to relieve all Master Masons in good standing." Besides this, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a Charity Fund of 60,000 dollars for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons who were contributing members of lodges within three years of death. More than 3000 dollars flow out annually from that fountain of charity. Still further to place Pennsylvania in the foremost grounds of benevolence, they have an incorporated Masons' Home, which in due time will be made effective. The Fraternity of New York has the purpose to establish an asylum for aged and destitute Masons.—Coleman's Masonic Calend. v.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, M.P., R.W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, will preside at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on Friday, November 28th.

The meetings of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558, will in future be held at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whitington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday next, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Appleby continues his pleasant holiday notices in the October issue of the "Masonic Magazine;" an account of "A Visit to the Lakes" is the subject of his present contribution. Mr. Emra Holmes has a poem of some length on "The Golden Wreath." Mr. Poynter brings to a close his graphic paper entitled, "Within the Shadow of the Shaft." Mr. Tweddell deals in some interesting notes with literature, science, and art. Many other capital contributions are included in this attractive monthly, which is under the patronage of the Prince of Wales.—High Peak News, Oct. 18th, 1879.

The Masonic Magazine for November is now ready.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Freemasons of Cheshire was held at Crewe on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., under the presidency of Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G. Superintendent. There was a large number of influential companions present, and the whole of the chapters in the provinces, except two, were represented. On the proposition of Comp. Latham, the chapter granted £57 15s. from the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The chapter was closed at four o'clock, and the companions afterwards adjourned to the Crewe Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served. The officers for next year were invested, Bro. F. Jackson being Treasurer, Bro. W. Alcock, Junior. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Emra Holmes gave a reading in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute on Friday, the 17th inst., when about 500 persons were present. Milton, Shakespeare, Tom Hood, Tennyson, and Southey were laid under contribution for the more serious pieces, whilst readings of a lighter character from Mark Twain, Dickens, and Arthur Sketchley were introduced. The *Western Daily Mercury* says, "the pieces were well selected and admirably rendered." Bro. Holmes read his new poem, "The Golden Wreath," which was very well received, and which appears in this month's "Masonic Magazine."

LONDON GENERAL OMNIBUS COMPANY.—Traffic receipts for the week ending October the 19th £10,639 16s. 6d.; 1878, £11,269 1s. 11d.

The Committee of the Sunday School Union propose bringing out their present serial, "Kind Words," as a present weekly for boys and girls, under the title of "Young England." The first number will be ready before Christmas.

We have to announce with deep regret the death of Lady Ellen Frances Lubbock, the wife of Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P. for Maidstone, which melancholy event took place on Monday last at the family seat of Sir John, High Elms, near Dover, Kent.

The seventy-third anniversary dinner of the friends and patrons of the Licensed Victuallers' School was held on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, Baron Henry de Worms presiding. During the evening the Secretary announced that the subscriptions amounted to £5200.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday night announces that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to appoint Samuel Wilks, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., to be Physician in Ordinary to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Richard Carlisle, the Cornish pedestrian, completed on Tuesday evening his walk from Land's End to John O'Groat's house, trundling a wheelbarrow all the way. He did fifty-six miles on Monday. His walk has taken twenty-five days, excluding Sundays.

The Israel Lodge, No. 205, will meet on Tuesday next, at five o'clock, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. A. Bassington, W.M. There is a good paper of business before the brethren on this, their opening meeting of the season, one gentleman having to be initiated, whilst two brothers are down for passing, and two for raising. A re-joining country member has also to be balloted for.

Five hundred and sixty-nine associations, scientific, literary, Masonic, and working men's, have already signified their adherence to the programme of the meeting at Naples in favour of a general disarmament.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Sacred Harmonic Society, held on Tuesday, it was decided that as the Directors of Exeter Hall were now in a position to continue the Society's tenancy of the Hall, the concerts should be continued in that building as heretofore. The opening concert of the forty-eight season will therefore take place in November. The Committee understand that the building will not be available for musical purposes after October next, and the concerts for the season 1879-80 will therefore be the final series given by the Society in Exeter Hall.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PEDIGREE WHEAT.

—The *Reading Mercury*, in publishing the programme of the ceremony of setting the memorial stone of the new Public Buildings in that borough with Masonic rites (which has been postponed through the indisposition of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon), says:—"The corn which will be used in the ceremony has been presented by Bro. T. Deller, of Southsea, and forwarded through Bro. Cosburn, of Newbury, to the Provincial Grand Secretary. It is a sample of the "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," and possesses a history of some interest. Bro. Deller attended the laying of the stone of the Reading Grammar School, performed some years since with Masonic rites by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, and a grain of wheat which fell during the ceremony, being picked up by Bro. Deller, was planted by him, and in three years the produce amounted to seven-and-a-half gallons. The Prince accepted the wheat, which was grown on the Sandringham Estate, and in two years it produced 500 bushels. In October, 1877, his Royal Highness sent eight bushels to Bro. Deller, who grew it two years, and he has now in his possession the yield of fifty acres, grown from the eight bushels. The wheat is of fine quality and yields well, and it is certainly an interesting circumstance that the wheat to be used next Tuesday by the Pro Grand Master should have descended from a grain of that used by the Royal Head of the Craft on the last occasion when an important work in this town was inaugurated under Masonic auspices."—Vide advt. in another page.

The election of sixteen boys out of an approved list of seventy-seven to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. West Yorkshire was successful with two candidates. The first was William Henry Healey, son of the late Bro. David Healey, woollen manufacturer, Batley, who was initiated in the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264, Batley, on the 28th December, 1858, to which he subscribed till his death on the 2nd of November, 1872. Seven children are left without father or mother. The second successful candidate was John Roebuck Murgatroyd, son of the late Bro. Thomas Murgatroyd, surgeon, Shipley, who was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley, on the 25th of April, 1864, of which he was a Past Master and Almoner, and to which he subscribed till his death on the 24th of November last. Four children were left dependent on their mother. Healey polled 1603 votes and Murgatroyd 1474.

A correspondent writes that the Council of the Grand Orient of France is preparing an appeal to the Grand Lodge of England against the exclusion of its members from the English Masonic fraternities. The exclusion rule of the English and Scotch lodges is represented to have been felt by French Masons in many parts of the world, the ruling having application in almost every English-speaking lodge. Many complaints have reached the Grand Orient, accompanied in some instances by applications for charters to start lodges. Unwilling to widen the breach in the Masonic circle, the Grand Orient has hitherto declined those charters, but should the English Grand Lodge continue to refuse fellowship, the Council of the Grand Orient will grant those charters. The English body will, of course, refuse to admit the validity of a right which excludes the recognition of a Deity, and we shall then have established in London several lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient.

It is intended to apply for Parliamentary powers next session to construct a tunnel under the Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead. The proposed subway, estimated at £500,000, is projected to start from the junction of Taylor and Canning streets, Birkenhead, passing under the Woodside stage, and ascending on the Liverpool side between the George's Baths and the George's Dock, with an outlet at the bottom of James-street. The scheme involves the removal of one of the blocks of the Gorse warehouses. The Liverpool Town Council, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, the railway companies having termini at Birkenhead, and the Birkenhead Town Council are invited to unite for the purpose of carrying the project out. The latter body has already agreed to be one of the four contributors. The estimated annual revenue from tolls on foot passengers, carriages, carts, and goods is £45,000, and the probable utmost expenditure is placed at £5000. The width of the subway under the river is to be 27ft., and 30ft. at the entrances, and it is stated that the engineering difficulties are comparatively insignificant. The gradients vary from 1 in 27 to 1 in 50 feet.

A notice of the rebuilding, on an extensive scale, of Anderton's Hotel has already appeared in the *City Press*, but as the work is now approaching completion a more detailed account may be given. The hotel is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the metropolis. The new structure, when the main elevation has received its finishing touches, will form a prominent architectural feature in Fleet-street. The frontage is about 50ft. in width and between 80 and 90ft. in height, and is carried to a depth of nearly 100ft., much valuable property adjoining having been purchased for the new and enlarged building. The Fleet-street elevation, which contains four storeys above the ground floor, is built with red patent brick, and massive Portland stone dressings, a profusion of ornamental work in terra cotta being introduced in various portions of the façade. The east and west sides of the elevation are surmounted by crescent-formed gables, and one of the most prominent features is a bold balustrade and balcony in Portland stone, which is carried across the elevation at the foot of the first floor windows. The grand entrance to the hotel is in the centre of the ground floor, consisting of shops on each side unconnected with the hotel itself. The entrance is 10ft. in width, flanked on each side with Aberdeen polished granite, from which springs an archway of the same material. The entrance leads into a handsome corridor 15ft. in width, and upwards of 20ft. in length, which is laid with ornamental encaustic tiles. From this corridor the several apartments of the hotel are approached, the upper portions being by a grand staircase 7ft. in width. The capacity of the interior of the building will be imagined when it is stated that, in addition to numerous reception, coffee, and dining rooms, there are no less than 120 bed rooms. A special feature consists of a spacious Masonic lodge room at the rear of the first floor, which is magnificently decorated, and the windows of which are all in stained glass, containing Masonic emblems. In the basement there is also a fine Masonic banqueting hall, in which 500 persons can dine. The floors of the lower portions of the building are all fireproof, and as a large and valuable quantity of plate will be permanently deposited in the hotel, not only belonging to the hotel itself, but also to Masonic lodges, several large safes have been furnished by Milner's Safe Manufacturing Company, of Moorgate-street. The architects are Messrs. Ford and Hesketh, and the builders Messrs. Browne and Robinson. The cost of the building will be upwards of £60,000.—*City Press*.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

MISS HOPEKIRK.—This accomplished pianist gave a performance at the Royal Normal College for the blind on Thursday, when she played with infinite skill and taste selections from Handel, Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, &c.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 31, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.

Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot. (Installation.)
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.
" 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent M.H.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 1, St. Mark's, Freemason's Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Karl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pousonhy-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newly-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 1, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Flece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-W.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—The October meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday, at the Crystal Palace, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Goddard, W.M., the brethren were presided over by Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M.; Bro. F. J. Sawyer, S.W., and W.M. elect, occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. W. H. Boswell, J.W., performed the duties of J.W. Bro. R. E. Woodhams acted as Deacon, and Bro. G. R. Dodd, as I.G. After the opening of the lodge, the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M. and Secretary, was requested by Bro. Klenck to take the Master's chair, and that brother having done so, Mr. J. J. H. Sale was introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. This ceremony was followed by the Audit Committee's report being read, and when this had been adopted, Bro. Klenck introduced Bro. F. J. Sawyer to Bro. Frances for the purpose of installation. Bro. Sawyer having agreed to accept the office of W.M., was then July installed in the chair, with the customary forms and ceremonies, and after he had received the congratulations of the brethren, he appointed the following brethren to office: Bros. W. H. Boswell, S.W.; R. E. Woodhams, J.W.; J. M. Klenck, Treasurer; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; N. J. Bassett, P.M., S.D.; G. Dodd, J.D.; S. Walker, I.G.; F. W. J. Goddard, D.C.; E. L. Partridge, A.D.C.; F. C. Graves, W.S.; J. E. Sharman, Assistant W.S.; and Radford, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the new W.M. presented to the lodge his banner, whereupon Bro. Boswell, S.W., proposed, and Bro. Bassett, S.D., seconded, a vote of thanks for the gift. This having been unanimously carried, Bro. Frances, P.M. and Secretary, announced that in consequence of increased business engagements and ill health, the I.P.M., Bro. Goddard, had reluctantly felt compelled to resign his membership of the lodge. Bro. Frances proposed, and Bro. Bassett seconded, a vote of regret at the circumstance, and Bro. Klenck in putting the motion to the lodge hoped that Bro. Goddard would soon find more time and have better health, and so be enabled to come again among the brethren. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Frances for having, in addition to his ordinary duties as Secretary of the lodge during the past year, also performed the work of the W.M., and five guineas was afterwards voted towards a testimonial to him in recognition of those services, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W. This concluded the work of the lodge, and nothing was left to be done but to close down and celebrate the W.M.'s accession to office by a banquet. Lodge was thereupon closed, and an adjournment took place to one of the elegant dining rooms of the Crystal Palace, where a choice repast was provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. When the toasts were proposed at the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Klenck, P.M., in submitting to the brethren "The Health of the W.M.," said that the selection the lodge had made of a brother to rule over them was one which was a credit to the lodge, and it would be found when his year of office closed that his good qualities had commended him to the respect and affection of the brethren. At the foundation of the lodge Bro. Sawyer took great interest in it. That interest had continued, and it was a great pleasure to find a brother who took such an interest raised to the high position of W.M. He hoped to see all the brethren who stood by the lodge at its formation spared to attain the same distinguished position. The selection the lodge had made had fallen on the right man, and the right man was in the right place. Bro. Sawyer would promote the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, and he (Bro. Klenck) called upon the brethren to award him that meed of approbation which they could evince by drinking his health. The W.M., in reply, said that as the time was very late, and he had to catch more than one train before he got home, he should not say much, but he would merely detain them by saying he was very proud indeed—no one knew how proud he was—at having attained to the position of W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. Since he first entered into this wonderful brotherhood (for wonderful it really was), the more he had seen of it the more delighted he had been with it. The more he had seen of it, the more he had been struck with the ceremonies which had raised him from pillar to pillar until he had attained the eminence on which he now found himself. He must thank Past Master Frances primarily, and Bro. Past Master Klenck secondarily, for having helped him forward at such a rate, that within five years of his initiation he had reached the position of W.M. He trusted that he might ask the initiate to try and get on as fast. If

that brother would do his best to learn, and try to emulate those brethren who had gone before him, and work up to the position of W.M., it would give him great pleasure, and, no doubt, as much pleasure as it had given him (Bro. Sawyer) to reach the chair. He knew all the brethren felt as he felt; they were all equally glad to see him at their head, and this fact rendered it unnecessary for him to say any more on the toast which had been so kindly proposed and cordially drunk. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate." It was a toast which they all gave honour to at all times, and it was right that they should, as there was no toast to which more honour was due. Without an initiate there would be no Masonry. He could only repeat what he had said just now, that he hoped and trusted the initiate would do all that he possibly could for Masonry, and as he had been told that evening that the badge he had on was the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship, and that if he never disgraced it it would never disgrace him, he should go on and obtain the higher badge as quickly as he could. There was no difference, however, in his connection with the fraternity; he was as much a brother Mason now as he would be when he took the higher degrees; the only difference there was was in the degree; he would be no more a Mason in the further degree than he was now. Sooner or later the brethren would no doubt see Bro. Sale rise step by step until he obtained the Worshipful Master's gavel. It might take some little time, but he (the W.M.) could assure him that the more attention he gave to Masonry the more pleasure would he take in his duties, and the better would he be appreciated by the brethren. The toast having been heartily drunk, Bro. Sale, in responding, said he had no idea when he came to the lodge that evening that he was going to be so kindly and heartily received. He had been going to join the Craft a great many years on account of his having been so deeply impressed with it when travelling abroad, and never more impressed than when travelling in Mexico. If a man was a Mason when there, if he was not a native of the country, he was looked upon as akin to it, and he had received the greatest kindness at the hands of the inhabitants. He should adopt the advice of the W.M. and obtain the higher badge of which he had spoken. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and expressed the great pleasure felt by the brethren at seeing the visitors among them. Bro. Butt, in replying, after thanking the brethren for their hospitable reception of the visitors, wished the W.M. a most happy and prosperous year of office. He also complimented the lodge on having the ceremonies so ably performed as they had been that evening by Bro. Frances. If the brethren would emulate the Past Masters, the lodge would never lack a brother to fill the post of Worshipful Master, if that brother should from any cause be absent. This would bring great credit to the lodge. He was sorry the I.P.M. had been unable to attend, because it was a great thing for a lodge to have the Master always present. Bro. Dunn also replied, and expressed the same sentiments. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. H. E. Frances." He had been, and continued to be, a prime mover and instigator in Freemasonry. He was the hardest working man that he (the W.M.) knew in that particular sphere. Bro. Frances was very proud of Freemasonry, and never tired of hard work in its interest. He believed that the greatest pleasure of Bro. Frances's life was to install some one. He begged to express his best thanks to Bro. Frances for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremonies of the evening, with which he was sure all the brethren were equally pleased. Bro. Frances, replying, said he thoroughly enjoyed Freemasonry, and especially when he had the pleasure of putting one of his friends in the chair. He was exceedingly sorry that he had not seen Bro. Goddard since he was installed. Bro. Goddard was a brilliant star in the firmament of Freemasonry. The brethren would never get a man who had the powers of Bro. Goddard, who was a born orator, with a marvellous power of speech which belonged to few men. Bro. Sawyer he knew would attend to his work; he was thoroughly sincere, and he would perform the work of the lodge in a way that would bring credit upon it. Bro. Klenck responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s." Whenever anything was wanted of him the brethren might command him. He took a great interest in the Paxton Lodge, and was pleased to see its progress. The brethren had never had a wry word or dissension. He was pleased to find that member after member was added to the number. The same unanimity and concord, however, prevailed notwithstanding this increase. He only hoped that as years rolled on, and Masters succeeded Masters in the chair, the unanimity and concord would increase, and brotherly love continue. He was much indebted to Bro. Frances for his kindly aid, and in assisting him in Freemasonry. With regard to the Charities of the Order they had found in him (Bro. Klenck) a leader and supporter, for although he had not been many years in Masonry, he had raised directly or indirectly £500. That was the end and aim of Freemasonry. Freemasons ate and drank, were merry and enjoyed themselves, but amid the whole of that the great secret was that they were kind to those who could not help themselves. While enjoying themselves they did not forget others who required help. He was proud to be a Past Master of the Paxton Lodge, and he hoped the brethren would with him long enjoy each other's society. The toasts of "The Officers" and "The Press" followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athensum, the W.M., Bro. Cardwell, presiding, supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of previous meeting were read and

confirmed. Bro. Jowett, I.P.M., then gave a very interesting original lecture, entitled "The Ancient and Modern Rituals," which was listened to with much attention. Several illustrations were given, in which Bro. Jowett was assisted by Bro. Warbrick, S.W. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the I.P.M. on the motion of Bro. Whimpray, P.M., seconded by Bro. Atkinson, S.D. The usual proclamations were then made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

LISCARD.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The brethren of the above lodge, which has now attained its tenth year's existence, met on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, for the purpose of assisting at the annual celebration of the festival of St. John, and the very large and influential attendance of members and visitors clearly showed the popularity and vitality of this important lodge in the important Province of Cheshire, which enjoys the genial Masonic rule of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Bro. W. Price, the W.M., was unavoidably absent in consequence of severe illness, and his place at the opening was accordingly taken by Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., who efficiently initiated a candidate into the Order. At the conclusion of this section of the work, the chair was taken by Bro. E. Pritchard, P.P.G.P. Warwickshire, who, in a most impressive and thoroughly-efficient manner, proceeded to install Bro. Henry Matthews as the W.M. of the Warren Lodge. The following were subsequently invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Price, I.P.M. (by proxy); J. G. Parker, S.W.; W. Danger, J.W.; G. Henderson, Treas.; J. H. Jones, Sec.; M. Ellaby, S.D.; T. V. Burrows, J.D.; G. Alistair, I.G.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; J. H. Poval, S.S.; J. Hindley, J.S.; and J. H. Holtway, P.G.T., was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pritchard for his services as Installing Master, and it was agreed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. W. Price in connection with his illness. The attendance included besides those already named Bros. H. Skinner, P.M.; W. R. Bainbridge, F. B. Hughes, J. Looney, E. T. Rawson, W. Mathias, H. Hindley, J. Lawton, P. Hockey, J. Jones, W. Worth, A. M'Kay, J. Ellis, H. P. Jones, J. Leicester, J. Alltree, G. Dunn, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. Ridehalgh, P.P.G.P.; W. Matthews, 220; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; G. Hutchin, P.M. 241; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.W.; H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bennett, W.M. 477; T. Gregory, W.M. 605; Ellis Davies, P.M. 605; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; T. Wilson, 216; M. Miller, 673; T. Davis, 1182; R. E. Fulton, 1505; E. Briesley, 223; T. F. Chaloner, 477; E. Evans, J.D. 477; A. G. Coveney, S.D. 605; J. Jones, 605; G. Richardson, J.W. 1045; J. Lewis, 1045; S. Ellaby, 605; and E. Chater, 1094. The brethren subsequently banqueted, under the presidency of the W.M., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. A choice musical programme was also given, and a pleasant evening was spent by the whole of the brethren, who mustered about seventy strong.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday last. Present: Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.M., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Rev. David Shaboe, P.G. Chap. Middx., W.M.; Southwell, I.P.M.; R. L. Sindall, S.W.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; D. W. Pearse, P.M., Sec.; Frederick Keily, P.M.; W. D. Kenish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Bindoff, I.G.; Hubbard, George Kenning, Spentley, Kirk, Sadler, Stewart, Forrester, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A brother was elected a joining member. Bros. Harvey and Smith were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Secretary read an application from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for a Steward, whereupon Bro. Kirk offered himself, and Bro. Buss then proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Kirk, which was carried unanimously. This being the day for the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken, the result being unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. Sindall, for W.M., and Bro. Buss for Treasurer. Three brethren were appointed for the Audit Committee. The brethren afterwards dined together, presided over by the W.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this capably conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday afternoon, the 23rd ult. There was a very large and highly influential gathering of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Richard Brown, P.M. 241 and 1609, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; L. Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609; W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; and others. Bro. John Capell, who has already fulfilled the duties of the chair in the Pembroke Lodge with complete satisfaction, was on this occasion duly installed W.M. of the Emulation by Bro. J. Hocken, the retiring Master; and the officers invested were Bros. J. Hocken, I.P.M.; H. Coulson, S.W.; R. Foote, J.W.; J. T. Callow, P.G.T., Treasurer (re-elected); H. H. Smith, Secretary; M. Strang, S.D.; J. Irvine, J.D.; H. Morris, P.M., D.C.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C., Chaplain; W. S. Banks, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; T. Blundell, Asst. Org.; P. Thomas, S.S.; W. Roan, J.S.; W. Kritchman, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The brethren banqueted after business, and during the evening a valuable gold watch was presented to Bro. Hocken, in recognition of his valuable services to the Emulation Lodge,

which occupies a very high position in the Province of West Lancashire. The banquet was most admirably provided by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C. of the Canton Hotel, Liverpool.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., at the Lion Hotel. There were present Bros. Fox, W.M.; Jessett, S.W., W.M. elect; Ockenden, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middx., Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. of Middx., S.D. (*Freemason*); Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; Day, A.W.S.; J. Hurst, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D. of Surrey; Rev. C. H. Gem, P.P.G. Chaplain of Cumberland and Westmoreland; H. W. Linton, W.M. 1638; C. Hopekirk, 179; Theokatz, 754; Robinson, 784; McClelland, 901; Pinckney, 1638; and Marvin 1768. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Hammond, who had kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Installing Master. The officers appointed to assist him in the ceremony were Bros. Hopwood as S.W.; Walls as J.W.; Francis as D.C.; and Fox as I.G. The ceremonial was most ably carried out, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hammond, in recognition of his exertions, was carried with acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Fox, I.P.M.; Ockenden, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Kent, S.D.; Hiscox, J.D.; Hopwood, Treasurer; W. Hammond, Secretary; Moody, I.G.; Tagg, D.C. (by deputy); Day, W.S.; and Knowles, A.W.S. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented Bro. Fox with a handsome Past Master's jewel, to mark its appreciation of his services. Bro. Fox having acknowledged the honour in a few appropriate sentences, a distressed brother of a neighbouring lodge was relieved to the extent of five guineas. Previously to the lodge being closed the Secretary read a letter from the R.W.P.G.M., apologising for his absence, in consequence of a recent domestic bereavement. The members and visitors then adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably catered for by the new host of ye Lion, Mr. Ballard, and which repast gave general satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. announced that it was his intention during his year of office to be exceedingly brief in prefaceing the various toasts—a very laudable resolution, and which course might be copied with advantage by many after-dinner Masonic orators. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex," followed in quick succession, and were duly honoured. In giving "The R.W.D.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing five members who were the fortunate possessors of the Provincial purple. He said that he should couple the toast with the name of the father of the lodge, Bro. William Hammond, P.P.G.D., whose all-round services in the cause of Freemasonry in the province and elsewhere could not be over estimated. This pledge having been greeted with excellent "fire," Bro. Hammond made a modest speech in responding. "The Installing Master" followed, and in reply Bro. John Hammond expressed the gratification it had afforded him that evening in being called upon to discharge the duty of installing the W.M. into the chair of K.S., and that pleasure had been enhanced by the fact that the "work" had been carried out under the eye of his old Masonic tutor, Bro. Francis. "The Health of the W.M." followed. In introducing this—the toast of the evening—Bro. Fox indulged in some very flattering observations. He said that Bro. Jessett had been connected with the lodge from its commencement, he had been most zealous and energetic as an officer, and he felt confident that the work of the lodge would be carried on well under his able Mastership. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief but efficient reply. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was fully dealt with by Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem, Linton, Marvin, and others. The toast of "The Past Masters" came next, and was acknowledged by Bros. Fox, W. Hammond, and Hopwood. In prefaceing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. was pleased to say that no Master of a lodge could possibly hope to be better officered than he was. He particularly mentioned the name of his S.W., Bro. Ockenden, whose Masonic abilities were widely and deservedly known. He also alluded to the great services of the Treasurer and the Secretary. He said that very few provincial lodges could boast so excellent a balance-sheet as the Hemming Lodge, which showed a surplus of upwards of sixty pounds. This gratifying result was greatly due to the exertions of Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, who occupied the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. This toast having been acknowledged, the proceedings terminated with "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Knowles, Hurst, Pinckney, Raw, and others entertained the brethren with vocalisation.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE (No. 68).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Barnett, W.M.; Wells, S.W.; Britain, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Hogg, Treas.; Williams, S.D.; J. D. Langton, J.D.; Langton, I.G.; J. S. Fraser, Preceptor, pro. tem.; and G. B. Cooper. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garland acting as candidate. Bro. Chapman being candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions.

Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Chapman was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Wells was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th ult. Bro. Walter Martin, D.C. of the Southwark Park Lodge, 879, occupied the chair of W.M., and was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Stephens, P.M. 879, as S.W.; Cattersin, J.W. 548, as J.W.; Hutchings, J.W. 169, and 1531, as S.D.; Hassall, 13, as J.D.; and Lefever, 1531, as I.G. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and being resumed in the First Degree the Sections appertaining thereto were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Ross, D.C. 700.
2nd " ...	" Cattersin, J.W. 548.
3rd " ...	" Milbourn, 13.
4th " ...	" Hutchings, J.W. 169, 1531.
5th " ...	" Moss, 1275.
6th " ...	" Stephens, P.M. 879.
7th " ...	" Stephens, P.M. 879.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Gloster, W.M. 1531, S.D. 1316.
2nd " ...	" Jenkins, 1475.
3rd " ...	" Taylor, W.M. 753.
4th " ...	" G. Andrews, P.M., D.C. 871.
5th " ...	" Taylor.

The lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree the remaining Sections were rehearsed, the First Section by Bro. Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec. to the lodge; the Second Section by Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, S.W. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, the Preceptor of the lodge; and the Third Section by Bro. Davis, 879. The business of the evening having been thus brought to a satisfactory termination, the lodge was in due time closed, after a unanimous vote of thanks had been passed to the W.M. and the brethren who had assisted him in the working. As a further recognition of the services of Bro. Martin, and of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, he was elected a honorary member of the lodge of instruction. It may be added that the working of the Sections was completed in a few minutes less than the stipulated time—three hours—which is usually allotted for the purpose, a fact which affords abundant proof of the ability and promptitude of all concerned.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This lodge of instruction met on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; J. Dignam, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Precep.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; also several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Digman being candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. L. Payne seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. C. Lorkin proposed, and Bro. J. Marsh seconded, that 150 circulars be printed and dispatched to the members of this lodge of instruction, informing them of the change in the place of meeting. Carried unanimously. The Secretary announced that on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., this lodge would be removed to the Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on which evening the ceremony of installation would be performed by Bro. W. H. Lee. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, on Monday, the 27th ult., under the very able direction of Bros. T. Cull, S.W. 1446, W.M.; G. Davis, S.W. 167, S.W.; T. Dickinson, P.M. 1298, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M. S.W. 1623, I.P.M.

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298.
2nd " ...	" W. Rowley, S.D. 917.
3rd " ...	" A. B. Dunn, S.D. 1695.
4th " ...	" J. Shackell, P.M. 193.
5th " ...	" J. W. Wright, P.M. 1298.
6th " ...	" T. Cull, S.W. 1446.
7th " ...	" G. Davis, S.W. 167.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. H. B. Dunn, S.D. 1659.
2nd " ...	" P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298.
3rd " ...	" G. Davis, S.W. 167.
4th " ...	" W. Lee, S.W. 1201.
5th " ...	" C. G. Sparrow, J.D. 1743.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. J. Eldridge, P.M. 167.
2nd " ...	" G. H. Hunter, S.W. 1298.
3rd " ...	" J. H. Powell, S.W. 186.

Better Section working is to be rarely seen, the brethren having been, doubtless, carefully and well trained, and some of them greatly excelling, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. Cull, Dickinson, Dunn, and Lee. The working of Sections in one another's lodges is greatly on the increase, and, if encouraged, will be one of the best systems in getting near to uniformity of working, besides bringing the various members of the Craft together. The undoubted good feeling amongst Freemasons was fully exemplified on the present occasion, every one vying with each other in displaying brotherly love to all. The Sections completed, the W.M. closed the lodge in the several Degrees, and rose to enquire for the good of Freemasonry. On proposition, many of the visiting brethren joined the lodge, each brother expressing his happiness at

joining; also on proposition, the W.M. and S.W. presiding were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge in acknowledgment of the admirable services rendered to the lodge by their able working. The W.M., in tendering his thanks to the lodge, remarked that it always gave him great pleasure to preside at a meeting of that description, and hoped it would not be the last time the two lodges would meet together; the S.W. also expressed his satisfaction at the honour conferred on him, and reciprocated the sentiments of the W.M. The names of the brethren of the lodge assembled to meet their visitors were Bros. Pennefather, Preceptor; W. Stuart, T. Butt, W. Butt, D. Moss, Lardner, King, Lawrence, Patrick, Silveo, Caton, Greenwood, Renault, Malthouse, Valentine, G. H. Stephens, G. Stevens, Mallett, Hon. Sec.; Dunbar, the regular Tyler of the lodge, being in attendance; and a word of praise is due to the Bros. Butt for the excellence of arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren, considering there was a similar assemblage of brethren in another spacious apartment in the hotel. The labour being ended the W.M. closed the lodge in due form, and the usual greeting amongst friends being ended, the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable evening, the muster amounting to close upon forty.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 181).—This old chapter held a meeting on the 14th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Comps. P. Robinson, M.E.Z.; J. Mander, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx. (*Freemason*), J.; Duvage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Wagner, I.P.Z.; Moss, S.N.; Ellborn, 2nd Asst.; Lowenstark, P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Gispert, Aucard, Sarsa, Whitby, and Parkinson, Janitor. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal Arch toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in a very flattering speech by Comp. Wagner. In his remarks he complimented the chapter upon possessing so very able an exponent of Royal Arch Masonry at the head of its affairs. They had seen that evening the very excellent manner in which the impressive and arduous ceremony of exaltation had been rehearsed by their First Principal, and he hoped that the M.E.Z. would have an early opportunity of performing the "work" of the degree with an actual candidate for Royal Arch mysteries. This toast having been heartily received, the M.E.Z. briefly responded, and immediately gave "The Second and Third Principals," which toast was most ably responded to by Comp. Mander. "The Past Principals" followed. In introducing this toast the M.E.Z. enlarged upon the merits of the long and distinguished array of Past Principals who had successively occupied the chair in the old Jerusalem. They were fortunate that evening in being favoured with the presence of four of that influential body, and he hoped that they, the Past Principals, would be spared many years to come among them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comps. Wagner, Lowenstark, and Holbrook briefly replied. In giving "The Treasurer and Scribe E." the M.E.Z. paid a well merited compliment to their worthy and esteemed Comps. Harfeld and Duvage, for the very zealous and able way in which they managed the financial and secretarial duties of their respective positions. He felt convinced that the affairs of the chapter were in very good hands, and he trusted that the chapter would continue for many years to possess the ripe and able judgment which those two worthy companions had brought to bear upon the exigencies of their duties. In response, Comps. Harfeld and Duvage both expressed their thanks to the M.E.Z. for the more than flattering way in which he had prefaceed the toast of their health. They were gratified at witnessing the steady progress which the chapter had made in recent years, both financially and otherwise. They were also pleased to see that the officers, from the M.E.Z. downwards, were so well filled. In conclusion they stated that they would continue to exercise the same interest and zeal as hitherto in the affairs of the chapter. "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were agreeably diversified by the vocal efforts of Comps. Robinson, Mander, and others.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, one of the oldest P.Z.'s of the chapter, Comp. Thomas, in the absence of Comp. Pownall, in the chair of Z. The only business before the lodge was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Comps. Gamble, W. Weston, and E. West were elected to those exalted positions. Comps. Kennedy, as Scribe E.; H. Shaw, as Scribe N.; C. Coupland, Treas., &c., were the other appointments. Among the companions present were Quarter Master Sculley, R.H.A.; Wilkins, Denton, P.Z.; Warren, Deeves, Gaskell, De Gray, Ashford, McDougall, P.Z.; and B. Norman. The business of the evening being concluded, the companions adjourned to Comp. De Gray's house, the Freemason, opposite the Dock-yard Station, where a superbly served banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent by all assembled.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Pavilion Chapter (No. 315).—The annual convocation and installation of the Principals of this chapter took place on the 21st ult., when Comp. W. T. Nell was exalted to the position of M.E.Z.;

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CHARLES MARTEL.

It is no doubt true that the words "Charles Martel" do not occur in Matthew Cooke's MS., and so far my esteemed friend Bro. Hughan is perfectly correct (as he generally is), in the "letter." But in the "spirit" of the Guild legend he is, I venture to think, not so, and that Bro. Fort may fairly claim the evidence of Bro. Cooke's MS. For the Charles Martel, or Charles Marshall, can only be the real "Charles Martel" alluded to in the old French Guild Regulations,—quoted by Depping,—and who, the son of Pepin d'Heristal, and born about 689, died in 742. The fact brought out is in this old tradition, that, like Athelstan, he gave privileges and charters to the operative Guilds. It is impossible to rely too much on the mere "dicta" of Guild legends, which often betray confusion, and are marked by anachronisms. Suffice it for us if the salient points remain intact and matters of historical fact. Such I conceive to be the case as regards "Carolus Secundus," by whom, indeed, the Masonic scribe may mean the actual Charles the Second who made many regulations for various bodies. But Charles Martel is the person to whom the old Guild Traditions assigns the patronage of the "Craft." If we understand the old Norman French rightly, he made the "Maçons" free of taxes and military service. Bro. Hughan is quite right, therefore, in saying that no mention of "Charles Martel" nominatum occurs in the Halliwell or Cooke MSS., but there is in Cooke's MS. a reference to a French King Charles, or Carolus Secundus, who, in all probability answers, (as no other is known or alluded to), to the Charles Martel of the prose constitutions. The earliest prose constitution in which "Charles Martel" is found is Dowland's, if its antiquity can be maintained, and there the words "Charles Martel" are found, in conjunction with a certain "Mamus Græcus," whoever he may really be. In the Lansdown we have the words "Charles Marshall." I note Bro. Gould's remarks, and will allude to them again (D.V.) next week.

A. F. A. W.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

I hope to publish in the December number of the "Masonic Magazine" the Martyrology in the Arundel MSS., in Latin and English, and which is a 12th century MS. The names of the Coronati occur in the Sarum Missal, 11th century, and as that was based on others, we probably go back to the 8th century. But what I am anxious to know is, which is the earliest MS. Service Book known in which the names are to be found? The mere fact of the pious legend being well known in the 11th century is an answer to my good friend Bro. Findell's theory of the German origin of English Masonry. Rome is again the source of the Christian legend as of the operative Guilds, and this very fact becomes an historical point of no little importance.

A. F. A. W.

THE MELROSE MS. No. 2.

In the *Freemason* for September 13th, 1879, the date 1583 should be 1674, the former being an unaccountable error. The facts are these—The Melrose MS. is a transcript made in December, 1674 (by, apparently, Andro Mein) from a still older MS. of A.D. 1581, or earlier. The record at the end of the MS. of 1581 is the only clue at present to the date of the original, but of course may have been added some years after the original MS. itself was written. The addition is simply a certificate from a "Master Free Mason" to Robert Wincester, a Mason, and probably refers to the latter having completed his time as an Apprentice, A.D. 1581. This MS., which we style Melrose MS. No. 1 of 1581, was transcribed in the Records of the Melrose Lodge during the first four days of December, 1674, by "A. M." (Andro Mein), and is so dated, "Anno MDCLXXIII." The "Melrose MS. No. 1" is still untraced, but the copy of 1674 is the one discovered by our indefatigable Bro. Vernon, of Kelso, from whom I have had the foregoing particulars, and I desire to have it known by the name of the "Melrose MS. No. 2." I am now anxiously waiting for Bro. Vernon's careful transcript of the latter MS., and trust that these facts, brief, because all we have at present, will serve to correct the errors kindly pointed out by Bro. "W. P. B."

W. J. HUGHAN.

"THE HOLY MARTYRES FOURE."

Referring to the "Masonic Cyclopædias" respectively edited by Bros. Woodford and Kenneth Mackenzie, I find the earliest reference to this legend recorded by the former under date of the eleventh, and by the latter under date of the fifteenth century. In a former note I have shown the actual existence of the tradition at Canterbury in the seventh century, and now submit a few remarks from which it may not unreasonably be inferred that a belief in the "four blessed coronati" was prevalent in Britain some centuries earlier. Bro. Mackenzie ("Royal Masonic Cyclopædia"), quoting, I imagine, from the "Roman Breviary" of 1474, assigns Nov. 8, A.D. 287, as the date of martyrdom. This, though coinciding with the era of St. Alban's decapitation, given by writers of the Craft, is scarcely historically correct. Gibbon says ("Decline and Fall," vol. 2, p. 458)—"Notwithstanding a celebrated era of martyrs has been deduced from the accession of Diocletian (284), the new policy, introduced by that prince, continued, during more than eighteen years, to breathe the mildest and most liberal spirit of religious toleration." This writer, therefore (at p. 468), places the first edict against the Christians (tempus Diocletian) at February 24th, A.D. 303. The author of "The Life of St. Alban," in the "Biographia Britannica," likewise dates his martyrdom at 303. The prosecution of

the Christians was very thorough everywhere but in Britain; their immunity from repression in these islands being due to the clemency of Constantius, of whom Gibbon (p. 478) observes—"The provinces of Gaul (under which we may probably include those of Britain) were indebted for the singular tranquillity which they enjoyed to the gentle interposition of their sovereign." It is, therefore, I think, fairly deducible that churches in honour of the victims of A.D. 303 would most probably be first of all erected in that part of the empire where a spirit of toleration alone prevailed. According to Mr. Cooté ("Romans in Britain," p. 414) "St. Germanus visited the martyrdom of St. Alban at Verulamium in the fifth century;" and this learned writer not only dates the Christianity of our island from the epoch of St. Alban's martyrdom (A.D. 303), but adduces abundant evidence in favour of its continuation and perpetuation down to the arrival of St. Augustine. Of the sudden stoppage of the fire, which ravaged the city of Canterbury, A.D. 619-624, on its reaching the martyrdom of the "four blessed coronati," Mr. Cooté (at p. 420) observes:—"Now Bede's account of the circumstance demonstrates one of two facts—either the martyrdom contained the bodies of the saints, or the martyrdoms had taken place upon the spot where the church was afterwards built. But in either case the martyrdom must have been erected about the time when the work of Satan was committed." This writer seems to be of opinion that the martyrdom of the "coronati" was of home manufacture. A passage, however, cited by him on a previous page of his work (419) will make his meaning clearer:—"By Canon 14 of the 19th Council of Carthage, no church could be built for martyrs, except there were on the spot either the body or some certain relics, or where the origin of some habitation or possession, or passion of the martyr had been transmitted from a most trustworthy source."

R. F. GOULD.

I recently came across a part of the title page of a Masonic work, on which was "The only genuine edition—Jachin and Boaz; or, an Authentic Key to the Door of Freemasonry, both Ancient and Modern." On the margin, in pencil, "1812." Can you inform me if this is a well-known book, and of any value or otherwise?

J.W., P.M. 699.

PRINCE LEOPOLD AT OXFORD.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire took place at Oxford on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold accompanied by his Private Secretary, arrived at Oxford, at 2.15 on Tuesday, and proceeded to his rooms in Christ Church. On Wednesday afternoon the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Apollo University Masonic Hall, H.R.H. presiding, when the usual Masonic business was transacted and the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested. All the lodges in the province were well represented, there being a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren. The annual banquet took place in the Clarendon Assembly Rooms in the evening, which was also well attended, and the proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character. We shall give a full report in our next issue.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT PLUMSTEAD.

The mortal remains of Bro. Robert Lister, one of the oldest members of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, for some five years past Tyler of the lodge, were conveyed to their last resting place at Old Plumstead Church yard on Saturday, the 25th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren of the district and friends, who in life knew his sterling qualities as a man and a brother, and who sorrowed for him in death. Our dear brother was only 48 years of age, and occupied an important position at Messrs. Siemens, Bros., the distinguished telegraphists and electricians at Charlton, near Woolwich, and we may say in reference to his position of Tyler to the Pattison Lodge, that he merely filled the office through his love for Masonry. The emoluments arising from the office were in no instance received by him, but were handed over to a brother, who holds several similar positions in the Woolwich district. Bro. Lister was a native of Leeds, in Yorkshire, and had been employed in Her Majesty's Arsenal for many years. He was in his earlier days one of the best bowlers in Woolwich, and many an old cricketing brother living around the Metropolis will remember poor Robert's "left hand twisters." He was one of the eleven Englishmen some seventeen years ago chosen to play against an eleven of the inhabitants of Boulogne, in France, and to his fine bowling the victory achieved by the "perfidious Albions" was by both friends and foes attributed.

Among those assembled around his grave were, of his own lodge, Bros. Lloyd, W.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, Sec., and P.P.P.Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; Widgery, Day, Capon, Allen, Ozer, Joskey, Watts, Grant, Ginman, Mabbett, and Jarvis. Of the Union Waterloo, No. 13, Bros. N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer, J.W.; Hodgkisson, P.M.; and J. Bell. Of the Cornwallis Lodge, Bros. Harger and Peschlar. Of the Capper Lodge, Bros. Knox, P.M., and Risch. Of the Sydney Lodge, Bros. Moulder, S.W., and Coombes. Bros. Gregg, Franklin, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

There was a large concourse assembled, and the principal foremen and employes at Messrs. Siemens followed in procession the funeral cortège; and so has gone to his rest a good man and a good Mason, kind, generous, and loving; his memory will ever be green in the hearts of his sorrowing family, friends, and brothers in Plumstead—aye, and wherever and to whom he was known in both private and Masonic life.

Comp. G. Smith, as H.; and Comp. S. T. Foat, as J. The following junior officers were also installed: Comps. A. J. Hawkes, S.E.; G. Nash, S.N.; R. J. Pope, P.S.; W. H. Gibson and T. Packham, A.S. The chapter being closed, the companions partook of a sumptuous banquet, served in Messrs. Sayers and Marks' best style. Among those present at the dinner table were Comps. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), J. H. Scott, P.Z. (Deputy Grand Master of Sussex); V. P. Freeman, P.Z., Prov. G. Sec.; J. W. Stride, P.Z.; W. Huds., P.Z.; W. Smith, P.Z.; Day, M.E.Z. Royal Sussex; Watts, M.E.Z. Hartington; Henty, M.E.Z. Cyrus; R. H. Ellman, M.E.Z. South Saxon; C. J. Smith, M.E.Z. Yarborough; Farncombe (Lewes); W. T. Clarke, J. Ridge, W. Smithers, R. T. Nye, Sturt Weston, Sayers, Marks, and others. The usual toasts were given and heartily received, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was passed.

DARTFORD.—High Cross Chapter (No. 829).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Bull Hotel, Bro. Bray's house, and was a most successful and pleasant gathering. The chapter has for its M.E.Z. one of the most popular and respected Masons in Kent, viz., Comp. the Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chaplain England and Kent, while among its ranks are numbered such Masons as Comps. C. Andrews, W. Russell, Flaxmen Spurrell, T. J. Barnes, G. M. E. Snow, and T. Smith, names in Kent as familiar as household words. The chapter was opened at 3.30 precisely by the M.E.Z., Bro. Hill; C. Andrews, as H.; and H. S. Thompson, J. Among the officers and companions present were the following:—Comps. W. Russell, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. J. Barnes, P.Z.; R. Russell, Scribe N.; A. Spencer, P.S.; F. Spurrell, 1st Asst. S.; H. Potter, 2nd A.S.; H. S. Neate, 2nd A.S.; T. Smith, P.Z.; G. Martin, Janitor; R. French, T. R. Cnapman, W. Hicks, T. W. A. Meah, J. Spurge, C. Stratford, G. Churchley, B. K. Sharpe, P.G.H.; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Allud, 615, and Bro. G. W. Mitchell, 700, which proving unanimous they, with Bros. T. W. Wallis and J. E. Meredith, who had been previously approved of, were, with the usual ceremonies, exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons. The report of the Audit Committee having been received, and proclaimed very satisfactory, the installation of the Principals and officers took place as follows: Comps. C. Andrews, Z.; H. G. Thompson, H.; R. Russell, J.; R. P. Atkins, Treas.; W. Russell, P.Z., S.E.; A. Spencer, S.N. The whole of the beautiful ceremonies were splendidly worked, Comp. Barnes aiding materially by his perfect knowledge of the ritual. The business being concluded, the chapter was duly closed in solemn prayer, and the companions adjourned to a superbly served banquet, specially prepared by Comp. Bray for the occasion. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts having been enthusiastically honoured, that of "Lord Holmesdale, the G.S. of Kent," was given in eulogistic terms by Comp. Andrews. He said every Mason in the province heard the name with reverence and respect. Since his lordship had taken an interest in Masonry it had increased greatly, and Royal Arch Masonry had under his lordship's guidance taken great strides in the province. He asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. To the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past," Comp. Barnes, whose name was coupled with it, replied, and thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He thought they perhaps might have let him off and placed the honour of it in the hands of Comp. Thompson, who had been sufficiently long in office to take the responsibility upon his own shoulders. In the course of a most able address, Comp. Barnes was repeatedly cheered, and gave way to Comp. Hill, who rose to propose the toast of the evening, that of "The M.E.Z., Comp. Andrews." He said nothing gave him more gratification than to have the privilege of proposing the toast. He was now about to ask the companions to do honour to it—it was that of their esteemed M.E.Z., who that day had achieved the highest position in the chapter. That was not the first occasion by a great many that they had had the opportunity of meeting Comp. Andrews, and it was totally unnecessary for him to say that he (Comp. Andrews) was second to none in carrying out any and every duty entrusted to him, especially in Freemasonry. In the High Cross Chapter they only would have good men as their officers, and they looked for efficiency in their M.E.Z. He felt this Comp. Andrews had earned, and trusted he might be spared for many years to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he was held, not only by every member of that chapter but by every Mason in the Province of Kent. Comp. Andrews, in response, expressed his regret that ill-health had prevented him not having the opportunity of being with them during the last two years so much as he should have liked. He looked forward to the time when he should be so enabled to carry out the high duties placed in his hands as would cause them never to regret having placed him there. During the time Comp. Hill had held the position he now occupied he had honoured and dignified it. He should endeavour to follow in his footsteps, and if he did so he should have no fear of their approval at the expiration of his term of office. "The Exaltees" were then toasted and responded. An excellent address from Comp. Russell followed the toast of "The Officers of the High Cross Chapter." Comp. Jolly returned thanks for "The Visitors," and shortly after the proceedings closed.

The first meeting since the consecration of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday last, Bro. J. W. Brooke, W.M., presiding. During the evening Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ably delivered the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board. A full report will appear in our next.

To Correspondents.

The following stand over until next week:—What is Freemasonry?; Sunderland Lodge of Instruction; Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459; Lodge of Industry, No. 48; Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, Manchester; Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, Leicester; The Provinces and the Charities; De Lacy Encampment, No. 95; Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Hertfordshire Mercury," "Newcastle Courant," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Masonic Newspaper," "Modern Thought," "Hertfordshire Mercury," "American Traveller," "The Freemason, Australia," "The Rough Ashlar," "Greenhouse Favourites," "Magazine of Art," "The New Vol. of the Quiver," "Masonic Review," "Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

ASHBURNER.—On the 24th ult., at Kensington Park-road, the wife of the Hon. L. R. Ashburner, of a daughter.

WHITE.—On the 1st ult., at Willowdale, Darjeeling, the wife of Lieut. W. H. White, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

YARDLEY—ENGLISH.—On the 22nd ult., at Holy Trinity Church, Gray's Inn-road, Henry Bowdich Yardley, of Denmark-terrace, Hervey-road, Leytonstone, to Julia, daughter of J. English, of Lamb's Conduit-street, W.C.

DEATHS.

FIELD.—On the 27th ult., at 273, Regent-street, W., William Field, late of Paris, eldest son of Capt. Field, of Meriden, aged 51.

LONDON.—On the 23rd ult., Elizabeth, wife of John London, of Halliford-street, Islington, aged 70 years, formerly many years resident in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1879.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AT SHEFFIELD.

All the members of our Craft will be deeply pleased with the appearance and utterances of their distinguished brother at Sheffield. As W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, as Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, as P.G.W. of England, H.R.H. comes before our loyal Craft, invested with all the attributes which add incentives to loyal regard and Masonic sympathy. Like our Royal Family in general, Prince Leopold never forgets that he too, despite his high rank, has not to lead an idle life, merely a "denizen of palaces," but that he is a worker in the great hive of our industrious community. And, therefore, it is that our English people, always indulgent and ever sympathetic, rejoice to see him making use of his high talents and many gifts, "pro bono publico," ready to assist in all efforts, when the state of his health permits, which tend either to the development of art, the furtherance of science, the spread of education, or the cultured progress of civilized humanity. Prince Leopold seems to have a special career marked out for him in the providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., alike honourable to himself and beneficial to society, and which obtains for him the marked approval and applause of all thinking persons amongst us. Inheriting in signal measure many of the tastes and ideas of his lamented father, if debarred from a more active life, he has time, happily, to devote to subjects which, whether utilitarian or ornate, are ever helpful here to the best interests of peace and progress, and serve to consolidate and cement in one homogeneous pyramid the different orders and separated classes of society. When the late Prince Consort, in one of his best and most comprehensive speeches, gave us the golden opinion that the "interests of the most widely contrasted classes are identical," he not only struck a chord which vibrated through the active sym-

pathies of society and thought, but he offered us the key note, let us hope and trust, to the eventual harmonies of advancing and intelligent civilization. To us, as Freemasons, the same teaching always comes home, as it is the ground work, so to say, of our whole Masonic building, and is one which serves to compact and cement our Order with those loyal, and yet fraternal emotions which colour all our professions, which dominate, or ought to dominate, at any rate, all our practice. With the immediate work, in which Prince Leopold took so honourable and distinguished a part, we shall, as Freemasons, also heartily sympathize. To Mr. Mark Firth the best thanks of all are due for having sought among the crowded masses of our countrymen to place the means of shelter, instruction, and recreation within the reach of the humblest and poorest of us all, to open out a path for honest industry, and to offer rewards for happy intelligence and hard working zeal. As Freemasons, preferring light to darkness, religion to superstition, cultivation to ignorance, we shall rejoice in all undertakings which subserve the great end of intellectual cultivation, which seek or serve to "encourage industry and reward merit," and we are glad to read the words and note the presence of our exalted Bro. Prince Leopold at such memorable gatherings, and in so goodly, and peaceful, and fraternal a warfare.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

It seems from the last report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec that the "position" in this serious controversy remains unchanged. The Grand Lodge of Quebec appears also desirous of commencing a similar angry discussion with the Grand Lodge of England, but which if the Grand Lodge of England is wise it will decline to carry on. Forewarned is forearmed, and the position of the Grand Lodge of England in the matter is so legally and constitutionally unassailable, that its best recourse, in our opinion, is dignified reserve and silence. As regards the question at issue we note with pleasure that our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, in its Masonic sheet, admits that the original position of the Scotch lodges was right and the course of the Grand Lodge of Quebec wrong, for it denied the absolute and alienable privilege of the Scottish Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to retain their lawful connection, if they so willed it, with their mother G. Lodge. This is what we have always contended to be the real "Crux" in the whole matter, and on this point we have never doubted for one moment what is the law, as we have often ventured to explain. It is a most important question thus raised, rashly and unwisely, we think, by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, namely, the very reality, legality, and independence of all lodge existence. How far the Grand Lodge of Scotland is wise or unwise, right or wrong, in setting up a Prov. Grand Lodge is not for us to decide. It is but fair, however, to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to say that it has only acted after great provocation, after its ancient organization had been practically "excommunicated" with almost Ultramontane violence of expression, and its attached and faithful members in Canada deprived of their normal privileges as Masons, and held up to universal odium and blame. Under these circumstances it has a moral and Masonic right, we think, to throw its "ægis" over the faithful brethren who hail from "Auld Reekie," and are loyal and steadfast to the principles and centre of Scottish Masonry. We see with much regret that the "Keystone" does not go along with us in the matter. So far we have been like Masonic Siamese twins, and we fear for this "severance" in the best interests of Freemasonry.

MOST UNSOUND MASONIC TEACHING.

Our attention has been called by a Masonic contemporary in the United States to a speech reported in the "Chaine d'Union" for September

last, (edited by our esteemed confrère Hubert), to which our friend takes most serious exception, and which we also feel bound as honest journalists, and, above all, in the interests of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, at once to animadvert upon and protest against. Indeed, remembering Bro. Hubert's known views on the subject, and that of many sympathetic French brethren, we confess we are surprised and grieved to read such an "Oration" reported in the "Chaine d'Union," without a note of warning, as it is the duty of all Freemasons at once to repudiate such teaching in the most emphatic terms, as contrary to common sense and injurious to Freemasonry everywhere. It seems that our good Bro. Hubert reproduced in the "Chaine d'Union," from the "Reveil de la Dordogne," an account of a "Masonic feast at Perigueux," in the words which follow. Knowing from personal experience how often reports slip in, and how difficult it is to keep out the very passages which ought not to appear, we are inclined to look upon this paragraph as one of those little "accidents" to which the best of editors are liable. Sure we are that the sentiments are not those of Bro. Hubert. But now for the statement. "Last Sunday, the Feast of the Summer-Solstice brought together, in the Masonic Temple of the Rue Saint-Front, the members who constitute the lodge, and a great number, from all points of the department, who had taken advantage of the general invitation, happy to strengthen the ties which unite them, especially to their brothers of Perigueux. After the labours of the day, during which three new Freemasons received light, a banquet took place in the vast park, which, however, proved too small to receive the numerous guests who had flocked together to cement, in a fraternal love-feast, the reciprocal feelings of strong solidarity which animate them. Seldom has it fallen to our lot to be present at a more brilliant Masonic feast. At the beginning of the banquet, the Orator arose from his chair, and delivered the following address, which we are happy to be able to reproduce: 'In our ancient love-feasts, the Orator began by inviting you to place your labour under the authority and protection of the Great Architect of the Universe. That invocation, nowadays, has ceased to be regular. But if the formula was obliged to disappear, you have already admitted, on a former occasion, that we should preserve its fundamental idea and thought. Henceforth, the tradition is established in our lodge to replace the antiquated invocation by a simple reminding by the Orator of the always sublime character of our unions. In fact, my brothers, whatsoever may be the nature of the labour to which we are going to apply ourselves in the courts of the Temple, we should never forget what we are, and what we always should remain—seekers of ideas, men devoted to the labour of thought. For a certainty there is room for all here; there is room for all those, at least, who possess the good-will to study the great questions relating to the origin and destiny of man, his faculties, and consequently the institutions which must govern him. But the Great Architect of the Universe does not preside over our work any longer. The time has passed when we worked with fear under the timid forms of religion. Finally, disengaged, we clearly perceive, to-day, that we do not belong to those who, in the great and incontestable harmony of Christian Spiritualism, think themselves able to cut all difficulties at once by faith alone. In spite of the torments, caused by the painful labour of doubt, and by the honest investigation of truth, we strive to rest as free-thinkers in the safe harbour of sure, positive opinions, independent in philosophy, in morals, and in politics. In this research, my brothers, we have no longer faith for a guide, nor the Great Architect of the Universe for a Master. Our only means, our only tool is reason. Reason is the secret light which illuminates and fecundates our labour. Reason is the great witness towards which we should incessantly and on every occasion elevate our minds and our hearts. In consequence, my brother, you will not be offended if your Orator takes the liberty to recommend to you—not forgetting himself—at the moment that we are going to sit down at this table of equality and fraternity, to preserve from all dethroning a

faculty which elevates and ennobles human nature to so high a degree, and to watch, with a most jealous care, over the most precious and fragile instrument of our labour—our Reason." Such is the speech, and, as our readers will see, a very disagreeable speech it is, to look at it from our reverent Masonic point of view. Our American contemporary says of it, "The specially noticeable feature of this oration is its rank atheism. It discards the Great Architect of the Universe and faith, and for its god sets up reason. It proclaims the desirability of seeking ideas and of being devoted to thought, but ignores the fountain of wisdom, the source of true ideas and correct thought. It proclaims that there is room in this field for all who study the great questions concerning the origin and destiny of man, but denies his origin and destiny, that from God he came, and unto God he is to return. It puts away from the work of the Craft the Great Architect; accounts His wisdom, skill, and designs of no use or consequence, and without compass, rudder, captain, or pilot, launches boldly out on the seas of materialism and nihilism. It prates of honest investigation of truth, and yet shuts from its vision the author of truth—the being who is its Master, and without whom truth cannot exist, for He is truth, and only in, and by, and through Him, can it be revealed and discerned." And we feel, as we write with the speeches before us to-day, not only how true are our contemporary's words, but how repugnant to the whole teaching of Freemasonry are such avowals and assertions. And here is the great danger which permeates and envenoms French Freemasonry. Once let Anglo-Saxon Freemasons believe firmly that henceforth such teaching is to be paramount in Masonic addresses in France and Belgium, there will be nothing left for our honest Craft but utter repudiation of sentiments and theories against which Freemasonry offers a solemn protest, and to which its entire teaching is in open opposition. As in all movements which loosen either the influence of religion or weaken the links of order, at first often the specious clap-net and insidious proposition ensnare the unwary and mislead the unreflecting, until at last the gulf opens out before them when they least expect it, when retreat is impossible, when they have "burnt their boats and their bridges," and fear overpowers vacillation, and presumption masters timidity. And thus the result is very different from the proposed beginning; reality, alas, widely antagonistic to anticipation. We cannot, as honest English Freemasons, too solemnly protest against such unsound, unwise, and insane teaching, or too affectionately warn our foreign brethren against the dangers of their course, and the inevitable end of all such unjustifiable infidelity. To substitute the Goddess of Reason for T.G.A.O.T.U. is in itself, despite its utter childishness, not only a crime and a misdemeanour of the deepest dye, but it is practically high treason to the great and reverent, the universal, and beneficent declarations of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We understand that some negotiations are on foot with respect to the purchase of some adjoining property. We feel sure that such a purchase will be for the best interests of the School, both for its safety in respect of building and for the health and convenience of the inmates. We hope to hear that the arrangements will be speedily completed.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL AND THE FREEMASONS.

[The following, which has been addressed to our contemporary the *Western Morning News*, will be of interest to many of our readers.]

Sir,—
Under the head of "Cornish Facts and Notions," I see a statement made by a Truro correspondent, I trust not a Mason, in to-day's issue of your valuable paper, to the effect that the reason my motion at last Provincial Grand Lodge relative to the Freemasons assisting in the

erection of Truro Cathedral was withdrawn, was, that I was not a Cornishman of eminence; and that in order to ensure success in carrying such a motion we must get our Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of St. Germans, or any Cornish Mason of eminence to bring it forward. It is true, sir, I am not eminent, nor yet a Cornishman (more's the pity), but I will yield to none in zeal for the Order to which I am proud to belong, and as Masonry is universal, and cosmopolitan, and not provincial, I am loth to believe that Cornishmen are so narrow minded, especially amongst the Masonic fraternity, that they will refuse to support an effort, no matter how excellent in itself, simply because it is not suggested or initiated by a Cornishman of eminence. Let me also say that your correspondent is wrong in thinking I am wedded entirely to the scheme of putting in a window in the new edifice, or that the proposition for a Committee to collect subscriptions was withdrawn altogether at the last meeting. I distinctly gave notice that I should bring forward the question at the next and subsequent Provincial Grand Lodges until the proposition was carried, and if I am spared I intend so to do. If the Freemasons of Gloucester could give a reredit to their cathedral, for which they paid £1300, restore the west front of Bath Abbey at a cost of some £3000, and only lately restore the 13th Century Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey (all honour to them!), I venture to hope that the Masons of Cornwall will take to themselves a lesson in the noble text, "Go and do thou likewise."

The Masons of Bristol restored the Lady Chapel at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, at their own charge, and helped in the restoration or re-building of the nave of their cathedral. The Masons of Durham have put a beautiful stained glass window, in memory of their Provincial Grand Master, in their cathedral. The Masons of Brecon are going to defray the cost of the Bishop's Throne in their cathedral, and I see no reason why the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall should not copy so noble an example, although the idea has been first suggested by so humble an individual as myself.

I shall be only too proud to withdraw my motion at next Provincial Grand Lodge when I find any noble lord, or other Masonic luminary, ready to take it up in my place.

Should a subscription list be open for the Masons of Cornwall and Devon, I for one, though only a poor civil servant, will gladly put my name down for £50 in five annual payments of £10 each. Will 500 out of the 1700 Masons in Cornwall do the same, or will fifty? Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space,
I remain, yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES,
Collector H.M. Customs.
Belle Vue, Fowey, 25th Oct., 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your last number, on page 424, I note the paragraph commencing "A correspondent writes." As an old Mason, initiated under the rules of the Grand Lodge of England, wherein we are taught to consider the Bible as our unerring guide, it is our duty to show in every possible way we can that great quality in the Book on which we base our faith.

It is with this view I beg to introduce to your notice the astronomical calculations and archaeological researches of my friend and brother Mason, Robert Greaves, which tend to confirm our belief in that sacred volume as the revealed word of God to man, refute the ignorant, and those who ignore the belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. as the fundamental groundwork on which to base Freemasonry.

WM. ASHLEY CLAYTON, 30,
P.G. Constable for Cheshire; P.E.C. Grosvenor
Preceptory, Chester, &c.
Birkenhead, 27th Oct., 1879.

LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am compelled to appeal to the public on behalf of the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D. (Vicar of Laughton-by-Gainsborough, Lincolnshire), who, to the surprise of everybody who heard the evidence and the summing up of the judge, was made personally liable at the late Lincoln Assizes for the repairs of the Church Tower of Laughton. The sum claimed by the builder (including damages £600) was £889 15s. 5d., which was increased by the legal charges of the plaintiff (£121) to £1000 15s. 5d. These amounts were reduced by the special arbitrator appointed by the judge who tried the case (Henry Goddard, Esq., diocesan architect, Lincoln), from £889 15s. 5d. to £181, only £2 being allowed for damages instead of £600. The law charges were brought down to £80 from £121. The sum required to meet this liability and to save Dr. Ace from absolute ruin (including law expenses, &c., £138) is about £400, of which £120 has already been raised. The Rev. Dr. Ace has no private means; he is sixty-seven years of age, and conducts three services on Sunday without assistance. The net income of the united parishes of Laughton and Wildsworth, of which he is vicar, is only £223. The churches are three miles apart, which distance he has to walk, the income not being sufficient to supply him with means of conveyance. The repairs of the church tower, for which the Doctor has been made by this decision entirely responsible, were absolutely necessary to save the fabric from destruction.

As in the present state of the law church rates are not compulsory, and as the parishioners, who are farmers and farm labourers, have already contributed £70, and are not in a position (owing to the present depression in agriculture) to render any further help, I am compelled, on behalf

of Dr. Ace, to appeal to the generosity of the public to rescue an old and efficient minister of the gospel from a position of great distress and anxiety.

The sheriff's officers have been put in his house; his library and effects have been sold, and he is threatened with sequestration of his living.

I am confident that a clergyman of the Church of England will not be abandoned in his hour of need, or allowed to suffer utter pecuniary ruin through his having (in his anxiety to preserve the ancient and venerable edifice in which he ministers) incurred a debt not in any way for his own personal benefit, but wholly for the preservation of the House of the Lord.

Contributions have already been received (amongst others) from

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Henry Thompson, Esq., 38, Mincing-lane	...	2	0

Further contributions will be thankfully received by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Laughton, Messrs. Smith, Ellis, and Co., Bankers, Gainsboro, or by Messrs. Smith, Payne, and Smith, Lombard-street, London.

Apologising for troubling you, I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. H. SAUNDERS, P.P.G.S.D. Midx.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
By inserting the following you may save many brethren and lodges from being imposed upon.

A person, calling himself Thomas Bissett, late sergeant in H.M. 72nd Highlanders, has been endeavouring to obtain money from brethren in Southsea and Portsmouth. He has lately been released "on license" from Woking Prison, has in his possession five certificates of character, neatly bound, evidently for begging purposes, and a certificate lately signed by me and the Secretary of my lodge, No. 126, S.C. Thomas Bissett, then a sergeant in the above regiment, was initiated, &c., in 1855, in Lodge St. Andrew's, No. 126, S.C., and the person alluded to may be Thomas Bissett; but a brother in Southsea with whom I have had some correspondence anent him, and who, with others, examined him, is not satisfied that he is. From correspondence I have had with Bissett (?), the Governor of Woking Prison, and the Southsea brother referred to, I am convinced that brethren and lodges should be thoroughly satisfied of his (Bissett's) integrity and identity before assisting him. Should any brother have the opportunity of doing so, I should like him to write across the face of the certificate granted by me to Bissett (?) the words "I find the bearer unworthy"—if he thinks he is.

To give the history of my correspondence with the persons above referred to would occupy too much of your space.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
THOMAS SCOTT,
I.P.M. 384; R.W.M. 126. (S.C.)
Kilmarnock, 27th Oct., 1879.

Reviews.

PLAY GRAMMAR. By MISS CORNER; **DOG TRAY'S TRAVELS; THE WHITE CATS OF YORK.** Dean and Son, 160A, Fleet-street.

We have received the three books mentioned above, and have looked over them with much interest and approval. The "Grammar," which has gone through sixteen editions, of 2000 each, has been entirely revised, and we commend it conscientiously to the notice of all our young friends as affording alike information and amusement, and being easily digested by the mental assimilation of the young and very healthy food. The new Royal series of toy books is likely to be very popular from the two specimens mentioned above, which are highly commendable in themselves, and reflect great credit on the publisher. They are very effective in appearance, and are likely to amuse and attract.

It may interest some of our readers to know that Messrs. Dean and Son fairly claim credit for the fact that the "illustrations" are much better executed, being printed in chromo, than those usually provided for "children's books," and that "the books are sewn along the entire length, so that nothing short of deliberate tearing will destroy the leaves." Remembering the humble picture books of our youth, we almost say with a sigh, "Ah mihi prae teritis si referet Jupiter annos," and are inclined to envy the youthful generation such pleasant companions for the sportive or idle hour.

DICTIONARY OF THE THAMES FROM OXFORD TO THE NORE. By CHARLES DICKENS. 26, Wellington-street.

We welcomed Bro. Dickens's "Dictionary of London" when it appeared, and we hail this new contribution of his to-day just as we are prepared, like Roman citizens, to say "Salve," to his "Dictionary of Paris" when it appears in good time. We think Bro. Dickens is doing good by these handy, useful, "unconventional" handbooks. For it is astonishing what an amount of ignorance still exists, even among educated people, as to the streets and "purlieus" of our "little village," and how much more the stretch from "Oxford

to the Nore," is a "terra incognita" actually to ordinary mortals. And yet in these days of athletic exercises, of "muscular Christianity," at an epoch when Cook's cosmopolitan trips are becoming stale, and Gaze's European journeys are becoming rapid, it seems a reasonable excuse of time and temper, a proper development of money and patience, to search out the nooks and corners of the "old country," and to realize that instead of a "cheap trip" to Boulogne or Hamburg, or Mount Blanc, or even Paris,—yes, even Paris,—it would be better for us if we realized what charms good Father Thames, and our fair country side have for the pedestrian tour or the family expedition. There are aspects and scenes of beauty, nature, and interest in Great Britain, which we may defy the world to equal or surpass. Here we see, or we think we see, in these little books, which is the same thing, a wish to superinduce a knowledge of, and taste for, home realities and English life; a wish to remove ignorance and impart information, equally creditable to the author as a "litterateur" and a Freemason, and, therefore, we warmly welcome them. We have ourselves turned over the pages of the new handbook with much pleasure. We have found a good deal of interesting information in it, and we cannot help hoping that with the idea it appears to us to suggest, and the love of country it traces so effectively, when summer again brings us green meads and "sighing trees," many a pleasant jaunt may be organized, which will not only bring out the great capabilities of the Thames for personal and intellectual enjoyment, but will make many better acquainted with the resources of their own country than they are at present, in respect of a needful holiday or mental recreation. The handbook will also be useful to yachting men, and then—yes, oh! then—it only costs "one bob!" As Captain Cuttle says, "When found make a note of it."

JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE HERTFORD LODGE, No. 403.

A lodge of emergency in connection with the Hertford Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., followed by a banquet in the Assembly Room, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the lodge.

The proceedings were rendered the more interesting and remarkable from the fact that they also served to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the membership of Bro. Stephen Austin, sen., the Worshipful Master of the lodge for the present term.

There was a large attendance of members, and several visitors from all parts of the country were also present.

After the transaction of the routine business of the lodge, Bro. T. S. Carter, P.M., P.G.J.W., in the name of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. Austin with a handsome dining-room clock, a pair of antique bronze ewers, and an address illuminated and framed, of which the following is a copy:—

"To the Worshipful Bro. Stephen Austin, P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Herts, W.M. and P.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403.

"We, the members of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, upon the occasion of celebrating its jubilee, most fraternally request your acceptance of the accompanying time-piece as a slight token of our esteem and regard, and as a memento of your having been one of our first initiated members. We congratulate you upon the completion of your 50th year in Freemasonry, knowing that you have been during those years a continuous subscribing member of one and the same lodge—a fact unprecedented in the annals of the Craft. We earnestly trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His infinite wisdom grant you health and strength for many years, that you may be enabled to witness the growth and continued prosperity of the Order, and afford this lodge the advantage of your matured experience."

The Worshipful Master feelingly acknowledged the presentation, and alluding to the jubilee character of the proceedings and to the valuable articles presented to him, said that they would be placed in his house in such a position that his children and those who came after him might at all times look upon them and see in them an appreciation of him by the members of his lodge as a true, tried, and valued friend. In the course of his remarks he said that a brother had recently waited upon him with a manuscript containing a history of the lodge compiled from its minutes. He had added to this an article from Turner's "History of Hertford," giving a brief history of the Craft, a list of the members of the lodge from its foundation to the present time, lists of joining members and honorary members, and a list of Worshipful Masters from the first Master of the lodge downwards, and thinking that a copy of these documents would be interesting to the members, he had had copies printed in the form of a book, one of which he asked each member of the lodge and each visitor to accept.

The lodge having been closed, the members and visitors adjourned to the Assembly Room, where the banquet was served.

The banquet was presided over by Bro. Stephen Austin, W.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works, and amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Rev. Lewis Deedes, S.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; Baron Dimsdale, J.W.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; Robert T. Andrews, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Secretary; R. Benyon Croft, S.D.; John Harrington, J.D.; F. Taylor, I.G.; J. E. Burnard, M.C.; R. W. Brett, Steward; T. S. Carter, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. D. Medcalf, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; H. Campkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 449; C. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. A. Simson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. Terry, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Boatwright, I.P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; S. Neale, jun.;

J. E. Cussans, P.M., 1366; C. C. Dick, P.M. 112, 494, 1181; W. Warriner, W.M. elect 2; W. P. Willson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Abel Smith, M.P.; E. R. P. Francis, F. Roberts, A. J. Small, J. J. Dorman, W. J. Morris, W. Finch, J. Wells, E. Oram, W. H. Clarke, F. Cates, T. D. Medcalf, C. H. K. Gilbertson, and F. Hall. The following visitors were also present: The Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M.; A. W. Nash, W.M. 409, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Erskine Austin, P.M. 475; R. J. Abbott, P.M. 1473; R. Freer Austin, Studholme, 1591; Stephen Austin, jun., 403; W. M. Armstrong, P.M. 403; J. R. Dagg, 449; David Roberts, P.M. 754; H. C. Finch, P.P.G.R., P.M. 404; Geo. Turner, 70, St. Abb, Eyemouth; Fredk. Venables, W.M. 1385; John Lowthin, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Childs, 453; George Corble, 453, P.P.G.J.W. Essex; John Purrott, W.M. 1479, P.G.S.B.; and Malcolm Heywood, P.P.G. Orgt. 403. Letters expressive of regret at being unable to be present were read from the following brothers: Bros. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, D.P. G.M. Devon; W. C. Maddever, W.M. 504; W. Oswald Thompson, W.M. 1757, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Green, 403; Samuel Jacobs, W.M. 1327; Geo. Farr, 403; George E. Lake, W.M. 404, P.P.G. Regr.; C. W. Bernard, M.D., Secretary 1757; C. E. Keyser, J.W. 404; the Right Hon. Earl Cowper, K.G.; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; W. J. Fitch, P.M., Secretary 449; G. E. Gompertz, P.M., Secretary 869; and S. Andrews, 403. Bros. William Winn, Thomas Baxter, and Charles Beckett were present, and afforded the utmost gratification by their classical rendering of several glees, songs, &c., during the evening. Bro. M. Heywood accompanying on the pianoforte in his usual excellent manner.

On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman said his duty was now to propose a toast which was the first proposed in every company of loyal Englishmen, and he would therefore ask them to drink "The Health of the Queen." This toast he was sure would be received with all the enthusiasm it so richly deserved. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with great applause, the company singing "God save the Queen."

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in doing so remarked that he presented a striking contrast to many of his predecessors, in that he came among his people in such a way as to make himself respected, admired, and beloved.

"The Health of the Pro. Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master (Lord Skelmersdale), and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," followed, and was received with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master," and said it was unnecessary for him to say anything in the way of eulogy of the brother who filled this distinguished office, inasmuch as he was so well known and appreciated by all present. (Applause.) Bro. Halsey possessed that most admirable quality of doing whatever he had to do in the best possible way it could be done, and he had, therefore, no hesitation in recommending him as an example for them to imitate. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Halsey, Provincial Grand Master, said he had to return them his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for their flattering expressions of feeling in regard to himself. He could assure them that he esteemed them very highly, because, from their originating with one who filled the position the Chairman did in his lodge—reckoning a membership of fifty years, and filling the highest office in it—he could not regard them but as of a very high character, and as showing that his labours were appreciated. He could only say that it had given him very great pleasure to be with them on that occasion. It was the third time, independently of the day of his installation as Provincial Grand Master, that he had visited the Hertford Lodge, and he was glad to see that their work prospered as the years went on. (Applause.) He most sincerely said that he hoped this meeting, marking as it did the close of one half century of their lodge's successful working, would be the commencement of another, and that during the next fifty years it would go on as prosperously as it had hitherto done, and show even an increased amount of work at its close. It gave him great pleasure to know—although the fact was not due to any merits of his own—that Masonry in the province was not only not deteriorating, but in spite of bad times and depression of trade was increasing. He was glad of this continued prosperity of the lodges, and it was satisfactory to him to know that he had at least done nothing to counteract it. (Applause.)

"The Health of the Deputy G. Master, V.W. Bro. Iles," was next proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. Capt. Dick, P.M., and drunk with great applause.

The Chairman next proposed "The Memory of the Founders," and remarked that it was unnecessary for him to say much to commend this toast to their acceptance. The Duke of Sussex was the Grand Master at the time of the foundation of the Hertford Lodge, and granted the warrant for it upon the petition of Francis Crew, Alfred Septimus Dowling, Robert William James Rodgers, John Cass, Thomas Cobham, John Harwood, Joseph Francis Taylor, and others. He felt that he must say a word about Bro. Crew, who was the "head and front" of the whole matter. There were people alive now who could recollect his powers of vocalisation. Anything more exquisite than his singing he (the chairman) never heard, and he pleased the members so greatly that it was felt they must have the ladies present to listen to him. Accordingly, when singing was going on, the doors of the lodge were opened, and the ladies, who were in the adjoining room, were permitted to hear, and this was continued for some time. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. Halsey (P.G.M.) proposed the next toast, "The Worshipful Master of the Hertford Lodge, and continued prosperity to it," which he said might emphatically be called the "toast of the evening." When they remembered that the lodge was founded so long ago as the 1st of September, 1829 (as he saw by the book the Chairman had kindly placed in their hands), and when he found on the 19th of October, in that year, in the list of initiates one of the name of Stephen Austin, jun., printer, Hertford (loud applause)—when he found fifty years and three days afterwards, to be exact, the same Stephen Austin—but he must say senior now—in the chair, although not for the first time, they would, he thought, agree with him in saying that they had before them a career of which every Mason might be proud.

The present year marked a great era in the province, this lodge being not alone in celebrating its jubilee, for on the 28th November the Watford Lodge—of which he had the honour of being a Past Master—would be engaged in the same agreeable proceedings. It would not fall to their lot, however, for it fell to the lot of very few lodges, to celebrate the fiftieth year of its existence and the fiftieth year of the membership of a brother—and that brother the Worshipful Master—at one and the same time, but on behalf of the Watford brothers he would say that if any of those here were there on the evening they celebrated their jubilee, they would receive a most cordial welcome. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman on rising to respond to the toast was received with a long-continued burst of applause. On silence being at length restored, he said that he felt he must rise at once to thank them for their most kind and hearty congratulations. He felt very grateful to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, that, notwithstanding his age, he was in the full enjoyment of all his senses. He was twenty-five years of age when he was initiated in the Hertford Lodge, and having completed his fiftieth year as a member, he was now seventy-five, and he, therefore, could not be sufficiently thankful for the health and strength which he enjoyed. (Applause.) He felt a little pride in his own name having been so long and agreeably associated with the lodge, and hoped that at the termination of another fifty years of its existence some of its descendants would be found connected with it, and would then receive similar expressions of good will from its members as he now did. (Applause.) He had just to add that none of the members of the lodge who assisted at its foundation were living now, but one or two of the initiates of 1829 were still alive, and he desired at this time to mention their names. These were Charles Smith, of Enfield, and his friend from boyhood, Young Crawley, and then of a little later date there were Valentine Carter, of Buntingford, George Farr, William Robert Baker, of Bayfordbury, the Right Hon. William Cowper-Temple, Dr. Woodhouse—whom he would have liked to have seen present—and Henry Kember. He had only in conclusion to thank them, and that most warmly, for the kind feelings they had expressed towards himself. (Loud applause.)

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Cocks, Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. Nash.

The Rev. L. Deedes, S.W., proposed "The Masonic Institutions," a toast which, he said, was most dear to his own heart. The Institutions connected with Masonry were the principal attractions that induced him to join the Hertford Lodge, an act which he had never for a moment regretted, and he most seriously hoped that all earnest men, whatever their position in life or the form of their religion might be, would unite in extending the benefits which they were calculated to confer upon all, no matter what the position in life might be in which it might have pleased the Almighty to place them. (Applause.) These Institutions were of undoubted excellence, of tried capability, and were bringing forth fruit which would redound to the credit of all concerned in founding and conducting them. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. (Applause.)

Bro. Terry returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured the company that he esteemed it a great compliment to be allowed to respond to it. Allusion had been made to the fact that these Institutions were not "charities," and he might justly say, on behalf of their Committees, that everything was done that could be accomplished to take away from their benefits all idea of charity. The Committees knew full well what had been done by the Hertford Lodge in the way of rendering them assistance by their contributions. He found, by referring to their books, that since its foundation the members had contributed £700 in this way, and although this sum might not appear large when spread over a period of fifty years, yet, when it was remembered that it was only during the last nine or ten years that the claims of the various Institutions were brought prominently before them, the amount contributed was very considerable, and on their behalf he had to thank the members of the Hertford Lodge for what they had done. (Applause.) Bro. Carter would represent the lodge as Steward during the present year; and he ventured to think that as Bro. Crew, to whom allusion had more than once been made, was at once time Secretary of the Girls' School, there was a debt of gratitude due to that Institution on his account which might be paid through Bro. Carter in May, 1880. (Applause.) Reference was then made to the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and in the course of an eloquent appeal for additional subscriptions to the three Institutions, Bro. Terry mentioned that if an average contribution of £60 a year could be got from each lodge, no candidate for admission need ever be turned away for want of funds.

The Chairman proposed "The Healths of the Officers of the Hertford Lodge," and in doing so thanked them very

heartily for their attention during the year now closing. In connection with the toast he also wished to couple the name of Bro. Warren, the newly-elected Worshipful Master.

The Hon. Baron Dimsdale, J.W., in replying, said he was only speaking the sentiments of all his brother officers when he returned his most hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. He must say that in all the arguments against Masonry he had heard there was nothing substantial, but they were indebted to the Senior Warden for the able manner in which he had shown how their Institutions had removed the stigma—if it was a stigma—from them as Masons that their time was spent principally in eating and drinking. He was indebted to the Chairman, however, for another illustration of the usefulness of their lodge, for, alluding to a period of fifty years ago, he had told them that such a feeling of animosity then existed in the town, politically and religiously, that the people were at "daggers drawn." The great corrective of this objectionable state of things, however, was the foundation of a Masonic lodge, and therefore those who had seen and rejoiced at the entire decay of that feeling were indebted to those men who founded it and kept it going, and to none were they more indebted than to the Worshipful Master who now presided over them. (Loud applause.) It must also be satisfactory to those present that the first Masonic lodge in the county was founded on the eastern side of it, and that an example was thus set to their friends on the other side, which, however, they were not long in following. (Applause.) He wished to say on behalf of all the officers of the Hertford Lodge that they were anxious to promote the interests of Masonry to its utmost extent, remembering at the same time that it was their duty to do all in their power to promote that charitable and kindly feeling towards all men which was the best and surest foundation for the prosperity of States. (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. Warren (W.M. elect) also returned thanks, and expressed the great pleasure he experienced at being present at the celebration of the jubilee of the Hertford Lodge. He was very much pleased to see Bro. Austin in the chair, and he sincerely hoped that he would long continue to be amongst them. When as years rolled on, however, and the time came for him to bid farewell to the lodge below, might he indeed become a joining member of the Grand Lodge above, there to live and reign for ever. (Loud applause.)

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the company shortly afterwards separated.

The members of the Committee appointed by the lodge to carry out the jubilee arrangements are to be congratulated upon the success that attended their labours. To Bro. R. T. Andrews, the Secretary, great praise is due for the excellent manner in which he performed his onerous duties, and conducted the mass of correspondence which the festival involved.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. Herbert Dicketts, Frederick Adlard, Colonel James Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, Charles G. Rushworth, James F. Corben, E. Letchworth, H. Potter, H. A. Dubois, W. C. F. Moutrie, E. Spooner, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

On the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of fifteen guineas was voted for the purpose of apprenticing one girl to a business in Hackney.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the salary of Bro. Weaver, the senior clerk in the Secretary's office, who has given the greatest satisfaction in the discharge of his duties, was raised £20 a year.

Two children were placed on the list for election in April, 1880.

On the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois, the letter of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, with regard to his Pupils' Assistance Fund, was ordered to lie on the table. The Chairman, however, informed the Committee that any member was at liberty to read it.

The usual compliment to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the Brixton Mark Lodge will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at five o'clock. Bro. C. P. McKay is the W.M. elect, and the Installing Master, will be Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., who, as W.M. of the lodge, will previously perform the ceremony of advancement. Further particulars may be obtained of Bro. Baldwin, Secretary, 47, Flaxman-road, Brixton, or Bro. H. Lovegrove (Prov. G.S. of W.), Treasurer, 30, Budge-row, Cannon-street.

The Scottish Corporation will hold its 215th anniversary festival on Monday, December 1st, for St. Andrew's Day, when the Earl of Rosebery, one of the vice-presidents of the Corporation, will occupy the chair.

We understand that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have consented to preside on November 13th at the distribution of prizes to the successful students of the City of London College.

A report of the election meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, which was held on Tuesday last, unavoidably stands over.

The future meetings of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, will be held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Mare-street, Hackney, where the ceremony of installation will be worked on Wednesday next by Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., distributed the prizes to the students at the Art School of Winchester on Tuesday. He traced some of the effects and tendencies of modern art culture, among which he prominently remarked that manual workers were forsaking the country for the towns in the search for higher avocations. The noble Lord regretted that while our national taste had improved with marked rapidity, the quality which partially compensated for our former deficiency in this respect seemed to be declining, for the charges that the soundness of our workmanship was departing were frequent and loud.

The Panmure Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will be consecrated on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. The officers designate are Bros. C. Pulman, J.P.G. Stwd., W.C.N.; Gibson, P.P.G.S. of W., J.; and Bro. Mitchell, S. The Panmure Mark Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

Mrs. Swanborough, of the Theatre Royal Strand, has presented the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, with an entire set of clothing on the occasion of her youngest son's (Bro. Edward Swanborough) installation as Worshipful Master of the lodge.

A supplement to the London Gazette, published on Wednesday night, contains a Royal Proclamation further proroguing Parliament until the 19th of December. The Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York are also prorogued until December 20th.

Mr. George Rignold, the eminent tragedian, who commences his season at Drury-lane this (Saturday) evening, has secured a good company for the production of "Henry V.," the list including such names as Mr. Ryder, Mr. Charles Harcourt, Mr. Odell, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Calhaem, and Miss Henderson.

It has been said that the man who causes two blades of grass to grow where one had grown before is a public benefactor—this, from a political economist's point of view—but many of us are more concerned just now about domestic economy, and the man who can double the utility of an article in common use deserves the thanks of the community. It seems the designer of a new necktie, which has just been submitted to us, is not content with simply doubling its usefulness, he has produced the patent rotary scarf, which can, by a very simple arrangement, be used in four different positions, without altering its appearance in any way when in use. The arrangement is very simple, but ingenious, and we have no doubt there will be a large demand for it.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 7, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

- Gen. Com., Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st., Hot.
- " 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.
- Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 765, St. James's, Old White Hart, High-st., Boro.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st. N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kenngn. Oval.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.
- " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
- " 1693, Kingsland, 113, Southgate-road, N.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tav.
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
- Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st. rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

- Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
- Lodge 511, Zeland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1687, Rothsay, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maimson Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 217, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
- " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
- " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.
- " 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1681, Londesborough, Regent M.H.
- " 1765, Trinity College, 64, Weymouth-st., W.
- Chap. 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
- " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
- Chap. 1489, Ezra, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
- Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., Smithfield.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

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Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1879.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

- Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

- Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
- Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
- Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1879.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

- Lodge 37, Anchor and hope, M.H., Church Inst., Bolton.
- " 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
- " 381, Harmony, Smalley's Hot., Over Darwen.
- " 1009, Shakespeare, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.
- " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

- Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro.
- " 1134, Newall, M.H., Salford.
- " 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-un.-Lyne.
- Mark 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

- Lodge 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
- " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch.
- " 298, Harmony, M.H., 23, Ann-st., Rochdale.
- " 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
- " 645, Humphrey Chetham, M.H., Manchester.
- " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hot., Kersley.
- " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hot., Lower Broughton.
- Chap. 126, Nativity, Cross Keys, Burnley.
- Mark 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.
- Rose Croix, Palatine, Palatine Hot., Manchester.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

- Lodge 215, Commerce, White Swan Hot., Haslingden.
- " 266, Naphtali, M.H., Market-place, Heywood.
- " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn.
- " 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton U.L.
- " 317, Affability, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hot., Bury.
- " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkes Arms Hot., Padiham.
- Chap. 325, St. John, M.H., Salford.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 44, Friendship, M.H., Manchester.
- " 219, Prudence, M.H., Tedmorden.

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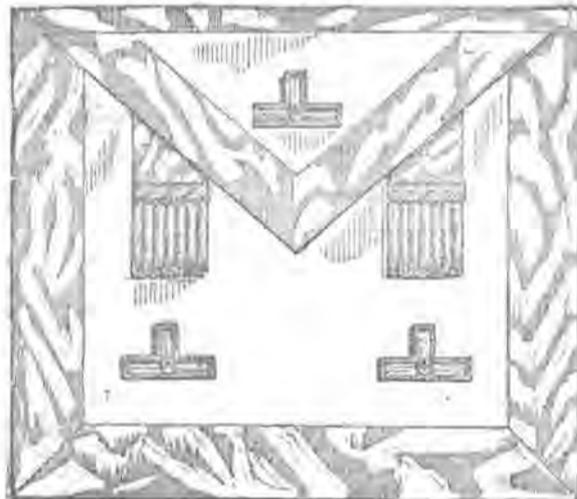
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Buckland, W.M., presided. Including visitors, 130 brethren were present, and amongst the members of the lodge, who numbered seventy in all, were Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Sec.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; George Buckland, W.M.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Charles Coote, jun., Treas.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; W. H. Cremer, Charles S. Jekyll, P.M.; Charles Harper, jun., Joseph Perry, William A. Tinney, P.M.; John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, Joseph Baker, Edward Terry, I.P.M.; William J. Castell, Joseph Horton, Edward Swanborough, S.W.; Gustavus R. Egerton, F. Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, William Meyer Lutz, J.D.; A. Thomas, H. Cox, S.D.; A. Hemming, A. Henson, C. H. Stephenson, Stwd.; C. Wellard, J.W.; Arthur Swanborough, Robert Soutar, John Maclean, I.G.; William J. H. Waud, William Jones Hill, Frederick Delevanti, D. of C.; James Charles Hambleton, Edmund Rogers, Victor Tussaud, Charles George Alias, Rubini A. F. Rochester, Charles Beckett, Charles Francis Fogarty, Charles Harcourt, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dobson, Jules Guilton, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, Organist; John Thomas Hatcher, William John Kent, James Beveridge, Henry James Callcott, Alfred Morton, Henry Ashley, Lestock Boileau Woodridge, Harry James Hitchins, Edward Humphrey, George Edwin Fairchild, and J. G. Taylor. Bro. H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bro. Edward Swanborough, of the Strand Theatre, was the W.M. elect, and to show her pleasure at her son obtaining the chair of the lodge, Mrs. Swanborough presented the W.M. with Master's collar and apron, and the other officers with their collars of office. Bro. Swanborough was installed by Bro. George Buckland, who performed the whole of the work in faultless style. After the customary salutes, the new W.M. appointed to office Bros. C. Wellard, S.W.; Harry F. Cox, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. Stanton Jones, P.M., Secretary; W. M. Lutz, S.D.; J. Maclean, J.D.; F. Delevanti, I.G.; C. E. Tinney, Org.; C. H. Stephenson, D.C.; Arthur Swanborough, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Swanborough was passed unanimously for her liberal and handsome gift to the lodge, and the Audit Committee's report having been received and adopted, the report of the Benevolent Fund, showing a balance of over £340, was read and approved. The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, in the large hall of which the company sat down to an elegant banquet, while Mrs. Swanborough, Miss Ada Swanborough, Mrs. George Buckland, Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. James Weaver, Mrs. Edward Swanborough, Master E. Swanborough, and Miss. Gus Swanborough, occupied seats in the gallery. After the banquet had been partaken of, grace was sung, and the hall was tyled, and the toasts were proposed. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that our beloved Queen, to whom the theatrical and musical professions owed so much, was too well known to require any remarks from him. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was received with loud applause. The W.M. said he was very pleased indeed to hear such a reception of H.R.H.'s name. The Prince of Wales was dearly beloved by the Craft, and by no lodge better than the Lodge of Asaph; for two reasons, that, God bless him, he supported their profession in every way, and they were proud to have him at the head of the Craft. He was not only a good Mason, but a good working Mason, for during the last season, if the brethren referred back to the newspapers, he had laid the foundation stones of many hospitals and other charities. He (the W.M.) would not take more time with this toast, because as he had said with regard to the Queen, so he would say with regard to the Prince of Wales, he was too well known to require any

observations. The toasts of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, &c.," having been proposed and honoured, Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., responded. Bro. G. Buckland, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said all the brethren knew how efficiently Bro. Edward Swanborough had performed the duties of the various offices he had filled in the Lodge of Asaph. He would be equally efficient in the more important duties which now devolved upon him. He (Bro. Buckland) thought he might say that they had not in their lodge a more genial and popular brother than Edward Swanborough, and with these few words he would call upon the brethren to drink heartily "Health, Prosperity, and Long Life to the W. Master." The W. Master, in reply, said: I thank you most sincerely for the manner in which you have drunk my health. I do not think I deserve all that my Bro. Buckland has said (cries of "Yes, yes"), but if I do not at present I will try in future to do so. I may say that I am now at the top of the tree in the Craft, but many men when they get at the top of the tree, if I may say so, forget those friends who helped them to that position. I am not one of those men. I have to thank in a very large measure Bro. James Weaver for my proud position this evening, and I think it is but fair to him that I should tell you so. He has been most kind to me; in fact, I never experienced so much kindness in my life as I have experienced from my brethren in the Lodge of Asaph. I have said that I will try and do my best during my year of office. One thing I will try and do, that is to make you all happy and comfortable, and if I fall short in the work, my dear old Immediate Past Master Buckland is at my side; as I told him at the time, I shall feel doubly strong, and I shall get through my year of office, if it please T.G.A.O.T.U., if he is by my side, and I think I shall have the same compliment paid to me at the end of my year that I am about to pay to him on behalf of the Lodge of Asaph. Bro. George Buckland, it is now my pleasing duty to place on your breast this jewel. It was voted to you by the unanimous voice of the lodge. I assure you I am exceedingly proud to be Master of such a lodge, because one must have some brains about him to be Master of it. If I only come up to a quarter of your excellence during my year I shall be satisfied. In placing this jewel on your breast I may say I hope the G.A.O.T.U. will spare your dear and good life for many years to come. I have an additional pleasure in presenting you with this testimonial as one of the founders of this prosperous lodge, and I hope that you may live for many years to see it on your walls. (The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Buckland with a handsome testimonial, inscribed in illuminated writing on vellum, and framed and glazed.) Bro. Buckland, I.P.M., in reply, said he begged to disclaim altogether the too flattering compliment paid to him by the W.M. To have done his work in the discharge of the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of his brethren was to him ample recompense and reward. He took this opportunity of thanking the P.M.'s, who had been all most kind to him, and he trusted that like the W.M. it would not be considered invidious if he particularly thanked Bro. Weaver, P.M., for the kind support and countenance he had given him during his Mastership. He gladly accepted the Past Master's jewel, which he should wear as a proud memento of the office he had filled, and the testimonial he should prize still more, not only as having been Master, but as one of the brethren who had founded the lodge. And when he looked around him and saw so many members of the dramatic and musical profession, who would naturally in due course fill the various offices of the lodge, he thought he might confidently predict that the Lodge of Asaph was destined to occupy a position second to none on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. next proposed "The Benevolent Fund." During Bro. Buckland's year the lodge had given away no less than eighty-six sovereigns to the poor. It could afford to do that in consequence of the lodge having only one banquet a year. It would please the brethren to know that they had over £300 invested in the Three per Cents. on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and there was £45 in the hands of the Treasurer to give away. It was all to give away. He exhorted all the members of the lodge to give some trifle to this fund. Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M., as Treasurer of the fund, responded. The existence of such a fund in a lodge was of great importance. While he was proud to say a portion of the lodge subscribed to it, he was sorry to say another portion took no notice of it. He would only point out that it was a mutual advantage to the members, which began with them and should continue with them. Its object was charity, which was universally acknowledged by Freemasons, and felt and practised by them, and especially by those professions of which the members of the Asaph Lodge were composed. He, therefore, thought it ought not to require any words of his to incite the brethren to give their liberal support to it. The Asaph was certainly becoming a very prosperous lodge, and the donations of the brethren to its Benevolent Fund ought to advance with its increase. He commended the fund to the support of the brethren to their utmost capacity. (The list was here handed round to the brethren, and realised a sum of £21 16s.) The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," returned thanks to those brethren for the assistance successive Masters had had from them. There were now nine P.M.'s of the Lodge of Asaph, and with such a firm basis, it would take a tremendous force to knock the lodge over. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Chamberlin, on whom he intended when Bro. Buckland was engaged to call for the Lectures on the Tracing Board, knowing how well he was able to give them. Bro. Chamberlin, P.M., in reply, said that it had been the object of the founders to help their successors in every way in their power, and they were all willing to do so. As a founder of the lodge

he looked round with pride on the gathering he saw before him. One of their oldest P.M.'s, Bro. Charles Coote, he was sorry to say was absent on account of ill health, but every member of the lodge trusted he would soon be better, for he had endeared himself to all. Bro. Macintosh, W.M. No. 4, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on having such a Master as Bro. Swanborough, whose eloquence would delight the brethren. From the time he had first known Bro. Swanborough to the present the principles of Freemasonry had been evinced by him, and he would carry out those principles with advantage to the Lodge of Asaph. Few men could claim to have more persons as genuine friends than he, and during his Mastership those friends would rally round him, and assist him in carrying out the duties of his office. Baron H. de Worms also replied, and said that brethren outside the dramatic profession felt highly honoured at being present. Professors of the dramatic art taught all outsiders a great moral lesson. It was they who could move to laughter or to tears, and awaken in the breast those best feelings which were sometimes dormant; in fact they struck upon the proper chord, and gave that "touch of nature" which made "the whole world kin." Bros. Wellard, S.W., Arthur Swanborough, and Delevanti, replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast having been given, the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. The brethren were entertained in the intervals between the toasts with vocal and instrumental music of the highest order. The vocalists who took part were Bros. C. Beckett, G. Egerton, C. E. Tinney, George Buckland, E. Terry, P.M.; Rainham, C. Collins, and E. W. Collins; Master Manning and Master Dunster (solo), and two others, all pupils of Bro. Stanton. The instrumentalists were Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Sec., (violin); H. J. Tinney (piano); C. S. Jekyll (piano); Thomas, P.M. (piano); W. L. Barrett (flute); Julian Egerton (clarinet); W. J. H. Waud (contra bass); and W. J. Kent (cornet à piston). The vocal music was under the direction of Bro. George Buckland, P.M., and the instrumental music under that of Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—On the 22nd ult. this prosperous City lodge held its first regular meeting since the vacation at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Dodson, P.M. Constitution, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; W. Wellsman, P.M., acting J.W.; Dalwood, I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Sec.; G. Manners, S.D.; H. W. Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; F. Farrington, W.S.; Farrington, jun., Organist; Dwarber, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Westcott, J.W. 1365, and T. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several important alterations in connection with the bye-laws were discussed, when it was subsequently resolved that a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and three members of the lodge, should consider the proposed alterations, and report upon them at the next regular meeting. Bros. Brown, Thurgood, and A. Clemow were the three lay members appointed upon the Committee. There being no other business on the agenda the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the Bros. Clemow. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by Bro. Dalwood. He congratulated the W.M. upon the great success that had attended his Masonic career. He had no sooner vacated the chair of one of the most influential lodges in the Craft, namely, the Constitution, than he was called upon to assume the reins of Masonic government in the St. Dunstan, of which lodge he was one of the founders. In conclusion, the I.P.M. touched upon the manner in which the W.M. had recently discharged the onerous duties of Master of one of the City companies. This toast having been heartily received, the W.M. briefly replied by thanking them for the hearty manner in which they had received and drank his health. Having been connected with the lodge from its commencement, he felt exceedingly gratified at witnessing the great strides it had made in the short space of four years. This result was very pleasing, more especially as the lodge was a representative one, and, therefore, necessarily limited in the admission of candidates. Although he had presided over a very large lodge, and had visited many, he did not think that they were to be desired, as quality and not quantity was, or should be, the consummation to be wished for in all Masonic communities. "The Past Masters" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. briefly touched upon the merits of the three brethren, namely, Bros. Dwarber, Wellsman, and Dalwood, who had passed through the ordeal of the chair of No. 1589 with honour to themselves and credit to the lodge. (Hear, hear.) As the members had had so many opportunities of judging of their social and Masonic qualities he should not further dilate upon the toast than to wish them long life and happiness. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dalwood and Dwarber. The latter brother made, as usual, a very eloquent speech. He also congratulated the lodge upon the great success it had attained. As one of the founders, he, in conjunction with his two worthy colleagues and labourers in the Masonic vineyard, felt that the trouble they had individually and collectively bestowed in the administration of its affairs in the days of its infancy had been rewarded, and had borne such good fruit. As the St. Dunstan was a representative lodge it should bear a high character, as it was connected with the first parish in the City of London, a parish that had for centuries held a very distinguished place, not only in the history of the mighty Metropolis, but in the annals of the country. Many stirring scenes had taken place in its vicinity, and some of the most brilliant personages recorded in the chronicles of science, art, and literature had met within its vener-

able precincts. In concluding his remarks he expressed a hope that his colleagues, and himself might be spared many years to come among their brethren of 1889 "The Health of the Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Westcott. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next. Bro. Tisley in acknowledging this toast expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Præd, but upon his behalf he wished to assure the brethren that the financial state of the lodge was most satisfactory. After thanking them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health in conjunction with that of the Treasurer, he dwelt upon the subject of the Masonic Charities, and the gratifying results that had attended the action of the London Masonic Charity Association at the recent election. He said there might be a difference of opinion as to the necessity for the establishment of such an Association, but the most captious could not deny the great success that had hitherto accompanied its operations in its candidature for the Metropolitan applicants for the benefits of their valuable Charitable Institutions. (Hear, hear.) "The Officers" terminated the proceedings. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Turner and Farrington, sen. The success of the proceedings was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Farrington, jun., Tisley, Esson, Raddle, and others.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this lodge took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Bro. J. Willing, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Douglass, S.W.; Jones, as J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Hyland, J.D.; Cook, I.G.; Holt, W.S.; Deller, Jacques, Dovey, Smith, Sillis, Lloyd, Bennett, Cole, and about sixty of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Mursell, J.W. 35; Kauffmann, D.C. 1732; and Meacock, 742. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and that of the emergency, having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dickey and Ramsden were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Harton, Blundell, Thorn, and Holland were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Messrs. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, and J. T. Woods were properly introduced, and impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when Bro. John Douglass (Standard Theatre), P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, was unanimously elected. The outgoing W.M. was unanimously elected Treas., and Bro. Nolan, Tyler, Bros. Sillis, Maby, Bennett, Johnson, and Lieut. Cole were elected Auditors. The Secretary, Bro. Stiles (W.M. King's Cross Lodge, 1732), proposed that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of £10 10s., be voted to Bro. Willing, W.M., for his successful and able working during his year of office as founder and first W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The names of several candidates were given in to be balloted for and initiated at ensuing meeting (installation), and after accepting Bro. Treadwell's resignation the brethren adjourned to banquet at half-past seven. During the evening the W.M. most earnestly thanked the officers and brethren for their able working and hearty co-operation from the formation of the lodge, some fifteen months ago, and felt certain the same goodwill and assistance would be rendered to his successor; the number of the brethren in the lodge now amounted to about seventy, and the earnest attention paid by the brethren to the duties of Freemasonry and the cordial reception accorded to visitors at all times augured well for the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Several songs were excellently rendered by the brethren, and the meeting broke up about 10 in the evening.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. J. W. Brooke, W.M.; J. C. Corpe, S.W.; W. G. Boit, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; H. Cruise, Sec.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.D.; A. Stokes, J.D.; G. F. Smith, D.C.; J. G. Wilkins, I.G.; A. Bowman, Steward. W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.G.D., P.M.; Capt. Phillips, P.G.D., P.M.; Maloney, P.M.; Furse, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Owen, Marcus, and Culver. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. P.M. W. A. Maloney, of Robert Burns Lodge, was then invested with the collar of acting P.M., and addressed on the nature and duties of the office. Bro. Maloney returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. Furse was then passed to the Second Degree. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.G.D., then with much impressive effect gave the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed for same. It was proposed and carried that a founders' jewel be struck. The lodge was then adjourned. The brethren subsequently dined, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—This lodge held its regular meeting at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield. He was assisted by the officers, viz.: Bros. John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; William B. Eldson, Treas.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; John Moulit, S.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the members present during the evening were Bros. R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; M. Swinburne, R. Brason, Adamson Rhagg, M. J. Wheatley, J. Matthews, and others. The following visitors also attended: Bros. John Bolam, P.M. 24; J. J. Athey, W.M. 240; John Duckitt, S.W. 481; C. F. Dawson, 1086; E. A. Gibson, 424; W. F. Poad, 424; R. W. Lisson, 406; Robt. Waugh, 1626. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, Messrs. Wm.

Mark Pybus and Edwd. Shewbrooks were admitted in due form, and initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M. The S.W. explained the working tools, and the J.W. gave the charge of the First Degree. Other business having been transacted, two new candidates for initiation were proposed, and after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual Masonic toasts and a musical entertainment contributed to the harmony of a pleasant re-union.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Edward Bacon, W.M., assisted by the following officers: B-os. Broster White, S.W.; Jas. King, J.W.; Jno. Button, S.D.; W. Haywood Allen, J.D.; Peter Lyons, I.G.; Harry Clipson, M.C.; Manuel Ghio, Tyler; Fred. Myatt, Sec.; and Charles T. Armstrong, Treas. Above forty members of the lodge were present, and the following brethren honoured the lodge with a visit on this occasion: The R.W. Bros. G. J. Gilbard, D.D.G.M.; Rev. W. Stewart Pattison, P.P.G.M. of Manitoba; Jas. Cunningham, P.D.G.J.W.; Bros. J. Franceri, D.G. Sec.; J. Holliday, P.M. 325 (I.C.); W. P. Kennedy, P.M. 1331; Beaton, 43; Treney, Silva, Morello, and Bellini Diefenbach, all of 115; Brebber, Rowsell, Howard, and Probyn, of 278; Tellan, 424 (18°); G. Blake, 893; J. Knight, 1331; Wm. H. Farr, 1424; Else, Reid, Sheppard, and O'Neil, 325 (I.C.); J. Macdonald and J. Emslie, 160 (S.C.); and W. Teat, 576 (S.C.) The business of the evening was to pass Bros. Evans and Sinclair Forbes, and to raise Bros. Brown and Stillman. Bros. Evans and Forbes having been duly passed, Bro. King, J.W., gave them the charge in his usually correct and impressive manner. Bro. White, S.W., then riveted the attention of the large gathering by giving the Lecture in the Second Degree, and received highly complimentary remarks afterwards on his excellent rendering of this interesting portion of our traditional history. The instructive and beautiful ritual of the Third Degree was then proceeded with, and Bros. Brown and Stillman were raised by the W.M. in his well-known form to the Sublime Degree. This part of our ceremonies has for the past two years been worked by Bros. Cunningham and Conroy in a manner which called forth the greatest admiration, but through the hearty co-operation and assistance of the officers, the present incumbent of King Solomon's chair has been enabled to make such improvements in drapery and musical accompaniments as to work the ritual in a manner never attempted before, perhaps, in this lodge, and certainly in very few others. After the lodge had been successively lowered, and some routine business transacted, Bro. Bacon, the W.M., proposed that the thanks of the members be accorded direct from the chair to the R.W. Dep. D. Grand Master, Bro. G. J. Gilbard, and the R.W. the Past Prov. G. Master of Manitoba, Bro. the Rev. W. Stewart Pattison, for honouring the lodge that evening with their presence. Bro. Gilbard, D.D.G.M., in reply, said it was quite true, as the W.M. had stated, that his professional duties took up a great deal of time, but he should never feel he was straining a point of time to come among the brethren of Inhabitants Lodge. On the contrary, he was pleased that evening to have an opportunity of visiting them, and proud indeed to be a member of a lodge in which the work was carried out with such attention to detail as he had seen that night. The Inhabitants Lodge had for some years back been distinguished for the excellence of its work, but when he saw the present W.M. and officers displaying such an interest, and going through these impressive ceremonies without a hitch, he ventured to say that this lodge was adding considerably to its popularity, and predicted for it, as he heartily wished, increased success and prosperity. Masonry in Gibraltar had to be carried on very often under a great disadvantage, owing to the frequent changes that occurred amongst the military brethren, but he was pleased to notice from the large gathering before him that this lodge had not suffered from the last removal of regiments, but, on the contrary, its numbers must have increased, a fact which must be immensely gratifying to both the W.M. and his officers. He thanked the lodge most cordially for the vote just put from the chair, and promised another visit during the winter. R.W. Bro. Pattison, the P.P.G.M. of Manitoba, also replied, thanking the lodge for the vote just passed. He had visited them two months ago, and was so much pleased with the work on that occasion that he expressed a desire to see the Third Degree given. The W.M. having kindly sent an invitation, he availed himself of it, and must acknowledge the great pleasure derived from what he had that night seen. He wished the lodge all the success which the excellence of its work so amply merited, and was quite sure, under its present chief, the popularity and usefulness of the Inhabitants Lodge would not wane. Two candidates were then proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The anthems sung during the evening were "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah;" "Solemn strikes the fun'ral chime;" and Mendelssohn's "Just as a father pitieth his own children;" the latter well rendered by Bro. Myatt, accompanied by Bro. King, J.W. and Organist. The whole are from the collection of Bro. Dr. Spark, procured by P.M. Bro. Cunningham when in the chair of 153. At the banquet table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Rev. W. S. Pattison, P.G.M. of Manitoba; Bros. Kennedy, P.M. 1331; Rowsell for 278; Morello for 115; Else on behalf of 325 (I.C.); and J. Macdonald for 160 (S.C.), "Roman Eagle;" and a little harmony brought to a close an evening which had for its characteristics work, instruction, interest, and pleasure.

ABERGAVERNNEY.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 818).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, on Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. T. Hanley presided. The only business on the paper was the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of officers. The lodge being duly opened Bro. G. H. Gorvin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was requested by the W.M. to perform the ceremony. Bro. G. H. Gorvin thereupon took the chair, and installed Bro. H. R. Barrett, the respected S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed to assist him for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Hanley, I.P.M.; G. H. Gorvin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. O. Marsh, S.W.; W. R. Eames, J.W.; W. C. Freeman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. L. Baker, S.D.; E. Hampton, J.D.; Rev. J. W. Osman, Chaplain; C. Howells, Org.; B. E. Hodgson, I.G.; W. O. Pegler and J. Hanley, Stewards; and J. Green, Tyler. At the termination of the proceedings a banquet, prepared by Bro. Wm. Tucker, under the direction of the Stewards, Bros. C. Bailey, P.M. 818, and G. H. Gorvin, P.M. 818, P.P.G.A.D.C., was held at the Greyhound Hotel. About fifty brethren, consisting of the above-mentioned officers (with the exception of the Chaplain), sat down, among whom were the following: Bros. J. R. Jenkins, P.M., P.P.J.C.; S. H. Steele, P.M. 818; H. Feathers, W.M. Kennard Lodge; S. H. Facey, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Bishop, P.S.W.; J. L. C. B. Little; J. Smith, P.S.W.; C. Williams, T. Moore, C. Wilson, J. Howard, W. Hands, S. Eames, W. Charles, R. Shackleton, J. Thomas, D. Gwyar, H. Harris, John Thomas, T. Judd, H. Timkins, and others. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. H. R. Barrett, W.M. elect, thanked the brethren in feeling terms for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the highest honour in the lodge, and expressed his intention, with the able assistance of his officers, to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, without fear or favour. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the proceedings terminated to the entire satisfaction of all present.

MANCHESTER.—Truth Lodge (No. 1458).—This lodge held its meeting on Saturday, the 1st inst. After the lodge was opened, the minutes being confirmed, the ball was taken for Mr. W. A. Burton, which being unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. This being the day of election of W.M., the ballot was taken, the result being unanimous in favour of Bro. Iliff, S.W. Bro. Proctor was again elected Treasurer. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30.

WEST GORTON.—Ashbury Lodge (No. 1459).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Justice Birch Hotel. There were present Bros. Hughes, W.M.; Cummings, S.W.; Newton, J.W.; Abbott, P.M., Treas.; W. Wright, S.D.; F. Roberts, acting I.G.; Reynolds, Sec.; Brownridge, I.P.M.; J. Meadows, Tyler; John Gallagher, P.M.; Jas. Moors, P.M.; Aspenall, P.M.; John Battersby, J. Wilson, J. Wormald, J. P. Harvey, Jas. Storey, J. Wright, and Jas. Ryder. Visitors: Bros. E. Elphinstone, S.W. 210; A. Sligh, P.M. 210; Penton, W.M. 210; and R. R. Lisenenden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at 6.45, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A candidate was due for raising, but, although the W.M. waited for him some considerable time, he failed to put in an appearance, to the great disappointment of the visitors, who had fully expected to see some "work." The lodge was gradually raised to the Third Degree, and afterwards lowered to the First, when the W.M. announced that it was customary to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year on that evening. Several brethren being eligible for that honourable post, their names were handed to each member of the lodge present, who affixed their mark against the name of the candidate of their choice, when it was found, on the papers being collected and examined by the W.M., that, with one single exception, the whole of the brethren had recorded their votes in favour of the S.W., Bro. Cummings. The announcement was received with warm applause, as Bro. Cummings is a most assiduous and thoroughly excellent worker, and well deserves the honour bestowed upon him. The newly-elected W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his humble services. Bro. Abbott, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Meadows Tyler. A communication was read by the Secretary from Provincial Grand Lodge respecting joining members, the particulars of which have already been commented upon in this paper. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and after a most enjoyable evening they separated at 11 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge after the installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was an attendance of about sixty members and visitors. Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, W.M., occupied his position in the E., and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. J. Chapman, M.C., P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. W. Sandbrook, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer (W.M. 1356); F. Wilkinson, Secretary; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. S. Mattison; D. Saunders, W. Addis, I. de Frece, J. E. Jackson, P.P.S., S. of W.; J. Shrapnell, W. Williams, R. Williams, H. Round, W. Heap, J. Adams, J. Keet, J. W. Collinson, J. Brown and others. The list

of visitors included Bros. Allen, Cyril Searl, H. C. Sidney, Little, Hanmer, P.M. 1016; J. Banning, P.P.G.O. Westmorland and Cumberland, and others. Mr. Ellis Brammall, jun., was duly initiated, and Bro. Collinson raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. In the course of the after banquet proceedings, Bro. John A'kinson, J.W., was presented with an exceedingly valuable timepiece pendant for watch guard, in the form of cross pens, and an illuminated address (along with a splendid suite of jewellery, with diamond setting, for Mrs. Atkinson), in recognition of his admirable services as Secretary since the consecration of the Dramatic Lodge. The W.M. referred to the value of the services given by Bro. Atkinson, so heartily and spontaneously, and the gifts (subscribed for privately by about sixty members of the lodge), were feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Atkinson. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. L. Courtenay, H. C. Sidney, D. Saunders, Allan, Searle, Brammall, Webster, Williams, and others.

RHYLL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at their own hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M.; K. McEwen, J.W.; W. T. Girdlestone, Treas.; H. S. Steer, Sec.; E. W. Keating, J.D.; E. Groant, D.C.; W. Hackforth, I.G.; G. D. Burdett, Stewd.; J. Bayliss, Tyler; Jas. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, P.P. G. J. W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.M.; J. Lean, T. H. Griffiths, T. Hughes, J. P. Lewis, R. Hughes, R. Roberts, S. E. Lloyd, J. Wrigley, Organist. Visitors: J. Brownley, 279; F. W. Jarman, 606. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Buckley Hughes, M.P., D.P. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, and C. H. Hanner, 74, as joining members, and they were unanimously elected. The ballot was taken for Mr. P. P. Pratt, which was favourable. Messrs. N. L. Clercs (previously balloted for) and P. P. Pratt were then duly initiated.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Wells, W.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Joseph Langton, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Hogg, Treas.; J. D. Langton, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Garland, I.G.; J. S. Fraser, Preceptor; and Williams. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. D. Langton acting as candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. Chapman occupied it instead, Bro. Barnett taking the S.W.'s chair. Bro. Williams being a candidate for the Third Degree answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Williams was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, Bro. Joseph Langton seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That Bro. W. Mackay, of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, be elected a member of this lodge of instruction." W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Sunderland Lodge (held under the warrant of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 97).—The regular meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at 7 p.m. There were present Bros. R. Hudson, P.M. 1389, Preceptor; Kinmond, J.W. 80, acting W.M. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees. The Second Degree was rehearsed by the acting W.M. in a Masonic manner. The Lecture on the First Tracing Board was given by Bro. M. Frampton, W.M. 94, reflecting credit upon himself and the lodge. Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. 97, proposed Bros. Fairclough, Singleton, and Nasbett as members of this lodge. Bro. McNamara proposed "That the Three Sections be worked at next lodge," which was seconded by Bro. Kinmond, acting W.M. No other business being before the meeting the lodge was closed in due and solemn form. The brethren then retired to refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this flourishing chapter was held on Friday afternoon, the 31st ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. Dr. Henry, P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; P.P.G.J.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; W. Sandwith, P.Z.; W. F. Lamony, P.P.G. Swd. Br., H. (Freemason); E. Tyson, P.G.D.C., J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; and about twenty others. Comp. Jos. Nicholson, M.E.Z. Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, was present as a visitor. The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which E. Comp. T. Dodgson, P.Z. and Z. Furness Chapter, No. 995, Ulverston, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, and a member of No. 119, took the chair as Installing Principal, when the Three Principals elect were duly installed as follows: Comps. W. F. Lamony, Z.; E. Tyson, H.; and T. Atkinson, J. The other officers invested were: Comps. J. Rothery, S.E. (re-elected); T. Dixon, S.N. (re-elected); J. M'Kelvie, Treas. (re-elected); G. Dalrymple, P.S.; C. H. Hodgson, 1st A.S.; F. Hodgson, 2nd A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; W. Jackson and E. Clark, Stewards; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. The whole ceremony was performed by the Installing

Principal with an impressiveness and elocutionary ability rarely heard, and Comp. Dodgson was awarded a cordial vote of thanks for his excessive kindness in attending, on the proposition of the First and Second Principals. After a brother of Lodge 872, and another of Lodge 1267, had been proposed as candidates for exaltation, the chapter was solemnly closed. Subsequently the companions had some light refreshment, the customary banquet having been dispensed with, on account of charitable calls on the funds of the chapter. This is a worthy innovation, though we dare be bound some companions accepted the change with an ill grace. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a couple of hours were pleasantly spent.

LEICESTER.—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. There were present Comps. J. T. Thorp, Z.; J. W. Smith, H.; Clement Stretton, P.Z., as J.; Robert Waite, P.Z.; Geo. Toller, jun., P.Z.; Clement E. Stretton, E.; T. Worthington, P.S.; T. Colman, Treas.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, John H. Thompson, L. P. Chamberlain; J. H. Hale, P.S. 360, and many others. The chapter having been opened in ancient form, Bros. John Roadknight, Edward Watson, Alfred Chamberlin, and also James Tanser (as a serving companion by dispensation) were admitted and exalted to this Degree by the M.E.Z. Comps. William Kelly and George Toller, jun., were re-elected as representatives upon the Freemasons' Hall Committee. The ordinary business being concluded the chapter was closed. After supper the loyal and Royal Arch toasts followed in their usual order.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Chapter (No. 1717).—The first regular meeting of this chapter after the summer recess took place on Saturday, the 25th ult. The chapter was duly opened at 5.30 p.m., and there were present E. Comps. A. M. Broadley, Z.; Dr. Mugnaini, H.; Baron Dr. Castellnuovo, J.; J. H. Stevens, E.; G. Pentecost, N.; Professor V. C. Clement, Reg.; Professor Souiller, Interpreter; Dr. Perini (W.M. 1717, E.C.), P.S.; G. B. Cassar, 1st A.S.; J. Barsotti, 2nd A.S.; Eymon, Janitor; and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Comp. Thomas Fellowes Reade, P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, her Britannic Majesty's Agent Consul General at Tunis, was elected a joining member. E. Comp. Broadley, on behalf of himself and the other Principals, expressed a desire to retire from office, and a ballot for three Principals was taken accordingly. The ballot resulted as follows: Comps. T. F. Reade, P.M. 1068, Z.; A. Perini, M.D., W.M. 1717, H.; J. E. L. Barker, C.E., W.M. 1835, J. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Principals, under whose rule the chapter has achieved a signal success. The M.E.Z. has exalted no less than thirty-four M.M.'s to the Sublime Degree since the chapter was consecrated on the 26th June, 1878. The chapter then adjourned.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Friday, the 31st ult. Though constituted about eighteen months ago, from various causes very few meetings have been held, and the opportunity was seized to infuse a little more vitality by summoning the lodge the same afternoon as Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, held its annual convocation. The meeting was a thorough success, a number of visiting brethren being present from other lodges in the province, including Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P. G.S.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 229, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason), and others. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Henry, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W.; E. Clark, 216, as J.W.; W. White, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O. 229, as S.O.; J. J. Robinson, 216, as J.O.; E. Tyson, Sec. and Treas.; H. Peacock, J.O. 229, as S.D.; J. Wilson, I.G. After the minutes were read and confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. J. M'Kelvie, P.M. 119; W. Holloway, 119; and Geo. Fitzgerald, 119, as candidates for advancement, and they were accepted, as also Bro. Geo. Sparrow, True Blue Lodge, No. 935, Wexford, Ireland, as a joining member. Two of the three brethren elected being in attendance, Bro. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, was invited to take the chair, and he, with the assistance of Bro. Lamony, P.M. 229, advanced the candidates to the Honourable Degree, the other officers performing their respective duties to perfection. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was proceeded with, Bro. Dr. Henry was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Tyson, Treas.; and Bro. Fitzgerald, Tyler. Bro. Dalrymple was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was then closed. There is no doubt that Fletcher Lodge will now go on flourishing, for it shows what good can be effected by members of prosperous lodges coming forward to lend a helping hand to a struggling organisation.

Knights Templar.

SOUTHPORT.—De Lacy Encampment (No. 95).—The annual installation ceremony of Knights Templar enrolled under the banner of the De Lacy Encampment in this town, and under the Eminent Commandership of Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C. of the William de la More Encampment, and P. Prov. 1st Grand Captain, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Nevill-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. There was a good muster of swords; the occasion, amongst those present being

Sir Knights Clement R. N. Beswicke-Roys, Very Eminent Prov. Grand Commander, and Henry Thomas, Prov. Grand Chancellor, of the County Palatine of Lancaster. Sir Knight C. R. W. Beswicke-Roys, according to ancient custom, installed Sir Knight J. H. T. Cottier as Eminent Commander for the ensuing year. The newly-installed Commander then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, who were as follows: Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; Rev. C. S. Hope, Prelate; John Sutton, Constable; Wm. Taylor, Marshal; Wm. Dodd, Treas.; Dr. G. B. Baker, Sub-Marshal; T. S. Cory, Captain of Lines; W. H. Johnson, Registrar; John Barratt, 1st Standard Bearer; Ralph Heap, 2nd Standard Bearer; J. H. Welsby, 1st Herald; J. C. Seidenstricker, 2nd Herald; John Barratt, Almoner; George Rockliff, Equerry. After the usual business of the encampment, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Victoria Hotel to partake of a sumptuous repast, provided by Sir Knight J. C. Seidenstricker, which was duly honoured and appreciated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—An emergency convocation of this old and popular conclave was held on the 30th ult. at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Sir Knight T. Kingston, M.P.S.; Sir Knight Nunn, P.G.V., &c.; Sir Knights Woodman, G.R.; Levander, Grand Treas., Recorder; Marsh, P.S.; Cubitt, P.S.; Shirley, T. Massa, Prefect; Letchworth, Peek, Moses, T. C. Walls, A.D.C. (Freemason); Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, and Henry Blake, Lodge 213, Norwich, and it proving unanimous, those brethren were duly installed as Knights Red Cross by the M.P.S. The higher grades of the Order were then conferred upon those Sir Knights, together with Sir Knight Moses, the ceremonies being performed by Sir Knight Levander. The conclave was shortly afterwards dissolved, and the Sir Knights partook of an excellent banquet. It being only an emergency meeting, the after proceedings were shorn of their customary long array of toasts. "The Health of the Newly-Installed Sir Knights" was, however, warmly proposed by the M.P.S., and having been heartily received, it was acknowledged by Sir Knights Kingston and Blake in well expressed terms. "The M.P.S." followed, and having been briefly responded to, the proceedings terminated.

Swedenborgian Rite.

ROYAL OSCAR LODGE AND TEMPLE (No. 9).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge and temple was held at the Bee Hive Hotel, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, on the 22nd ult., at which the following officers and other brethren were present: Bros. W. T. May, W.M.; Thomas Clark, I.P.M.; Thomas Roberts, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; H. Burrows, S.D.; J. H. Hall, J.D.; R. Pearson, Treas.; J. Seddon, J. Sampson, C. Furness, H. Horspool, and C. Jacobs. The visitors were Bros. Major George Turner, P.M., Prov. G.M.; Reginald Young, P.M. No. 6; and W. J. Thompson, P.M. After the ordinary business the temple was solemnly opened on the Third (Sixth) Degree, and having been duly closed, the lodge resumed, and the following brethren were unanimously elected to serve as officers during the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Roberts, W.M.; W. Brackenbury, S.W.; H. Burrows, J.W.; Major George Turner, P.M., Prov. G.M., Treas.; W. J. Thompson, P.M., Chaplain; Reginald Young, P.M., Master of Ceremonies; Charles Jacobs, Secretary; J. H. Hall, S.D.; C. Furness, J.D.; J. Seddon, Registrar; J. Sampson, S.B.; and H. Horspool, P. Other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, at which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE PANMURE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The consecration of this new lodge of Royal Ark Mariners took place on Monday last at the Balham Hotel, Balham. The Panmure Mark Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. C. Pulman, P.G. Steward, P.M., supported by Bros. Gibson, S.W.; Ackland, J.W.; Mitchell, M.O.; Baldwin, J.O.; Lilley, P.M., Treas.; Gunner, S.C.; Whittaker, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler; Hawkins, and Vincent; with visitors: Bros. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., and Hayes, J.D. 198.

After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed.

A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then opened, with Bros. Poore, as N.; Lovegrove, as P.N.; Mitchell, as J.; Gibson, as S.; Baldwin, as D.; and Hayes, as G., when Bros. Ackland, W. Poore, Whittaker, Steedman, Lilley, Hawkins, Gunner, and Vincent were duly elevated.

The chair was then assumed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, who gave the usual address, and Bro. Poore having presented Bro. Pulman as W.C.N. designate, a Board of Installed Commanders was formed by Bros. Dewar, Poore, and Lovegrove, and Bro. Pulman was installed in ancient form.

The customary salutes were given, and the officers invested as follows: Bros. Gibson, J.; Mitchell, S.; Lilley, Treas.; Hawkins, Sec.; Ackland, S.D.; Vincent, J.D. Gunner, G.; and Steedman, Warden.

At the completion of the business the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in Bro. Lilley's usual excellent style.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Rawson acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Platt, as H.; and Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips, as J. The other companions present were Comps. E. E. Wendt, as S.N.; H. G. Buss, as S.E.; A. A. Pendlebury, J. A. Rucker, as P.S.; Robert Gray, as 1st A.S.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, as 2nd A.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, Swd. Br.; S. Mullens, D.C.; Col. Creaton, Treas.; E. S. Snell, T. Fenn, Francis Robinson, J. C. Parkinson, A. J. Duff Filer, Joshua Nunn, Peter de L. Long, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. M. Case, F. Adlard, H. Maudslay, James Glaisher, E. J. Barron, H. J. P. Dumas, G. de Lucena, P.Z. 239; J. S. Hickley, P.Z. 723; James Hillhouse, J. 228; Neville Green, H. 1524; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; James W. Lambert, H. 142; E. Crouch, Z. 857; Geo. E. Walters, Z. 1598; P. Parsons, Z. 1348; W. H. Perryman, J. 1348; J. Fenn, H. 417; J. McDougall, P.Z. 913, and P.G.S.B.; F. Driver, P.Z. 742; R. Loveland Loveland, P.Z. 175, 357, and P.G.S.N.; W. R. Marsh, J. 1598; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.Z., J. 142; George Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; Thomas Massa, J. 1293; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; Walter Sowdon, P.Z. 723; J. E. Middleton, H. 2; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; Joseph Brown, P.Z. 723; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; George Brooke, H. 63; J. J. Berry, Z. 554; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 887; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. G. Buss informed the acting G.Z. that it was with very sincere regret he had to announce that Comp. Hervey, G. Scribe E., was still compelled to be absent on account of severe indisposition. He saw Comp. Hervey the previous evening, when he expressed his great regret that he would not be able to attend the present convocation.

Comp. Rawson said he was sure that all the companions would regret as much as he did that Grand Scribe E. was still suffering from severe indisposition. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer, moved, and Comp. Robert Gray seconded, that the report of the Committee of General Purposes be taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. This motion was carried.

The following petitions for charters for new chapters were then granted, as recommended by the Committee—
1st. From Comps. Thomas William Adams, as Z.; George Samuel Elliott, as H.; John Bairstow Shackleton, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, London, to be called the West Smithfield Chapter, and to meet at the New Market Hotel, Snow Hill, West Smithfield, in the City of London.

2nd. From Comps. Richard Nicholas Howard, as Z.; William Smith, as H.; James Jesty, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Portland Lodge, No. 1237, Portland, to be called the Portland Chapter, and to meet at the Portland Hall, Portland, in the county of Dorset.

3rd. From Comps. James Keith Grosjean, as Z.; John Smorfitt, as H.; George Archer, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 1157, Alexandria, to be called the Zetland Chapter, and to meet at Alexandria, Egypt.

4th. From Comps. Thomas B. Whythead, as Z.; John pite Cumberland, as H.; Philip Henry Rowland, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, to be called the Eboracum Chapter, and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, in the city of York.

With respect to the chapter at Alexandria, Comp. H. J. P. Dumas asked whether a more specific spot than Alexandria should not be named for the meeting of the chapter. Alexandria was a large place, and he thought the precise place in which the chapter was to meet should be named, the same as with the chapters which met in England. If a charter was granted for a chapter to meet in Paris its precise locality would have to be named, in order that the chapter might be found.

Comp. Case thought there would be no difficulty in this respect in the case of a chapter at Alexandria, because the reports would have to be sent to the Grand Scribe E. of the places where the chapter met, and if it was removed the removal would have to be notified.

Comp. Dumas said he did not anticipate any difficulty, but he merely asked for the sake of information to the companions at large. In England the place of meeting had to be named, as was seen by the other petitions on the paper.

Comp. Rawson said the places in Alexandria where a chapter could meet were few and far between, and there would be no difficulty experienced in finding out the place of meeting. In answer to Comp. George Lambert, Comp. Rawson said there would be no clashing with other jurisdictions; there was no other Grand Lodge or Chapter there.

The next petition recommended to be granted was from Comps. John Fenn, as Z.; Alexander Richardson, as H.; Richard Croisdale, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, Aldershot, to be called the Aldershot Camp Chapter, and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, in the county of Hants.

Comp. H. Hacker asked whether since this petition had been recommended by the Committee any communication had been received from the Grand Superintendent of the province.

Col. Creaton said such a communication had been received after the report of the Committee had been printed and published.

Comp. Buss then read a letter from Comp. W. W. B.

Beach, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Hants and the Isle of Wight, stating that since he had recommended the petition circumstances had come to his knowledge which caused him to recommend that the warrant should be postponed for the present, and that in the meantime he would attend at Aldershot and make enquiries.

Comp. Hacker said that under those circumstances he should say no more, but would ask Grand Chapter to postpone the granting of the warrant.

A long discussion then arose on this point.
Comp. John Fenn wished to say a few words before the question was postponed.

Comp. Rawson thought that as the Provincial Superintendent had withdrawn his recommendation Grand Chapter had no power to consider the question. A charter in the country could not be granted without the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Comp. John Fenn said that in consequence of its having been recommended by Comp. Beach, Grand Chapter Committee recommended it.

Comp. E. J. Barron thought otherwise. The petition having been recommended to be granted, that question was before Grand Chapter, although it might be convenient to postpone the consideration of it.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold did not see how the letter of the Superintendent could overrule the agenda paper.

Col. Creaton felt bound to say that when the Committee received a petition duly signed, and recommended by the Grand Superintendent, they had no alternative but to bring it before Grand Chapter, and it was a great pity that the Grand Superintendent and the companions who signed the petition did not enquire more fully before sending it. It was, he thought, playing fast and loose with the Committee, and not treating them properly.

Comp. Joshua Nunn submitted that the Grand Chapter was at liberty to discuss the propriety of granting the petition now. Any letter received after the petition had been recommended by the Committee could have no weight.

Comp. Rawson observed that the Provincial Superintendent having written this letter had really withdrawn his recommendation. His own feeling was that the question should be decided at once, and the petition not be entertained. Where a Superintendent was in error he should be allowed to correct that error.

Comps. Robert Gray, John Fenn, and C. F. Hogard, begged to enter their protest. Comps. J. M. Case, James Lewis Thomas, and C. W. Arnold contended that the matter should be postponed, and Comp. C. W. Arnold made a motion to that effect, which Comp. Robert Gray seconded, and the question was agreed to be deferred till next Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee concluded as follows:—

The Committee have likewise to report that, in consequence of a statement made by the Provincial Grand Scribe E. for North Wales and Shropshire, that the Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384, Bangor, was extinct, and it appearing by the Grand Chapter records that no return had been received from that chapter since 1857—one companion only having been exalted therein since the date of the charter, 27th June, 1856—the chapter, No. 384, was taken out of the register.

It now appears that the charter of the said chapter is in the custody or possession of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, and that no present member of that lodge is now, or ever has been, a member of the chapter. The lodge has therefore been directed by the Committee to surrender the charter to be cancelled, but as the lodge has refused or neglected to comply with this order, the Grand Chapter Committee refer the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and beg to request that the W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, may be ordered to forward to the Grand Scribe E. the charter of the said late Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384.

Comp. Thomas Fenn wished to know by whom this chapter was taken out of the register, as no one had a right to do so but Grand Chapter.

Col. Creaton said the chapter was taken out of the register because no returns had been made by it.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

THE MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

A meeting of those interested in carrying out the annual Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street.

Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.J.W. (Mayor of Bootle), was elected Chairman of the Committee; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., Vice-Chairman; Bro. A. C. Wylie, W.M. 292, S.W. 1264, Secretary; and Bro. T. Salter, W.M. 241, Treasurer.

It was resolved, subject to the Council regulations, to hold the ball at the Town Hall, on the second Tuesday in January, and after the various Committees had been appointed, the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight.

In connection with the Masonic charitable schemes, it may be stated that at the monthly meeting of the Dramatic Lodge this week it was also resolved to give another performance at the Royal Amphitheatre in December (the use of the theatre being kindly granted by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.) in aid of the Charities.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised as winter advances, and the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, diphtheria, quinsy, throat cough, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these ailments during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.—[ADVT.]

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

In turning over the books and papers belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, a few days since, with Bro. J. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer, for the purpose of making a catalogue, I took up an old MS. minute book, which at the first glance I suspected had been hitherto undescribed. Further enquiry and examination have convinced me that this is the case, and I have great pleasure in announcing that the York Lodge reckons amongst its relics of the past a minute book of the Grand Chapter of All England, dating from 1762, which is, I take it, sixteen years earlier than any previous minute of that body known to be in existence.

Our learned Bro. Hughan, in his "Sketches and Reprints," tells us that the earliest minute of Royal Arch Masonry is to be found in the Treasurer's book of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at York, which says "A most sublime Royal Arch Chapter was opened on the 8th February, 1778." I have examined this book, which is one of those books formerly in the possession of the United Grand Lodge of England, and presented a few years ago, through the kindly exertions of Bro. Hughan, to the York Lodge. In connection with the earlier minute book just come to light it completes the chain of Royal Arch history at York from the 7th February, 1762, to the 10th September, 1781.

There are several peculiarities to be found in the early minutes of the Grand Chapter, worthy of notice, but a few remarks on the history of Masonry in York about that time will perhaps throw light upon them. From the second edition of "Mahabone, or the Grand Lodge Door Open'd," published in 1766, I find in the list of lodges appended thereto that a warrant was granted, dated the 12th January, 1761, for a lodge to meet at the *Punch Bowl Inn, Stonegate, York, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The number of the warrant was 259. From the minute book of this lodge (also in the possession of the York Lodge, 236), I find that its first meeting was held on the 2nd February, 1761, "at Mrs. Chaddock's, at the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate." It would seem as if this event had stirred up the energies of the surviving members of the dormant Grand Lodge at York, for it was in the following month (March 17th, 1761) that they met and revived that body "at the house of Mr. Henry Howard, in Tendall, York," as every Masonic student well knows from Bro. Hughan's valuable work, to which I have before alluded.

Thus, the reader will see, it was in the following year, on Sunday, the 7th February, 1762, that "a most Sublime, or Royal Arch Lodge, open'd at the sign of the Punch Bowl."

The first Master of the Lodge No. 259 was Bro. Bridge Frodsham, who was in his day a Master of prominence in the North. The first S.W. was Bro. Oram, who was the manager of the York Theatre. The Grand Lodge of all England must at this period have been on excellent terms with the lodge hailing from London, for in the minute of the revival meeting, held on the 17th March, 1761, I find amongst the names of the visitors present several who appear on the minutes of Lodge 259 to have been made Masons under its warrant, whilst, in the very first minute of Lodge 259, on the other hand, appears the name of Bro. Coates, who was a Warden of the Grand Lodge of All England. These interchanges of visitors appear through all the earlier minutes, and prove that at this time there was no animosity between the York and London Grand Lodges. Bro. Beckwith, who was elected a member of the Grand Lodge at its revival meeting, had only been made a Mason in the Lodge 259 on February 16th, 1761, just a month previously; and in May, 1761, Bros. Agar, Palmes, Bewlay, and Howard (of Tendal), all of the Grand Lodge, were elected joining members of Lodge 259.

In a future paper I hope to say something about the minute book of this Punch Bowl Lodge, but having briefly noticed the condition of Masonry in York in 1761-2, I will at once go to the subject immediately in hand, the Old Royal Arch Minute Book.

It is a small quarto volume, and has neatly engrossed on its title page "Minute Book belonging the Most Sublime Degree or Order of Royal Arch appertaining to the Grand Lodge of All England, held at the City of York, 1762." The first minute I will reproduce exactly:

"A Most Sublime or Royal Arch Lodge open'd at the Sign of the Punch Bowl in Stonegate, York, on Sunday the 7th of February 1762. Present:

Frodsham P.H.	} in the Chairs.
Oram ... Z.L.	
Granger ... J.A.	
Owen.	

"At this Lodge Brothers Burton Palmes, Tasker, and Dodgson petition'd to be raised to the 4th Degree of Masonry, commonly call'd the Most Sublime or Royal Arch, were accepted and accordingly made."

Then comes the cash account of the chapter for the evening, by which it appears that the fee "for advancement to the 4th Degree" was 11s. 6d., and then—

"This Lodge was closed till the 14th inst. by the Master's Directions."

I have already mentioned that Bro. Frodsham was the first W.M. of the Lodge 259, and that Bro. Oram was his Senior Warden. From the lodge minutes of 259 it also appears that Bro. Granger was its first Secretary, and that Bro. Owen had joined that lodge in January, 1762. The Grand Chapter would seem, therefore, to have been really formed by the brethren of Lodge 259, meeting at the Punch Bowl.

The next meeting of the chapter was held on the 21st of the same month, when the chairs were filled by Bros. Frodsham, Palmes, and Tasker, and Bro. Beckwith was chosen Secretary. The meetings were always held on Sunday at this period, and several members were the same

*This house is still in existence.

year (1762) "excluded" for neglecting to pay their quarterages, and apparently there was a general laxity of interest, for on the 16th May, 1762, the "lodge was closed till the most convenient opportunity by order of the Masters in the chairs." No meeting was held until January 16th, 1763, and on February 6th, at a lodge of emergency, Bros. Palmes, Agar, and Tasker were elected to the chairs. Again on the 3rd April of that year the lodge was closed "to a convenient opportunity," and no meeting was held until January 23rd, 1764, when it was resolved "that this lodge should be continued by subscription for 4 nights." Meetings were held accordingly on March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th, 1764, but then there was a cessation of work until 16th February, 1766, and then an adjournment sine die. These few last named meetings were very thinly attended, and there were no candidates.

It was probably about this time that Lodge 259 ceased to exist. I have shown that in that year it appears on a list of lodges, although in December, 1767, the Grand Lodge at York informed the Grand Lodge in London that Lodge 259 had been "for some years discontinued."

The next meeting of the Royal Arch Masons was held on the 29th April, 1768, and it is noteworthy that this is the first minute in which the body is entitled a "chapter," previously it having been always denominated a "lodge." The same Principals occupied the chairs as on the last occasion, and six brethren "petitioned to become Sublime or Royal Arch Masons; they were admitted and accordingly made." Three new Principals were also appointed, and a new Secretary. The fee for exaltation was at this time six shillings. At a chapter held on May the 1st, 1768, a Sword Bearer (Janitor) was appointed, and it was agreed that the regular meetings should be held on the 1st Sunday in every calendar month. It was also agreed that every member should pay a quarterage of two shillings, and "he shall be allow'd to have every regular chapter sixpennyworth of any sort of liquor he chooses." The fees were also fixed at 5s. and 1s. to the Sword Bearer for each member admitted of the Grand Lodge in York, and 10s. 6d. and 1s. to the Sword Bearer for every other candidate. Every visitor was also to pay a shilling each time he attended, but had the same claim on the Punch Bowl tap as a member.

At this time candidates were proposed, balloted for, and made on the same evening. On the 5th June, 1768, a Bro. Burnand was refused on the ballot, and a Bro. Thorp, "of the lodge at Hull," was made a Royal Arch Mason. On the 17th August, at an emergency meeting, the day of meeting was altered from Sunday to the first Wednesday in each month. On the 2nd November of that year Bro. Bussey, afterwards Grand Secretary at York, was admitted, and I find Bro. Lakeland's name also prominent at the meetings.

Nothing specially remarkable occurs from this date until October 18th, 1769, when Bros. Meek and Atkinson, of Ripon, were admitted, and at an emergency meeting (28th December) Bros. King and Campey, of Ripon, were also made. "At this chapter Bros. Atkinson, King, and Campey, of Ripon, petitioned to have a constitution granted to hold a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon, the consideration of which is refer'd to the next lodge night, and notice thereof is to be given in the summonses." On the 7th February, 1770, "Bro. R. Consett," who would appear to have acted as counsel for the above-named petitioners, "petitioned for to have a constitution granted to open a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon for the use of the brethren, the which was balloted for and pas'd N.C.

Bro. Atkinson to be P.H.
" King " Z.L.
" Campey " J.A."

and at the March meeting "The constitution for opening and holding a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon was granted and sined in ample form; it was agreed to make them a present of it, only they paying the Secretary his fee."

At the same chapter Bro. Kedar, of Knaresborough, was admitted, and at the April meeting Bros. Bateson, Ackroyd, and Taylor, from Knaresborough, were made, and "the brethren from Knaresborough petitioned to have a constitution granted, to be opened and held at the sign of the Crown, in Knaresborough, which was agreed to.

Bro. Bateson to be P.H.
" Cowling Ackroyd Z.L.
" Hen. Taylor ... J.A."

At the next meeting in June, 1770, this Knaresborough constitution "was seal'd and sign'd."

In October, 1770, I find the following visiting brethren were present:—Bros. Proudfoot, O'Brien, Cannon, and Burke. These probably belonged to the regiment then lying in York Barracks, for it was "agreed to grant a constitution for the opening and holding a most Sublime Royal Arch chapter in the Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons at all reasonable times, and when duly congregated to make Royal Arch Masons."

On the 1st March, 1771, the days of meeting were again altered to "the first Wednesday after Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, old stile." A candidate from Leeds was made in April, 1771, and the same year Bro. Kitson, a very prominent member of the Grand Lodge, was received.

On the 3rd June, 1772, the titles of the presiding officers seem to have been altered, and instead of P.H., Z.L., and J.A., I find them given as S., H.T., and H.A. After this minute occur a number of blank pages, as if rough minutes of meetings had been kept and not been entered up, and then comes an entry made 6th January, 1776, of the holding of a chapter on that day, when three candidates were "raised." This is the last minute in the book, and I find nothing between that and the entry in the later minute book, commencing 8th February, 1778, when Sunday was again adopted as the day of meeting at the Grub Tavern, York. In this later minute book the titles of the chairs remain S., H.T., and H.A. throughout.

Not the least interesting of the contents of this old relic are the "Rules and Orders of the Grand Chapter of All England," which are inserted at the end of the book in the neat handwriting of Bro. Lakeland, who acted as Secretary about 1776. They chiefly refer to fees, times of meeting, &c., and that in all cases the ballot must be unanimous. The last of the rules is as follows:—

"The fees charged in any Constitutions granted by this Grand Chapter are usually paid on delivery of the warrant, and are in future to be always so paid."

And then follow "The Principia to be observed by all Regular Constituted Chapters of the Degree of Royal Arch." These provide for annual returns of members to be made to the Grand Chapter at York, for all bye-laws to be subject to the approval of Grand Chapter, for the "Jewels and Ornaments" to be worn and used, and then the following, which I think worth giving in full:—

"That they make no innovation in the business of the chapter, and if any doubts should arise they must always be refer'd to the Grand Chapter for decision.

"That they shall contribute annually to the Grand Chapter at York so much as they reasonably can towards the fund to be employed to benevolent and advantageous purposes.

"That no man of bad or immoral character be admitted a companion,* nor any one until he hath passed the several probationary Degrees of Craft Masonry, and thereby obtained the necessary passport as a reward for his services. And no man may be admitted for an unworthy consideration.

"That they take every method to forward the true purpose of our Order, to promote all the useful arts and sciences, and create universal peace and harmony, and that every companion do consider it as his duty to lay before the chapter whatever may tend to such salutary purposes.

"That any new discovery or other matter thought worthy of observation be communicated to the Grand Chapter at York, who will always be ready to support and forward whatever may be found useful to the fraternity in general or that chapter in particular, not repugnant to the common welfare."

On a subsequent occasion I may continue some notes on the later minutes.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

P.S.—I do not know if the initials P.H., Z.L., and J.A. have been anywhere interpreted, but I imagine them to have stood for

Propheta, Haggai.
Zerubbabel, Legislator.
Jrshua, Armiger.

T. B. W.

THE PRO GRAND MASTER AT READING.

The most numerous body of Masons ever brought together in the Royal county of Berks assembled at Reading on Monday to assist and support the popular Pro Grand Master (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon) in setting, with Masonic rites, the memorial stone of the new Public Buildings in that rapidly increasing and prosperous borough. The ceremony had been arranged for the middle of last month, but as Lord Carnarvon was seized with a severe attack of gout, the event was postponed until Monday last. We regret, however, to state that our worthy Pro Grand Master appeared to be still suffering rather acutely, and moved with difficulty, even with the assistance of his valet and a walking stick. From the same cause his lordship was prevented honouring the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Corn Exchange, with his presence, or of joining in the procession from thence to the site of the new buildings, as the noble Earl had proposed doing (and as some of our daily contemporaries stated he did, falling into the error through taking it for granted that the printed programme was carried out in its entirety).

Another matter which elicited the sympathy and regret of the brethren was the unfortunate coincidence that both the Provincial Grand Master (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.) and also the Deputy Prov. G. Master (the Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Archdeacon of Bucks), were precluded from attending through illness. In the absence of these much esteemed brethren, the Provincial Grand Lodge was close tyed in the Corn Exchange at half-past 11 o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., who for many years so worthily filled the position of Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks.

In opening the lodge, Sir John expressed the regret that all would feel that the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were prevented by illness from being present.

A procession was then formed, passing from the Corn Exchange through the Market Place to the site of the new building in Blagrove-street.

When the head of the procession arrived at the buildings the brethren divided right and left, facing inwards, forming an avenue for the Provincial Grand Officers to pass through.

The brethren bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, together with the mallet, having deposited the same on a pedestal placed for that purpose,

Silence was proclaimed by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Mayor presented a handsome trowel to the M.W. the Pro Grand Master on behalf of the Building Committee, asking him to set the stone.

The architect presented to the Pro Grand Master the plans.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. C. R. Honey, offered a prayer.

* This is the only occasion in the book where the term "companion" is used.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, read the inscription on the stone.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens, then deposited the vessel containing the oils and also the records.

An Entered Apprentice, Bro. Cundell, 574, then presented the cement to set the stone.

A hymn was then sung by the choir, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Strickland, P. Pro. G.O., during which the stone was lowered with three distinct stops.

The Pro Grand Master having proved by the mallet, square, level, and plumb, that the stone was well laid, received the cornucopia, and strewed some of Bro. Deller's Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat, after which the Grand Wardens presented the ewers containing the wine and oil, which were poured out conformably to ancient custom.

Bro. the Rev. Sir. T. W. Hayes then offered a prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Mr. Mayor, ladies, and gentlemen,—I must say two or three words, and they shall be but two or three. I must thank you, sir, for the handsome trowel which you have been pleased to give me; I shall long retain it, I trust, and not only I, but my family, as an heirloom in memory of the work which you have entrusted to me to-day, and which I so deeply appreciate. (Applause.) I desire also to thank my Masonic brethren for being present on this occasion, and to assure you how much they likewise feel it to be an honour and a privilege to take part in this work of great public usefulness. (Applause.) Lastly, let me offer my hearty good wishes for the important group of buildings of which we are to-day laying the foundation stone. May the school of science and art spread far and wide in this town and neighbourhood a useful education (hear, hear); may the museum, already enriched by a precious gift, receive many more bequests, and have a crowd of students to study the works of nature which those specimens within its walls will reveal (hear, hear); may the library be a source of instruction and of happiness to young and to old, to rich and to poor alike (hear, hear); may the Town Hall carry out the best and finest traditions of self-government, the traditions of free speech, the traditions of law and of liberty. (Applause.) Mr. Mayor, I thank you deeply for having allowed me this important part and privilege to-day. (Applause.)

The Masons then returned to the Corn Exchange, and the lodge was closed in due form, the acting Provincial Grand Master thanking Bro. Biggs for his admirable management of the procession, and Bro. Bradley, the P.G. Sec., for his excellent arrangements.

The brethren then adjourned for luncheon, which was served by Bro. Watts, and presided over by Bro. W. W. Moxhay, P.P.G.S.W.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an admirable selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Strickland, P.G.O., who also presided at the harmonium during the ceremony at the site.

The musical arrangements at the public luncheon in the Town Hall were ably carried out by Bros. Marriott, Hunt, Dyson, and Briggs, of St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

The Masons present at the ceremony included Bros. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., acting as Prov. Grand Master; E. J. Trendell, P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M.; J. Blandy Jenkins, S.G.W.; J. McGubbin, J.G.W.; Revs. C. R. Honey, N. T. Garry, E. De Ewer, G. Chaplains; C. Stephens, G. Treas.; R. Bradley, G. Sec.; Jabez Adams, S.G.D.; Robt. Roberts, J.G.D.; Edward Baker, G.S.W.; R. Ravenor, G.D.C.; Joseph Elmes, A.G.D.C.; Jas. Rutland, G. Org.; W. G. Flanagan, G. Parst.; C. Nowell, A.G.P.; C. W. Cox, C. A. Vardy, Ephraim Davey, E. J. Shrewsbury, Dick Radclyffe, G. Stewards, and forty-one P.G. Officers; also Bros. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Reginald Bird, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Oxon; T. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; W. B. Farr, P.S.G.W. Bengal; W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward, Eng., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; Lainson, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; J. M. Reid, P. Prov. G.S.W. Sussex; Darrell W. H. Horlock, P. Provincial Grand S.W. Cornwall; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.S.W. Camb.; E. J. Bruton, P. Provincial Grand S.W. Oxon; J. M. Dormer, S.W.; J. W. Terry, P.G. Reg. Herts; W. Weare, P.P.G.D. Leicester; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. M. Studwell, P.G.S.; Jos. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D. Norfolk; Christopher Park, P.P.G.R. Oxon; Wm. Park, P.P.G.S.D. Oxon; John Dew, P.P.G. Reg. Hants; Geo. Lear, P.P.G.D. Hants; Wm. Wells, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Jno. Bond, P.G.P. Surrey; H. M. Powell, P.G.O. Hants; Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Steward; W. F. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; A. Portsmouth, P.P.G.D.C. Hants; and about two hundred members of lodges in the province and visitors.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS WHITE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Thos. White, which occurred at his residence Moxted-road, Peckham, on the 4th inst. Bro. White was initiated in the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, was a P.M., and served as Steward of the "Girls" and "Boys," of both of which he was a Life Governor. In the year 1864, he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22. A severe fall during the frost of last winter seriously affected him, and he had not been well from that time to his death. Bro. White was a good working Mason, and earned the esteem and respect of all who came in contact with him.

Bro. C. J. Trendell's connection with the management of the Alexandra Palace being on the eve of severance, a movement has been set on foot to present him with a suitable testimonial.

To Correspondents.

The following Reports, &c., stand over for want of space.—Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 1218, Manchester; Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, Manchester; Truro Cathedral and the Freemasons; Manchester Lodge of Instruction; Duke of Cannought Lodge of Instruction; Faith Lodge, 141; St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766; P.M. No. 1; Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, Lancashire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletin Masinico de la Republica Dominicana," "Brief," "Keystone," "New York Sunday Times," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "Hull Packet," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Der Triangel," "Kelet-Orient," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Die New Yorker Bundes Pressr," "Hebrew Leader," "The Masonic Eclectic," "Masonic Token," "Broad Arrow."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

STONE.—On the 7th ult., at East Dulwich, the wife of Bro. D. Stone, of a daughter.

WRIGHT.—On the 2nd inst., at the Red House, Ripon, the wife of Mr. J. W. Wright, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

TURNER—THACKER.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. J. S. Blake, Vicar, General Frank Turner, C.B., Royal Artillery, to Harriett Emiline, daughter of Major J. Wilton, late Madras Army, and widow of Major-General S. Thacker, Bombay Staff Corps.

DEATHS.

HOPKINSON.—On the 31st ult., at Wansford, Mary Ann, wife of the late William Hopkinson, in her 79th year.

WILLIAMS.—On the 2nd inst., at Edith-road, W., Herbert, son of the late Lieutenant David Williams.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1879.

MASONIC RESEARCH.

It seems well for us from time to time to note and to report on the progress of Masonic research in England. Time has made rapid strides since a few students first began in the older "Freemasons' Magazine," and the *Freemason* subsequently, those discussions and those contributions which have led to such remarkable results. For let us compare the intellectual and archaeological position of English Freemasonry now with that of say twenty-five years ago. For a long time the whole of our Masonic investigations had been weighed down by the romantic and uncritical school of Oliver. For instance, when we first turned our attention to Masonic studies we could find no authority but Oliver. If it be true, as the careful and intelligent Masonic student of today well knows, that we may find casual contributions downwards from 1723 towards a sounder criticism and a true Masonic history—if it would be ungrateful, amid obvious shortcomings, to forget the labours of Anderson, Entick, Northouck and Hutchinson, and specially William Preston, as well as the essays of Ashe, Calcott, Harris, and others—yet we must confess that in the earlier portion of this century they were all overshadowed by the voluminous works of Oliver—and, unfortunately for Oliver, he ignored, or he was ignorant, of the German labours of the end of the last century, and the continuous contributions of this. Hence, to the German mind Oliver, as a writer, represents "uncriticism," if we may use such a word in its highest and most deliberate phasis, and despite his zeal, his learning, his wish to impart information, and his actual honesty both of labour and compilation, we fear that future Masonic students will be no more satisfied than we can profess to be to-day, with his safe guidance in Masonic history and archaeology. About 1859 a lecture was delivered before the Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, which advocated the Guild theory. This lecture attracted the attention of Bro. Findel, and shortly after that it was openly propounded by others. About the same time a search began for Masonic Constitutions, in which Mr. Sims, of the British Museum, largely aided, and Bro. Matthew Cooke

called attention to his collation of the Masonic Constitutions in the British Museum. He subsequently published the earliest prose Constitutions, Mr. Halliwell, a non-Mason, publishing the earliest one, the *Masonic Poem*, even so far back as 1842. If any of our readers possess the old volumes of the "Freemasons' Magazine" from 1861 to 1868, or that of the *Freemason* for 1869 and 1870, they will see how far the discussion had then proceeded. About this time—Bro. Hughan will correct us if we are in error—he began those invaluable contributions on the evidences, which have served so greatly to advance Masonic archaeology. At that time, certainly not more, (we speak with a margin of memory), than twenty MS. Constitutions were known to exist of all sorts. What is the number now? In 1872 Bro. Hughan published a list of thirty-two, and since that time others have been found or verified, making the list thirty-seven or thirty-eight. Only quite lately Bro. Hughan announced the discovery of two, and even now we have not exhausted possible or probable "finds." The original of Dowland's has yet to turn up; Ashmole's may yet be verified. We feel quite certain that MS. "rolls" or Constitutions may yet be found in forgotten lodge chests, and when such a completed list of MS. Constitutions is published we shall note, we feel sure, a much larger "total" of "legends of the Craft." What the effect all such researches have upon contemporaneous Freemasonry is too wide a subject to be treated on to-day. We reserve our remarks for a subsequent *Freemason*, but we think it well to point out certain "landmarks" in respect of Masonic research, which, valuable to the Masonic student of to-day and of to-morrow, deserve to be carefully noted and thankfully remembered.

MASONIC BELIEF.

It is refreshing and interesting to note how clearly, both in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain, the question of Masonic belief is received in its true light, and regarded in its deep importance. Indeed, in our opinion, on this fact depends, more than on any other, the safe progress and legitimate continuance of Freemasonry in the world, as looked kindly on by the ruling powers and favourably appreciated by the public. For it is this reverent acknowledgment of the Most High and the practical development of the Divine law of charity, which have served so greatly to cement Freemasonry in its interior and adorn it in its exterior organization, and have, above all, satisfied the critical and somewhat doubting curiosity of an extern and hesitating world. For a secret society which professes no religion or avows no belief is pretty sure to fall under suspicion and arouse fear. If it be still true that many people hold ever "omne ignotum pro magnifico," the very secrecy of Freemasonry invests it alike with exaggerated terrors and imaginary terrors to the timid or the antagonistic. So that a society which professes to have no religion and to avow no God must not be surprised if its enemies ridicule its statements, if even its friends grow cold when it is accused of revolutionary purposes or atheistic principles. If any of us want to know to what length a vivid imagination will lead those who are ignorant of the true principles of Freemasonry, let them peruse the opening chapter in Alexander Dumas's "Joseph Balsamo," when he surrounds our peaceful, and loyal, and religious Order, (and peaceful, and loyal, and religious it was then in France), with all the attributes of revolutionary unbelievers and insane "Illuminés." But then history repeats itself, and wherever Freemasons are to-day who discard the venerable, and reverent, and loyal, and old-fashioned principles of true Freemasonry, there too we find it proscribed and persecuted, exposed to the vulgar calumny of the Ultramontane, and even doubted and undervalued by good men and orderly citizens. We do not say that, even where as with us—Freemasonry has now the Prince of Wales at its head—where its loyalty is alike unquestioned and unquestionable, it is free from rancour and calumny, from idle gossip or malignant

slander. That is not so! But what we do say is, that when it is supported by the "mens conscia recti," when its professions and practice are alike consistent and honest, when it stands by its ancient landmarks and abides by its own goodly teaching—such is the excellence of Freemasonry, that it rises to its own level in the struggles of the world and smiles at petty assailants, just as it contemns insidious calumny. But then it must stand firm on its one sure and safe foundation, or else its building will crumble to decay, whether owing to the opposition of man or the encroaching hand of time. And what is that sure and safe foundation? does any one ask in the *Freemason*. Then we reply, belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the goodly mission of Freemasonry.

TRUE PHILANTHROPY.

There are many ways, no doubt, in which wealth and power can confer happiness on men, but, as our exalted Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold said the other day, the very possession of riches is rendered more enjoyable by the sense of being able to do good to others; and certainly to no other better purpose can wealth be devoted, for no truer end can it be offered, than the relief of the sufferings of our common humanity, the mitigation of its burdens, the progress of civilizing culture, or the happy and peaceful development of intellectual powers or scientific studies. Our age has been distinguished by numerous great and philanthropic gifts of the large-hearted and the truly liberal, of the sincere philanthropist, of the unpretending benefactor of society and of mankind. We need not particularize gifts which have been remarkable, or mention donors whose names are recorded as imperishable "footprints" on the great sands of time;

"Footprints which, perhaps, another
Struggling on life's stormy main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, may take heart again."

Our attention has been specially and forcibly called to an announcement, which will be found elsewhere in our present impression, which tells us in striking and most gratifying manner of a most munificent gift on the part of a very distinguished brother of our Order, and Past Grand Officer, Professor Erasmus Wilson. He is well and favourably known outside his own great profession of which he is a very leading member, by that most patriotic act, which transferred at his own sole cost the obelisk which now graces the Embankment, from the sands of Egypt, where it had long lain prostrated and uncared for. Few of those crowds who pass along the Embankment daily sufficiently realize, perhaps, what they really owe to the patriotic sympathies and manly liberality of Bro. Erasmus Wilson. It is well, then, ever to keep before us the fact—a fact creditable to the metropolis we inhabit, the age we live in, and, above all, to the man and the Mason, who, with princely mind, grudged no expense to adorn for long, distant generations, let us trust, that great metropolis of ours, around which lie centred, as far as human pen can pierce into the coming clouds of future years, the hopes of peace and progress, prosperity and vital civilization, in this great warring and troubled world of ours. There is at Margate a most admirable institution—the Sea Bathing Infirmary—specially applicable to those thousands of the humble classes, who, toiling in our large towns, in reeking alleys and ill-ventilated rooms, either inherit the dreadful taint of scrofula, or have its incipient stages extended and developed by insufficient food and foul atmosphere. The wants of this modest, but most useful institution, most curative and healing in its treatment and results, have outgrown its means. A new wing is required, and our distinguished brother comes forward of his "own free will and accord," like a good Mason and true philanthropist, offers to build this new wing, together with a chapel, at his own cost, without throwing any of the expenditure on the much-needed funds of this truly benevolent infirmary. We are informed that the cost of the new wing is estimated at not less than £20,000, and that it will include a swimming bath, and dormitories,

and day rooms for seventy-five inmates. In the new wing, which is to be one storey, there will be covered cloisters, so that the inmates may take exercise in all weathers. The flat roof of the building will also be utilized. By the design of the architect, when the new wing is completed, the old house may gradually be rebuilt on to it, thus introducing throughout the building all those hygienic arrangements and that sanitary system which are so conducive to a proper use of means in the cure and mitigation of suffering and disease. The new wing will be called the "Erasmus Wilson" wing. The chapel is to seat three hundred persons. Are we not justified in recording this fact with some pride, as brought about by the munificent ministry of a worthy and distinguished member of our Order? May we not commend his happy example to others? And, above all, may we not predicate for such true philanthropy a goodly outcome, a blessed result? In time to come, when many a poor ailing brother or sister of the flesh have had health and strength restored to them at the Sea Bathing Infirmary, at Margate, by the healing ministrations and curative sympathy of that excellent institution, they will remember with gratitude the name of Erasmus Wilson as a sincere benefactor to our common race, as one who wished to "leave the world better than he found it," to heal its wounds, to lessen its bitter and appalling afflictions, to remove, if so might be in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., its deadly scars, its open shame, and its abounding and often almost incurable evils.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish to do a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The visit of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite to Weston-Super-Mare on the 22nd ult., has caused the very important question to be asked by many people, who are not members of our Order, "What is Freemasonry?" I have promised to give an answer to such query, and I cannot do better than reply through the columns of the *Freemason*.

The ordinary reply would be that it is "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," yet a far more elaborate answer may be given without revealing any point or points, or the ancient landmarks of the Order, for it embraces every part of that noble science which has existed from time immemorial, and under whose powerful influence wonderful results have been obtained. We will divide the subject into three separate and distinct periods, or stages, by which the full knowledge of the science is obtained. The First Degree symbolises man emerging from a temporary state of darkness into the light of truth, encouraging him to a fervent hope of becoming a partaker of the blessings of life eternal. The Second Degree admits him to the great intellectual field of science, which is unfolded to view, and enables him to appreciate the goodness, power, and wisdom of the Great Creator, and to read them in the sacred pages of the celestial hemisphere and terrestrial world. In the third stage the aspirant is brought into the sublimity of the science and the full blaze of revelation, for in this Degree we are taught specially to study the hidden mysteries of nature and science. From vain curiosity many cowans strive to penetrate the arcana of our secrets, but, happily, such efforts have proved fruitless to all who do not possess the master-key, and to such our Order is always closed tyled. Another class of inquirers are those Masons who have a desire to render themselves serviceable to their fellow members, but whose daily avocations are too numerous to allow them time for the close study of Masonic symbolism. To this class of inquirers I will endeavour to give such practical explanation of celestial symbolism as must satisfy the intellectual members that Masonry and astronomy are very closely allied, and perhaps they may be willing to admit that there may be mysteries hidden in the heavens, which "at present they cannot understand." To follow what I wish to explain without divulging forbidden points it is necessary to have a globe or celestial atlas. Presuming such atlas to be before us, I will ask the Masonic student to refer to the Southern hemispherical plate. Around the border we find Roman figures from I. to XXIV.; these denote the twenty-four hours of the day; between XVII. and XVIII., below the ecliptic, is an altar or pedestal. Between XXIV. and I. is a book, or *Bilvia*. Now with compasses from the equatorial pole the centre of this *Bilvia* will reach the exact centre of the pedestal, above which are always a pair of compasses, a stonemason's old fashioned level, and near thereto can be found the rule and square. The initiate is the celestial figure, Antinous, and between XIX. and XX. we observe the kneeling position of this youth. Between XIV. and XV. is a large figure possessing two sandals or slippers. Compasses from the pole of the equator will take the beel of the sandal from the left foot of this large figure and place it on the little naked right foot of the aspirant. Now with so

large a slipper can he move otherwise than "slip-shod?" and compasses from the equatorial will bring the other large slipper to the initiate's left foot. Cowans may say this slipper affair is a mere coincidence, but I will ask them to point out, if they can, whether by compasses these slippers may be brought to fit any other feet in the heavens, or if they can find any other slippers in the celestial atlas than those worn by this great figure. Next to the Northern hemispherical plate, and between XIX. and XX., are the head and shoulders of the aspirant, Antinous, and near II. on the equator is a very remarkable knot. Place one point of the compass within the loop made by the knot, and the other point of the compass at the equatorial pole, we can bring the rope or cord to the youth; does it not fit his neck precisely like a cable tow? Is this another coincidence? With compasses from centre we cannot make this rope fit any other neck in the heavens. For the Second Degree, or stage, compasses from the centre of the ecliptic (not the pole) will take the ear of corn, which is in the large figure's left hand, at XIII. to XXIII., and there it will be alongside a current of water. This symbolism all Masons must know without further reference. Much of the working of the Third Degree is also depicted in the celestial hemisphere, but I may only divulge one point to the uninitiated. Between IX. and X. is a lion's paw, and compasses from the ecliptic centre (not the pole of the ecliptic) will place the right hand of the now exalted Mason in the lion's paw. More of these points must not be revealed in a publication, yet I will readily give them to Masonic students who wish to study Masonic symbolism. I hope I have offered sufficient proof that there is a close connection between Freemasonry and celestial astronomy.

I will now give an explanation of symbolical Masonry in connection with terrestrial objects. For instance, let us take the blossom of a "Passiflora" or passion-flower. What do we find? Why, that every particle of the blossom of this beautiful, curious, and sweet-scented flower teaches Masonic symbolism. Persons unacquainted with the origin of the discovery of this flower have supposed it to be an emblem of the tender passion of love; all who have taken an interest in the origin of botanical names will know the name Passion has no reference to the passion of love, but that it more immediately refers to the last sufferings of our crucified Christ. In the sharp spines springing from the base of the petals and encircling the corolla we can readily perceive a vivid representation of the Crown of Thorns; the three black segments into which the pistil divides itself at the apex are not unlike three large-headed nails, symbolising the three nails by which the feet and hands of Christ were secured to the Cross. The calyx, with its three divisions underneath the petals of the corolla, symbolises the W.M. of a lodge and two Wardens, the three greater and three lesser lights, three supports, three ornaments, three moveable and three immoveable jewels, three principal tenets, three rounds of the Masonic ladder, three working tools in each Degree, three principal orders of architecture, three important human senses, three gates of the temple, or sanctum sanctorum, the three colours, white, red, and purple, of Royal Arch Masonry; the red, blue, and white silken cord twisted into three strands, and worn round the neck of brethren of the Sat B'nai, convey appropriate teachings; the sacred number three strands first for birth, second manhood, third death, and for life, death, and eternity. Next come the ten petals of the corolla of the Passiflora, corresponding in number to the ten letters constituting the name of Hiram Abiff; they also symbolise the ten Sepheroth, constituting the sacred name of God. In their totality and unity, the ten Sepheroth represent the archetypal man, Adam Kadmon. Ten is the most sacred of all numbers, for it forms the beginning and end of numbers, and symbolises the Cross. Next is the numbers or glory surrounding "the point within the circle," or base of the style issuing from the centre. The point within a circle is a Masonic symbol of great importance; its exoteric explanation is, that the point represents an individual brother, the circle being the boundary line of his duty to God and to man, but the esoteric meaning is far different, and would require volumes in itself to fully explain. On the apex of the style rests the egg-shaped ovary, surrounded by five anthers, and supporting three pistils; the ovary containing the seed of the Passiflora symbolises the universality of Masonry within the circumference of our terrestrial sphere. The five anthers typify the five points of fellowship, five Masonic orders of architecture, five senses of hearing, seeing, feeling, tasting, and smelling, the five-pointed star the symbol of health, five F.Cs.—five is a mystical number, being the union of odd and even, representing Asher and the four elements. The anthers seem to be pierced by their filaments on the sharp points of which they are poised, at once suggesting to our minds the five wounds of our crucified Saviour, who shed his blood on the Cross for man's salvation. The three pistils at the apex typify the Z., H., and J., of a Royal Arch chapter, the highest position we can obtain, in Craft Masonry the three principal working tools, compass, triangle, and square, the three Masonic graces, faith, hope, and charity, the equilateral triangle, and the trihedron of three equal sides; the pistils symbolise the Tricity, also the tri-syllabic name of God, A.N.M., Al-Oh-Jah; the term I.A.O. pronounced I-Ah-O, contains in itself a deep allegory. The true pronunciation of this sacred, mysterious, ineffable name was known only to three persons, who are said to have seen God face to face, viz., Enoch, Jacob, and Moses, and each of whom in succession were Grand Masters of our Masonic Order.

I feel that I have already wearied you with the subject of Masonic symbolism, but what better answer can I give the inquirer of "What is Freemasonry," than to bring him into the full blaze of the sublimity of Masonic science, that he may see we have subjects of study other than the Epicurean motto of "Eat, drink, and be merry," for Freemasonry admits us to the great intellectual field of science, which may be unfolded to our view, and enables us to

appreciate the wisdom, power, and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe; although the feebleness of our nature does not permit us at once to grasp the magnitude of His works, we can feel a special joy in the hope of receiving as a reward for a life well spent in acts of piety, an admission into a mansion, not built with hands, but one eternal in the Heavens, where we shall behold shining that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful.

BENJ. COX, P.M., P.Z.

Weston-Super-Mare, Oct. 25th, 1879.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being personally desirous of knowing as far as possible the amount of support awarded to the Charities by the several provinces in proportion to the number of their members, I was induced in the intervals of leisure to calculate the number of life votes possessed by each, and the proportion which it bears to the number of lodges. With the idea that it may be interesting to some of your readers I forward the result herewith.

This test, though not conclusive, appears to me about the fairest which can be applied, as although the number of members of individual lodges doubtless varies considerably, yet by taking the whole of each province we arrive at a very fair average, and, so far as I know, there are no means—open to all—of ascertaining the number of subscribing members of each lodge.

The calculations have been made with considerable care, though I can hardly hope that they are entirely free from error, but should be glad to hear if any serious discrepancies are detected.

The numbers of votes are taken from the last published lists, and, therefore, do not include the present year's qualifications. Life votes only are counted, as the annual subscribers vary so much from year to year as to be quite unreliable for the purpose. Provinces are placed in order of merit, but fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ are counted as $\frac{1}{2}$.

The following is the result as applied to the Girls' School:—

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Votes.	Votes per Lodge.
1 Yorkshire, West ...	66	1484	22½
2 Kent ...	43	655	15½
3 Sussex ...	20	396	19½
4 Wilts ...	10	141	14½
5 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	177	13½
6 Oxfordshire ...	9	121	13½
7 Surrey ...	18	241	13½
8 Warwickshire ...	30	400	13½
9 Norths and Hunts ...	9	112	12½
10 Berks and Bucks ...	17	208	12½
11 Lincolnshire ...	20	241	12½
12 Gloucestershire ...	14	164	12
13 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	358	11½
14 Staffordshire ...	21	236	11½
15 Somerset ...	21	234	11½
16 Monmouthshire ...	8	89	11½
17 Herts ...	11	113	10½
18 Durham ...	25	233	9½
19 Bristol ...	8	74	9½
20 South Wales (Western) ...	9	77	8½
21 Suffolk ...	19	159	8½
22 Essex ...	17	138	8½
23 Middlesex ...	29	217	7½
24 Lancashire, East ...	89	640	7½
25 Dorset ...	13	92	7½
26 Leicestershire & Rutland ...	10	67	6½
27 Norfolk ...	15	92	6½
28 Worcestershire ...	10	57	5½
29 Hereford ...	4	22	5½
30 Cheshire ...	37	200	5½
31 Yorkshire, North and East ...	26	135	5½
32 Cumberland & Westmorland ...	19	95	5
33 Notts ...	9	42	4½
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	110	4½
35 Northumberland ...	18	67	3½
36 Devon ...	47	158	3½
37 Lancashire, West ...	80	243	3½
38 Bedfordshire ...	5	15	3
39 Cambridgeshire ...	4	11	2½
40 Cornwall ...	23	72	2½
41 Channel Islands ...	11	24	2½
42 Derbyshire ...	19	25	1½
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
Total Lodges.	940	8435	9 Average per Lodge.

I will next ask you to publish the result of the same test as applied to the Boys' School.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to inform our country brethren that there is a person named Wilson seeking assistance from town to town, stating that he belongs to the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, and at the same time to tell them he does not belong to our lodge; in fact, we have not had such a name on our books for over twenty years.

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly and fraternally,

JONAS DUCKETT,
P.M., Hon. Sec. United Pilgrims, 507.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your article on this subject in a recent number of the *Freemason* must meet the approval of all who have given the matter more than cursory attention, and are not led away by a sentence which, at first sight, I confess has some attractiveness. But is it at all possible to carry out in detail the promise of such a title? and if so, is the play worth the candle? Under a score or so of Preceptors in this metropolis the Ritual of Freemasonry, &c., is learnt by the members of the Craft who are anxious to qualify themselves for the duties of their various lodges. Undoubtedly the systems of the Preceptors vary considerably, and are infected by their various mentalities. The elaborate system of the Lodge of Stability, and the concise working of the Lodge of Emulation, have each its firm adherents and promulgators, not to speak of the various provincial and Colonial methods. There are, I say, in all these great variations, but there is also a singular convergence.

Now the idea of the promoters of uniformity of workings is of course good in trying to establish a general harmony. But, although the proposition appears paradoxical, I have no hesitation in stating that nothing, in my opinion, would so much tend to inharmonious results as its adoption. Any edict of Grand Lodge insisting on a particular system of working would be considered a claim to infallibility, and in itself antagonistic to the principles, nay, even to the very name, of Freemasonry.

Not in any mode of working that I have at present seen do I recognise perfection. Much of mediæval tenor and grandiloquence might be removed without any detriment to the beauty of the Ritual, but I look to the good sense of the brethren, educated by the facilities the Masonic press gives us in ventilating our various opinions, for remedies rather than in establishing Committees or edicts from Grand Lodge.

Even supposing there be a recognised system enforced by Constitution, it would be necessary to compel its performance in monotone. We know how easily the significance of a word or sentence can be altered by inflection or accent.

We are tethered to our land marks, and cannot go very far astray. Let us, therefore, leave the matter of uniformity alone, or argue our different readings in the Masonic publications, and adopt in our working what seemeth best.

The only uniformity we want is that of the spirit of Freemasonry, not the letter, carrying out, in our intercourse with each other, the grand principles on which the Order is founded, thus "demonstrating to the world at large that the word brother amongst Masons is something more than a name."

I hope the author of a very useful and instructive work ("Uniformity of Working") will be content with his laurels, and not attempt to persuade Grand Lodge to form a Committee to decide the difference betwixt tweedledum and tweedledee.

Remaining fraternally yours,

H. E. FRANCES,

P.P.G.D., Preceptor.

Reviews.

THE NEW "RED BOOK" OF THE "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE." (ENGLAND, &c.)

The new edition of the rules and regulations and list of members of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown" is now ready for issue, corrected to 1st September, 1879; and to the brethren of that distinguished Rite will prove a most useful and interesting compilation. There are several improvements in this the last edition, and every opportunity appears embraced most readily by the Secretary General to make the work all that is wanted or needful to render the members fully conversant as to the laws and customs of the Rite. In the event of any exclusion or suspension the Inspector General is to notify accordingly to the chapters in his district, and cannot of course really take any effect until confirmed by the Supreme Council. There are changes made as to "Serving Brethren," but as to these we need not describe them here, as they should be known only to those whom they concern. Under the 18th Degree it is stated that at least five brethren, including a M.W.S. or P.M.W.S., should be present at the perfection of a candidate. This is a desirable regulation, and should be carefully noted, as well as the fact that no chapter in England can legally admit as a candidate or joining member a brother hailing from another jurisdiction without the authority of the Supreme Council being first obtained. The limited numbers of the 32nd and 31st Degrees have been increased from 36 and 63 to 45 and 72 respectively, doubtless owing to the great prosperity of the Order, and the number of active chapters being now 85, whereas in 1877, when the previous edition was published, there were not more than 75. The prefix Deputy to the Inspectors General has been dropped, and thus by removing rather than by an addition the dignity of the title has been added to thereby. Instead of a breast jewel for the 33rd Degree, that distinction is now to be worn "on the right hip, at crossing of sash, pendant from a golden rose on scarlet bow," and the effect is certainly most artistic. The Supreme Councils in Amity with that of England, &c., number one less this time than in 1877, that, unfortunately, of Scotland being omitted, owing to the management of the latter in some important respects not being satisfactory to the English authorities. We trust that the misunderstanding may soon be removed, so that the number of 21 Councils will be again returned to. "A chronological list of members of the Supreme Council 33° of England" is a new feature, and one that might be considerably added to from time to time, for but little

is known of the early history of the Rite in this country. The original members it appears were Dr. Crucefix, the Rev. Geo. Oliver, D.D., and Henry Udall, and the warrant is dated 26th Oct., 1845, but long before this, even during the last century, several of the Degrees were worked in England, and should be noted, we think, in a subsequent edition. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., 33°, is Grand Patron, and his two Royal Brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are also 33rd Degrees, and honorary members of the Council. The oldest member of the Council appears to be Major-General Henry Clerk, and the latest admitted into that distinguished body is General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey. There are five retired members (including the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. of England), and ten Inspectors General, with seven *unattached*. We must not, however, dwell too long on this little brochure, as, though numbering 144 pages, it can be had at the office of *The Freemason*, for the sum of one shilling and sixpence, so that no member should be without a copy.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN NATURE. C. Kegan Paul and Co., Paternoster-square.

This is a much larger book, of 477 pages, and which to treat upon fully in the limited columns of the *Freemason* might fairly be deemed an absurdity, if not an impertinence. We can, therefore, only just glance at it. But we think it right to call attention to it for several reasons. A great controversy has recently agitated Freemasonry, when an important section of the Masonic family threw over and off all avowal of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. The effect of the change may have been deemed greater than it actually is, (though we fear of its reality there is no possible doubt), but still the fact remains, outwardly, that a large body of Freemasons "knows not" God. And as in addition to this there is in society all around us a great tendency to cling to the natural alone and to reject the supernatural, to take up either with a crazy Positivism, (so called), or a so-called "independent morality," or a grovelling Epicurism, or an abject Atheism, we think it well to remind our readers that our English Freemasonry, reverent and religious as it is, from first to last avows, purely, clearly, fully, its belief and trust in T.G.A.O.T.U. as a personal, living, ruling, judging God, and that it accepts His inspired revelation, with all its supernatural claims on our acceptance of faith, "as the unerring standard of right and wrong," and "bids us to regulate our lives by the Divine precepts it contains." Therefore such a book, though so far anonymously written, may well be a study to the cultured Freemason of to-day. We might perhaps analyse its contents and reproduce its arguments, but we think it better to leave that pleasing task to a second notice, for we ourselves require a little more time to digest the propositions of the able writer than a mere hasty glance can afford. But it may well be pointed out to our readers that the writer of this work has spared no pains to collect from the best sources of information the most striking results of modern discoveries in physical science, and has applied them to the confirmation, not the confutation, of the great truths of religion, of which most men of common sense, whether scientists or not, are fully persuaded. A reviewer in the *Times* has well remarked "That such arguments should be needed at all is, indeed, the greatest reproach to this scientific age. No one can believe that Sir Isaac Newton, had he lived in these days, would have been perverted to atheism and disbelief in a future state by microscopic discoveries which have upset the faith of some less mature and well-balanced intellects in modern times. Hear his own noble confession in the 'Principia':—'The world is not God, as the Pantheists affirm. It did not exist from Eternity, as the Peripatetics taught. It was not made by Fate and Necessity, as the Stoics said. It did not arise from a fortuitous concourse of atoms, as the Epicureans asserted, nor from the antagonism of two rival powers, as the Persians and Manichæans affirmed, nor was it made by Angels, or by emanations of æons, as some of the ancient Gnostics held, nor out of matter co-eternal with God, as Hermogenes said, nor by the spontaneous energy and evolution of self-developing powers, as some have affirmed in later days; but it was created by One, Almighty, Eternal, Wise, and Good Being—God.'" We, therefore, think it well to call the attention of the reader to this important work, agreeing with the *Times* reviewer where he has it, "We have no hesitation in saying that he will gain both moral and intellectual strength from its perusal."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A LODGE MINUTE BOOK.

I wish to call attention to the "extracts" and "notes" which follow, from a MS. recently purchased by the authorities of the British Museum, and to which Mr. R. Sims has kindly called my attention. Perhaps Bro. Hughan or Bro. Gould can enlighten me as to the "Royal Lodge."

A. F. A. W.

FO. 1. begins: "The Royal Lodge, held at the Thatched House, in St. James's St., 6 Nov., 1777. Present: The Right W. Dr. Reynold, M., in the chair; the W. B. Birth, P.M.; the W. B. Evance, S.W., pro tem.; the W. B. Goodenough, J.W., pro tem.; B. Bechford, B. Dalmaiden. The minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed." &c., &c.

FO. 3. The next date is 5 March, 1778. From that date the lodges appear to have been held twice a month to 5 June, 1817, but either the minutes are wanting or the meetings were less frequent, since the notices are dated only once in the year towards the end.

The last paragraph says: "The business of the lodge being ended it was closed in due form, and adjourned to the 18th June, 1818." Quite at the end is printed "Hymn to be sung by the children of the Freemasons' School before the anniversary sermon of the Charity, 15 April, 1804, at St. John's Church, Westminster." Then follows a notice (printed) of the School "St. George's Fields."

CHARLES MARTEL.

I note Bro. Gould's remarks, and I now reply to them. The absence from his "poem" of mention of any names but those of Euclid and Athelstan is, to my mind a proof of its antiquity. We have in the poem two legends, the second beginning at line 471—*Alia Ordinacio artis gemetrix*, which is henceforth a repetition of the previous legend, to which are added the "ars quatuor" and certain rules for religious service and customary and proper behaviour at meals, &c. The poem is of high antiquity, and though Mr Bond gives the present "Regius MS." at early 15th century date, Casley assigns it to the 14th century, and so did Mr. Walbran. If ever "*Pars Oculi*" turns up, an old poem, now missing, from which John Myrc borrowed his poem, a portion of which is found in the Masonic poem, and Myrc wrote in 1420, we shall probably find that it is Norman-French, or Latin, originally. Matthew Cooke's MS. gives us, in addition to Euclid and Athelstan, David, Solomon, the son of the King of Tyre, Alban Amphibalus (Adhabell), Carolus Secundus Mamus Græcus, Athelstan, and his younger son. Matthew Cooke's MS. seems to contain a duplicate legend, also beginning at p. 642. In the second legend the name Englet is found, but who clearly is not the Euclid of the first legend, but answers more nearly to the 'personage named "Mamus Græcus," Ninias, or Memon, whoever he may really be. It is a point to be noted, that whereas in the poem there are fifteen articles and fifteen points there are only nine of each in Matthew Cooke's MS., and the points and articles are in the first legend in the poem, and in the second legend in the prose contribution. In Dowland's prose, which probably represents a version of 1500, we have Euclid, David, Solomon, Hiram, Alban Amphibalus, Charles Martel, Mamus Græcus, Athelstan Edwin, all mentioned. Some may say "vires acquirit eundo," but it appears to me only the natural greater fulness of the legend more elaborately treated. If Mr. Bond's view is correct as to date, Matthew Cooke's MS., instead of late 15th, is early 15th century, contemporaneous with the MS. poem.

A. F. A. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Dr. Richard Morris, R. B. Webster, A. J. Duff Filer, J. W. Dosell, W. H. Peryman, Arthur E. Gladwell, S. Rawson, John Constable, J. J. Berry, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Horsley, H. Venn, T. Meggy, E. C. Mather, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The report of the Audit Committee recommended the investment of £1500, and the Committee adopted the recommendation, and ordered the investment to be made in Reduced Three per Cents.

The Committee then considered petitions for candidates, and placed the following on the list for the election in April next:—William Vincent B. Jones, son of the late Bro. the Rev. William Vincent H. Jones, of Knaresborough, who died of diphtheria on the 20th of July, 1879; H. Eccleston, son of Bro. Thomas Eccleston, of Her Majesty's ship "Lily," who died of Asiatic cholera on the 23rd of September, 1877; Isaac Williams, son of Bro. Williams, a mariner (Holyhead), who died October 5th, 1877; S. J. Critch, of Leamington; G. S. Booker; John Hogg (Chester); and H. G. Darling (West Ham).

The Committee afterwards granted £20 to apprentice one boy, and made grants of £5 each to four other pupils of the Institution.

The Committee adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire Freemasons was held at the Royal Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Comp. Lord De Tabley, R.W. P.G. Superintendent, presided, and there was a large number of influential companions.

The following companions were the officers invested:—
Comp. the Rev. Spencer Stanhope ... Prov. G. H.
" F. Smith ... Prov. G. J.
" G. W. Latham ... Prov. G. S.E.
" Siddley ... Prov. G. S.N.
" Lisle ... Prov. G. P.S.
" Bury ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Brooks ... Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Dennis ... Prov. G. S.B.
" Tomlinson ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" F. Jackson, jun. ... Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Alcock ... Prov. G. Janitor.

The whole of the chapters in the province were represented with the exception of two.

The Provincial Grand Chapter, on the proposition of Comp. Latham, voted the sum of £57 15s. from the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions afterwards adjourned to the Crewe Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Apollo Masonic Hall, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. He was accompanied by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. Bird, S.G.D.; Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past G.C.; and by the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, viz.: Bros. Jiggins, as P.G.S.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.); H. R. Cooper-Smith, as P.G. J.W.; Rev. T. Johnson and T. A. Janson, as P.G. Chaplains; Ald. Randall, P.G. Treas.; R. H. Collins, C.B., P.G. Reg.; Alfred Winkfield, P.G. Sec.; W. Clinch, P.G.S.D.; T. W. Holland, P.G.J.D.; R. T. Hodge, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. J. Hughes, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Arthur Davis, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. J. F. Yule, as P.G. Org.; W. R. Bowden, P.G. Purst.; Coles, Crowder, Tomlin, Osmond, Buckell, and Palmer, P.G. Stewards. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap. England, was among the visitors.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, when Il. Signor Dibartoli (?), member of the Grand Orient of Italy, was introduced, and conducted to a chair on the right of H.R.H. the Prov. G.M.

The minutes of the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M. read his report of the various lodges of the province, and also the report of the Charity Committee, which were severally approved.

The Prov. G. Treasurer made his financial statement, and the usual sums were voted to the Masonic and local Charities.

H.R.H. then presented the Charity jewel to Bros. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, 357, P. Prov. G. Chap., and E. L. Hawkins, 357; and bars for the jewel to Bros. Rev. H. A. Pickard, 357, Past G. Chap.; Fentham Hedges, W.M. 478, P. Prov. G. Sec.; and John Potts, 599, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Bro. T. B. Brown, 1399, Prov. J.G.W., was also entitled to a jewel, but was unavoidably absent, and Bro. Park to a bar, also due, and which would be presented subsequently.

H.R.H. then appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- W. Bro. Reginald Bird ... Prov. D.G.M.
- James Jenkin, W.M. 340 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- Birch, W.M. St. Mary's ...
- Lodge ... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. David Thomas, 357; }
W. Bro. Rev. J. Hordera } Prov. G. Chaps.
- Jukes, 357 ...
- T. M. Crowder ... Prov. G. Reg.
- T. Randall (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- Alfred Winkfield ... Prov. G. Sec.
- H. O. Crane ... Prov. G.S.D.
- J. O. R. Laxford ... Prov. G.J.D.
- J. Coles ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- E. Locke Tomlin, W. Bro. }
R. Buckell } Prov. G.D. of Cers.
- C. J. F. Yule ... Prov. G. Org.
- G. H. Osmond ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- J. S. Palmer, W. Bro. J. }
Scary } Prov. G. Pursts.
- Bros. H. P. Symonds, J. M. Dormor, }
E. L. Hawkins, J. J. Colcutt, J. } Prov. G. Stewards.
- Colcutt ...
- Bros. G. Norwood, W. Biggs ... Prov. G. Tylers.

The other provincial business having been transacted Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form, H.R.H. the Prov. G.M. being escorted by his officers to the retiring room. Soon after seven o'clock the banquet was served in the Assembly Room of the Clarendon Hotel. H.R.H. again presided, well supported on either side by both Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, his officers wearing their collars and jewels; Bro. Jenkin, P.G. S.W., and Bro. Birch, P.G.J.W., acting in the capacity of Vice-Presidents.

The toasts were generally given by H.R.H., "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," carrying with them, if possible, additional interest from the fact that the proposer was the son of the first and brother of the second.

To Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard was entrusted the honour of proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prov. G. Master," who alluded to the great work the Prince was doing in the furthering of education, and of the arts and sciences, following well up in the steps of one esteemed Royal Mason who had gone before him, the illustrious Duke of Sussex, whose mantle, he thought, had fallen on Prince Leopold.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," introducing a new opening which had been made in the way of looking after our boys and girls on leaving the Schools and apprenticing them, or otherwise placing or fitting them out in life. This new call on their care (emanating from the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the 81st anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft) had the sanction and support of H.R.H. their Prov. G.M., and was one of several works of sympathy he was engaged in.

As a mark of welcome to their distinguished guest from the Grand Orient of Italy, "The Health of the King of Italy" was given from the chair, and responded to with "foreign fire."

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. H. R. Cooper-Smith, and responded to by the illustrious brother from the Grand Orient of Italy. His Excellency's speech was delivered in Italian, its purport being subsequently translated into English by Bro. V. de Tivoli, Taylorian Teacher of Italian in the University.

At about 10 o'clock the Tyler's toast was given, thus concluding a happy day in the Masonic annals of Oxford.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CALLINGTON.

The ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, built by the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Bro. John Richards, W.M., was performed on the 28th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of the Masonic fraternity. The P.G.M. of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, was to have been present and undertaken the dedication, but through the illness of a daughter he was at the last moment prevented, and his place was ably filled by the D.P.G.M., Col. Peard. The P.G.M. of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, was among the visitors. The new hall, which has been erected at a cost of about £400, exclusive of the furniture, is situated at the bottom of the main thoroughfare through Callington, near the parish church. Hitherto the members of Loyal Victoria Lodge have met in an apartment at the Bull's Head Hotel; but for the future they will assemble in one of the prettiest little lodges in the province. The architect is Mr. S. Johns, of Saltash, who, adopting the geometrical style of architecture, has produced a building which does him great credit. It is of native stone, with dressings of polyphant and granite, and polyphant corbels. An effective porch has, on each side, appropriate pillars. There is an ante-room, with the necessary conveniences, and inside this is the lodge room. Its length is 33ft., breadth 23ft., and height 24ft., and it is excellently furnished. The work about the interior is very effective, and one prominent feature is the mantel-piece, composed of Portland stone, relieved by polyphant columns and capitals, the handiwork of Mr. Davey, of Bodmin. The W. Master's chair is the gift of Mr. R. Peter, of Callington. The lodge is well ventilated on a system adopted by the architect with equal success in other places. For this particular purpose Mr. Jones utilises the cornices, and the temperature on the 28th ult., when the room was crowded, was not in any way inconveniently felt. The hall is lighted by means of a large "wheel" window at the west end, and a corresponding window over the Master's chair. The keystones are relieved by the arms of the Prince of Wales, as G.M. of England, of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as P.G.M., and of the county.

The day's ceremony was inaugurated by the brethren assembling under the direction of Bro. Rowe, P.M. 320, P.G.D.C., and headed by the band of the 5th D.C.R.V., walking in procession to the parish church, where Divine service was held.

There were present Bros. Col. Peard, D.P.G.M.; Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire; T. Hawken, P.G.S.W. 350; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.D.; J. Hawkins, P.P.G.D.; F. B. Williams, P.G.S.B.; P. Carroll, P.P.G.T. 330; W. Rowe, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. 282; J. H. Stephens, P.M. Devon, 159; W. Rooks, A.G.P. 131; T. W. Beale, P.G.T. 977; R. A. Courtney, P.G.D. 510; J. S. Childs, P.P.G.T. 510; E. D. Anderton, P.P.J.G.W. 331; E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S. 331; R. John, P.P.G.D.C. 131; C. G. Archer, P.G.W. 789; W. Smith, P.G.S. of Wks. 851; G. Barnes, P.P.G.P. 1164; G. Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W. 970; T. B. S. Richards, I.P.M. 282; H. Down, J.W. 282; N. Bray, J.D. 282; I. Roskilly, Org. 282; W. H. L. Clark, W.M. 1071; G. J. Firks, W.M. 1247; E. Herring, S.D. 1071; J. Pearce, J.D. 1136; J. Stephens, P.M. 1151; T. C. Stephens, P.M. 1151; J. Rendel, P.M. 1247; T. Gibbons, W.M. 1205; T. Goodall, P.M. 954; J. Rawling, I.P.M. 1071; J. R. Collins, P.M. 336; S. G. Roach, S.W. 1157; T. White, P.M. 510; W. J. Harris, S.W. 510; R. Hooper, P.M. 510; and B. Parsons, D.C. 789.

The Rev. F. S. T. Daunt, rector of St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, preached the sermon, taking his text from the 28th chapter Isaiah, 16th verse. Assembled as they were, he remarked, to assist in the dedication of a new Masonic lodge, he thought it not out of place to speak about two things—first, the great spiritual foundation, the great spiritual Zion; and, then, the fact to which the Apostle Peter alluding in speaking of those whom he called the living stones in the building. In a time when people were clamouring for creed, it was well to think of the one grand foundation of the Christian faith, namely, Christ Jesus. And when they spoke of the foundation they must think of the building that proceeded upon this foundation. Had the members of this lodge gone no further than the initiatory ceremony of laying the foundation stone, what would avail the common-sense object of the building? But in proportion as the building progressed, and tier after tier was placed, windows added, and the roof super-added, the lodge was gradually erected, and now stood in all its symmetry and primitive beauty. So it was with their spiritual life. Most of them had watched with earnestness, anxiety, and love the work as it had grown nearer and nearer completion. So must they watch the growth of their faith, or the foundation was of no avail. Freemasons were the living stones in the building. They were joined together in symmetry, in love, and in faith, and they must teach the outside world that their system was one of the grandest they had, one that accepted the Word of God in its entirety, and taught it on the Tracing Board and in the lectures, so that they were pre-eminently bound to be built up as living stones upon the foundation of their faith. Christ was the tried stone; He was the corner stone; and this applied to them more particularly as Freemasons. He united the building in all its parts, and as the corner stone united the material building, so Christ, as the corner stone, united them to God and to each other. If Freemasonry taught them nothing but this, the intensified manner in which it taught the brotherhood of man, in which it took up the salient points of the love of God, and put it before them in pointed allusion, bidding them remember that all their creeds and professions were nothing unless they had charity, it would be sufficient. Freemasonry, whilst it conserved the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, took up the grand point which sectarians of the day disregarded, and which those who clamoured for creeds were perpetually forgetting; it taught them that the grandest of all things was what St. Paul, who, he believed, was in conscience a Freemason, spoke of when he said "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." True Christianity knew nothing of caste, and the corner stone which bound them together knew no distinction. As, then, they had the corner stone, the foundation stone, the tried stone, and as they intended to be the "lively stones built upon the foundation," was it not a grand incentive to them to carry on the work they had commenced, and to show the world at large that they meant what they said, that their system, "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol," was meant to teach men many forgotten truths which the Bible prominently spoke about, and which society so often ignored?

At the close of the service the procession re-formed, and the brethren proceeded to the new lodge, which was now consecrated in ancient form to the purposes of Freemasonry. The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered by Bros. G. Firks, W.M. 1247; A. Burden, 557; Goodall, P.M. 954; and J. Rendle, P.M. 1247, under the direction of Bro. W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O. 557. The ceremony concluded, the brethren adjourned to the school-room, where a public luncheon was provided. The D.P. G.M., Colonel Peard, presided, and the room was crowded, but, contrary to the usual practice, there was no toast list. Later in the afternoon a number of Royal Arch brethren reassembled in the lodge and consecrated it to the purposes of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, under the title of "Valletort" Chapter, No. 557. The ceremony was performed by Ex. Comp. Colonel Peard, Prov. Grand H., as H., assisted by Ex. Comp. E. D. Anderton, Prov. Grand J., as J., and Ex. Comp. J. W. Chegwidde, P.Z. 510; and there were present Comps. M. White, P.Z. 510; W. P. Smith, J. 1151; C. Archer, P.Z. 719; J. Hawkins, H. 789; J. Rawling, S.H. 1164; R. G. Carpenter, T. 1071; J. Harris, P.S. 510; J. A. Childs, P.Z. 510; T. B. Richards, Z. 282, S.E. 557; E. Herring, S.M. 1071; H. T. Newman, 1151; J. U. Hill, S.N. 510; J. Dennis, S.E. 330; J. R. Collins, J. 330; and S. J. Lake, S.S. 333. The Consecrating Officer having dedicated and constituted the chapter, the following were installed as Principals: Ex. Comp. C. T. Pearce, P.Z. 202, Z.; Comp. J. Peter, late of 1164, H.; and Comp. J. Kempthorne, late of 1164, Z. The musical portions of the ceremony were entrusted to Comps. J. Rendle, 1247; Goodall, 954; and B. Richards, 282; under the direction of Comp. T. Gibbons, 1205, as Organist. With this concluded the formal ceremonies of the day.

In connection with the dedication a bazaar, fancy fair, and concert were held in the national schoolroom, and numbers of visitors were attracted into the town. Callington itself looked exceedingly gay. Arches of evergreens spanned the streets at the main entrances, and bunting fluttered in every direction. In the schoolroom the stalls for the bazaar were arranged in districts. There was the Callington stall, the Southhill and St. Dominick, and the Stokeclimsland and Calstock stall, and each of these were plentifully supplied with the usual varied assortment, the proceeds going towards the Building Fund. The Callington stall was arranged by the Misses Kempton, Miss Body, Miss N. Goulding, Miss Sergeant, and Miss Williams; the Southhill and St. Dominick stall by Miss Trehane, Miss Clyma, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Langman, Miss Cousins, and Miss A. Martin; and the Stokeclimsland and Calstock stall by Mrs. Cornish, Miss P-rry, Mrs. T. H. Martyn, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Steer, Mrs. W. Stephens, Mrs. Turner, and Miss Richards; whilst Mrs. J. G. Spear was at the refreshment stall, and Mrs. Kempthorne was President of the Ladies' Committee. During the afternoon various amusements were provided by the Rev. A. V. Thornton, Dr. W. H. Rean, of Calstock, and other gentlemen, and the band of the 5th D.C.R.V. supplied the music. A public tea was also provided, and the proceedings terminated with a concert at Golding's Hotel in the evening.

COMMUNIQUE.

Our readers will probably have seen in the daily papers that our esteemed Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has by an act of almost unexampled munificence undertaken to build a new wing to the Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate, and a chapel, at a cost of at least £20,000. The present building is old, and not built on scientific principles, but the new wing is to be erected on the most recent and approved system, and is to be so arranged that if another Erasmus Wilson can be found, the old building may gradually be renewed according to the plan and system of the new wing. Nothing too much can be said in praise of such munificence, and for such a good purpose.

The Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate, which devotes itself to the cure of scrofulous diseases, which we often call the King's evil, is a most needed and admirably conducted institution, and of intense importance and blessing to the humbler classes of the community especially. Two of our most distinguished brethren, Bros. Clabon and the Grand Treasurer, are active officers of its Committee; its worthy Secretary, Bro. Walker, is also a Mason, and many of the Committee are brethren of our Order. It is a hospital which calls for the assistance of the members of our Order, as so purely humanitarian, and helpful, and direct in its usefulness and active treatment of malady and suffering.

At a recent meeting of the Court of Directors, on Friday week, our Bro. Col. Creton read a letter from Professor Erasmus Wilson offering to build a new wing and chapel at his own cost, whereupon the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That in accepting Professor Erasmus Wilson's offer of a new wing and chapel of the Sea Bathing Infirmary, the Court of Directors beg to tender their cordial thanks for his munificence, and hereby emphatically express their sense of his large-hearted and liberal offer, which must tend so greatly to the relief of suffering and the cure of the sad disease which the Charity was established to heal."

We understand that the architect of the new wing is Mr. Knowles.

Public Amusements.

COURT THEATRE.—The new comedy "Courtship" which is being played with immense success at this pretty little theatre, is from the prolific pen of Bro. Henry J. Byron, who has undoubtedly scored another success. The comedy is more noticeable for its smartness of dialogue and rapid succession of jokes than any remarkably strong situations. Space will not permit of a description of the plot. Suffice it to say that there is a young lady, accomplished, beautiful, and wealthy, with three admirers, each endeavouring to supplant the other in her affections. Miss Amy Roselle is the heroine, and sustains her character with great care and ability. Messrs. Wilson Barrett, G. W. Anson, and Coghlan are the three lovers, the most amusing of the three being *Gubbins* (Mr. Anson). Mr. Wilson Barrett's representation of a languid young aristocrat, who, with but little brains and no money, hopes to secure the lady on the score of ancestry, is nearly perfect, and his performance is marked by an exhibition of ease and coolness truly refreshing. Mr. Coghlan as a young farmer gives a pleasant picture of an upright, manly fellow, who scorns the idea of marrying a girl richer than himself. We doubt not that "Courtship" will have a long and a merry run. The amusing comedy, "A Clerical Error," commences the evening's amusement and is well worth seeing.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last, and advanced the rate of discount to 3 per cent.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Blackpool on Tuesday, the 4th inst., presided over by the Mayor, it was resolved that the Free Libraries Act should be adopted.

At the last regular meeting of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, Mirfield, Bro. J. T. Barras, S.W., was duly elected to fill the Master's chair during the ensuing year.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught opened a bazaar at Brighton on Tuesday, in aid of the Royal Schools for the Daughters of Army Officers at Bath and Rochester.

The *World* states that the lease of the late Mr. Posno's house in Portland-place has been purchased by Bro. Lord Teutenden, P.G.M. Essex, for £5000, with £100 a-year ground rent.

An emergency meeting of the Premier Red Cross Conclave of England was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 30th ult., when a brother was installed and other business transacted.

At the last regular meeting of the Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix, Leeds, held on the 21st ult., Bro. John Barker, 30°, P.M., P.Z., &c., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year.

A convocation of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when E.Comp. J. R. Stacey was installed M.E.Z. A report will appear in our next.

Lord John Manners, M.P., the Postmaster-General, has consented to act as President of the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund. We understand that, although the first list of subscriptions has not yet been published, upwards of £12,000 has been promised.

His Royal Highness Prince Charles of Roumania, through Colonel de Vacaresco, his Marechal de la Cour, has conferred on Mr. Archibald Forbes the grade and insignia of Commander of the Order of the Star of Roumania, and the "Cross of the Passage of the Danube," a decoration instituted by his Royal Highness in commemoration of the Roumanian participation in the campaign of 1877.

A most successful concert was given in the Town Hall, Retford, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities. There was a very large attendance, and the brethren appeared in Masonic costume. The performance was exceptionally good, and we understand that after paying all expenses it is expected that something over £20 will remain to be handed over to one or more of our Charities.

A dinner was given on Wednesday night to the Mayor of Stafford, Mr. F. Marson, at which, in consequence of the birth of a daughter during his mayoralty, and in accordance with an ancient custom, he was presented with a silver cradle, which, with its supports, weighed over 200 ounces, the whole standing thirty inches high. Mr. Salt, M.P. for the borough, presided. The cradle was provided by public subscription.

The poll of the inhabitants of Liverpool in reference to the proposed new water supply from the river Vyrwy in Montgomeryshire, adopted by the Town Council was completed on Tuesday. When the votes were counted a very large majority of voters was recorded in favour of the scheme, the numbers being 21,974 for, and 19,314 against. The water committee will now proceed to take the necessary steps for obtaining parliamentary powers.

The installation meeting of the Oliver Chapter, No. 792, Grimsby, took place on the 21st ult., when Comp. Jack Sutcliffe was duly installed M.E.Z., Comp. J. N. Scherling, P.Z. Minerva Chapter, Hull, ably acting as Installing Master. The companions were afterwards entertained at the Royal Hotel by the M.E.Z. to a handsome banquet.

Professor S——, whose loss is deeply lamented in the scholastic circles of New-York, wrote very indistinctly. He was at one time a highly valued contributor to the journal of which he afterward took charge, and being one day introduced to its editor, was greeted with every expression of cordiality and respect. It was a great pleasure to meet one whose learning and services had been, &c., &c. "But, professor," added the editor, turning upon him and seizing his hand with sudden earnestness, and with solemnity in his face, "I hope you pray for my printers!" The professor replied that he was very happy to offer his prayers in behalf of any who were in need of them; but what was the special urgency in this case? "Ah!" answered the editor, shaking his head impressively, "if you could but hear them swear when they get to work on your manuscript!"—*Harper's Magazine*.

"Soldiers must be fearfully dishonest," says Mrs. Partington; "it seems to be an occurrence every night for a sentry to be relieved of his watch."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 14, 1879.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1426, Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
- " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial H., Holborn Viaduct.
- Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Cross Hot., Wood Green.
- " 1381, Kennington, Sry. Ch. H., Kennington Oval.
- Mark 234, Britton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
- " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hot., Highgate.
- " 1571, Leopard, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
- " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
- " 1789, Ubique, Regent M.H.
- Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Red Cross Conclave, 2, Bective, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 217, St. Michael, Albion Tav.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st., Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadily.
- " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- " 1760, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav.
- " 1803, Cornhill, New City Club, George-yd.
- Mark 22, Southwark, Bidge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.

- Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3, F.M.H.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Wwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1677, Crusaders, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
- " 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., S.W.
- " 1718, Centurion, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
- Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
- United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark Pk. Tav. Southwark-pk.
- " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
- " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrock Hall, Notting-h.
- " 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
- Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Rose Croix, 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Snip and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Rose Croix 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
- Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne rd., Notting-Hill.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 28th ult., at Anderson's Hotel Fleet-street. There were present Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; G. Rumball, S.W., W.M. elect; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Mallett, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.D. (*Freemason*); Clarke, I.G.; Tittle, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Cottebrune, G.G.P.; Dean, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; Honeywell, P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Wright, P.M. 1446, &c.; Farwig, W.M. 180; Robins, 15; Davidson, 299; Webb, 382; Denbigh, 417; Earny, 511; Perkins, 765; J. Wright, 813; Turrell, 913; Yates, 948; Capper, 1076; Gobby, 1599; Berg, 1613; Howes, 1623; Docker, 1687; Jones, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Rumball, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Dairy, for induction into the chair of K.S. A Board of Installed Masters was thereupon formed, with Bros. Hopwood, as S.W.; Themans, as J.W.; Stuart, as D.C.; and Carter, as I.G. That portion of the ceremony having been completed, the brethren below the rank of an Installed Master were re-admitted, and they saluted the W.M. in ancient form. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Dairy, I.P.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Heaphy, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas. (twenty-first time); Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Walls, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Tittle, I.G.; Whitty, W.S.; Jordan, D.C. The addresses were then ably delivered by Bro. Dairy, who is to be congratulated upon the able manner—it being his maiden effort—that he performed the arduous duties of Installing Master. Mr. Daniels was then effectively introduced into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The pleasing duty of presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his services followed. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Honeywell for his services as Organist during the ceremonies. The members and visitors then adjourned to the banquet, which was as usual admirably served by Bros. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts received full justice. "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., who duly responded in an able speech. "The Health of the W.M." was tersely given by the I.P.M. and most heartily received by the brethren. Bro. Rumball, in replying, briefly thanked them for having placed him in the proud position of Master of their lodge. He would endeavour to do his duty, and he was sanguine enough to believe that at the expiration of his year of office they would be pleased to say that he had done so. He then gave "The Initiate." This toast having been acknowledged by Bro. Daniels the toast of "The Visitors" followed. In introducing this pledge the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon the almost unprecedented number of visiting brethren who had done the Faith Lodge the honour of attending that evening. It would be invidious for him to particularise—among so many distinguished brethren—any one brother to respond; he should, therefore, place no restrictions as to who should reply, but if they thought fit they might all avail themselves of the opportunity of saying a few words. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dean, J. Wright, and Cottebrune. The first named expressed his gratification upon the successful manner in which everything had passed off that evening, both in and out of lodge. He had been particularly struck with the rendering of the addresses by the I.P.M. and also with the "working" of the W.M. Having spoken upon Freemasonry in connection with the Province of Dorset, he concluded by stating that he should carry back with him very pleasurable recollections of his visit to this old and distinguished lodge. Bros. Cottebrune and Wright also expressed their thanks for the hospitality they had received.

"The Health of the I.P.M." came next. In prefacing this toast the W.M. briefly alluded to the successful year of office of Bro. Dairy. The lodge had had an abundance of business to transact during the last year, and he felt confident that they would agree with him that the work of the Master had been on the whole well performed. In conclusion he said he was personally obliged to the I.P.M. for the effective manner in which he had been installed by him that day. This toast having been well received, the I.P.M. briefly expressed his acknowledgments in appropriate terms. As the hour was late the remaining toasts, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were quickly given and they were briefly acknowledged by the brethren thus particularised. The toasts were agreeably interspersed with musical and other selections by Bro. Honeywell and others.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; Henry Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Cobu, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.D.; James Larkin, J.D.; John Kent, Thos. Fisher, B. Perkins, H. A. Carter, J. Copelin, Thos. Agutter, W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Cuff, of the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. A notice of motion was given by Bro. H. A. Carter, that ten per cent. of the entire receipts of the lodge be added to the Charity Fund. A letter of resignation was read from Bro. Henry Mugeridge, P.M., father of the lodge. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. Mugeridge be made an honorary member. The proposition was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met in good strength at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 4th inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. T. Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middx., W.M.; Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Honeywell, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; W. Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Fisher, P.M. 834; Hardy, 190; Dovey, 1257; W. Randall, 1360. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Robertson was passed to the Degree of F.C. There being no other business the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Mann, P.M., and was duly acknowledged. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This toast was responded to at length by Bro. Fisher. In his reply, he expressed the great gratification his first visit to No. 1381 had afforded him. He came there that evening with the expectation of meeting none but strangers, but he had been most agreeably disappointed; as he had found himself in the midst of many old friends, and he was pleased to renew their Masonic and social intercourse. He had heard the Kennington Lodge spoken very highly of, and he could now bear testimony to its general excellence. In conclusion, he said the members of the lodge were to be congratulated upon possessing so many Past Masters, whose services in the cause of Freemasonry were of cosmopolitan renown. Bros. Hardy, Dovey, and Randall having also replied, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed his thanks to the members of that distinguished body for the services they had rendered him throughout his connection with the lodge. This toast having been warmly received, each of the Past Masters made a short speech in response. In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. referred to the absence through very serious illness of Bro. Page, Treasurer, and the father of the lodge. He said that Bro. Page's services in the cause of Freemasonry were not to be under-estimated. He held a very distinguished position in the Craft, having filled the office of a Grand Steward, and he had also passed the chair in the Grand Stewards' Lodge. His interest in the Masonic Charities had been and was still very great, this was evidenced by the fact that he was a Vice-President of those excellent Institutions. In conclusion he hoped that T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare him—Bro. Page—many years yet to come in order that he might extend—if that were possible—the sphere of his Masonic usefulness. In conclusion he also touched upon the services of Bro. Stuart, Secretary, to the cause of Masonry in general. This toast having been greeted with excellent "fire," Bro. Stuart briefly responded. The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings. During the evening Bros. Honeywell, Stokes, and others entertained the brethren.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The first meeting after the installation of the W.M. was held on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Blackie, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; J. W. Warner, J.W.; N. B. Headdon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Kittle, J.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Baber, D.C.; Fendick and Potter, Stewards. The following were the visitors:—Bros. J. Self, P.M. 214, P.G.S.W. Essex; W. H. Postans, P.M. 34; J. Eldridge, P.M. 167; D. R. Still, P.M. 1671; T. Edmondston, W.M. 1669; G. L. Saul, W.M. 1201; C. Percival, W.M. 1667; C. Forbes, S.W. 634, Scotia, New York; J. B. Lamb, 1695; W. Earl, St. John's; T. Youens, 1287; C. Taylor, 1765; T. Eastgate, 1563; A. Baker, 1708; P. Stevens, 1326; D.

O'Connor, 686; Medcalf, 1671; and H. Thompson (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, it was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mogridge was examined as to his proficiency in the science, as was also Bro. Stevens, of Lodge 1326, who, by the courtesy of the W.M. of that lodge, was allowed to take his Second and Third Degrees in this lodge. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair to allow Bro. E. Moody, the Secretary, to raise his friend, Bro. Mogridge, to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and that ceremony was performed with the ability that always distinguishes anything that is performed by Bro. Moody. The ceremony having been completed, Bro. J. Stevens took the chair, and raised his son to the Third Degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Mr. Edward William Postans, who had been previously balloted for, was in due form initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. A motion which stood on the paper, given by Bro. N. B. Headdon, Treasurer, as to the alteration of Bye-law No. 10, regulating the period when a member shall send in his resignation, was considered, and having been proposed by him, it was seconded by Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., and after a short discussion was carried with but two dissentients. No further business offering the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to what was called in the summons a "dinner," a repast that was more worthy of being designated "a banquet" than many of those that are dignified by that high-sounding title. There was abundance of everything that was good and substantial, without incurring what some considered the wasted cost of things which but few persons require. After the cloth had been withdrawn, the W.M. made a very pleasing announcement, that as their time was necessarily very brief, he should not take up much of it by making long speeches, having well impressed upon his mind the well-known maxim about brevity, &c., and this promise he faithfully carried out to the end of the business, which was certainly a great relief to members who do not care about listening to a "thrice-told tale" or platitudes which are much better understood in practice than by a theoretical dissertation thereupon. The W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were all duly honoured, after which Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said the brethren would well understand why he had risen to address them, which was to propose "The Health of the W.M." and he trusted that they would drink it in bumpers. He was sure that the lodge was proud in having such a worthy brother as Bro. Blackie for their W.M., and would esteem him for the very admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation that evening, for it plainly showed that in having him for their W.M. the lodge would not lose any of its lustre. It would be fulsome in him (Bro. Freeman) if in his presence he said more in his praise, and without saying anything more he should ask the brethren to rise and drink his very good health, a request most cordially responded to. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren very sincerely for having drunk his health in so cordial a manner, and as allusion had been made to the way in which he had done the work that evening, he could only tell them, as he had told them before, he would do it to the best of his ability, but so long as he was supported by those who were around him he hoped to carry on the business to their entire satisfaction. The W.M. said the next toast was what might be called the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of their Brother Initiate," a gentleman who had been well vouched for and of good report, and whom he was now proud to call a brother, and he trusted that he would never regret the step he had taken that evening. Bro. Postans, in returning thanks, said he was quite unaccustomed to make speeches, especially before so large an assembly as that he saw before him, and, therefore, he thought it would best become him to speak with brevity, as the soul of wit. He thanked them, indeed, most sincerely for admitting him as a member of such an ancient and noble Order, and for the very enthusiastic manner in which his name had been received in the Great City Lodge. He hoped to prove a good Mason and a credit to the lodge, that they would never regret having admitted him as a member, and that he should never cease to appreciate the honour which they had conferred upon him. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Visitors." The Great City Lodge were always proud to see visitors at their festive board, and he was glad to see so goodly an array of them then present. In the name of the lodge he gave them a cordial and hearty welcome. Several of the visitors returned thanks, and after one or two other healths had been given, the Tyler's toast brought a very happy and harmonious meeting to a close.

ALDRERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The second gathering this autumn of the brethren of the above lodge took place at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. In the absence of the W.M., who is now on a visit to the United States, the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M., presided, and discharged the functions of W.M., both in the chair and at the banquet, with all his usual graceful tact and geniality. The brethren present included Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. Alder Smith, J.W.; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. and Treas.; Thos. Jones, Sec.; Alfred Brookman, J.D.; Dr. Samuel Benton, I.G.; Samuel White, E. Y. Jolliffe, and Thomas Benskin, Stewards; W. H. Froom, and Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. Visitor: Bro. W. Taylor, S.W. Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. for the ensuing year was elected by ballot, and Bro. George Kenning was found to have been unanimously selected to fill that high office. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman was re-elected Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be

placed on the list of Bro. George Kenning, for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festivals of the three Charitable Institutions. During the course of the evening, a lecture upon some of the moral aspects and teachings of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. Hyde Pullen with unusual eloquence and felicity of illustration. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the charge of the Rev. the W.M., and spent an evening of more than ordinary enjoyment.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Shore ditch, when there were present Bros. Louis Sean, W.M.; G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; C. T. Speight, Tyler; Funston, Beasley, Snellgrove, Laurence, Staff, Tidball, Matthews, Walker, Dr. Holt, Drysdale, Thrower, Plummer, Brand, Prevost, Mendey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Staff was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the ceremony being ably worked. Bro. G. T. Barr, unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bros. C. Stevens, Treasurer; and Speight, Tyler.

CANTERBURY.—United Industrious Lodge (No. 31).—The first regular lodge meeting since the installation of the W.M., Bro. William Tice, was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter's-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Tice, W.M.; H. Ward, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. J. Mangam, D.D., L.L.D., P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; P. Higham, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; Dr. Longhurst, S.W.; J. E. Wiltshire, P.M., J.W.; T. H. Walkley, S.D.; A. W. Cattelle, J.D.; F. Horner, I.G.; J. Plant, P.M., Org. Visitors: Bros. G. Pilcher, P.M. 972, P.G.D.C.; H. Miskin, W.M. 1449, and others. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising Bro. Collard was performed by the W.M., Bro. H. Ward explaining the Tracing Board and presenting the tools. The ceremony was rendered in a most impressive manner by having the full musical service, the lodge having the great advantage of so many musical brethren, among them being Bros. Longhurst, Mus. Doc.; Plant, Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, Organist and lay clerk of the Cathedral. After other business the lodge was closed down, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—At the regular monthly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the chair was taken at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by Past Masters Bros. F. Wilkinson, Brown, Moutrie, Clark, Ashley, Treas.; and Dr. Hopkins, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, as J.W.; Radway, Sec.; Rubie, P.M., as Dir. of Cer.; Mercer, S.D.; Peach, as J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Baldwin, Org.; Ames, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. Besides the members there were several visitors, among them Bro. Howes, W.M. of 906. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. L. Brown was examined as to his proficiency, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate was re-admitted, and passed to the rank of Fellow Craft by the W.M., Bro. Mercer, S.D., explaining the symbolism of the working tools, and the final charge being given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and S.W. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Secretary was ordered to write a letter of condolence, on behalf of the lodge, to the widow and sons of the late Bro. Gummer, who died suddenly a week ago, being cut off in the prime of life, after an illness of only a few days. Though, some months ago, he withdrew from membership of this lodge, he took all his Degrees in it, rose to the rank of S.D., and had never joined any other lodge. The W.M. read a letter from the son of the aged Bro. Marsh, who occupied the first chair of No. 41 in 1828, and was recently elected an honorary member of the lodge, offering to present a portrait of his father to it. The Secretary was directed thankfully to accept the proposal. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Hunt, J.W., and Cater, S.D.; the former on account of domestic affliction, and the latter owing to pressing business engagements. The Treasurer announced success at the last election in obtaining admission to the Girls' Masonic School for a candidate from this province in the first attempt. The S.W. undertook, if possible, to ascertain all the changes in the number of this old lodge, with their dates, in order that they may be engraved on the silver jewels worn by the officers. The W.M. announced that the Prov. Grand Master had fixed the 11th or 12th of December for the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Weston-super-Mare. No other business offering the lodge was closed at 9.30 o'clock.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. Frampton, supported by Bros. Pearson and Surtees, Past Masters; Watson, W.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated the time had now arrived for the lodge to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot was then taken, when Bro. John Pous, P.M., was duly elected. Bro. Riseborough, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Brown, re-elected Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The brethren were summoned to attend the Masonic

duties of this lodge on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., was in his place in the east at the proper time, and his official supporters were Bros. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; Jno. C. Robinson, P.M., M.C.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. Wynne Parry, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; Robert Collings, Sec.; Wm. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jeneway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; D. Cangle, Steward; M. Haworth, Steward; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. B. J. Parry, Thomas Grindall, Robt. H. Waggett, R. G. Bradley, Thos. Haliburton, John Pye, Alfred Samuels, Jas. Messenger, Henry Hall, Rd. Thompson, John Williams, J. Sykes, James Roberts, Henry J. Pye, Rd. Fitzgerald, Jas. Travis, Thos. Poyser, Wm. Mooney, J. W. Walker, James White, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. S. Hall, 241; D. A. MacKenzie, 1806; Robt. H. Simpson, 343; Henry Firth, W.M. 667; and Webster Williams, 1609. Mr. George James Harper was initiated, and Bro. R. H. Waggett was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Mason, the work being most effectively and satisfactorily performed by the W.M. and his able staff of officers. Three guineas were voted from the funds of the lodge to assist the widow of a deceased brother who belonged to the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241. On the motion of Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.B., seconded by Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., it was unanimously resolved to send a letter to Bro. Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094, 249 (*Freemason*), conveying the condolence of the brethren in connection with the loss he has recently sustained by the death of his wife. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and besides the toasts there were several capital songs by Bros. Webster Williams, M. Davis, R. Bradley, Messenger, and others.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. There were present Bros. G. Wilson, M.D., W.M.; T. W. Thursfield, M.D., S.W.; Rev. A. H. Russell, J.W.; Rev. P. Sidney Harris, Chap.; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., Treas.; S. W. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Geo. Bond, J.D.; T. J. Baker, I.G.; S. C. Smith, P.G. Dir. of Cer., Steward; Purser, Tyler; A. Roberts, Jas. Evers-Swindell, J. S. Moore, J. Yeoman, Robins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Pritchard, E. Stanley, J. W. Margret, P.P.G.R.; and F. Haynes, P.M. Bro. A. R. Whiteway, No. 1008, was a visitor. The minutes were read and confirmed, also the report of the Prov. Grand Steward was read. Several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The W.M. gave a Lecture on the Tracing Board in the Second Degree.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The members present were Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; J. Halliday, J.D.; John Church, Sec.; John Smethurst, Treas.; J. Wilson, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; John Bladon, P.M.; James Smith, E. de Gough, A. Forshaw, S. Percivals, Francis Hilton, Ellis Jones, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*). There were no visitors. The lodge was opened at 6.30 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. John Bladon, P.M., gave an explanation of the Second Tracing Board, which was listened to with earnest attention by the brethren. There being no work, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

CROYDON.—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, and in the absence of Bro. Yaxley, the W.M., his position was taken by the M.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. C. W. Arnold, who worked the ceremonies of the Three Degrees, assisted by Bros. G. N. Price, P.M. and P.G. Treas., who officiated as S.W.; Streeter, J.W.; Hook, S.D.; Byron H. Ridge, J.D.; and Herbert Saxelby, I.G. At the close of the ceremonies Bro. Arnold announced that he had been deputed by the P.G.M. to offer to Bro. Yaxley, the W.M. of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, the honourable office of P.G.S. of W., but as Bro. Yaxley was at that moment abroad on business, he had much pleasure in investing Bro. C. H. Woodward on behalf of Bro. Yaxley. The brethren then saluted the M.W.D.P.G.M. with the usual honours, and the lodge having been closed in due form the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, an admirable banquet being served in an adjacent room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. David Davis, of Manchester, who was the W.M. elect, had spared no expense or personal inconvenience to make the proceedings throughout, what they proved to be, a complete success. The ordinary meetings of the lodge are held at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, and, without doubt, the accommodation there is in every way equal to the requirements of the brethren, but Bro. Davis, with a view of not allowing the preparations for the St. John's festival to interfere in the slightest degree with the installation ceremony, had arranged that the latter should be held at the Town Hall. There is no question but that this arrangement was wisely made, as at its conclusion the brethren had simply to walk across the road to the hotel, where everything was in readiness for the banquet. The following were present:—Bros. J. Collier, W.M.; David A. Davis, S.W.; W. Booth, J.W.; S. Collier, Sec.; John Hadfield, S.D.; John Garlick, J.D.; John Holt, Chap.; W. H. Hodgson, I.G.; W. Fielding, Tyler; G. E. Cox, P.M.; Wm. Dawson, P.M.; J. Merry,

P.M.; J. D. Calder, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; Thos. Dearnally, P.M., P.G.S.B. Derbyshire; John Hardman, P.M.; Saml. Warhurst, Geo. Woodcock, Jos. Wright, J. Spruce, W. H. Irlim, J. H. Rosson, A. Rowbottom, Albert Andrew, A. Sturgeon, W. Swire, Jas. Bennett, S. Robinson, Jos. Robinson, D. Clarke, S. Rowbottom, T. Orme, Danl. Hessegrave, Chas. Davis, J. B. Hallam, and Henry Patchett. The visitors present were Bros. J. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. E.L. (Installing Master); James Hall, P.P.G.T. E.L.; James Cole, jun., J.D. 1588; W. Fell, 815; T. Broadsmith, W.M. 1166; Wm. Hadfield, W.M. 320; Wm. Cole, 1588; J. Roberts, 320; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; J. E. Steward, W.M. 336; James Ollerenshaw, 266; Henry Heap, 300; T. R. Williams, P.M. 1147; Lewis Wohnes, 1545; W. R. Browne, Sec. 1545; Robt. Hunter, 1088; William Burton, 268; John G. Willan, 320; James Whitehead, S.W. 654; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 3.30 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary next read particulars of the financial position of the lodge, which were very satisfactory, and a motion was put and carried that the same be adopted. Bro. Davis having been presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect, was forthwith interrogated by the Secretary, and having given the customary responses, was installed by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe as Worshipful Master of the Devonshire Lodge for the ensuing year. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s Bro. Sillitoe announced the fact to them of Bro. Davis's installation, and the usual salutations having been given, the Installing Master next proceeded to invest the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. W. Booth, S.W.; John Hadfield, J.W.; John Garlick, S.D.; W. H. Hodgson, J.D.; W. Thorpe, Treas. (re-appointed); S. Collier, Sec.; W. Swire, I.G.; W. Dawson, D. of C.; S. Robinson, J. Cooper, and J. Spruce, Stewards; and W. Fielding, Tyler. On the latter brother making his appearance, the W.M., addressing him, said that a very pleasing duty devolved itself upon him, and that was, that in consideration of the many years that he (Bro. Fielding) had ably and zealously served the lodge in his capacity of Tyler, he had much pleasure on behalf of himself and the members of the lodge in presenting him with a silver "Tyler's" jewel and collar, and also a gold scarf pin from himself. The W.M. further stated that the brethren generally were so sensible of Bro. Fielding's long and well tried services, that they could not help signifying their appreciation of them by asking him to accept these humble offerings of their esteem. Bro. Fielding, who seemed quite overcome by surprise and pleasure, thanked the brethren in a few appropriate sentences. On the conclusion of the ceremony of installation the W.M. proposed, and Bro. Calder seconded, a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. Sillitoe, for the great ability he had displayed in that capacity, having performed the whole of it unassisted, and also given the addresses. The motion was unanimously carried, and Bro. Sillitoe was warmly applauded on quitting the lodge room. On the motion of Bro. Calder, seconded by Bro. Dr. Rose, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds for the purchase of a vote in the Boys' School. Bro. Thorpe next proposed, and Bro. G. E. Cox seconded, a motion that a share in the Glossop Gas Company be purchased out of the lodge funds. Some amusement was caused by a question being put to a brother, who was known to be the possessor of several gas shares, as to whether he would sell one to the lodge at par, and in reply to which the worthy brother stated that he had already, as the lodge was aware, sold them some shares on the terms mentioned, and it would be against human nature to expect him to get rid of them all at the same price, but at the same time half-a-dozen, more or less, would not make a great deal of difference to him, and if the lodge would be benefited by the purchase, he had no objection to selling them three or four more on the same terms as the last. This announcement was received with applause, and it is needless to say that the motion was carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Norfolk Arms Hotel, and sat down to a recherché banquet, the serving of which did great credit to the fair hostess. The usual preliminary toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. said he should have to depart a little from the routine order of the programme, as he wished to propose a toast which he knew would be acceptable to them all, viz., "The Health of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, the Installing Master," who unfortunately would very shortly have to leave them and return to Manchester, but before he did go, he (the W.M.) would like to show Bro. Sillitoe how fully the brethren, and himself, appreciated his kindness in coming so long a distance to instal him as the W.M. of the Devonshire Lodge, and also the able manner he had performed the ceremony, and without further preface he would ask them to drink the health of Bro. Sillitoe in a bumper. The toast was heartily responded to, and, in reply, Bro. Sillitoe said he thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty reception and hospitable treatment, and he assured them it gave him great pleasure to think his humble efforts had pleased them, and he congratulated the W.M. on his attaining the proud position he now held, and which he had ably and honourably earned. There was no doubt that the W.M. had the advantage of capable officers to assist him in his duties, and this must be a gratifying fact to him, as it would, doubtless, help him to successfully steer through his year of office, and, in wishing him and the members of the Devonshire Lodge all prosperity, he assured them he should be most happy at any time to render them any service. The I.P.M., Bro. Collier, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said it afforded him great pleasure in doing so, having known him for eleven years, during which time he had only been absent from the lodge two or three times. He had always been willing to promote the welfare and success of the Devonshire Lodge, and he hoped his year of office would be a successful one. The

brethren were fortunate in their choice of their W.M., and he was satisfied that Bro. Davis would prove himself equal to the duties of his office. He wished him a year of prosperity and happiness, and, believing the brethren entertained the highest respect and esteem for their W.M., he would ask them to drink his health and long life and prosperity. The enthusiastic manner in which the toast was responded to proved the truth of the remarks made by Bro. Collier. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Collier for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He soon found after joining the Craft that it was an excellent school of learning, and taught the beautiful principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and that Freemasonry did not consist only of passing through the different Degrees and wearing the badges, but it set a good example in every sphere of life, and gained the love and respect of all its pupils. He had that day undertaken a responsible duty, but the lodge was fortunate in possessing some excellent and good working P.M.'s, and he was sure of their support in case of need. He hoped the officers would be regular in their attendance, and the members support him, as it was by doing so himself, and passing through every office in the lodge, that he had attained his high position. He heartily thanked the brethren for so unanimously electing him to preside over them during the ensuing year, and hoped to see the youngest brother in the lodge try to emulate those brethren who had gone before him, and reap the same reward as he had. It scarcely seemed possible that it was the same lodge he was now Master of when he looked back and recalled the time when there were hardly sufficient brethren present to open it, and to note the vast improvements they had made these last few years. It was a gratifying sight which had presented itself to his gaze that afternoon, when nearly sixty brethren had assembled to do him honour; he was proud of his position, and assured them he would do all and everything in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," and others were proposed and responded to, and with some excellent singing by Bros. Heap, Marks, Fielding, Proctor, Robinson, and others, together with a recitation by Bro. Barber, written expressly in honour of Bro. Davis's installation, brought one of the most successful meetings in the annals of this lodge to a close at 11 o'clock.

PLUMSTEAD.—The Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge since its installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and, like most of the meetings of the above powerful and influential lodge, was well attended by both members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The following work was then done by the W.M., Bro. Lloyd, in such a manner as to win the approbation of even the most exacting of the Past Masters present, viz., the Second Degree, Bro. Rahtz having, with the usual ceremonies, passed to that Degree. It was then proposed and carried unanimously that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of our lamented and deceased Bro. Robert Lister, late Tyler of the lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors sat down to a pretty little supper, served by Bro. Tucker in excellent form. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with spirit, and cordially responded to by the assembly. Bro. Past Master Coupland, in response to "The Present and Past Officers of the Province," regretted the absence of Bro. Butler, who as an officer would have done honour to so important a toast. He, Bro. Coupland, had responded to the toast so often that they must feel a trifle wearied at hearing him. Well, encouraged by their forbearance, he would say that which he had repeatedly said, that in their Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, and in Bro. Eastes, their Deputy Grand Master, they had two of the best and most gracious leaders that it was possible to serve under. A very short time ago a number of the brethren had had an opportunity, not only of seeing, but hearing their Grand Master, and he felt sure the remembrance of that genial presence, and the kind, encouraging words uttered by their distinguished brother, would not soon be forgotten by the brethren of Plumstead and the surrounding district. At the conclusion of a most elegant address, Bro. Coupland thanked them for the toast. Bro. Denton, who holds a high office in the Provincial Grand Chapter, as well as being a P.P.G. Officer, also returned thanks. Bro. Hayes, the I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge upon having a Master who could work the ceremonies, and conduct the lodge in the admirable manner Bro. Lloyd had that night. Bro. Lloyd, in response, after thanking the brethren for the toast, said that he looked upon the position he occupied as a very responsible one. He took it that the work incidental to the position could not be too well or too conscientiously done. For many years past the work in the Pattison Lodge had been done in a most admirable manner, and he had determined to carry out the duties entrusted to him in such a manner as would not reflect discredit upon the brilliant array of Masters who had preceded him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and in so doing he paid a high compliment to his predecessor, Bro. Hayes, both as a man and a Mason, and coupled with his name that of the father of the lodge, Past Master Ellis. Bro. Hayes, in reply, spoke feelingly of the kindness he had received from the brethren during his year of office, and trusted the W.M. would during his year be as well and heartily supported. Bro. Ellis, whose eloquence is a source of unequalled pleasure to the brethren, said when he saw the array of Past Masters gathered around him, and remembering, as he did, not with regret, however, the years ago it was that he occupied the position that Bro. Lloyd

held that night, it brought to his mind the words of a song which said:—

"Darling, you are growing old,
Silver threads among the gold."

He was pleased to see throughout all those years that the lodge was sanctified by its harmony and brotherly love. In it every brother seemed to have a sympathy with one another, that made its meetings so pleasant and delightful, that he always anticipated their meeting with unmixed pleasure and delight. It was another source of pleasure to him to witness the excellent working of every Master who had succeeded him, and he trusted that the kindly spirit of emulation which existed among the Masters would long continue, for he felt that if it did the honour and prosperity of the lodge, which had made it a marked lodge among the lodges of the province of Kent, would continue as now, undimmed and undiminished. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Weston, Shaw, and Warren. The former, in replying, thanked the brethren of the district for enabling him to make so good an appearance as a Steward at one of the charity meetings, more especially he thanked the Pattison Lodge, which started him with ten guineas from the funds, and whose members had helped to swell his offering to the sum of £48 18s. In the name of the Ubique Lodge he thanked them. Bros. Scully, Syer, and Smith also replied to the toast. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then the worthy host, Bro. Tucker, was complimented. The proceedings soon after terminated. Among the officers and brethren present, beside the W.M., were Bros. T. D. Hayes, I.P.M.; Past Masters A. Penfold, J. McDougall, H. Butter, P.G.S. Kent; F. W. Vincent, Jas. Chapman, S.W.; R. J. Cook, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; H. Mason, S.D.; R. Edmonds, J.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; T. Reed, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; J. Warren, W.M. 700; D. Deeves, S.W. 1536; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; W. Murphy, Treas. 1536; T. Smith, P.M. 829; G. Beaver, J.D. 700; J. H. Roberts, I.G. 700; J. Scully, I.G. 706; S. E. Southgate, 700; J. Aillud, 615; G. Tedder, 1167; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday, the 10th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Eggleston, supported by Bros. Taylor, I.P.M.; Hall, P.M.; Gray, P.M.; Halfnight, P.M.; Cook, P.M.; and a good muster of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Frampton, W.M. 94; Watson, W.M. 97; and Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Lackenby, a candidate for Masonry, who was duly elected. He was introduced and received the Degree of an E.A. Mason. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Bro. Osborne was examined and answered satisfactorily; he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Osborne was admitted and made a M.M. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. No other business before the meeting, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

MOSSLEY.—Prince Alfred Lodge (No. 1218).—The installation meeting of this improved lodge took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Commercial Hotel. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. James Buckley, W.M.; the Rev. J. E. Roberts, S.W.; J. Stevenson, S.D.; John Buckley, Treas.; John Waterhouse, Tyler; John Heys, P.M.; Thos. Read, Danl. Dempsey, Thos. Mayall, Joseph Woolhouse, and Robert Wilson. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Blackburn, P.P.G. S.D. West Yorks.; Robert Whittaker, P.M. 350, 678; P.P.G. D. of C. East Lanc.; Geo. P. Cartwright, S.D. 678; John Shaw, P.M. 337; J. W. Tanner, 337; Thos. H. Tanner, 337; C. Shaw, W.M. 337; the Rev. Robert Coburn, 269; G. H. Mellor, W.M. 1774; Dr. W. Y. Martio, 1633; W. F. Towle, 815; W. R. Batchelor, P.M. 324; Dr. G. M. Brumwell, Robt. T. Punter, W.M.; Thos. Peak, W.M. 300; and R. R. Lisenden, 337 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened with punctuality at the hour appointed, viz., three o'clock, with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report on the financial position of the lodge was next taken and adopted. The W.M. then addressed the brethren in relation to the annual election of a Master, after which the Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Batchelor, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Roberts, who gave the requisite answers to the questions put to him by the Secretary from the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Batchelor, assisted by Bro. W. F. Towle, then proceeded to install Bro. Roberts as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and both brethren fully bore out the reputation they enjoy for their efficiency as Installing Masters, and produced on the minds of those who witnessed this beautiful ceremony for the first time a most favourable impression. After the W.M. had been saluted in the customary manner, Bro. Towle invested the following brethren with the collars and jewels of their respective newly-appointed office:—Bros. Dunbar Murray, S.W.; J. Stevenson, J.W.; Thos. Read, S.D.; Danl. Dempsey, Sec.; John Buckley, Treas., re-appointed; Thos. Mayall, I.G.; John Waterhouse, Tyler. Bro. Whittaker was invested, pro tem., as Junior Deacon. At the conclusion of this ceremony Bro. Buckley addressed the W.M., Bro. Towle the Wardens, and Bro. Batchelor the brethren. The installation being finished, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and with prayer, at 5.20. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, which had been provided for them by Bro. E. Nield, the host, and we must give due praise to that brother for the amount of care he exhibited in providing for their personal comfort, and in the selection, quality, and cooking of the viands, to which the most fastidious could scarcely take exception. On the removal of the cloth the

usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the seventh toast on the list being that of "The Newly-elected W.M.," which was proposed in graceful terms by the I.P.M., Bro. James Buckley, who said, in proposing the toast of the evening, he should not detain the brethren long by his remarks, which would be very short. He stood before the brethren as their I.P.M., and it had fallen to his lot to propose to them this important toast. They all knew that their present W.M. had been the leading spirit in the lodge for a long time past, and more particularly, perhaps, during the past year, as, although he (the I.P.M.) had presided over them the last twelve months, yet he had done very little to promote the interests of the lodge while in that capacity, and whatever had been done, the brethren, he felt sure, were not indebted to him, but to their present W.M., who, as they well knew, had assisted him most kindly and usefully during his tenure of office. He had not the slightest fear about the competency of their W.M. for the office to which the brethren had elected him, and he was sure that not one of them would have to regret their choice, and he would conclude his remarks by asking them to drink "The Health of their W.M." in a bumper. It is needless to say that this invitation was promptly responded to, accompanied with some excellent "firing." Bro. James Tanner sang, with great "verve," "Here's to his health in a song," which was well rendered, and at its conclusion the W.M. in reply said: It is with a feeling of pleasure that I rise to return you my thanks for so kindly responding to the toast of my health, and to say a few words on this, the most important day of the Masonic year. The celebration of the festival of St. John does not, as you are doubtless aware, happen on the same day to each lodge, but whenever it does happen, it is as I said before the most important day of the Masonic year, and it is so, I apprehend, because unquestionably a very important duty has to be performed on the part of the newly-invested officers to diffuse Masonic light and knowledge during their term of office. In their hands is placed the weal or woe of the lodge, and it is for them to say whether the work done shall be good and square work, or whether the timbers shall be crooked, the limbs knotted and dwarfed, and the Order brought into disgrace. Brethren, you have signified your confidence in my ability to perform the duties of W.M. of this lodge by electing me to the highest office which it is in your power to bestow, and I hereby tender you my heartfelt thanks for this token of your respect and esteem. You will, I know, readily believe me if I say that I approach these duties with a large amount of diffidence. Freemasonry expects that the Master of the work shall have nothing to learn. She also expects him to be able to instruct not only the younger members of the Craft, but also those more advanced in Masonic knowledge, and she expects him to be able to repel the insidious assertions of our uninitiated adversaries. This is a lofty standard, but then our mother never expects that any of her sons will ever reach this standard, and because she knows that the best of us—yes all of us—are so very imperfect; and hence the brother does well who does his best, and that I do promise, and I ask you, officers and brethren, to make the same vow. Brethren, let us this day resolve to act up to, more and more, the noble tenets of our venerable Order; yes, let us resolve to regulate our lives by the plumb line of justice and truth, and to square our actions by the principles of virtue, so that we may at the last gain admission to the celestial lodge above, where the Grand Master of the Universe for ever presides and for ever reigns. The W.M. was warmly applauded at the conclusion of his speech, and the musical brethren sang "Prosper the Art" in good style. The toasts of "The Visiting Brethren," "The I.P.M.," and the rest of the P.M.'s, "The Installing Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Newly Invested Officers" were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated a little before 11 o'clock, after spending one of the most pleasant and enjoyable evenings within their recollection. We must not conclude our report without warmly commending the very excellent singing of Bros. James and T. H. Turner, M. Stafford, P.M., and J. Taylor, and also the accompanying of Bro. Enos Andrew on the piano, the rendering of those beautiful glees, "The Red Cross Knight" and "Comrades in Arms," being most artistic, the latter producing quite a furore and being rapturously re-demanded.

LYMM.—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 1565).—The annual meeting and installation of W.M. elect and festival of St. John of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the picturesque village of Lymm, Cheshire, was en fête. The meetings of the lodge are held at the Masonic Hall, and on the above occasion at three in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Evans, was supported by a large number of members and visitors from neighbouring lodges. Among those present we noticed Bros. John Bows, P.M., P.P.G., J. W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Rev. — Hodgson, P.P.G.C.; E. G. Parker, S.W., W.M. elect; Balshaw, Sec.; Jno. Sudlow, S.D.; Jas. Kenworthy, J.D.; J. Lewis, I.G.; G. G. Wootton, P.M.; Coxhill, W.M. 758; Siddeley, 1045; Jno. Young, W.M. 148; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; Capt. Little, 120; Bradbury, P.M. 1357; Kenyon, P.M. 1045; Smith, P.M. 1009; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Rohmer, P.M. 633; Groves, Bradford, Wallington, P. Pearce, Griffin, Thompson, W. L. Stone, Crompton, W.M. 1888; Barber, W.M. 1730; Ryder, W.M. 1357; and others. The lodge was opened in due and form, when the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditor's report received. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when in the absence of Bro. E. Simpson, a distinguished member of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cheshire, Bro. Bows was requested to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Evans presented Bro. E. G. Parker, Worshipful Master elect, for the benefit of installation. The preliminary portion of the ceremony being completed, he

lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was completed in ample form, W. Bros. Finney and Siddeley presiding over the West and South respectively. Bro. E. G. Parker having been placed in the East, according to ancient custom, the congratulations usual in well-ordered lodges followed, the Board being "called off" *pro tempore*. Labour resumed, the Board was closed in the name and fear, and the members and visitors of the Three Degrees admitted in due course. The usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings followed, and then the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The Installing Master addressed each brother on the meaning of his emblem of office, his situation in the lodge, and the nature and importance of his duties, after which he addressed at length the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, and thus completed the interesting ceremony of the day. After the reception of some propositions and the discharge of some routine business, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowes for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief interval, after which they re-assembled at the banquet table. The W.M. presided, and after the cloth was withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by some excellent music.

GOSPORT.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1705).—The annual meeting of this lodge to instal the W.M. elect was held at the Star Hotel Assembly Rooms on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was, with the usual formalities, opened by the W.M., Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., with the assistance of the officers of the lodge, and supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Mark J. Frost, 257, 487, 1069, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. J. Guy, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D.C.; P. C. Puttock, W.M. 257; J. Johns, W.M. 1428, P.G.S.B.; V. Brown, W.M. 903; J. W. Wilmott, W.M. 342; E. H. Liddell, W.M. 804; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1069; R. Osborne, W.M. 487, P.P.G.O.; R. J. Murrell, W.M. 1776; J. C. Stroud, J.D. 359; G. Pearman, Org. 487; R. Downing, J.W. 903; W. Bruunwin, S.D. 903. Among the Past Masters were Bros. E. S. Main, J. Wallingford, and G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read by the Secretary, Bro. Count Des-Geney, and unanimously confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. A ballot was then taken for the election of a Treasurer, when the W. Bro. C. B. Whitcomb was declared to be unanimously elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Grant, was then formally presented by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Treas., P.P.G.S.D., for the benefit of installation, to the outgoing Master, Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., who most ably performed the ceremony, and regularly installed the W. Bro. G. Grant in King Solomon's chair. The following brethren were, in due course, appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. W. Stroud, S.W.; Count Des-Geney, J.W.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., Treas.; T. Batchelor, P.P.G. Org., Sec.; C. Johnson, S.D.; C. J. E. Mumby, J.D.; A. T. Cave, D.C.; A. Knight, Org.; G. Darby, I.G.; W. C. Webb and J. S. Senior, Stewards; L. Cauvin and W. Tomlinson, Tylers. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., Bro. G. Grant, seconded by Bro. J. W. Stroud, S.W., to Bro. C. B. Whitcomb for the able and impressive manner in which he had installed his successor, which was carried with acclamation. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, I.P.M. and Treas., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of special design and with appropriate inscription, as a token of appreciation by the members, for the able manner he had conducted the business of the lodge as first W.M. for two consecutive years. The brethren then adjourned to their usual place of meeting, the India Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet had been provided for about forty persons by the genial hostess, Miss Eastland, and several hours most agreeably spent in fraternal unity. The graces before and after the banquet were most ably rendered by the "Gosport Masonic Choir," who had equally well rendered and sung the anthems in the musical portion of the installation ceremony, with the kind assistance of Bro. Misselbrook, as Org. The usual toasts among Freemasons were duly given and responded to, and at a late hour the brethren separated, after a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Monday last, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Lovegrove, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; G. Clark, jun., S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Org.; Wood, W.S.; Rawles (acting), Tyler; Axford, E. W. Dubois, and others, with Bros. J. Hicks and J. Rush, visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Boyle, Holliday, and Thorn having answered the usual questions, were entrusted, and retired, and the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and those brethren were duly passed. Messrs. Wm. and Saml. Lewis, brothers, natives of Sierra Leone, were introduced, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The members afterwards partook of refreshment, and during the evening much enjoyed the vocal efforts of Bros. Holliday, S. Lewis, W. S. Dunkley, C. C. Cruikshanks, E. A. White, and G. S. Graham, the musical arrangements both in lodge and at refreshment being under the direction of the last-named brother.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. W. Foulsham, W.M., pre-

siding. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the S.W., J.W., and I.G., Bros. Poer, Sec. of the Panmure Lodge, 720, and Daniel, W.M. Prosperity Lodge, 65, kindly undertook to officiate as S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Sheadel, W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, officiating as S.D. in the place of Bro. Pascal, who filled the post of I.G. There were also present Bros. the Rev. J. H. Roberts, P.M.; B. Whittaker, J.D.; W. P. Robinson, Sec.; J. Sargeant, Dr. Fleming, G. W. Amer, H. Legg, and W. Tancock. This lodge was formally consecrated on the 22nd May last, and since that time, in addition to the founders and two or three joining members, eleven candidates have been initiated, of whom five have passed the Three Degrees. In addition to the eleven brethren before-mentioned, five gentlemen are enrolled for initiation, and one as joining member; the lodge may, therefore, be considered to have made fair and satisfactory progress during the six months it has been established. Its meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month in a spacious hall, erected specially for the lodge, adjacent to the Club, New Thornton-beath, and in connection with the lodge it has been resolved to form a lodge of instruction, a preliminary committee meeting having been fixed for the 20th inst.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. E. E. Barnett, W.M.; C. J. Hogg, S.W.; J. D. Langton, J.W.; Hogg, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Brittain, S.D. and J.D.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; and Fillan. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fillan acting as candidate. The S.W. vacated his chair, Bro. Fillan occupying same. Bro. J. D. Langton being a candidate for the Second Degree answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Langton was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. The Secretary stated that he had received information to the effect that the Committee of the Club had made arrangements by which the members of this lodge of instruction could enjoy the benefits of membership of the Club on advantageous terms. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, Bro. J. S. Fraser seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of this lodge be presented to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in the matter." The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hogg was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—Saturday night, the 1st inst., was quite a gala night at this old lodge of instruction, held at the Yorkshire Grey, Fitzroy-square. The Fifteen Sections were ably worked by the brethren, under the very able direction of Bro. Koester, P.M. 435, W.M.; Bro. Kew, P.M. 179, S.W.; Bro. Baker, P.M. 167, J.W.; Bro. Frost, P.M. 228, P.Z., I.P.M. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The various Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Marx, 957.
2nd " ...	... " J. C. Smith, 1744.
3rd " ...	... " P. Recknell, 202.
4th " ...	... " J. J. Harvey, Sec. 100.
5th " ...	... " Paul, 1287.
6th " ...	... " Frost, P.M. 228.
7th " ...	... " Baker, P.M. 167.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Paul, 1287.
2nd " ...	... " Ash, P.M. 179.
3rd " ...	... " W. C. Smith, 1563.
4th " ...	... " Kew, P.M. 179.
5th " ...	... " Sedgwick, P.M. 180.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Belfrage, W.M. 179.
2nd " ...	... " Paul, 1287.
3rd " ...	... " Koester, P.M. 435.

The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. On the proposition of Bro. J. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. Baker, P.M., Bro. Ramsden, 1744, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge of instruction. On the proposition of Bro. Sedgwick, seconded by Bro. Baker, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Koester, P.M., Preceptor, as a recognition of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, and for his services cheerfully rendered as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction; wishing him health and strength to continue his duties. Bro. Koester, in tendering his thanks to the lodge, remarked that it always afforded him the highest and greatest pleasure to preside at a meeting of that description, and to impart Masonic knowledge, pure and undefiled, to those in search of it, and hoped it would not be the last time by many he should meet his old friends, the Masters and Past Masters, who had come to support him on the occasion. Among the brethren assembled were Bros. W. S. Luck, Sedgwick, Lovett, Sibley, Wood, Gittens, Pratt, Stumm, Davis, Kew, P.M.; Ash, P.M.; Recknell, J. C. Smith, W. C. Smith, Ramsden, Belfrage, Harvey, Sec.; and Paul. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

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KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A convocation of this new chapter was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. George Everett, M.E.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, acting J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Speedy, 1st Assistant; Webb, 2nd Assistant; Appleton; and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Mann, P.Z., gave a notice of motion that the days of meeting should be altered from the second Saturday to the second Thursday in the months of February, April, September, and November. There were two candidates on the agenda for exaltation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. The chapter was then formally closed, and the companions having partaken of slight refreshment separated.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at five p.m., under the direction of the Principals, Ex. Comps. Bradnee, Z.; Hurrell, H.; and Fullwood, J.; assisted by Ex. Comps. Warren, I.P.Z.; Johns as E.; Dodge, N.; W. A. Goss, jun., Pr. Sojr.; Ellis and Taylor, Asst. Sojrs. The Board of Installed Principals having been opened, the companions were admitted, and the chapter was opened. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two brethren were expected to present themselves for exaltation, but owing to a little informality one of them was deferred. The First Principal took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the unexpected presence of Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, who was one of the founders of the chapter, to request him to take the chair of Z., perform the ceremony of exaltation, and give the symbolical and mystical lectures, with which he at once complied. This having been completed, Ex. Comp. Bradnee resumed his chair. On his proposition Scribe E. was directed on behalf of the chapter to address a letter of condolence and sympathy to the highly-esteemed Ex. Comp. Rev. R. Bowden, P.Z., on the death of his wife. Ex. Comp. Perry, P.Z., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Z. for a handsome present to the chapter of a frame containing photographic portraits of all who had occupied the chair of First Principal from the period of the foundation of the chapter, which was carried by acclamation. Notice having been given by the Third Principal of a proposal to require fees of honour from all officers on their appointment, the subject was fully discussed, and an arrangement to that effect was adopted. Other private business having been transacted, the chapter was closed at eight p.m.

Mark Masonry.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., opened his lodge at the appointed hour, assisted by Bros. H. S. Meyer, S.W.; W. Fieldwick, J.W.; W. J. Meek, M.O.; W. Beasley, J.O.; B. Meyer, P.M. and Treas.; James Hill, Sec.; A. P. Little, S.D.; J. J. Gould, J.D.; F. Bonner, R.M.; J. Marsh, Tyler; and the following members, viz.: V. W. Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., and Asst. G. Sec.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; and John Constable, honorary members; and Bros. E. M. Adams, W. A. Neede, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, Bros. G. Andrews, of Craft Lodge No. 1420; W. H. Edwards, of the Beadon Lodge; and R. Marshall, of Lodge No. 813, were advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. James Stevens, at the request of the W.M. Refreshment followed labour, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in social harmony, the toasts being very ably proposed by the W.M., and as happily responded to by Bros. Dewar, Constable, and others. Some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Stevens, H. S. Meyer, Constable, and other members enlivened the proceedings, which terminated at a reasonable hour, and the brethren separated highly satisfied therewith. This lodge under its present able management promises to become one of the best of the many excellent lodges connected with this flourishing Degree.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The installation meeting of this flourishing Mark lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday last, the W.M., Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., in the chair, supported by Bros. M. S. Larham as I.P.M.; C. P. McKay, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., J.W.; G. Clark, jun., M.O.; J. K. Pitt, acting S.O.; Baldwin, Sec. and acting J.O.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; G. Moss, J.D.; Axford, acting I.G.; G. S. Graham, Organist; Potter, Tyler; and others. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and one emergency meeting, Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., was duly advanced to the honorable Degree of Mark Master. The ballot was then taken for some candidates for initiation, and a brother for joining. Bro. M. S. Larham, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., then presented Bro. C. P. McKay for installation, and the whole ceremony was rendered by Bro. Poore in his usual style, so well known to nearly all metropolitan brethren. The following were invested as officers: Bros. T. Poore, I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; J. Curtis, M.O. (by deputy); H. Baldwin, S.O.; Dr. Pearce, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; G. Moss, S.D.; G. N. Evans, J.D.; Axford, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Organist; and Potter, Tyler. The brethren passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Poore, the Installing Officer, and the lodge was closed in due form. An excellent repast was provided

by Bro. Oliver, to which the brethren did ample justice, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

BIRKENHEAD.—Joppa Lodge (No. 11).—The annual gathering of the members of this lodge of Mark Masters was held at the Masonic Hall, Argyle-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was an excellent gathering, amongst the chiefs present being Bros. John Pemberton, P.P.G.J.D., W.M., in the chair; Hugh Williams, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. W. Burgess, J.W.; C. Dutton, M.O.; Thomas, J.O.; Bennett, S.D.; Bradshaw, J.D.; J. P. Platt, Treas.; Pearson, Sec.; and others. The list of visitors included Bros. J. Hayes, W.M. of West Lancashire Lodge; E. Friend, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Salmon, P.M., P.G.I.G. of England; Bolton, W.M. Egerton Mark Lodge; D. Fraser, W.M. Earl of Chester Lodge; and others. The W.M., Bro. Pemberton, installed Bro. Hugh Williams, P.P.J.D., in a very impressive manner (who was unanimously elected W.M.), assisted by Bro. Stevenson, P.G.T. The W.M. then appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. W. Burgess, P.P.L.G., as S.W.; Dutton, J.W.; J. P. Platt, P.G.D. England, was re-elected Treasurer for the eighteenth time; Pearson, re-appointed Sec.; Gray, Reg.; Thomas, M.O.; Bennett, S.O.; J. H. Bradshaw, J.O.; Gardner, S.D.; Thorburn, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; and Holtaway, Tyler (re-elected). A Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Morgan, P.P.G.S.B., to Bro. Pemberton on his retirement. The brethren afterwards banqueted, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 6).—The brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at 6.30 p.m., to assist at the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. A. Wylie, J.W. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. A. Wylie, J.W. as S.W.; W. J. Thompson, M.O., as J.W.; W. Corbett, P.M., as M.O.; R. Reader, Sec., as S.O.; H. W. Parry, J.O.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.J.D.; G. R. Goepel, Treas., P.G.M.O.; W. C. Erwin, S.D.; J. Jenaway, I.G.; M. Howarth, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were also present Bros. T. Clark P.M., P.P.G.M.O. L.; John Pye, D. Davies, E. Humphries, J. S. Russell, R. Young, and W. Henderson. The visitors were Bros. S. Mattison, P.P.G.M.O. Cheshire; John Pemberton, P.M. No. 11 and P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; George Morgan, P.M. No. 11, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Hugh Williams, W.M. No. 11. The following brethren were advanced to the Honourable Degree, Christopher Wadsworth, Luke Bramwell, Jas. Sampson, and David Cangleby, by Bro. Evans, W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M. The W.M., Bro. Evans, having vacated the chair, it was occupied by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Wylie, was presented by Bros. R. H. Evans, W.M., and G. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas., P.G.M.O., and installed according to ancient custom. The W.M., Bro. A. Wylie, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. Their names are Bros. R. Reader, S.W.; W. J. Thompson, J.W.; W. Corbett, M.C.; H. W. Parry, S.O.; W. C. Erwin, J.O.; G. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas.; J. Jenaway, Reg. M.; M. Howarth, Sec.; J. S. Russell, S.D.; E. Humphries, J.D.; Dr. A. Samuels, I.G.; D. Davies, Chap.; W. J. Henderson, C. Wadsworth, and D. Cangleby, Stewards. Bro. Evans, I.P.M., in proposing that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Goepel, Treas., P.M., P.G.M.O., said that he could not too highly esteem Bro. Goepel, for his many excellent qualities; his courtesy and kindness were beyond all praise. He had worked long and arduously for the lodge, and all the brethren knew that but for him they would not have seen it in such a flourishing condition as it was that day. The vote of thanks was seconded by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.D., in a few appropriate words, and carried unanimously. Bro. Goepel, Treasurer, thanked the brethren for their vote of thanks, and said that during the many years he had been the Treasurer of the lodge he had seen it pass through many vicissitudes. He had seen it under three constitutions, but now he hoped that it had safely weathered the stormy sea of difficulties, pecuniary and others, and had entered the safe harbour of success. Bro. Goepel, Treasurer, then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Evans, I.P.M., for so ably presiding over the lodge during his year of office, and also a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he had given the installing ceremony. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Wylie, W.M., and carried unanimously. Bros. Evans, I.P.M., and J. Hayes, P.M., responded in suitable terms. A brother was proposed for advancement. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a very agreeable manner.

FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Freemasonry in England differs in some respects from any other country, and though mostly these differences are to the advantage of the Craft in the "old country," occasionally a few of the departures witnessed under other Grand Lodges might be adopted with like success by the Body which, directly or indirectly, is the parent of all modern Grand Lodges in the world. From the operative companies and societies of "ye ancient tymes" came the old lodges which independently were working early last century in England. A few of these united and formed the premier Grand Lodge of England (and of the world)

in 1716-17. The success attending this organisation led to the members of the famous lodge at York starting a "Grand Lodge of all England (at York), and all went on "merry as a wedding feast" until about 1740-50, when, after various alterations and alterations, the secession was an accomplished fact, and a third Grand Lodge was formed "according to the old Institutions," with their Grand East at London, about 1750-1. Of these three bodies, No. 1 and No. 3 went on progressing rapidly—as rivals—until December, 1813, when they united. No. 2 died out about 1800, but before then issued several warrants for lodges to assemble in England, and constituted a Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent, under the wing of the Antiquity Lodge, London (during its temporary secession); but before the present century the Grand Lodge, its offspring Grand Lodge, and all its lodges had expired, and not a real representative of the York Grand Lodge was left anywhere. In fact, York Masonry originated in that city, and under No. 3 Grand Lodge ceased to exist after the latter part of last century. No. 1 issued warrants for Provincial Grand Lodges and lodges in America from 1730, but No. 3 having commenced a similar work about 1750, and recognised four degrees instead of the constitutional three, the latter became the more popular, and most Provincial Grand Lodges in the United States came under its sway, added to which, No. 3, though the more modern, became known as the "Ancients," or "Ancient York Masons," and by misrepresentation secured a firm footing on American soil. Hence the title "Ancient York Masons" (A.Y.M.), which is quite a misnomer, as the York Grand Lodge No. 2 only issued warrants for England, all warrants from that country for America, by No. 3, or No. 1, being dated from London, not York. Under the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent (Masonically and naturally brothers), Grand Masters of Nos. 1 and 3 respectively, the two rival bodies united in December, 1813, and formed the "United Grand Lodge of England," London, since which period its title has been well maintained. The "Articles of Union" provided for the "Fourth Degree" or "Royal Arch" being recognised, as before then No. 1 only authoritatively worked the three Craft Degrees, whereas No. 3 acknowledged the Royal Arch. Hence in England the recognised Degrees are E.A., F.C., M.M., and R.A., all the rest being virtually permitted, but not on any plea to be worked in an open Craft (or R.A.) Lodge. The Grand Master is elected annually by the Grand Officers (present and past), Masters, Past Masters, and present Wardens, who personally attend the quarterly communication in March. No proxy voting is allowed, and, if R.A. Masons, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, and Grand Secretary become in like manner the holders of similar offices in the Grand Chapter of the R.A. There are about 1650 active lodges, and over 500 R.A. chapters, and the government is very similar under each Body, the business being conducted most ably by the same staff and apartments in Freemasons' Hall, London. No "mileage" is paid to the representatives, and such hard worked officers as the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, the two Presidents of the Board of General Purposes and of Benevolence, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, not only give their valuable services freely but pay large "Fees of Honour" on accepting office, the revenue of the two Bodies being obtained from "Fees of Honour," and Fees for warrants, certificates, registration, annual dues, &c. These payments are all required by the Constitution, each member being obliged through his lodge to procure a certificate from the Grand Lodge. The expenses are light considering the magnitude of the two societies, and large sums are devoted to the relief of necessitous brethren, or to their wives and families after due scrutiny. The business is so well conducted by the Boards, &c., that two or three hours a quarter transacts all the work of the Grand Lodge at their communications. The great Masonic Charities are supported by voluntary donations from the Craft and the Grand Bodies, yielding usually about £40,000 (\$200,000) annually, and support about 400 boys and girls, and about as many aged Freemasons and widows. In the Provinces (or counties over which rule the Provincial Grand Masters, appointed *ad vitam* by the M.W.G.M.) there are also similar charitable organisations, only minus the buildings, by which about the same number are supported or educated, and each Provincial Grand Lodge is within its jurisdiction in effect a Grand Lodge, and has similar officers, only all subservient to the M.W.G.M., and have to report their principal work every year to the Grand Secretary. The "unrecognised degrees" (as they are called) comprise the Mark Grand Lodge, which takes care chiefly of the Mark Degrees, which has 240 active lodges; the Royal Arch Chapters only working the Royal Arch, not (as in the United States, Scotland, &c.), the intermediate Degrees. The Grand Priory of the Knights Templar looks after the Templar and Malta Degrees; the Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, that particular degree; and the Supreme Council, the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degree. The Mark Grand Lodge has its offices at 2, Red Lion square, the Knights Templar in Chancery-lane, and the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" at 33, Golden square, all in the City of London. The latter Body has a magnificent library at its Grand East, valued at 2000 guineas (\$10,000), and as respects influence and management, it stands certainly as the accepted chief of the "High Degrees." The Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and many Provincial Grand Masters, belong to one or more of these Bodies, for though not actually or officially recognised, they are virtually so. The Grand Lodge of England is unsectarian; any gentleman, otherwise eligible, is accepted irrespective of his colour, country, or creed, provided he believes in the Great Architect of the Universe, and practises the sacred duties of morality, and over all rules the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, the Heir apparent to the Throne.—*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. Richard H. Graud, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Col. Somerville Burney, F. Adlard, John Newton, W. Clarke, E. Bowyer, Capt. Philips, A. H. Tattershall, J. M. Case, J. A. Farnfield, Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, James Brett, C. G. Dille, William Stephens, John G. Stevens, John H. Leggott, J. J. Barnes, C. F. Hogard, C. Atkins, James Terry (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the day fixed by the Prince of Wales for the next festival of this Institution happened to be on Ash Wednesday. Immediately he became aware of that fact he wrote to the Earl of Zetland, who was to preside, to know whether it would make any difference to his lordship. The noble earl replied that he would prefer to have it on the 9th of February. He (Bro. Terry) then wrote to the Earl of Carnarvon, requesting his lordship to lay this letter before the Prince of Wales, and he had no doubt that his Royal Highness would give his assent to the alteration of the day. Bro. Terry then announced that since the last meeting of the Committee a West Yorkshire male annuitant had died, and also a female annuitant, a resident in the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Thomas White, a candidate placed on the list at last meeting, had likewise died.

A letter from Bro. Recknell, thanking the Committee for the increase made in his salary, was read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries, and wages. The application of the widow of the late Bro. John Dawson for half her late husband's annuity was granted. Five male candidates and four widows were placed on the list for the election in May next.

With respect to the petition of one applicant, deferred at last meeting, Bro. Terry said he had received a communication from Bro. Macrae Moir, the Secretary to the Scottish Corporation, saying that the candidate was a pensioner on his fund. As he was in receipt of £40 a year he was ineligible for the Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. G. Stevens said he was very sorry that the Yarrow Lodge had recommended the case. At the last meeting of that lodge he had explained the case, and the brethren deliberately said they would not recommend it. Notwithstanding that the brother was ineligible, having £40 a year, he had the effrontery again to come before them for assistance.

Bro. Leggott, before the Committee adjourned, said he wished to bring a subject before the brethren. He went down to the Asylum at Croydon on Tuesday and examined it. He found the building in good condition, with plenty of good air, well ventilated and well lighted; but he considered that the buildings were quite inadequate to the demands of the Institution. When he knew that as Freemasons the Craft extended over the face of the whole earth, he felt that the building was small. The Board room was not half large enough, the library was nothing more than a cupboard, though the inmates of the Asylum thought it quite sufficient. He believed a fund might be raised by which there could be added an infirmary and a chapel, as well as a very large board room. There was a large piece of land adjoining which he thought could be obtained. Close by it would be found there were numerous small buildings, mere rabbit hutches, being erected, which were no credit to such a respectable Institution. The approaches to the Asylum were also bad. He thought he could see a plan by which money might be raised to build another wing in the Tudor style, as well as an infirmary, a chapel, and a large board room. The brethren must understand that this was only a suggestion, but everything were to be done by perseverance, and if a Committee was formed to go fairly into the matter and study it, he thought they might succeed in getting a wing built on one side for an infirmary, which would be detached, and another for the chapel and board room over it. Then there might be an additional wing on the other side in the course of time—not perhaps at once, but in the course of ten years. By this means the building would be rendered worthy of the great body of Freemasons; at present he thought it was quite inadequate. He found the inmates were very cleanly, and the building was in a very good state of repair, and did great credit to the Committee who had the management of it. He called on the inmates, who were not prepared for his visit, and found them cleaning up their residences and polishing the stoves, &c. If an appeal was set on foot he thought it would be responded to all over England. If the site he had referred to was lost the building would not maintain its character, and the object of the founders would not be realised, because the ground would be sold and small tenements built on it. The matter was worthy of consideration, and, if necessary, he would give notice of a motion for carrying out his proposition.

The Chairman said that with regard to the land, he did not think there was any chance of the Institution getting it, and with respect to enlarging the building, it was very rarely that the present building was full.

In answer to Bro. Leggott, Bro. Terry said there were thirty-three inmates at the present time, and only five times since the Asylum had been erected had it been quite full.

The Chairman said that, of course, if notice of motion was given the whole subject would be in order, and it could be discussed at a future time.

Bro. Leggott said he would send to Bro. Terry a proper notice of motion, and then ask the Committee to discuss it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

To Correspondents.

Masonic Amateur Dramatic Performance in our next.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "The Girl's World," "Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Daylight," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Freemasons' Repository," "New York Dispatch," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BALDOCK.—On the 10th inst., at Charlton le Moorland, Lincolnshire, the wife of the Rev. R. Baldock, of a son.

MACGILL.—On the 10th inst., at 5, Southbrooke-road, Lee, Kent, the wife of Mr. Campbell MacGill, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DARBY—GROVER.—On the 5th inst., at All Saints', Child's-hill, N.W., by the Rev. J. H. Clay, Robert, third son of Mr. Robert Fryer Darby, of Cirencester, to Kate Emily, daughter of Mr. James Grover, late of New Brentford.

DEATHS.

COX.—On the 6th inst., at Swansea, Joseph Hamilton Cox, aged 47.

KELLY.—On the 5th inst., Isabella Rosa Curzon Fitzroy, third daughter of the Lord Chief Baron Sir Fitzroy Kelly, aged 19.

MILTON.—On the 8th inst., at Uxbridge-road, W., Ann Susan, wife of Mr. John Milton.

TURNBULL.—On the 9th inst., at Cedars-road, Clapham-common, Sarah Dent, widow of Mr. Thomas Turnbull.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1879.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

A correspondent, calling himself a "Past Master," in a column of our last newspaper, gave us some "figures" as regards provincial support of the Girls' School, which are alike curious and most interesting. We assume, of course, that they are correct. There can be no intentional inaccuracy in the matter, and though there is only approximate certainty at the best, yet the facts thus elicited are facts worthy of note and remembrance. We shall next week give our correspondent's figures for the Boys' School. It seems there were to the close of 1879 (though that hardly covers the whole ground, we fancy,) 8435 votes in the provinces for the Girls' School, and that 940 lodges subscribed. Of these the highest average subscriptions came from West Yorkshire, with 65 lodges and 1484 votes, and, as the compiler of the figures puts it, 22½ votes per lodge. This, is, however, a deceptive way of putting the average, we think it right to remark, as all lodges do not subscribe alike; some lodges do much more than others, some do comparatively little. We fancy that this remark applies to West Yorkshire as to all other provinces, though Bro. H. Smith can best tell us, if he will. Still it is a convenient way, perhaps, of getting at an "idea" of provincial work, and, curiously enough, as West Yorkshire heads the list, Kent follows suit, and Sussex succeeds to Kent. East Lancashire is only twenty-fourth in order of forty-three provinces, and West Lancashire thirty-seventh. West Lancashire will no doubt make a noble effort in 1880 under its distinguished chief, and a little bird has whispered in our ears that it "means to beat East Lancashire for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." We wish it may. It is but fair to

observe that the votes for 1879 are not included in this list, and which may materially alter the average, so that our brother "Past Master" must in 1880 repeat his valuable summaries. We have always contended that a great margin remains of work for the Secretaries, and we are sorry when we notice crude suggestions or impractical theories propounded which serve only to check the efforts of zealous brethren, or to dwarf the movements of sympathetic lodges. All lodges cannot contribute alike, all brethren are not on the same level of worldly means, and to lay it down that all brethren shall contribute so much per annum to the Charities, either for themselves or through the lodges, is a very great mistake, because utterly unreasonable to expect, and impossible to effect. The work of the future will, and must be, we fancy, the work of the past, only in enlarged ratio, and with a juster perception of need and of means, and of the real end in view. It still must be left to the willing hearts and thoughtful minds of individual members of our kind-hearted brotherhood, and with the exception of more uniform lodge and chapter support actually of all our Charities, like everything else in the world, the result must still, humanly speaking, be controlled by personal sympathies, individual effort, and a Masonic sense of duty, a belief in the noble principles we habitually profess.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

A very sensible letter from Bro. Frances gives what we fancy is the general idea of all who have ever thought really on the subject. For it is one thing to take up a question, it is quite another thing, and often a very different thing, to think it out. We believe that there is but one feeling among all "sound Preceptors" and "bright Masons," to "leave well alone," and not for any idle love of change, excitement, or novelty to land ourselves in that debatable and undiscovered country of ritual alteration. To take away from the English Craft its harmless and healthy "liberty of ritualizing" would be, in our opinion, impolitic and unwise, and certain to produce at no distant date many and serious evils, hard to ameliorate and harder still to cure. Under these circumstances we deprecate the agitation, just as we question the arguments on the subject. But, to say the truth, arguments we have seen not, and the premises set out involve a complete fallacy in themselves. It is assumed that there has been, first, an uniformity of ritual before and after the Union—that is undoubtedly a myth, pure and undoubted. It is then asserted that in 1813, with the Lodge of Reconciliation uniformity was enjoined, and no doubt that fact is a fact, per se. But then, also, equally practice has widely differed from theory. Just as no uniformity existed before the Union, none has existed since, and Hemming's working has prevailed in some parts, Hemming's improved by Williams elsewhere, while the old Prestonian working is very prevalent. Grateful as we are to the Lodge of Emulation, we are not prepared to concede "infallibility" even to it, nor would its ablest exponent claim that on its behalf; but too much cannot be said in favour of its careful working and grateful simplicity. The Lodge of Reconciliation being now dissolved there is no legal exponent of its views. If any doubts exist as to "landmarks," &c., the Grand Secretary has to be appealed to, but we feel sure, from what we know of that distinguished brother, and no one is a more consummate master of the Royal art, he would, like us, deprecate heartily a childish agitation, and a leaden uniformity. Like us, he would rejoice in the sensible and tolerating liberality of the Grand Lodge of England, which declines to enforce a "standard of ritual" from which some might conscientiously differ, with which few would entirely agree. Let us trust this movement will be "still born."

OUR UNIVERSAL CRAFT.

It is a wonderful idea, is it not, that of the "Universality of Freemasonry?" As the Bishop of Durham, speaking at another meeting of another work, says truly, "Quæ regio in terris nostri non plena laboris." What region is there

on the face of this whole earth, what land so parched with heat or numbed with frost, what ancient kingdom so incrustated with the successive layers of an immemorial civilization, or what newly discovered track so rude with the grossness of its aboriginal savagery, that "Freemasonry" has not found thereon a hold for its foot? From the Rocky Mountains to the Wall of China, beneath the Northern Pole Star and beneath the Southern Cross, in the central plains of the African Continent, and in the scattered islands of the far off Melanesia, its voice is heard." And thus, just at this moment, Freemasonry is, in truth, cosmopolitan, world-wide, and is making rapid strides, as in the old world so in the new. There are probably about two millions of Masons dispersed over the "face of earth and water," and wherever we go at this time we find jurisdictions, rites, lodges, chapters, councils, if not all the same in organization and object, yet all proceeding from the "one starting point," Freemasonry. For those so scattered and so severed outwardly a handbook is needed, clear and comprehensive, lucid in order, succinct in statement, easily portable, and easily digestible. The Masonic mind is not always interested, (like others), in details, or long calculations, or tedious compilations, but wants a result, easily attainable, and as easily remembered, one that it can use daily, and serve as a useful little vade mecum of reference wherever chance or duty leads us, wherever the travel-stained pilgrims or the lone and weary pilgrims stay their weary feet. We feel it but then right, alike in a spirit of fraternal sympathy, and yet of honest independence, to announce once more, in the far read columns of the *Freemason*, the appearance of the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," which aims at being a Masonic handbook of universal use and reference. We can say for it, as we are assured, and as we know, that no pains have been spared to make it worthy of our universal Craft. It has been made a little more handy, with new type, and contains much fresh and useful matter never before published in any Masonic work. We allude, for instance, to the complete account, for the first time printed, of the Masonic bodies in France. Indeed, as we run over its pages, we are struck with its compactness and its completeness, the enormous amount of otherwise unattainable facts and names it records and preserves. Surely we have a right and warrant to say that Bro. George Kenning, has deserved well of the Craft Universal for the trouble and expense he has so liberally and ungrudgingly borne in order that "all the world over," wherever Masons do congregate, in lodge or chapter, wherever the Knightly Grades are found, wherever the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite flourishes, his little book may give to all such brethren and bodies the best and clearest attainable account of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry? And thus it is that the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" enters into rivalry with none, is in opposition to none. There are numerous jurisdictional calendars at home and abroad which, excellent in their way and ably edited, are the correct and official calendars of distinct Grand Lodges. But the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" takes a wider flight, a larger survey of the whole vast Masonic family. It equally records the lodges of France and the lodges of Germany, Spain, and Italy; it gives us the names of all the leading officials of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in all portions of the world. If errors creep in, as creep they will in all similar compilations, despite the most careful supervision, or through the retardation of returns, or the carelessness of correspondents, the "Cosmo." suffers more in this respect, (not from its own fault, but the fault of others), than the most eager and bitter criticism can discover or blame. We claim for the Cosmopolitan Calendar the support of thousands of our educated brotherhood in all countries, as a most useful handbook of facts, and names, and figures, most useful to the traveller, most necessary to the Mason, and one which will tell us, go where we will, loiter where we may on this earth's surface, in words which none can gainsay, or doubt even, of the wonderful and moving fact of the Cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Notwithstanding that I am aware how much we differ in opinion on this subject, I implicitly rely upon your acknowledged fairness in the conduct of our recognised exponent of Freemasonry to afford me space for reply to the letter of our worthy Bro. H. E. Frances in your impression of this date.

I perceive that he, in common with many others, quite misunderstands the nature and import of the movement I have consistently advocated for so many past years and does not recognise the fact that much more important issues attach thereto than the mere diversities and discrepancies which have crept into the language of our ritual.

I cannot if I would, and I am sure I would not, put into print that which I look forward to speak of in another place. Until then I must submit to whatever comments may be made by those who cannot know to what I allude. Meanwhile, it is but reasonable to ask them to suspend their judgment. They may then see that what I suggest is not only absolutely necessary, but eminently practicable, and that the "candle" which may enlighten them will not be wasted. The "score or so of Preceptors in the Metropolis," amongst whom are many worthy, zealous, and sufficiently informed brethren, for whom I entertain a great respect, will, I feel assured, if their desire for the "pure and unsullied system" is as great as they represent it to be, rather coincide with than oppose my views after a fair and impartial hearing shall have been given. There is nothing paradoxical in any portion of my proposition, and nothing inharmonious need of necessity ensue on its adoption. Nor would any edict of Grand Lodge, requiring a faithful following of its measures, become an assumption of infallibility or interfere in the slightest degree with the principles or even the name of Freemasonry.

Our brother says that in no mode of working does he see perfection. But that is no argument against an endeavour to secure, as nearly as possible, perfection and uniformity. There are many who have seen and welcome a simple and effective working, free from anything which can be objected to by religious and educated men, and fully sufficient for the expounding of our "system of morality," without any attempt to illustrate our teachings by the aid of effects which poison the mind, and give rise to feelings of disgust rather than reverence. And as we are, or should be, "tethered to our landmarks," and willingly so, let us not scruple to condemn any attempt to remove them and substitute therefor other allegories or symbols which are not in distinct accord therewith.

As to the suggestion of "arguing our different readings in the Masonic publications," setting aside the impracticability, even if there were the possibility of effectively doing so, our Bro. Frances must see the impolicy of adopting such means as he refers to; whilst the further request to be allowed to adopt in our working "what seemeth best" (I presume he means to each individual), if granted, would be to at once introduce anarchy and confusion, and set brother against brother in the work of communicating light and instruction.

A long personal and pleasant acquaintance with Bro. Frances gives me assurance that he would not wish that any man should do what he himself would not do, namely, "put his hand to the plough and look back," and as this is not a question of difference between "tweedledum and tweedledee," but, in the opinion of many, one of vital importance to the best interests of the Order we reverence, both himself and yourself must take it for granted that I am earnest in continuance, not in the least seeking "laurels," but strenuously desiring to uphold and maintain that "pure and unsullied system" which as an initiate, nearly a quarter of a century ago, I pledged myself to support to the best of my ability.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
Clapham, Nov. 8th, JAMES STEVENS.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reading your reports of the various Masonic meetings my attention was particularly drawn to the report of the lodge of instruction held under the warrant of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, at which I was elected acting W.M. at the next meeting, to be held on the fourth Wednesday in this month.

There is a question connected with lodges of instruction which has often occupied my mind, and on which I venture to ask you to decide.

When an acting W.M. is elected, is he not virtually the same in that lodge of instruction, for the time being, as the W.M. of a regular lodge, so far as the working of that lodge is concerned, or can individual members propose in open lodge (after he is elected) such and such work to be done without his consent or even consulting him in the matter? An answer through your paper will oblige,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. SUTHERST, S.W. 94.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In continuation of the tables published last week I now send a return of the votes per lodge as regards the Boys' School. It will be seen that in many respects it

differs widely from the former return, but, as in that life votes to the end of last year only are counted, and fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ are estimated as $\frac{1}{4}$.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Votes.	Votes per Lodge.
1 West Yorkshire ...	66	2455	37 $\frac{1}{4}$
2 Dorset ...	13	435	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Warwickshire ...	30	983	33
4 Gloucestershire ...	14	391	28
5 Surrey ...	18	464	26
6 Kent ...	43	1044	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	313	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Somerset ...	21	497	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	705	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Oxfordshire ...	9	199	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Sussex ...	20	438	22
12 Lancashire (East) ...	89	1894	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
13 Staffordshire ...	21	437	21
14 Norths and Hunts ...	9	172	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Wilts ...	10	189	19
16 Northumberland ...	18	314	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
17 Berks and Bucks ...	17	290	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 Lincolnshire ...	20	339	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Leicestershire and Rutland ...	10	162	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
20 Bristol ...	8	127	16
21 Essex ...	17	255	15
22 Durham ...	25	458	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
23 South Wales (Western) ...	9	114	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Cumberland & Westmorland ...	19	235	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
25 Worcestershire ...	10	122	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
26 Yorkshire (N. and E.) ...	26	311	12
27 Derbyshire ...	19	210	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
28 Notts ...	9	98	11
29 Herts ...	11	115	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
30 Middlesex ...	29	298	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
31 Cheshire ...	37	368	10
32 Suffolk ...	19	186	10
33 Monmouthshire ...	8	76	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	203	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
35 Norfolk ...	15	121	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
36 Devonshire ...	47	352	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
37 Cambridgeshire ...	4	27	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
38 Herefordshire ...	4	23	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
39 Cornwall ...	28	152	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
40 Lancashire (West) ...	80	406	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
41 Bedfordshire ...	5	23	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
42 Channel Islands ...	11	48	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
Total Lodges.	940	16,049	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total Votes.			
Average per Lodge.			

In order, if possible, to get a fair average I append the total number of votes for Boys and Girls, and the votes per lodge:—

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Total Votes Boys & Girls.	Votes per Lodge.
1 West Yorkshire ...	66	3939	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Warwickshire ...	30	1383	46 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Sussex ...	20	834	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 Dorset ...	13	527	40 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Gloucestershire ...	14	555	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 Kent ...	43	1699	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Surrey ...	18	705	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	490	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Oxfordshire ...	9	320	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Somerset ...	21	731	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	1063	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 Wilts ...	10	330	33
13 Staffordshire ...	21	673	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 Norths and Hunts ...	9	284	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Berks and Bucks ...	17	498	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
16 Lincolnshire ...	20	580	29
17 Lancashire (East) ...	89	2534	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 Durham ...	25	691	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Bristol ...	8	201	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
20 Essex ...	17	393	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
21 Leicestershire & Rutland ...	10	229	23
22 South Wales (Western) ...	9	191	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
23 Northumberland ...	18	381	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Herts ...	11	228	21
25 Monmouthshire ...	8	165	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
26 Suffolk ...	19	345	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
27 Worcestershire ...	10	179	18
28 Middlesex ...	29	515	18
29 Cumberland and Westmorland ...	19	330	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
30 Yorkshire (N. & E.) ...	26	446	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
31 Notts ...	9	140	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
32 Cheshire ...	37	568	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
33 Norfolk ...	15	213	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	313	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
35 Derbyshire ...	19	235	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
36 Herefordshire ...	4	45	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
37 Devonshire ...	47	510	11
38 Cambridge ...	4	38	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
39 Lancashire (West) ...	80	649	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
40 Cornwall ...	28	224	8
41 Beds ...	5	38	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
42 Channel Islands ...	11	72	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
Total Lodges.	940	24,484	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total Votes.			
Average per Lodge.			

The foregoing figures require no comment from me unless it be to notice the splendid position held by West Yorkshire, "facile princeps" throughout. I should have been glad to have added a similar return for the Benevolent Institution, but the mode in which the list is made out precludes it. The insertion of the names of all subscribers, metropolitan and provincial, in one alphabetical list, is very inconvenient, especially for country subscribers, and it is to be hoped that the executive will see fit to adopt the plan pursued by the two other Charities.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

A GRUMBLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whenever Englishmen incline to grumble, to vent their grievances and propose schemes for reforming the world at large, it is their undoubted prerogative to "write to the Times"; it satisfies them and does no one much injury. When Freemasons murmur I presume the *Freemason* may be regarded as their *Times*. Will you, Mr. Editor, kindly let me indulge in the luxury of a growl? I will make my remarks as short as possible, and without preface will begin. When a man enters Freemasonry and takes his Third Degree, he usually reviews his progress, and the question naturally suggests itself *cui bono*? In my case, I got no very satisfactory answer, and my interest in the subject began rapidly to cool, and had it not been for the fact of my being, by great favour of the then W.M., very quickly appointed to office, I should probably have glided from this sublunary sphere in almost utter ignorance of the real object and significance of the mystic Craft. More extended experience has taught me that Masonry can be understood only by those who persevere in its study and practice; it is more than can be communicated by mere words and signs; it is a something indefinable, which binds man to man in one common bond of brotherly feeling; it will not regenerate the world; it may not in every instance have the effect of moulding unsuitable natures into perfect finish; but even in the unlikely event of the morality inculcated, and the convivial socialism practised, not modifying rugged attributes, it can do them no harm. To a man who has rested content with the acquisition of the Third Degree, who has merely as it were "stood shivering on the brink," and who is without the knowledge possessed by those who have advanced further, Freemasonry can merely be regarded as an intellectual recreation, the practice of which is innocuous if somewhat vapid; this Pierian spring may be either tapped deeply or merely tasted, with equal impunity; if the first taste proved insipid, and the cup is thrown away (as so frequently happens, and for reasons which I hope to show), it is to be regretted, but at least "the last state of that man" is not "worse than the first," and this much can scarcely be said of any other system of morality. I make these preliminary remarks, because in whatever I may feel called upon to write I would that none should misunderstand the purport of my observations, or imagine that any attack upon the Craft is meditated; such is not my object. Masonry is exceedingly conservative, there seems to exist a spirit antagonistic to reform of any kind; any one who demurs at whatever is presented is usually regarded as heterodox, and unreasonable fears are entertained that he might pull up the ancient landmarks (whatever they may be), and cause a deluge or something equally awful and mysterious; let those fears be banished in this instance. I began then to enquire as to the wherefore of my new existence, and could elicit no satisfactory reply. I was informed that benevolence formed a great part of the Masonic scheme. I asked for a sign, and was referred to the various Institutions as a proof; enquiring further, I found no one who could or would enlighten me as to what these Charitable establishments were really doing. I have since that time passed the chair, and have prosecuted enquiries from the highest to the lowest in the province; but beyond the merest generalisations no one appears to know anything about them; but for the facts that certain brethren are said to be in receipt of pensions, and occasionally voting papers are presented for signature, the existence of our eleemosynary organisations might well be regarded as chimerical. I am aware that we are at a distance from the Metropolis, but the printing press obliterates space. I think some one told me the Masonic newspapers contain notices from time to time of the doings of each Institution; that may be so, but it generally happens that a Freemason has some occupation, and time will not admit of his metaphorically searching in a bottle of hay after a needle. Is it not possible to place within the reach of every Freemason a concise history of the various Masonic Charities? This should not be a very difficult matter, and greater publicity would benefit them and evoke salutary criticism. The narration might be accompanied by a copy of the annual balance sheets; thus fully accounting for the funds dispensed *ab initio*; there could also be appended notices of the progress of pupils in the Schools as shown by annual examinations by competent men and strangers, the status of the Masters, the mode of their election, the salaries or stipends from Head Master to porter; the position of the Schools as shown by results at the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations, &c.; the dietary, and the system of rewards and punishments, the Medical Officers' report as to sickness, sanitary arrangements, quality of food, and so forth. All these important matters should annually appear; and if the history of bygone years, as embodied in the balance sheets and reports issued, were collected, bound, and sold to Freemasons at just sufficient price to pay expenses—say two shillings or two shillings and sixpence—I feel sure these Institutions, and therefore, Masonry in general, would be great gainers. A volume of this kind placed in the hands of the newly-raised would go far towards awakening that interest in the material concerns of the Craft on the part of the novice

which is now lamentably wanting. Of course, all this pre-supposes the Charities to be properly managed; each of us takes that for granted; but, with due submission to the powers that be, such a course should not be allowed; not, let it be understood, that I would for a moment insinuate that any bad management exists, or that there are any cracks or leakages by which funds may improperly escape; in common apparently with my fellows, I know nothing about the matter; it is every Mason's business, and we are told that is equivalent to being no Mason's business. In affairs of this nature we should take nothing for granted, and especially should no sentimental or fraternal feeling be allowed to interfere with strict supervision and scrutiny. The novice is called upon to pay certain fees, and it is his undoubted right to be informed as to their disposal; it should not be requisite for him to search far and wide after the desired knowledge, it should be placed in his hands on his being raised. The diffusion of such information cannot fail in proving beneficial to the Craft.

Until this or something of the kind is effected, we shall witness what continually happens, that many are introduced into the Order who, when they have taken their Third Degree, feel that nothing more has to be accomplished; their attendance at lodge becomes intermittent, and eventually their visits cease, with their subscriptions; having failed, through no fault of their own, to penetrate further into Freemasonry than the (perhaps imperfectly understood) ceremonial, and a little conviviality, which latter may have been rendered somewhat distasteful by the absence of those conventionalities to which the novice has been accustomed. We deplore the loss from these circumstances of many a "good man and true," who would have adorned a lodge, and rendered good service to the Craft. Thus far, Sir, I entreat your lenience; if you allow me to continue my grumble, I will beg leave to trespass upon your kindness and space next week.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

I.P.M. 877.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A fact unprecedented in the annals of the Craft."

So runs a paragraph in the address presented to W. Bro. Stephen Austin at the jubilee celebration of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, published in your last issue, referring to the fact that that brother had completed his 50th year in Freemasonry, having been a continuous subscribing member of one and the same lodge.

However creditable to that brother, I must demur to the word "unprecedented," as the roll of members of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, shows that W. Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud, P.G.T., considerably exceeds that number of years continuous subscription, that worthy brother having been initiated in the lodge on the 17th May, 1824, served as Grand Steward in 1826, and was in the chair as W.M. in 1829, and has, I believe, ever since filled the onerous duties of Treasurer.

A jubilee festival was held in honour of his completing his 50th year of membership in 1874, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on which occasion a very beautiful portrait was presented to him.

By your inserting this correction in your next issue you will greatly oblige,
Yours fraternally,

P.M. No. 1.

[The following appears in the *Western Daily Mercury* of the 4th inst., relative to Bro. Emma Holmes's letter, which appeared in our last, and which also was inserted in our contemporary.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL AND THE FREEMASONS.

Dear Sir,

As a Mason, and a Cornishman, I was truly pleased to see Bro. Holmes's letter in to-day's issue, and felt inclined to shout out "Bravo, old fellow!" when I read his challenge. Surely after this there will be among those who at Masonic gatherings wear big collars, make big speeches, and have their broad acres or big money-making machines in old Cornwall, men who will come forward, and prove by a practical gift towards a county object that they have a fair claim to the honours they possess, and that in being Cornishmen they will not allow themselves to be outdone in liberality upon such an occasion by a brother from another province, whose connection with the county may not perhaps be of such a permanent nature as their own.

Yours faithfully and truly,

SQUARE AND COMPASSES.

Nov. 3rd, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I attended Prov. G. Lodge, held at Fowey last June, and I hope to attend another. I understood that Bro. Holmes's motion was considered laudable in itself, but was simply withdrawn because it was premature, and I for one thought so too. I believe that not one of the 1700 Masons in this province would object to a Masonic window being erected in Truro Cathedral, and if each lodge is applied to in the usual way the application will be responded to according to the means of its members. I need not say that the Masons of Cornwall are not only believers in the G.A.O.T.U., but they, although of various religious denominations, are so unprejudiced that they will, I verily believe, help in the erection of an edifice wherein shall be said or sung, "Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ, Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father," until time shall be no more.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M. M.

Lostwithiel, 9th Nov., 1879.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last of the Trustees of the Prestonian Lecture was the late Grand Treasurer, and his death renders it necessary to appoint fresh Trustees. Before they are appointed I think a return ought to be furnished to Grand Lodge of the names of the lecturers, and the subject matter of the lectures they delivered, with the honorarium paid in each case by the deceased Trustees. A Committee might then be chosen to draw up fresh rules and suggestions suitable to the present time, and a strong effort ought to be made to render the trust a means of benefiting the Craft at large. Prizes might be offered for the best essays on Masonic lore and kindred subjects, and the successful one might be read on a special evening in the Hall of Grand Lodge. The arrangements might be carried out by the lodge of the prize winner, and the use of the hall ought to be given free. Perhaps some of the following subjects might be chosen with advantage, and if the area from which the subjects are taken be sufficiently wide, I am quite sure that a stimulus would be given to Masonic research, and an interest excited in the intellectual aspect of our traditions and ceremonies which it is rare indeed to find at present:—

"The rise of speculative out of operative Masonry.

"The operative lodges of Scotland, both before and after the foundation of speculative lodges.

"The rise and progress of speculative as well as operative Masonry in Ireland and on the continent.

"The history of the other guilds in Germany and elsewhere besides the Guild of Architects and Builders, and the traces of any means which they may have taken for the preservation of trade secrets.

"The influence of Freemasonry on the great French Revolution in 1789.

"The evidences of Christian dogma to be found in our ceremonies.

"The secret societies of the Mahommedans, and of other Eastern nations.

"The secret societies of England at the present day, and their association with or imitation of Freemasonry.

"The degradation of Freemasonry by its perversion to political ends, and its consequences as exemplified in France and Italy."

The list might be indefinitely extended, but enough has been given to show that subjects of considerable interest to every Freemason lie outside the threshold, which would renew the ardour of the enthusiast, and make him bless the day when he entered our ancient and honourable fraternity. The knife and fork Mason is held up to ridicule, but can any reasonable man wonder that twenty, thirty, or forty years of lodge meetings, never advancing beyond the first three steps of admission into the Order, become intolerably irksome, and the social gathering and creature comforts come to be looked on as the be-all and end-all of Freemasonry, instead of being considered, as they ought to be, merely accidental accessories? I shall be unable to move myself, but will any brother put down a notice at the Board of Masters to appoint a Committee to enquire into the matter, and see what use can be made of the grand opportunity now offered?

Yours truly and fraternally,

P. G.D.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very much interested in the able letter from Bro. Benjamin Cox, P.M., P.Z., on "What is Freemasonry?" published in your paper of the 8th inst., especially where he finds his comparisons in the celestial atlas, but I think he has fallen into an error when he thinks the passion flower teaches Masonic symbolism, particularly when referring to the Passion of Christ, the three nails, and the crown of thorns. If Bro. Cox is correct in his assumptions, those brethren who are not Christians would not be able to appreciate Masonry at all, in fact would be scarcely eligible to become members of a society supposed to have been in existence hundreds of years before the Christian Era. The universality of our institution would be destroyed, a foundation stone removed, and the ancient edifice would be tumbling about our ears, and soon crumble into dust.

With all due respect to the opinion of my learned Bro. Cox, I think unity is strength, and is only to be retained by including all who believe in T.G.A.O.T.U.

Yours respectfully,
Liverpool.

HENRY LYON.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by your issue of the 4th inst., you have noticed the communication of Robert Ramsey, of Orillia, to the *Dispatch*. But since you have published his statements I think it well to explain for the information of your readers that we are very careful whom we admit into our lodges. It is false that we accept material from any and every jurisdiction. And we do not give the Three Degrees of St. John's Masonry to any one in one night, except he be a mariner, and I find upon examining the various lodge books, that there has been only one such case admitted within the last fifteen years, and that was on the 25th of September, 1879, when I issued a dispensation authorising the Master of King Solomon Lodge, No. 622, to make Capt. Anderson, of the steam-ship Hurworth.

As to the second charge, you are aware that the Scottish Constitution allows it. But again, on reference to the lodge books, I find there has been only one Mason made of that age, viz., Bro. Russ W. Huntingdon, since graduating as a B.A. and B.C.L. of McGill University, and now one of the editors of the *Herald* newspaper of Montreal.

Lastly, as to our making Masons for a nominal fee, your readers can judge for themselves by the following quotations, which are never reduced on any pretence whatever:—Elgin Lodge, No. 348, that has worked here for nearly fifty years, charge 30 dollars, £7 10s.; King Solomon Lodge, No. 622, 40 dollars, £10; Argyle Lodge, No. 625, 25 dollars, £6 5s., besides a monthly contribution for the purpose of charity, &c.

Your editorial remarks are sufficiently clear without my adding any further explanation in refutation of his charges.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. A. BAYNES, M.D.,

D.G.M. of Montreal, Scottish Constitution.

Montreal, Oct. 27th.

THE "FREEMASON" AND "COSMOPOLITAN CPLENDAR."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to thank your publisher for a very great improvement in last week's issue? The cutting of the paper is a very great convenience to those who, like myself, have their first peep at the *Freemason* in the railway carriage on their homeward journey. I should like also to express my thanks for the adoption of a suggestion of mine as to the arrangement of the country lodges and chapters in provinces in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book," just issued.

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. L.

Rebivus.

ORIGIN OF THE LAWS OF NATURE. By SIR EDMUND BECKETT, Bart. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is a very useful and interesting little book, written by Sir Edmund Beckett with all that forcibleness of expression and clearness of logic, of which he is, as we know, a master. It deserves to be read over and thought over by us all, as probably in no print to-day are more sophistical fallacies current or more hurtful suggestions made than on this most important subject. Many paradoxes have been propounded, and many absurd theories invented in this tempting field of assumed dogmatism and infallible pretension in successive generations, and which seem to be very popular just now. It is, however, clear to us, that when people talk so loudly and so glibly as they often do at this hour of the "laws of nature," &c., bearing down all opponents with froth and noise combined, they certainly do not understand either what they talk about, or realize whether the stern logic of their own "premises" must conduct them. They need to study much more carefully such "laws" before they assert, with the infallibility of Ultramontanism, that the theories they enunciate are positive facts or objective truth to us. We owe to Sir Edmund Beckett many thanks for a concise, clear, and masterly little treatise on a question which, for some reason just now, has great attraction for many thoughtful minds amongst us. We hope to hear that the book is largely read.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND, for November.

This interesting serial is before us in much vigour. "Sebastian Strome" is very exciting, and Mr. Anthony Trollope begins "The Duke's Children." "All the Year Round" is very pleasant and healthy reading.

TEMPLE BAR.

Has its usual forcible articles if not always very deep. "Probation" is prolonged and popular, and "Vivian, the Beauty," sails on with flying colours. All the other articles are very readable indeed.

SCRIBNER'S.

Our old friend is, as ever, to the fore with much and varied "pabulum" for American and English minds. It is a very readable magazine, and has few compeers, alike in its artistic illustrations and the general tone of its articles is most healthy and sound thinking.

BLACKWOOD'S.

As usual very effective, vigorous, and interesting, but is a little out of the "country" of the *Freemason*.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

I have read Bro. Whythead's communication in the *Freemason*. If he will look back to the old "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1863, he will find, if I mistake not, a reference to the Royal Arch Chapter minutes. Without wishing to arrogate anything to myself, both in company with Bro. Findel and Bro. Shaw, and thanks to the kindness of the York brethren, the lamented Bro. Cowling, among others, I went over the MSS. in York sixteen years ago, and first called attention to them with Bro. Shaw and to their great value. If Bro. Whythead has found a MS. overlooked by us, (as well may be), no one will rejoice more heartily than myself, as in all my studies and searches I have always placed all I discovered at the services of my good friend Bro. Hughan and the Craft.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

P.S.—I am at a distance from all books of reference, so can only write "currente calamo."

R.A. DEGREE IN YORK.

All interested in the origin and character of "Royal Arch Masonry" must rejoice to see the important communication in the *Freemason* of the 8th inst. as to the most fortunate find of Royal Arch records from A.D. 1762, under

he wing of the "Grand Lodge of all England, held at York," and I congratulate my good friend, Bro. Whythead, on the valuable discovery thus made. I had the pleasure also of hearing from Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., &c., as to the matter, on whom the mantle of our lamented Bro. William Cowling has fallen. Bro. Todd (as myself) is quite unable to understand how the old R.A. minute book escaped the vigilant eye of Bro. Cowling, for certainly he was unaware of its existence. Bro. Findel, in his "History of Freemasonry," speaks of the Royal Arch as "having been introduced into York in 1768." Doubtless, our learned brother considered that 1768 was the date of origin, because of the existence of a "Treasurer's Book of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons," which commences April 29th, 1768. No records, however, were known of an earlier date than 8th February, 1778, as Bro. Whythead, P.M. 1611, &c., has pointed out, until the present discovery, and, therefore, whilst it is true that the present minute book in question takes us back six years earlier than the Treasurer's book of 1768, it actually furnishes records of sixteen years before the earliest minutes previously known. Bro. Whythead's explanation of the three titles for the chief officers in a R.A. chapter at York, 1762, is most likely to be correct, though I am not aware of their having been alluded to before in that manner. Owing to this discovery and others, I have decided to re-write my "History of Freemasonry at York," as Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. 93, &c., has so kindly desired, and others also have been solicitous about, but must defer its publication until the "Masonic Register" has been fully subscribed for. W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "ROYAL LODGE," LONDON.

I find by reference to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" and my own lists, that the "Royal Lodge" was warranted as No. 313 on April 4th, 1764, and became 251 in 1770; then 201, and 171, at the "Union" taking 210, soon after which it collapsed. W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE MINUTE BOOKS.

The "Royal Lodge," cited in last week's *Freemason*, was numbered respectively 313 in 1756-69; 251 in 1770-80; 201 in 1781-91; and 171 in 1792-1813. In the numeration of 1781-91 it was thus described:—201, Royal Lodge, Thatched House, St. James-st. (late the new lodge at the Horn, Westminster). It duly appears in four of the lists appended to "Four Old Lodges," at pp. 60, 64, 70, and 77. R. F. G.

OLD CHARGES.

My object in calling attention to Bro. Fort's incorrect statement, "that the name of Charles Martel is to be found in the MSS. of Halliwell and Cooke," was to bring under notice the fallacy of the argument which that very erudite brother has proceeded to build up on his own erroneous assumption. The allusions in "Antiquities of Freemasonry" to the subject under discussion will be found at pp. 118, 121-24, 163, 174, 177, 179, and 183. Bro. Fort twice qualifies his statement respecting the Cooke M.S., remarking at p. 122, note 1:—"Cooke's M.S. says Charles II. instead of Martel. All others, I believe, agree." Referring to the legend of the "Holy Martyrs," Mr. W. H. Ireland, in his "History of Kent" (1828), vol. I., p. 157, names the Churches of "St. Martin" and of the "Four Crowned Martyrs" as the oldest ecclesiastical edifices in Canterbury. To the former he assigns the earlier date, and thinks that the latter, which stood on ground now occupied by the Church of St. Alphage, was erected about the time of St. Augustine, A.D. 597, its name (Four Crowned Martyrs) being conferred by one of the earliest Archbishops, of whom the three first were Romans. If this supposition be correct, it would be somewhat remarkable that, perhaps, the first church erected after the arrival of St. Augustine should have been dedicated to the patron saints of the Masons, and, if the theory of travelling builders be sustainable (?), might justify the belief that, in passing from Canterbury to other towns, "where churches had to be built" (see Wren's "Parentalia," p. 306), these journeying foreign artificers disseminated far and wide through Britain the legendary history of the "Holy Martyres Foore." On the other hand, however, if it be a fact, as stated by Mr. Coote (Romans of Britain, p. 417), and for which he cites numerous authorities, that, in the 5th century, this island was abundantly furnished with churches, it seems far from improbable that the Church of the Crowned Martyrs at Canterbury was erected long prior to A.D. 597. It would be interesting to ascertain the date of erection of the Church of the "Quattro Coronati" at Rome. Karl Baedeker, in his "Central Italy and Rome" (1872), says:—"The date of the foundation is very remote; the materials were probably partially derived from some ancient structure. After its destruction by Robert Guiscard (A.D. 1084) it was rebuilt by Paschalis II., A.D. 1111." According, however, to Bro. Fort (p. 174), it was first restored A.D. 847. This last date is the most remote which I have succeeded in tracing, in the form of a positive statement, and it would be satisfactory on all grounds could some one more conversant with the subject be induced to elucidate in detail the early history of what is claimed to be the original Church of the Crowned Martyrs. Mr. T. H. Dyer, in his "History of the City of Rome" (1865), does not include it amongst "the seven primeval churches of Rome, said to have been founded by Constantine." Referring once more to Charles Martel, the absence of his name in the Halliwell M.S. (which is known to have been penned by a priest) may be accounted for from his extreme unpopularity with the clergy. A Gallic synod, according to Gibbon (Ed. 1790, vol. 10, p. 27) "in an epistle to a Carolingian prince," "declared that his ancestor was damned; that on the opening of his tomb the spectators were affrighted by a smell of fire and the aspect of an horrid dragon, and that a saint of the times

was indulged with a pleasant vision of the soul and body of Charles Martel burning to all eternity in the abyss of hell!" R. F. G.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

Lord Skelmersdale, in his capacity as Grand Master of Mark Masons of the Province of Lancashire, presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Wigan, on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., and he was supported by his Deputy, Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire.

The lodge was held under the banner of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, Wigan, No. 158, and the Public Hall premises were devoted to the purpose.

A sum of 50 guineas was voted to the Boys' School; a previous motion that this sum should be divided between the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the East Lancashire Systematic Fund being withdrawn, in order that as much support as possible might be accorded to Lord Skelmersdale on his taking the chair at the festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. Hine, of Manchester, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and subsequently the R.W.P.G.M. appointed his officers as follows:—

- Bro. W. Ascroft Byrom, Wigan ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Henry Thomas, Oldham ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " W. S. Barlow, Bury ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " A. Middleton, Manchester ... Prov. G.S.O.
- " R. Rushton, Accrington ... Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. J. Harrison, Oldham ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. C. E. Knowles, Southport ... Prov. G.A. Chap.
- " J. Chadwick, Manchester ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. Clayton, Ashton-under-Lyne ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " J. Reed, Barrow-in-Furness ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. Hayes, Liverpool ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " W. Beswick, Rochdale ... Prov. D.G.M. of W.
- " Probert, Bury ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. L. Thorpe, Todmorden ... Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- " Beattie, Preston ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. Horrocks, Bolton ... Prov. G. St. Br.
- " W. Balmer, Bury ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Startup, Bury ... Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. Platt, Brown, & Murray, Wigan Prov. G. Stewards. The banquet was afterwards held in the large hall, Lord Skelmersdale presiding.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MANCHESTER.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, Manchester, to take into consideration the desirability of forming a chapter of instruction, Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., in the chair.

The Chairman introduced the object of the meeting, and said he had long been of opinion that it was very essential that a chapter of instruction be formed, that the companions might meet together for each other's instruction in Royal Arch Masonry. He had observed, when visiting chapters, that, in many cases, the officers had not shown that proficiency which it was desirable to see, and he had furthermore observed, and knew, some chapters who regularly called in the assistance of P.Z.'s to assist them (in fact do their work for them), and he had been informed that it was the intention of Prov. Grand Officers to visit the chapters throughout the province for the purpose (amongst other reasons) of seeing how the officers did their work and the way chapters were conducted generally; therefore, he hoped this chapter of instruction, to be held under the warrant of the Rectitude Chapter, No. 581, would be well and regularly attended, and he doubted not but that much good would ensue.

Comp. Darbyshire moved, and Comp. John Gallagher E.Z. 325, seconded, "That the chapter of instruction be held on the first Tuesday every month, at eight o'clock in the evening, the said chapter to be conducted by a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be elected annually."

The meeting then requested Comp. Henry Darbyshire, J. 581, to draft out the bye-laws and other matters, and submit them for approval at the next meeting, to be held at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, City, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th, at eight o'clock.

A very interesting conversation then ensued, when some companions stated their experiences when visiting in the province.

Comp. John Gallagher said he sincerely hoped, and had every confidence, that this instruction chapter would be instrumental in doing great Masonic good. He had often thought that if companions would more frequently meet together for Masonic conversation it would in itself create a desire for knowledge, and discussing and reciting to each other portions of ceremonies, telling each other of having visited so-and-so, and how so-and-so did his or their business, would be a means of keeping the memory fresh, and the companion ready at any time to take this or that part when called upon. He had been informed that, no doubt, the Prov. Grand Officers would take particular notice when visiting chapters how the work was done, and would, no doubt, report thereon to Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, so that he would recommend all chapters who were (as they ought to be) ambitious and desired to see their P.Z.'s clothed in purple to start that day forth, study assiduously, meet together frequently, and so prepare themselves for the work of their several offices, that when visited by the officers from Prov. Grand Chapter they will do their work with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the visitors.

A vote of thanks to Comp. Julius Arensberg for presiding and placing a room in his hotel for the use of the companions closed the proceedings, at ten o'clock.

THE EBRINGTON MASONIC HALL.

There was a large gathering of Freemasons on the 11th inst., to inaugurate the opening of the new hall, which has just been completed for Lodge Fidelity.

The warrant of this lodge was granted in 1799, and it was then numbered 320. At the union of the two Grand Lodges it became 405, and is now in consequence of many old lodges having become extinct numbered 230. In 1828 it was removed from Plymouth to Tiverton in exchange for the older Lodge of St. John, No. 83, now No. 70. In 1860, however, several influential brethren, foremost amongst whom was the late Bro. J. J. Clave, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., were instrumental in getting the lodge removed to Devonport; their first place of meeting was in a private room adjoining the Mechanics' Institute. This was inconvenient, and they removed to Fore-street. This temporary accommodation was insufficient, and the members, at considerable expense, altered some premises in Chapel-street, where they remained from 1862 to the present time. Finding it necessary to lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes, the present Master, Bro. Richard Cawsey, assisted by Bros. J. Lynn, F. Codd, H. Boyling, J. R. Harris, and R. Ellis, as a Committee, found and purchased premises in Granby-street, formerly a chapel, and from plans prepared by Mr Norman they have altered the building, and made it one of the best adapted halls in the province. The lodge room is about 46ft. long by 18ft. feet wide, the refreshment room being about the same size. There are three ante-rooms, with other necessary offices. The alterations have been executed by Bros. Berry and A. Lethbridge, at a total cost of about £600, and Bro. Cawsey is to be congratulated on the success which his energy merited. During the proceedings he received an ovation from the members and visitors. The hall is named after the Prov. Grand Master of Devon, with his consent, and the lodge has the honour of numbering among its members R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.C., and P.P.G. Master of Devon. There is still one brother living who was a member of this lodge before its removal to Tiverton in 1828. This is the respected clerk of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, whose father was also a member of this lodge, and was well-known and highly esteemed by the Freemasons in old time.

The ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Cawsey, assisted by the officers of the lodge, and during the evening a pleasing episode took place. Bro. A. E. Lean, the W.M. of the Lodge St. John, 70, took the opportunity of presenting an old relic of the Fidelity Lodge, which has been for half-a-century in the possession of his lodge. It was an old silver trowel, which had been presented to Lodge 405 soon after its consecration.

The gift was suitably acknowledged, and the business over, the brethren retired to a collation, provided in the building by Bro. Gorey, of the Temperance Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Lodge of St. Aubyn, 954, will meet in this new hall, and also several Mark lodges, chapters, &c., which are connected with the two lodges.

Amongst those present were Bros. Richard Cawsey, W.M.; J. R. Harris, S.W.; R. Ellis, J.W.; A. Rowe, I.P.M.; Robert H. Burt, P.M.; John Lynn, P.M., P.P. G.P.; John Whitford, J.D.; John Babb, D.C.; W. M. Ridland, Org.; James S. Bowden, I.G.; H. Bridgeman, S.S.; R. Gorey, W. H. Ellis, T. Williams, J. W. Thompson, R. Jones, W. S. Rattenbury, H. Boyling, all of 280; and visitors Bros. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Miller, P.M. 159, P.P.G.D.C.; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; T. Scarle, I.P.M., 1091; J. R. Lord, P.M. and Treas. 1247; O. Ordish, 1212; Jas. Letton, 1136; C. Haggerthy, 1136; C. White, 1136; J. S. Smith, 954; J. D. Sandy, 202; D. R. Waight, 954; F. Littleton, W.M. 159; H. Welch, P.M. 202; H. Pile, 1212; W. MacIlroy, 1136; W. Worth, 1099; J. R. DugJale, W.M. 954; C. Marshall, 159; A. Lethbridge, P.M. 159; George Harper, 750; George Mitchell, 70; O. Knowles, 159; A. Stephens, P.M. 954; John Baxter, P.M. 954; J. Dawe, W. 1253; C. Watson, P.M. 954.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH HAMILTON COX.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. J. Hamilton Cox, P.M. of the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, P.Z. of the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, formerly of London, but latterly of Swansea, which sad event occurred on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the early age of forty-seven years, after but four days' illness, leaving a widow and several children to deplore his loss. Bro. J. H. Cox was Secretary of the Gihon Lodge for some years, also of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. He had served as Steward to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and was a Life Governor of each of those Institutions. He had been up in London some little time on business, and he was taken ill with inflammation of the lungs on Sunday, the 2nd inst., and lingered only four days. His remains were interred on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Highgate Cemetery.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability there is no medicine which operates so like a charm as these famous Pills. They purify the blood, soothe and strengthen the nerves and system, give tone to the stomach, elevate the spirits, and, in fact, make the patient sensible of a total and most delightful revolution in his whole system. They may be commended most unreservedly as the very best family medicine in existence. Though so powerfully efficacious, they are singularly mild in their operation, and might be given with perfect confidence to delicate women and young children. They contain not a grain of mercury, or any other noxious substance, and cannot do harm. Delicate females and all persons of sedentary habits will find these Pills a blessing.—[Adv.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Henry Davey has been elected Mayor of Brighton for the second time.

Bro. Dr. Dixon has removed from Melbourne Lodge, Anerley, and 108, Grange-road, to 133, Jamaica-road Bermondsey.

The Earl of Rosebery has remitted 20 per cent. of the rents due at Michaelmas last from his tenants on the Hoggston estate, Bucks.

Bro. George Augustus Sala was entertained at dinner on Thursday last at Willis's Rooms, by his friends and confrères, prior to his leaving for Sydney.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was held on Thursday last, when Bro. E. M. Lander, S.W., was installed as W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1567, has presented the Worcester Free Library with a return of members of Parliament for the United Kingdom from the year 1213 to 1702, which enumeration forms a volume of considerable size.

Bro. Horace Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., the well-known publisher, of 125, Fleet-street, and Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1777, has been invited by the Building Committee of the Loughborough Park Chapel to lay the foundation stone on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey's installation as R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master of Berks and Oxon will take place at Reading on Thursday, the 27th inst. The ceremony, which will commence at 1.45 p.m. precisely, will be performed by the M.W. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, Past Grand Mark Master.

The first meeting in their new quarters (the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond), of the members of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, will be held on Friday, next, the 21st inst., at half-past three for four p.m. punctually. The business before the lodge consists of a raising, the initiation of five gentlemen, and the installation of Bro. James Garnar, P.M. 1622, as W.M.

Prince Leopold and suite left the Victoria Station of the London Chatham and Dover railway, by special train on Monday evening, arriving at Dover at 8 o'clock, and embarked on board the special steamer, Maid of Kent, for Calais, whence his Royal Highness proceeded by the ordinary mail train *via* Brussels to Darmstadt.

The consecration of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, will take place on Friday next, the 21st inst., at Padstow, Cornwall. The consecration and installation ceremonies will be performed by the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the V.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Wm. Henry Martyn is the W.M. designate.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, Reading, upon which occasion Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey will be installed R.W. Provincial Grand Master. The ceremonies will be performed by the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W. Past Grand Mark Master. The banquet will take place in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock.

Bro. E. C. Massey, who is well known to many of our readers, has been appointed Secretary in London to the "Millers' and General Fire Insurance Company," of Birmingham; and from Bro. Massey's lengthened experience in insurance business, and the fact that he is so well known and so deservedly esteemed, we do not doubt that the company in question will have reason to congratulate themselves on having selected him to preside over the business of their London Office at 69, Mark Lane, E.C.

AUNT TOWZER ON FREEMASONRY.—"Mrs. Swanborough, of the Strand Theatre, has presented the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, with an entire set of clothing." Which I'm sure I'm glad to hear. Only think of them Lodgers, as must ha' been unfurnished ones, a-going about in a state of oddity like them Zuloose, as made that poor Lor' Major blush for his speeches—which I'm sure he ought to do after expoging himself as he did. But lor, who'd ha' thought of that Mrs. Swansburrow a-coming forward to rig out them Masons? If it had been a new rigaleyer she'd invested them with I shouldn't ha' been appraised, as it would ha' been more *appropose* if she'd given 'em orders.—*Funny Folks.*

The Prince of Wales has just erected in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Sandringham, a beautiful tablet to the memory of his lamented sister, the Princess Alice. The work, which has been executed by Mr. J. E. Boehm, A.R.A., consists of a medallion portrait in marble of the Grand Duchess, with the following inscription beneath:—"To the beloved memory of Alice Maud Mary, Grand Duchess of Hesse, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, this monument is erected by her devoted and sorrowing brother, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales." The architectural design is by Mr. Arthur Blomfield, F.S.A. Above and below the tablet are carved these texts:—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord;" "Thy will be done." His Royal Highness has also presented to the church a fine organ.

Bro. W. Ballard has been re-elected Mayor of Abingdon.

NULLIBIETY OF (THE SO-CALLED) CO-OPERATION.—"Fair Traders" five per cent. discount for cash, with undivided attention and prompt delivery free in London. Country orders over £2 carriage paid. Detailed price lists on application to J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchants, 2, Albert-mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, will take place at the New Concert Rooms, Warrior-square, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Friday next, the 21st inst., at three p.m. Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P. Prov. Sen. G.W. Sussex, P.M. 40, is the W. Master designate. Bro. Dr. Cuncher, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M. 40; and T. H. Cole, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M. and Sec. 40, the Wardens designate. The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, M.P., with his Provincial Grand Officers will be present. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by the W. Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. A large gathering from Sussex and the neighbouring provinces, and many London brethren, including Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, are expected. Visitors will be heartily welcomed. Banquet at five o'clock.

The Longton Hall Hotel Company, Limited, has been formed to take over the well-known hotel at West Hill, Sydenham. To those who are unacquainted with the site it occupies, we can say that it is charmingly situated, sheltered from bleak winds, but commanding splendid views of the famed Surrey Hills. But our reason for calling attention to the enterprise in the columns of the *Freemason*, is that the directors, believing there is need for special Masonic accommodation in the neighbourhood, propose to extend the building by erecting, beside other rooms, a spacious hall for Masonic meeting, banquets, balls, &c., there is nothing of the kind in the locality, and bearing in mind the large resident population, among whom must be many Freemasons, we are warranted in predicting for this part of the scheme satisfactory results.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 21, 1879.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zealand, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1767, Kensington, King's Arms Hot., Kensington.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
" 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Precep. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Board of Gen. Pur., at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Old Battersea Bdg.
Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., W.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hct., Fleet-st.
" 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, N. Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor, Hall, Pimlico.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Accr.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1139, South Norwood, Singapore P.H., S. Norwood.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.
" 1287, Gt. Northern, F.M.H.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
" 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Hall, Aldersgate-st.
" 1623, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., Smithfield.
" 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Tacket Hot., Anerley.
" 834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, C'well

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
" 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
K.T. Encamp. 48, Kemys-Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 30).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. Aspinall, W.M.; Jagielski, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; Wm. Paas, Sec.; Lancaster, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; Beeling, D.C.; Runtz, I.G.; Beckett, Tyler; Past Masters, Bros. Ebner, I.P.M.; Dioso, Cummings; members, Bros. Hayday, sen., Forster, Hughes, Dulan, Hayday, jun., Croucher, Barnes, Tongur, Bryant, Niedzielski, Foster, Robertson; and visitors, Bros. Sargent, Morgan, Till, and Thane. Bros. Dr. Herbert Tibbetts and A. Jamieson were elected joining members. Mr. Day was unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation at the next lodge. Bro. Apsey was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 17th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. A. Blakeman, through illness, the lodge was opened by Bro. Kingston, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Moor, I.P.M.; C. E. Packer, S.W.; S. Godden, J.W.; T. Kingston, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Tate, S.D.; A. J. Bolton, J.D.; W. Knell, I.G.; E. Sedgwick, D.C.; C. Brothers, W.S.; W. J. H. Jones and C. Walker, Past Masters; J. K. Ward, J. S. Brown, T. Smith, T. Richardson, W. Devine, J. Collinson, D. J. Ross, G. T. Cox, T. F. Lee, G. Maxwell, W. W. Coates, J. G. Thompson, W. Bradford, W. Hill, C. H. Pike, A. C. Moore, J. Guignard, J. Irvine, W. Jones, R. T. Rosenberg, J. Pottle, F. France, and H. Brocklehurst. Visitors: Bros. S. R. Lambie, 27; W. Smith, 1319; J. Carnaby, P.M. 1382; T. W. C. Jones, 259; John Reid, 145; John Bingham, P.M. 55 and 1599; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; T. W. S. Tomkins (Royal Leopold); James C. Hayes, 619; J. Kennard, P.M.; T. B. Dodson, 860; M. J. Withers, Sec. 414; E. H. Hill, 700; A. R. Gladwell, 172; H. J. Alexander, W.M. 1425; W. Pierpoint, 813; E. Stanton Jones, 1319; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1733; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. H. G. Rudderforth, W.M. 1668; W. H. Marston, P.M. 1599, S.W. 55; J. W. Bellamy, 1567; R. C. Smith, 1567; W. Ferguson, S.W. 1101; T. Ormiston, 1507; W. Lang, P.M. 435; A. H. Wilson, 733; W. Ledington, 1875; H. J. Newton, 1704; E. Cocombe, 1185; T. Gates, Treas. 1599; S. Crawford, 192; W. G. Dickinson, J.W. 860; W. Lake, P.M. 131 (Freemason), and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. H. Brocklehurst to the Second Degree and to raise Bro. Pottle to the Third Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. Godden, was then presented by Bro. P.M. Jones for the benefit of installation, and the chair having been now occupied by P.M. Moore, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, that brother proceeded in the most impressive and able manner to perform the prescribed ceremony, and inducted Bro. Godden in the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. P. Tate, S.W.; J. S. Brown, J.W.; T. Kingston, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver (named as), Secretary (Bro. Collinson being invested with the collar on his behalf); A. J. Bolton, S.D.; C. E. Packer, J.W.; T. Richardson, I.G.; J. Collinson, D.C.; D. J. Ross, Steward; J. Weaver, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws, after which a vote of thanks to Bro. Moore, the Installing Master, was proposed by Bro. P.M. Kingston, seconded by Bro. P.M. Walker, and carried with acclamation. The brethren then adjourned to a choice banquet, served in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and honoured, Bro. P.M. Moore rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He thought that the next few minutes could not be better occupied than in drinking to the good health of the W.M., Bro. Godden. It had fallen to his (Bro. Moore's) lot to do many things in

Freemasonry in duplicate, but that he had to perform that night gave him greater pleasure than was usual. However, he assumed the office he was then undertaking with some sorrow, as he could but regret the absence of their Immediate Past Master. It was not usual for him, nor did he think it well, to eulogise a man until he had proved his ability; so far, Bro. Godden had carried out the work of the respective offices he had filled creditably, but, he thought, it was impossible to say how he would discharge the duties of W.M., although he had very little doubt but that they would be done in the same admirable manner as had those of the past. In fact, he had every confidence that he would so discharge his duties as to merit, not only the approbation of the brethren, but, what he considered of far more importance, the approbation of a good conscience. Bro. Godden, in reply, said he had to thank the brethren most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Ever since he had joined Freemasonry he had desired to attain the position he then occupied. It had always been his wish to attain the highest position in any society. He trusted that during his term of office he might perform the duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He felt he could materially depend on the officers he had appointed that night, and rely on the assistance of the brethren to look over any slip he might make during the coming twelve months. He now proposed a toast which, he said, it was at all times a pleasure to introduce, as it was a source of gratification for them to see visitors at their various meetings. Bro. Lake was called upon to respond. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment they had just paid the guests. He considered it a great pleasure to respond to the toast on behalf of the visiting brethren. He had thoroughly enjoyed both the working of the lodge and the hospitality of the festive board. Whatever Masons lack, he thought they could never be accused of forgetting hospitality. Whoever might pay a visit to the Whittington lodge could not but go away favourably impressed. He considered a great compliment was due to the officers of the lodge. He felt that the Whittington Lodge would long be remembered by him for their excellent working and hospitality. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Bro. Stanton Jones followed, and then Bro. Rudderforth was called upon. He felt certain that the brethren had selected the right man as Master. He was one well qualified to discharge the duties of the high office, as he would bring to bear those abilities which had won for him so prominent a position in private life. Bro. Marston was the next upon. From what he knew of the ability of the W.M., and what he had witnessed that night, he felt assured that Bro. Godden would prove himself a good ruler of the lodge. He trusted there would be ample opportunity afforded the W.M. of displaying his knowledge of the ceremonies. Bro. Alexander also replied, desiring to bear witness to the ability with which the ceremony of installation had been performed. The next toast, the W.M. said, was in honour of brethren who it would be impossible to do without. It was at all times heartily responded to, and justly so, it being "The Health of the Past Masters." There was a time, the W.M. said, when he used to think that the P.M.'s were brethren who had only to rest on their laurels, but he had recently found that they had some work to do, and that of an important nature. He felt sure that the Past Masters would one and all render him any assistance he might need. Bro. Jones was the first to respond. He had on many occasions been called upon to respond to various toasts in the Whittington Lodge, having for the past twenty years been frequently called upon to acknowledge one or another. He looked around and found good men in the various positions of the lodge, and felt no doubt but that its prestige would be maintained by the W.M., and those who followed him. Bro. Walker felt it a privilege to be allowed to say a few words in reply to the toast. He was thankful that the brethren had so kindly received the remarks of the W.M., and thankful that the lodge appeared so prosperous—*it having so many visiting brethren was one sign of this.* He sincerely trusted that the Master would complete his year of office in peace and harmony. "The Health of the Treasurer of the lodge," "The Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund," and "The Secretary," was next given, the W.M. referring to each in suitable terms. Bro. Kingston thanked the W.M. for the genial manner in which he had proposed the toast. So long as the offices of Treasurer and Secretary were entrusted to such brethren as held them at the present time, he felt assured the duties would be properly discharged. "Bro. Pike, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund," followed. He announced that the current year showed a larger balance than any previous year had exhibited. So long as the brethren showed confidence in him he should endeavour to show he was worthy. "The Wardens and other Officers" were then toasted by the W.M. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast, knowing as he did that the lodge possessed two good Wardens and other efficient officers. The S.W. first replied. The evening had been a most pleasing one to him in many respects. He was glad to see the W.M. in the chair, a position he well merited. Bro. Brown, the J.W., thanked the brethren. They could well imagine his feelings on the present occasion. As he considered that no brother should be placed into office unless he was capable of performing the duties appertaining thereto, he hoped he might prove himself efficient in what would be required of him. Though he had very great respect for seniority he should never study it unless it were accompanied by competency. "The Health of the Auditors" followed, responded to by Bro. Irvine. The W.M. then said that he felt a very grave charge could be laid against him, inasmuch as he had omitted to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." He felt he could hardly take the whole of the blame, as he had asked one of his Past Masters to give a list of the toasts for his guidance. However, he hoped now to do something towards the rec-

tification of his error. He could but compliment Bro. Moore on the ability he had displayed. Bro. Moore, in reply, said that two surprises had come upon him that night; the first, when a vote of thanks was awarded him in the lodge, and now that a special toast was proposed in his honour. No man could have his health proposed and received in such a manner as he had just had without feeling greatly the compliment that was paid him. He thought that if a man only put his heart into his work, he could not fail to perform his duty creditably. He considered that really, as regarded the work he had performed that night, he had but little to be proud of, all the credit being due to those who had instructed him. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Lay Members," and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, Bro. P. McCarthy was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There being two ceremonies to be worked before the important business of the day commenced, the lodge was opened at two o'clock punctually by the W.M., Bro. Francis Brian, and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, the yearly election of officers of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge took place, and Bro. Holliday, P.M., was re-elected President; Bro. Mason, Vice-President; Bros. E. West, P.M.; F. Brian, W.M.; and T. Day, P.M., Trustees; and Bros. Job, Miles, and Weekes, Committee. The next business proceeded with was the initiation, after approval, of Mr. Herman Taplay and Captain T. J. Spencer, which being happily effected, Bro. Pitt was passed to the Second Degree, both Degrees being well worked by the W.M. At this time the lodge presented a very animated appearance, the efficiency displayed by the W.M. during his year of office in the lodge raising expectation to a high pitch as to the manner in which he would carry out the arduous duties of Installing Officer. Among the company present, besides those already named, were Past Masters Bros. Gaskell, Knot, Brayshaw, Dorton, Treas. (pro tem.); H. Taplay, J.W.; Jas. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.; W. Dorton, J.D.; W. Nevins, I.G.; B. Norman, Tyler; W. Turner, W.M. 1472; T. Biddle, W.M. 193; J. Stevens, P.M. 554 and 933; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472; W. Vance, S.W. 1472; E. Benjamin, S.D. 1766; H. Balls, 77; P. Ferguson, A. Taylor, 122; A. Calver, 933; S. T. Fiske, 212; W. J. Bassett, 212; H. W. Taylor, 212; Gerrard King, 1259; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. The ceremony of installation then proceeded, and Bro. McCarthy was, with the usual ceremonies, seated in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted. He then proceeded to install his officers as follows: Bros. H. Taplay, S.W.; J. T. K. Job, J.W.; Dorton, P.M., Treas.; James Mitchell, Hon. Sec.; W. Dorton, S.D.; W. Nevins, J.D.; A. R. Mason, I.G.; R. Brown, D.C.; W. Harris, W.S.; W. Watkins, J.W.S.; Mat. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Brian then finished a clever and almost word-perfect ceremony by reciting the three addresses splendidly, and at its conclusion was warmly congratulated and applauded by the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In giving them the W.M. intimated that the speeches would be very short, because they wished to devote as much time as possible to harmony and good fellowship. He then said that, as one of their initiates would soon be compelled to go, he should step a little out of the beaten track, and propose "The Health of the two Brethren who had that day been enrolled among their numbers." He then briefly put the toast, to which the initiates suitably replied. Bro. Brian then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said that the toast was one he felt sure would be well received by every one present. The unanimous manner in which he was elected to the office showed that he had their esteem and respect, and was worthy of their suffrages. From what he had seen of their W.M., and the careful, yet at the same time earnest and energetic manner in which he had carried out every duty entrusted to him, he felt sure that he would do honour to their choice, and to the high position he had that day been placed in. Under his rule he looked forward to the same good working which had distinguished the Masters of the Capper Lodge for so many years, and a year of continued and, if possible, increased prosperity to the lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. McCarthy, in responding, said he felt that the excellent singing and reciting they had heard, and which was in store for them, would be much more acceptable to them than a long speech from him. All he should do, therefore, would be to simply thank them for their many kindnesses to him during the time he had occupied the various offices of the lodge, but above all for the honour done him in placing him at the head of the lodge as its ruler and governor for the ensuing twelve months, and he could assure them that everything he could do in the future would have but one object, viz., the winning of a continuance of that kindness, and confidence, and the welfare of the lodge. He then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters" in glowing terms. There were present that day no less than seven or eight of the Past Masters, all of whom had done well for the lodge, and it was a grand muster for a lodge of only fourteen years' standing. He then proceeded to present a handsome Past Master's jewel of the nominal value of ten guineas to Past Master Brian, and after paying a well-deserved compliment to that brother for his earnest work for the good of the lodge, pinned the glittering jewel upon his breast amid rounds of applause, and concluded by saying, "Bro. Brian, I have great pleasure in the name of the lodge

in presenting you with this jewel of your office, and may you be spared for many years to wear upon your breast this token of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren, and of the good work done by you for the honour and prosperity of your mother lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Brian thanked them in the first place for their handsome present, which he should prize as long as he lived, and in the next for the toast of "The Past Masters." The first was only another instance of the many acts of kindness he had always received from the brethren, and he felt proud to think that he was considered worthy of such a testimonial. He had thought that his duties would have been over that night, but that jewel showed him that so long as he was a Past Master of the Capper Lodge his duties were only commencing, and they might rest assured that whatever his work might have been in the past he would, if possible, work even harder than ever for the success and prosperity of the Capper Lodge. To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. Turner, Manning, Vance, Jolly, and others responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, to which Bro. Taplay responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of receiving the report of a Committee, appointed at the last lodge, to make enquiries for a suitable location for its future meetings, a removal being necessary, owing to intended alterations at the present lodge house. There were present Bros. N. Green, W.M.; W. H. Brand, S.W.; J. Brasted, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; Chapman, P.M.; Lee, P.M., Sec.; Digman, S.D.; Lorkin, J.D.; Payne, I.G.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The report of the Committee was read, recommending that application be made to the M.W.G.M. for permission to remove to the Moorgate-street Restaurant, E.C. A resolution in accordance with this recommendation was moved by Bro. Brand, S.W., seconded by Bro. Brasted, J.W., and, after some observations by several brethren who had visited the house named, the resolution was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The fourth annual installation meeting of this successful lodge was held in Bro. Linscott's handsome hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting Hill, on Thursday week, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Stephens, P.M.; Edward M. Lander, S.W., W.M. elect; Saml. Smout, sen., J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Past G.C. Middx., Chap.; G. Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. Smout, jun., J.D.; J. Woodmason, Steward; F. C. Frye, I.G.; R. Schofield, Tyler; C. Rowlands, J. Etherington, J. Nish, H. Foskett, H. Taylor, E. Rogers, M. Rubinstein, James Bartle, G. A. Williams, John French, W. Buckland, W. Hatton, J. H. Wood, W. Burgess, Thomas Heath, E. F. Tanner, J. H. May, R. C. Green, R. King, W. F. French, J. E. Pocock, M.D., H. Hart, John H. Rutherglen, T. S. Newland, C. Gowland, W. T. Hook, E. J. Cave, E. C. Woodward. The visitors included the following brethren:—Bros. H. C. Levander, P.M. 1415, Prov. Grand Secretary Middx.; F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Sec. R.M. Institution for Boys; James Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M. Benev. Institution (honorary member of the lodge); W. Coombes, Past G.S.B. Middx.; George W. Dixon, P.M. 209, 865, Past G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; John O. Carter, Past G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; Lewis Bryett, W.M. 1828, Past G. Supt. of Wks. Berks and Bucks; Charles Veal, Past G.S.D. Surrey; C. Davey, W.M. 30; M. Spiegel, W.M. 188; J. H. Pearson, W.M. 1567; John Driscoll, P.M. 30; W. Boucher, P.M. 558; T. Brown, P.M. 780; L. H. Isaacs, P.M. 795; J. S. Badkin, P.M. 1365; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1732; W. R. Lister, S.W. 145; G. Davis, S.W. 167; W. Gabb, J.W. 813; S. Dowling, S.D. 167; E. Arrowsmith, J.D. 733; G. Bennett, H. Manchester, P. Marson, W. C. Williams, S. T. Williams, John Healey, S. J. Humphres, Thomas Fisher, W. W. Morgan, jun., A. Kent, H. Stevens, J. T. Bolding, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the chief business of the evening was proceeded with, namely, the installation of Bro. E. M. Lander as W.M. for the ensuing year, which was ably accomplished in the presence of a full Board of Installed Masters by Bro. Samuel Henry Parkhouse, the I.P.M., who, in due course, impressively delivered the addresses to the various officers. After the customary salutations Bro. Lander appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Smout, sen., S.W.; Rev. C. Darby Reade (unavoidably absent), J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; George Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. Smout, jun., S.D.; F. Frye, J.D.; J. Bartle, I.G.; F. Delevante, Org.; S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M., D. of C.; J. Woodmason, A.D. of C.; W. Buckland and Wood, Stewards; and Schofield, Tyler, each appointment being received with acclamations by the brethren assembled. The W.M. then presented Bro. Parkhouse with a handsome eighteen carat gold jewel, richly enamelled with the arms of Lord Carnarvon, bearing at the back the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, in recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master during the year 1879." In investing Bro. Lander with the jewel, the W.M. said: "Brethren, we have had the good working of our late W.M., Bro. Parkhouse, and we have great pleasure in now placing on his breast the jewel of his office. Every member of the lodge may even say loves him, for his services during the past year have been such as to call for

the highest compliments. Never was there a better Mason at heart. I could go on speaking of his abilities, but will now merely add that his conduct is such that we may copy both in lodge and out of lodge. I sincerely trust that he may live for many years and attend the lodge, and wear the jewel I now have the pleasure of placing upon his breast. Bro. Parkhouse, who, on rising to respond, was loudly cheered, said: I have to thank you, W. Sir and brethren, for the compliment you have paid me. I do not feel that I deserve all that has been said by the W.M., though I cannot but express how highly I appreciate the jewel you have presented to me. After a notice of motion that the lodge should purchase a harmonium, and "Hearty good wishes" had been received from the large number of visitors present, the lodge was solemnly closed. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a choice banquet. This was served by Bro. J. Linscott in a manner deserving the highest commendation. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, grace was offered by the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain of the lodge. The W.M. then gave the first toast, always so loyally received, that of "The Queen and the Craft," following with that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which toast the W.M. said he was sure would be most heartily received, as the brethren were so fully aware of the deep interest his Royal Highness always took in all things appertaining to Freemasonry. This toast, which was heartily received, was followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales," well rendered by Bro. A. Kent. In proposing the next toast, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.," the W.M. observed that it was always received with extra interest, his lordship having given special permission for the use of his name and arms, and he (the W.M.) need not say how greatly pleased he would be at the presence of his lordship at their meetings. This toast was drunk with hearty cheering. Bro. Facey then gave a very clever performance on the euphonium. The toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was next proposed by the W.M., coupled with the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, who, in reply, said he considered it a high honour to have his name associated with such a toast, and expressed his very great pleasure in replying on behalf of his lordship, of whom too much could not be said in praise, and who was at all times deserving of the best support of the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Parkhouse, gave the next toast, "The Health of the W.M.," which he did with the greatest sincerity and from the bottom of his heart. A truer-hearted, more genuine man never existed. He had well supported the lodge from its consecration, as also the Masonic Charities. He called upon the brethren to drink with the heartiest enthusiasm the health of the fourth W.M. This toast was warmly cheered, and received a very hearty fire. After a very cleverly rendered solo on the concertina by Mr. Rutherford, the W.M. returned thanks for the very hearty manner in which his name had been received. He would use, he said, his utmost endeavours to fill the chair to the best of his ability, but to equal his predecessor would be a matter of impossibility. He could only emulate, and if he succeeded in filling the chair as well as Bro. Parkhouse he (the W.M.) would be perfectly satisfied. Should he want any assistance he was sure he could at all times depend upon Bro. Parkhouse. In proposing the next toast, that of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. observed that he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Parkhouse for many years, but the longer he knew him the more he respected him. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Parkhouse, in the name of the officers and brethren of the lodge, with an illuminated address on vellum, handsomely framed, with the following inscription: "Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. Saml. Henry Parkhouse, by the brethren of the above lodge, as a mark of regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices, but more especially during the year in which he presided as W.M." Here follow the signatures of the W.M., his two Wardens, and the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Parkhouse, who on rising was vociferously cheered, tendered to the brethren his most sincere and hearty thanks. The presentation of the address, of which he had had no knowledge, had taken him completely by surprise. He had certainly looked forward to the jewel, which he should highly prize. It was with a great deal of nervousness that he accepted the office of W.M., but he had always endeavoured to do his duties to the best of his ability. He felt deeply indebted for the very great attention that had always been paid him. Upon the younger brethren he would strongly urge a continued attention to the sound of the Master's gavel. Bro. Parkhouse, in conclusion, again thanked the officers and brethren, and said that he felt quite overpowered by the kind present made him. The W.M. then gave "The Initiate," previous to whose reply, Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden favoured the brethren, in his well-known style, with "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The initiate, Bro. Rubinstein, replied in neat terms. He should aspire to the chair, which he very aptly remarked was now "so near and yet so far." The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., There were a great many visitors present, the more the better, to them all he made a hearty welcome. He coupled with this toast the names of Bros. Levander and Bryett. Previous to their reply a brother, whose name we did not catch, favoured the company with "Tom Bowling," which he sang very effectively. Bro. Levander said, having been called upon, he would, in a very few words, thank the W.M. and brethren for the very kind and hearty welcome accorded to the visitors that evening. He had been invited on several occasions to attend this lodge, but had been unable to do so. He thanked Bro. Penn for his kind

invite, and congratulated the lodge on the progress it had made, and for the zeal they have exhibited by the way in which they supported the Charities. Bro. Bryett, in returning thanks, hoped that the lodge of which he was the Worshipful Master (Shepherd's Bush, No. 1828) would prove a worthy child, and emulate the success of its parent, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Isaacs, who was loudly called for, also responded, saying what pleasure it gave him to again find himself a guest of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He considered Bro. Parkhouse's rendering of the installation ceremony that evening nearly perfect, and looking at the fact that it was the first time he had performed that ceremony he is deserving of infinite praise. As a novice he had performed the ceremony remarkably well, and he had wound up his year of office in a commendable manner. He concluded by congratulating the lodge upon being one of the leading lodges in London. The W.M. then gave "The Masonic Charities." During his year of office he would uphold and maintain the Masonic Charities as his predecessors had done. He would remind the brethren that the I.P.M. was a Steward for the forthcoming festival in February of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but as Bro. Terry was present, and would reply to this toast, he need say no more. Bro. James Terry made a very energetic appeal on behalf of his Institution, in the course of which he complimented the lodge upon the liberality that they had already exhibited towards the Charities, they having since the consecration, in Nov. 1876, subscribed upwards of £1000. He heartily wished such munificence would cause other and older lodges to emulate. He trusted that the brethren would support Bro. Parkhouse's list, and send him to the festival with a larger amount even than that taken up by Bro. George Penn, P.M., to the Boys' Festival in June last, namely, £550. Bro. Binckes could not allow this opportunity to pass without saying a few words in gratitude for services already rendered, when, through the instrumentality of Bro. Penn, the very large sum of £550 was collected for the Boys' School. He expressed his grateful thanks, on behalf of the Institution with which he is so closely connected, for the liberality of the lodge, and reminded the brethren of the honour paid the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge by the Board of Stewards in electing Bro. George Penn as their President. Several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

CRUSADERS' LODGE (No. 1677).—The first meeting of this lodge, after the installation, was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. T. Goode, W.M., presided, and the other officers present were Bros. Hunter, I.P.M.; J. W. Simmonds, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Maples, Treas, Defriez, Sec.; Millward, S.D.; Calderwood, J.D.; Gay, D.C.; Rushton, Org.; Pigot, I.G. The only visitors present were Bros. H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177, and 1158 (*Freemason*); A. Thiemans, P.M. No. 144; and Leymeyer, W.M. Urban. The minutes of the installation meeting of the lodge were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Thomas Mount Keller Gilbert was examined and entrusted, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, he was in a most impressive manner raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bros. Budden and Lennard were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot then took place for Mr. Augustus Thomas Buckingham, which proving to be unanimous, he was introduced, and most impressively initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Several of his friends who came to witness the ceremony congratulated him upon his admission to the noble Order. Some other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, and a very excellent and substantial repast was served up in first-rate style, the viands being good and the attendance excellent, leaving really nothing to be desired, as Bro. Butt, the worthy host, personally superintended all the arrangements. After the withdrawal of the cloth, grace having been said, the W.M. gave the first and loyal toast, which was that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most heartily responded to, followed by the National Anthem, Bro. Lehmyer presiding at the pianoforte. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," a toast which was most enthusiastically responded to. The other formal toasts having been given, Bro. Hunter, Immediate Past Master, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and descanted on the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties in the chair. The W.M. said he had been suffering from illness, which prevented him from going through the business in the way he could wish, but he trusted to be better able to discharge them in the future, and he sincerely thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The next toast was that of "Their Brother Initiate, Bro. Buckingham," and he said, in giving his health, he believed that he would prove a good and worthy Mason, and this toast was most enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Buckingham thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by admitting him a member of their ancient Order, and could assure them that he would do all in his power to prove himself a good Mason. "The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed by the Senior Warden, who congratulated the lodge in having amongst them, as visitors, some of the most well-known members of the Craft. Bro. H. Thompson, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the lodge on having so efficient a Master, for having witnessed two of the ceremonies he had performed that evening he, as a somewhat old Mason, could say with confidence that the lodge had really good reason to be proud of their Master, and of his having that night added another link to the great fraternal chain of Freemasonry. He thanked them

for the kind hospitality they had shown him, and although that was his first he trusted it would not be his last visit to the Crusaders' Lodge, as that evening had been to him one of unalloyed pleasure. Bros. Thieman and Leh-meyer also returned thanks. In the course of the evening Bro. Lehmeier delighted the members with some choice solos on the pianoforte, and particularly so Thal-berg's "Home, sweet home," with variations. Some other toasts were given, songs sung, and a very happy meeting was brought to a close.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The first meeting of the members of the above lodge since the installation in July last took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and we were exceedingly pleased to see gathered around the new W.M., Bro. Thos. Hutton, a numerous and influential gathering of the Masons of the district. This grand old lodge, whose history is well worthy the attention of the Masonic student, has had its ups and downs, its original warrant, or charter, having been carried into many lands, and passed through many hands. It has during the last year been rather unsettled, but the interest taken in its prosperity, and the veneration in which it is held as the mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district, was fully evinced upon this occasion, and we have every confidence that it has a grand future in store for it under its present and coming Masters. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. Past Masters G. Davies, Sec.; J. P. Moore, I.P.M.; and R. Hodgkisson; N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer, J.W.; O. Hutton, Sec.; D. T. Hosgood, S.D.; B. R. T. Smith, J.D.; J. Matvey, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 700; H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; D. Deeves, S.W. 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; J. H. Roberts, J.D. 700; A. R. Britton, 829; J. J. Gould, 1685; J. R. James, 382 (American); J. A. Elder, S.D. 1472; R. J. Anderson, 1536; J. Murray, 299; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bro. Clements and the raising of Bro. Shoebright, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M. in rare form. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and in response to his health, which was briefly proposed by Bro. Davis, P.M., Bro. Hutton said that he hoped, with the aid of the brethren, and the unanimity which at the present time prevailed in the lodge, to be worthy of their praise at the end of his term of office. In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Davis said that during the vacation he had had some half-a-dozen applications made to him by distressed Masons, who had been sent to him by the brethren of the lodge. Now the relieving of strange brethren was not in his province, and he asked the brethren in future to send them to the W.M., or do the same as he always did—that was, after trial and full conviction that the applicant was a worthy object—relieve him themselves. He was sorry to say that there were a great many applicants who were not genuine Masons, but simply impostors who roamed the country, and made a living by their imposture. He thanked the brethren for the toast of "The Past Masters." In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there were not so many present as he could have wished, but they were always welcome at the Union Waterloo Lodge. He then read several letters from officers and brethren of the district, regretting their inability to attend, and concluded by trusting to see as many visiting brethren present as could possibly come whenever the lodge met. Bros. Kennedy, Roberts, James, and Jolly responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. N. Brown responded in a stirring speech, and after a few remarks from Bro. Syer, the Tyler's toast concluded the meeting.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by Bros. Elwen, P.M.; Crookes, P.M.; Turnbull, P.M.; Douglass, P.M. (Freemason); and a good number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Watson, W.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Clay, P.M. 97; Gray, P.M. 949; Frampton, W.M. 94; and Henderson, P.M. 94. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Amos Broughton and Mr. John Burkhardt, both candidates for Masonry, and they were declared duly elected. The candidates were regularly admitted, and made E.A. Masons. The W.M. then announced the time had arrived to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was taken, when Bro. Haydon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Goddardson was re-elected Treasurer, for the twenty-first time, a good, old, tried Mason; Bro. Thompson was re-elected Tyler; Bros. Craven, Waller, and Rackley were re-elected Auditors. The sum of ten pounds was voted from the funds to the sister of a deceased brother, as a token of the high esteem the brethren have of the memory of him. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, in due and solemn prayer.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Thursday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Watson, supported by Bros. Lord, P.M.; Clay, P.M.; Curry, P.M.; Twizell, P.M.; and a large number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Crookes, P.M. 80, P.G.S.; Newton, W.M. 80; Frampton, W.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Maddison, P.M. 1389; Gray, P.M. 949; Cumberland, P.M. 1611; Beattie, W.M. 1389; and Douglass, P.M. 80 (Freemason). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was regularly raised to the Third Degree, when Bro.

Wake was re-admitted and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then regularly closed to the First Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Tonkinson was unanimously elected. Bro. Twizell was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thompson Tyler. Bro. Clay, P.M., proposed that the sum of two guineas be voted from the lodge funds towards the local relief fund. Seconded by Bro. Beattie, W.M. All business being done, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; G. Mullock, S.W.; Wm. Bagnall, J.W.; R. Eldershaw, L.P.M.; R. Spencer, Sec.; Thos. Guest, S.D.; J. Sutcliffe, J.D.; John Hind, Treas.; Thos. Sawyer, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; R. Timperley, P.M.; J. Baitye, P.M.; Henry Paulden, John Harrop, Samuel Lawton, P. D. Apostolic, the Rev. J. Cater, Alfred Humphreys, P.M.; J. Coliffe, E. Orrell, B. Taylor. Visitor: R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at six o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then resumed his reading of extracts taken from the old minutes and records of the lodge, some of which were very quaint and amusing. This being the meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the usual proceedings were gone through, when the S.W., Bro. G. Mullock, was unanimously elected, and afterwards returned thanks to the brethren. Bro. John Hind was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Sly Tyler. A Committee, consisting of the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Sec., was appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for the St. John's Festival, to be held on the 10th December. Bro. G. Mullock announced that the result of the annual soirée and picnic, which had taken place this year in connection with the lodge, had resulted in a balance on the right side of £2 1s., which sum, the W.M. suggested, should be handed over to the Treasurer for the benefit of the lodge. We may here remark that this example of good management and profitable result in both instances would be well worth following on the part of many other lodges, where, in consequence of want of organisation and energy, it too often happens that a balance on the wrong side is effected, and the lodge funds suffer accordingly. A Committee was next appointed to take an inventory of the lodge property. This concluding the business of the evening, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitor, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the pleasure of the evening being greatly enhanced by the excellent glee singing of Bros. Shorrocks, Stanley, and Lever.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. E. Cardwell, the W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren, especially of visitors. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, in order that Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., might give his lecture on "The O.B.'s of Craft Masonry—their similarity and their differences." Bro. Moore, who frequently gives lectures in his own neighbourhood, has the rare gift of making any subject he takes in hand highly interesting to his audiences, but being an enthusiast in Masonry, as well as an authority on many points, his lectures on Masonic lore are rendered doubly interesting. The lecture in question was no exception to the rule, but was given in our worthy brother's happiest style, the language terse and instructive; the illustrations apposite and to the point. Several questions were put to Bro. Moore on his concluding, and these having been answered, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Bro. Kelland, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hatch, P.M. and Hon. Sec. Bro. Moore, in responding, announced his intention of giving further lectures on Masonry, which was greeted with applause. The W.M. then resumed in the First Degree, and the usual proclamations were made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. Cotter, W.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; J. H. Arden, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; C. Fothergill, Sec.; J. Warden, S.D.; G. Crute, J.D.; J. Tickle, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; Hugh Williams, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. W.L.; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; W. Fish, W. Murray, C. Wadsworth, H. Ravenscroft, R. Edwards, W. C. Webb, J. W. Gaul, H. P. Gray, J. Davies, W. Faulds, W. Davies, J. Donaldson, W. P. Fender, F. S. Smith, A. Soldat, W. Garner, E. Hartnell, J. Cutchen, G. W. Dillon, and W. W. Webster. Visitors: Bros. E. Griffiths, 724; J. Jones, 724; J. A. Partington, 724; A. Hutteroth, 1313; J. Brotherton, 241; R. Ripley, 1547; R. Bethal, 1094; K. Kirkes, 1547; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; R. Foote, J.W. 1505; and W. Hughes, 241. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was afterwards taken for three candidates, which was unanimously in favour of their admission. The chair was then taken by Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. and Treas., who opened the lodge in the Second Degree and passed Bros. Faulds, Jones, and Partington to the rank of Fellow Craft. Bro. Alex. Cotter, W.M., then resumed the chair, and Bro. H. P. Gray, candidate for raising, having been

examined, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gray raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this impressive ceremony the lodge was resumed to the Second and then to the First Degree, and the other business having been concluded the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—St. Peter and Paul's Lodge (No. 1410).—On Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Swan Hotel. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., performed the impressive and interesting ceremony in his customary manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M., Bro. T. Taylor, invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. R. Wilmer, I.P.M.; A. Coales, S.W.; the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, J.W.; the Rev. C. M. Outley, Chaplain; E. Carr, Treas.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., Sec.; Bros. L. Cooper, S.D.; B. Wilford, J.D.; J. Line, D.C.; J. Odell, I.G.; A. Egan, Org.; E. J. Saunders and A. Bailey, Stewards; W. Stanton, Tyler. The Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. R. Wilmer, I.P.M. The members then adjourned to the banquet room, where Host Cannon had provided an excellent banquet, which would, doubtless, have given greater satisfaction had that part of the catering which considerably enhances the pleasure and promotes the success of a repast been more judiciously attended to, namely, the waiting. We feel sure that such a defect as this will be remedied on future occasions. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. Taylor, W.M., who was supported on his right by V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and on the left by Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.; and the vice-chairs by Bros. A. J. Coales, S.W., and the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, J.W. There were upwards of thirty persons present, including members from the Watling-street Lodge, Stony Stratford; the Scientific Lodge, Wolverton; the St. Barnabas Lodge, Linslade; and the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The repast ended, the Chairman gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were accompanied with musical honours, the former with "God save the Queen," and the latter by "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which the Chairman coupled with the names of V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg and Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., and the former very suitably responded. "The Provincial Grand Master, the D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Hales and Reeve, who individually acknowledged the toast. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg proposed the next toast, and one which he considered the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of St. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Bro. T. Taylor," and in doing so he passed a high compliment upon his ability as a Mason and his efficiency to discharge the duties appertaining to the Order. Bro. Taylor very appropriately responded, and then gave "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. R. Wilmer, who suitably replied, "The Masonic Charities" was connected with the name of Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., the energetic and assiduous Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, who made an eloquent speech on behalf of the Charitable Institutions in connection with the Order, and concluded his remarks by earnestly appealing to his brother Masons to give a more careful attention to the welfare of the Masonic Institutions and a more unanimous support. "The Visiting Brethren" was next given by the Chairman, who coupled with it the names of Bro. the Rev. Sams and Bro. Reeve, Revill, Valentine, Elmes, Aveline, Eady, and others. The toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Bros. Coales and Cooper. This was followed by the Tyler's toast. Bros. Wilford, Odell, Valentine, J. R. Wilmer, and J. C. Coales contributed to the harmony of the evening, and "God save the Queen" terminated a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.—*Weekly Standard.*

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. The lodge was opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Court, W.M.; assisted by Bros. W. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. Norfolk, Treasurer, acting J.W.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. M. D'Orsey, Asst. Chap.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Ashley, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., D.C. (Freemason); Richnell, W.S., Treasurer elect; Clarke, A.W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Laxton, P.M. 1238, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Dodd, P.M. 1194, &c.; Stebbing, 26; Snell, 357; Rookman, 1657. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., and Kennedy, P.M., having been appointed to the respective offices of S.W. and I.G. by the Installing Officer, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. W. Taylor was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. Wigginton. Upon the admission of the brethren below the chair, the ceremony was proceeded with, the delivery of the addresses by the Installing Master being marked by great elocutionary ability. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. for the year ensuing were: Bros. Ashley, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; H. Court, I.P.M. (by deputy); Richnell, Treas. and S.D.; Wigginton, Sec.; the Rev. M. D'Orsey, Chap.; Clarke, J.D.; Ramsey, I.G. (by deputy); Kennedy, D.C.; and Harrison, Tyler. The other minor offices were not filled. A Committee, consisting of the

W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, were appointed to consider a modification of several of the bye-laws and other important matters in connection with the lodge. Previously to the lodge being closed, a donation was unanimously voted to the Laughton Church Tower Restoration Fund, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to Bro. Tomlinson upon his retirement from the position of Treasurer. The banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Baylis, having been discussed, the W.M. gave, in brief but pertinent terms, the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The R.W.P.G.M.," and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." These pledges having been most warmly received, Bros. Charles Horsley and W. Wigginton responded at length upon behalf of the latter. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the acting I.P.M., Bro. Horsley, congratulated the lodge upon possessing a W.M. who, as an initiate, had been connected with it from its commencement. He had filled nearly all the minor offices most efficiently, and had endeared himself to all those who had been brought into contact with him. The speaker having touched upon other matters in connection with the W.M.'s career in the lodge, concluded by wishing him a most prosperous and happy year of office. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. modestly replied. "The Health of the Installing Master" followed, and it having been warmly received, Bro. Wigginton, P.M., tersely responded. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Saunders in a neat speech. "The Visitors" came next in order, and drew from Bros. Laxton, Dodd, and Rookman exhaustive and complimentary replies. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Ashley, Tomlinson, and D'Orsey. Those brethren having replied, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable and successful.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The first meeting of the above lodge since the installation of the W.M., Bro. H. Shaw, took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was honoured by the presence of Bros. Col. A. H. King, R.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Kent; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142, and P.A.G.D.C. (England); and a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; D. W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, I.G. 913 (the three latter brethren are also honorary members of the United Military Lodge); A. Brookson, P.M. 1424; Eugene Sweny, S.W. 706; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; T. Hosgood, S.D. 13; G. Beaver, S.D. 700; J. Elder, S.D. 1472; O. Hutton, Sec. 13; W. Webber, 700; S. Evans, 316; W. Cobb, 700; W. Reece, 913; W. Watts, 913; E. Palmer, 913; H. Grace, 13; W. Lennox, 144; G. Tappenden, 700; D. C. Capon, 913; C. T. Lemessurier, 359; S. Newton, 387; J. Waham, 873; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and honorary member of the United Military Lodge. Among the officers present beside the W.M. were Bros. H. Picken, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; D. Deeves, S.W.; H. Welding, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; C. Buckland, J.D.; and W. A. Watkins, I.G. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bro. P. Mills, A.S.C., of No. 903, which proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Augustus Carter King, Lieut., son of Bro. Col. King; Sergt. C. T. Rolfe, R.A., and Sergeant-Major W. Halaban, R.A., and the ballot proving unanimous, the candidates were duly initiated into Masonry. Bros. Hutchinson, Hunt, and Waldron were then raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the work was done by the W.M. in excellent style, considering this being his first night in the chair. Bro. King then retired, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then sat down to a pretty little supper, well served by Bro. Tucker, who was thanked by the W.M. for the care taken by him for the comfort of the brethren. On the cloth being cleared the gallant brethren and visitors drank to "The Queen and the Craft" right loyally. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," was enthusiastically toasted, as were "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and rest of the Grand Officers." This being a provincial lodge, under Lord Holmesdale, G.M. for the Province of Kent, "The Health of His Lordship, and the D.G.M., Bro. Eastes," who are deservedly popular in this part of the province, was responded to most heartily. In responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers of England," Bro. Thomas expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening. He felt sure that they did not want to hear a word from him as to the excellences and qualification of the Grand Officers who were honoured by holding office under their exalted G.M. the Prince of Wales; but he would say, and he felt sure they would all agree with him, that the offices could not have been placed in the hands of better men. He had come among them that evening at the invitation of the W.M., and was completely taken by surprise at the excellent manner in which the work had been carried out. It was not only a credit to the lodge but an example to Masonry at large. Why, the very initiates stood to order like old Masons, and he could only tell them that it would be a great gratification to him to be enabled to report to Grand Lodge the excellent way this lodge carried out the principles and work of Freemasonry. He felt sure that Lord Skelmersdale would have been pleased to have been with them that evening. His lordship was not only a hard working Mason, but was filling one of the most important offices in the realm, that of Grand Chamberlain, and nothing gave him greater satisfaction than to find that a lodge was doing good work, and in a Mason-like manner. It was not his habit to compliment any lodge merely for the sake of compliment, but what he had said upon this occasion came from the bottom of his heart. As

an old Woolwich Mason, for he was made a R.A. Mason within a stone's throw of this lodge, he was never more gratified and pleased than to be among his Masonic friends at Woolwich. After the W.M. had regretted the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. King, whose love for Masonry was only equalled by his arduous work for its prosperity, Bro. Picken proposed "The Health of Bro. Shaw" in suitable terms; and, in response, Bro. Shaw, after expressing the pleasure it gave him to see such a grand assembly around him, said he knew his shortcomings as well as any one, and they must take into consideration the nervousness natural to a first night. However, he would promise to do better before the end of the year. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and the brethren present briefly responded. "The Visitors" were toasted, and Bros. Hutton, Brookson, Warren and several others responded. Bro. Picken responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Deeves for "The Officers." Bro. Jolly responded to a flattering notice of "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and enjoyable evening.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. William Longmire, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., and supported by his several officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Baxter, and proved unanimous. Mr. Baxter was afterwards admitted to the lodge, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by the J.W. Some financial business was then discussed, and the usual proclamations followed, the lodge being closed with the usual formalities.

STONY STRATFORD.—Watling-street Lodge (No. 1639).—The installation banquet of the above lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremony of installing Bro. G. B. Valentine, W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short, P.G.C. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Elmes, P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Bates, S.W.; J. W. Bull, J.W.; the Rev. W. F. Short, Chap.; W. H. Robinson, Treas.; J. Reeve, Sec.; R. Marlow, S.D.; H. J. W. Cox, J.D.; G. Gilkes, D.C.; L. Ewbank, I.G.; C. L. Lovett, Steward; and J. Bonser, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where Bro. Revill had prepared a sumptuous spread, which gave great satisfaction to the guests. The toasts "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were given by the W.M., accompanied by appropriate remarks. He next gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the Present and Past Grand Officers of England," coupling with it the names of Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short and Bro. Cox, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of Berks and Bucks," was the next toast, with which the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. W. H. Robinson and J. Elmes, who responded, and Bros. J. Reeve and C. Aveline also replied. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short then proposed what he considered the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M.," of whom he spoke in eulogistic terms as an enthusiastic brother Mason. He also remarked upon the prosperous condition of the lodge, which was now in its fourth year of existence, and, in comparison with other lodges of a similar age, considered its position equal to any in England. The toast was very suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who then gave "The Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. J. R. Wilmer, J. Goodwin, and Slater, of Buckingham, who severally responded. The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "The Chaplain, the Treasurer, and Secretary," "The Officers of the Watling-street Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. Bro. Robinson then proposed "The Caterer," to which Bro. Revill very suitably replied. Bros. Marlow, Goodwin, Bonser, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, which was brought to a close by the National Anthem. —*Weekly Standard.*

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge assembled in good strength at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, W.M.; Ferge, acting S.W.; Featherstone, acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, I.P.M.; T. Ockenden, S.W., 1512, Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J.D. (*Freemason*); F. Honeywell, P.G.O. Middlesex, Organist; Richer, D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. R. Gem, P.P.G.C. of Cumberland and Westmoreland; Inglis, P.M. Carnarvon; Jesset, W.M. 1512; Beauchamp, 1512, Marvin, Progress. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Hammond, who then proceeded to raise Bro. Gerhold to the degree of a M.M., the ceremony being well performed. It having been reported that Bro. Scott, I.G., had recently died, it was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bros. Hurst, S.D., and Andrews, that a letter of condolence should be forwarded by the Secretary to the family of their deceased brother. Previously to the lodge being closed, an application for relief was read from the widow of a deceased brother, one of the founders of the Wolsey and W.M. elect at the time of his demise. Upon the motion of the I.P.M. a petition upon her behalf was ordered to

be prepared and signed by the officers of the lodge and forwarded to the Board of Benevolence. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. arose, and said that he intended to be the best chairman that they had ever had, inasmuch as he did not intend to inflict upon them any long speeches. This announcement having been received with applause, the W.M. proceeded to give the customary Royal and Craft toasts. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D., in appropriate terms. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. the Rev. R. Gem and Marvin. The former stated that he had visited many lodges in the North, but none of them came up to the standard of working excellence as manifested by those in the South. It had been his good fortune to visit two in the province of Middlesex, namely the Hemming and the Wolsey, and he had been highly gratified with the manner in which the whole proceedings of those lodges had been conducted. In conclusion, he begged to thank the W.M. for the hearty manner he had proposed the health of the visitors. Bro. Marvin, the first initiate of the Wolsey, but who had had to resign in consequence of the distance of the lodge from town, having also said a few words in response, the W.M. gave "The Officers." In giving this toast he said he felt sorry that from urgent private reasons so many of his officers were unable to be present that evening. It was the opening night of the Masonic season in connection with 1876, and it was to be regretted that only three of the principal officers were able to attend. In conclusion, he said he did not wish to complain, because their absence had been accounted for, but he hoped that on the next occasion he should see the full complement of officers. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Ockenden. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Honeywell, Filler, and others entertained the brethren.

Royal Arch.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the chapter rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening, the 17th inst. The M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, was supported by Ex. Comps. D. W. Finney, P.Z., as H.; Jas. Jackson, J.; P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., P.S.; and Comps. Charlton, Starkie, Galloway, C. Skinner, Hannah, Hindley, Domville, and others. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted. Bro. Charlson, who was balloted for and approved at the last convocation, was now present, and having been introduced was exalted in due form, according to ancient custom, by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the Mystic Lecture. Much interest was manifested in the ceremony. There being no further business the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1061).—The regular meeting of this chapter of R.A. Masons was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athnaeum, on the 17th inst. There were present Ex. Comps. W. Hall, M.E.Z.; H. Longman, H.; and W. Duff, J.; Comps. Ellershaw, Scribe E.; Kelland, P.S.; R. Stanton, A.S.; F. G. Dale, A.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor. The muster roll of members having been read, and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, Comp. Col. the Right Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, M.P., Witherslack Hall (Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War) was unanimously elected a joining member of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Freemasons' Tavern, and there were present Bro. Geo. Newman, W.M.; V.W. Bros. C. Horsley, P.M., G.J.O., acting I.P.M.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., P.G.C., S.W.; Bros. Wm. Stephens, J.W.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, M.O.; V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., G. Reg.; Bros. H. Santer, Reg.; E. H. Thielley, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Lambe, S.D.; H. F. Frost, J.D.; G. Harrison, Tyler; P. L. Simmonds, P.M.; and G. Sandell. The visitors were V.W. Bros. A. de Cordova, Dist. G. Overseer Jamaica; Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; and Bro. George Penn. The lodge was opened in due form, the brethren, accompanied by the organ, chanting the opening hymn, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The musical portion of the ceremony was most effectively executed by Bro. Worrell, with his widely known and appreciated abilities as P.G. Organist, which musical feature is now established permanently in the St. Mark's Lodge, harmonising so thoroughly with the excellent working of the Degree as therein rendered. In the St. Mark's Lodge, whether there are candidates or not, the whole of the ceremony is rehearsed in both elocutionary and musical form at each meeting, so that, as has been the case some time past, should a distinguished brother visitor, hailing from the Antipodes, honour again the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, he may not regret the trouble when visiting the lodge. A telegram and letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Shepherd, S.O.; H. A. Dubois, I.P.M.; Thos. Cohe, and other members. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form with the Mark Masters' hymn, and adjourned. The brethren, presided by the W.M., dined at the Freemasons' Tavern.

CROYDON.—Croydon Lodge (No. 198).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, Nov.

14th, at Harewood House, 105, High-street, Croydon, in the spacious room erected by Bro. Rhodes, P.G. Organist. There were present Bros. J. K. Pitt, W.M.; Nicholls, S.W.; W. B. Brown, J.W.; Griffiths, M.O.; Byron H. Ridge, S.O.; Haynes, Sec.; S. W. Lambert, Treas.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the musical portions of this advanced Degree of Masonry were exquisitely rendered by Bro. Rhodes. The chief business of the evening was the election of a W.M., and the suffrages of the brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. Nicholls. Bro. Lambert was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant as Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the new bye-laws of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge were received and considered. The regular meetings of the Croydon lodge of M.M.M. are on the second Fridays in March, July, and November. Any M.M.M. residing in the neighbourhood will be fraternally welcomed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

This lodge was held at Wigan on the 5th inst., and duly reported in our issue of the 15th inst. From want of space we were obliged to omit the list of brethren present, but now supply the deficiency:—Bros. W. Balmer, W.M. 123; Joseph Metcalf, S.W. 123; R. Croxton, W.M. 20; H. Thomas, W.M. 171; H. Tattersal, Bolton; Robt. Ismay, Bolton; T. Abbott Peters, Chaplain, 143; F. E. Johnson, Steward, 158; J. H. Murray, J.D. 158; W. J. Henderson, 65; Thos. Lamb, 158; Robt. Harwood, 158; Joseph Sly, P.G. Tyler; George Millor, S.G.O.; Wm. Roberts, 14 and 24; H. S. Alpass, 65, P.P.G.M.M.O.; Arthur Middleton, W.M. St. Andrew's; W. T. Kenyon, St. John's; W. M. Mulligan, Rose and Thistle, Wigan; James Shaw, P.G.J.W.; Joseph Harrison, M.A., P.G. Asst. Chap.; H. J. Jackson, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; G. E. Hammer, P.G.S.D.; Jno. Davison, P.G.J.D.; S. Porritt, P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Waterson, P.G.D. of C.; T. Probert, P.G.A.D. of C.; Joseph Wood (Freemason), P.G.S.B.; George Campbell, P.G. Org.; Joseph L. Thorpe, P.G.P.; Joseph W. Kenyon, P.P.G.M.O.; Alfred Hopkinson, P.S. 123; Edward Heywood, P.P.G.I.W.; Thos. Hindle, 159, P.P.G.J.O.; W. B. Royds; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M.; T. Morris, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; James Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B.; N. Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Arensberg, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Maiden, P.M. 136, P.P.G.M.O.; W. H. Alcock, P.P.G.S.; E. Mulligan, P.M. 246, P.G.M.O.; James Newton, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Middleton, P.G.S., W.M. 34; Jno. Hallwell, P.P.G.M.O.; Robt. Whitaker, P.P.G.D. of C.; Jos. C. Lunt, P.M. 161, P.P.S.O.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, P.M., 161, P.P.G. Chap.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 65, P.G.S.O.; T. Clarke, P.M. 65; P.P.G.M.O.; Alfred Hopkinson, 123, P.S.; T. Probert, 123, A.D.C.; R. W. Waterson, P.M. 159, P.G.D.C.; A. Milne, P.M. 142, P.P.G.S.D.; S. P. Blair, P.P.G.J.W.; A. A. Bagshaw, M.A., M.W. 156, P.P.G. Chap.; Jno. Davison, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Barlow, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hayes, P.M. 65; W. Corbett, 65; W. Leigh, S.W. 189; J. Bolland, W.M. 189; J. Cockshott, P.M. 143; W. Barlow, P.M. 136; R. Reader, Sec. 65; R. H. Evans, W.M. 65; J. Brown, J.O. 158; J. Wolstenholme, St. John's; P. M. Hunter, 158; W. Gregson, St. John's; Jno. Phillips, Rose and Thistle; R. Hay, J.D. 142; O. Startup, W.M. 142; Walter Nelson, S.W. 142; Hugh Williams, W.M. 11, P.G.J.D., Cheshire; J. Huartson, P.M. 36; James Shaw, P.M. 123; J. Duffield, P.G.J.W.; Edward Diggle, P.G.J.O.; Jno. Clayton, W.M. 141; W. Roberts, 14 and 24; J. Harwood, P.G.J.D.; Edward Hartley, 14 and 56, P.P.G.S.W. W.Y.; W. Dray, I.G. 158; A. Beattie, P.M. 143; J. J. Greaves, P.M. 143; John Reid, W.M. elect, 36; Robt. Rushton, W.M. 159; and B. H. Gosling, 159.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Kench, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cotchran, E. P. Albert, W. H. Perryman, Henry Garrod, J. M. Case, Charles Frederick Hogard, Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, Edward C. Davies, W. H. Lucia, Charles Atkins, W. I. Christian, G. P. Britten, Geo. Waterman, James Cooper, Thos. Hutton, John Bustard, A. Buckle, S. Kelly, H. Spedy, John Constable, Hen. Hill, Col. H. S. Somerville Bauney, J. H. Leggett, D. M. Dewar, W. F. Smithson, S. Pounceby, James E. Watts, Julius Brietman, Geo. Thistle-Thames, W. R. Marsh, G. J. Cutlin, Wm. Stephens, Neville Greene, James Stevens, James Taylor, Henry W. Green, T. J. Robins, R. P. Spice, H. W. Lindsay, C. Buckhurst, J. Westley, Gibson, Fredk. Dunn, R. H. Gibbons, jun., Jas. Gavin, L. W. Harvey, C. H. Jolly, J. Kemp, Coleman, Charles Daniel, Robt. Harman, Geo. G. Symons, Charles Dairy, T. F. Knight Smith, N. R. Harper, W. Tuff, J. H. Matthews, S. L. Green, Wm. Hope, H. Faiza, Ebenr. Skelt, Thomas Edmonston, C. J. Edwards, J. J. Cantle, E. Farwig, C. E. Topper, Edwin Boa, W. C. Griggs, G. L. Moore, T. Holmes, C. W. Ashdown, Geo. Allen, Lewis Alexander, J. F. Hartington, N. B. Heaton, F. W. Koch, G. F. Crowe, H. Sadler, G. F., and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Board of Masters first met, and had read to them the agenda paper of the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. There were general expressions of regret when the draft report of the Board of General Purposes announced that Bro. John Hervey had resigned his office of Grand Secretary, on account of continued ill health. Bro. Stevens' notice of motion on uniformity of ritual, which the Craft have already been informed it was

his intention to bring forward, was also read, as well as Bro. Clabon's notice of motion with regard to the surplus of the Fund or Benevolence.

The Lodge of Benevolence was then opened, and the brethren first confirmed the recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting, amounting to £250. The new list was then proceeded with. There were 37 cases on this list, and of these five were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total amount of £1035, composed of the following amounts:—Two £75 (£150); seven £50 (£350); five £40 (£200); three £30 (£90); one £25 (£25); six £20 (£120); two £15 (£30); and seven £10 (£70).

■ Lodge was then closed, after sitting four hours and a quarter.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND COLONIAL BOARD.

The members of these Boards dined together on Tuesday evening last (after the monthly meeting of the former Board) at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Monckton, President B.G.P., presided, assisted by Bro. Rucker, President C.B., in the vice-chair. They were supported by Bros. Levander, Vice-President B.G.P., and Griffiths Smith, Vice-President C.B., and the following members:—Bros. Fenn, P.G.D.; Grey, P.G.D.; Long, P.G.D.; Burt, Asst. G.D.C.; Buss, Asst. G. Secretary; Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4; Adlard, P.M. 7; Frank Richardson, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; Beaumont, G.S. 26; Matthews, W.M. 143; Pitt Lewis, W.M. 165; H. Payne, W.M. 235; Frank Green, P.M. 1567; Litchworth, P.M. 1579; and Cave, G.C., W.M. 1610.

After dinner, which was served in Bro. Best's best style, and could not have been surpassed by any caterer in London, Bro. Monckton proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was responded to with the usual honours.

Bro. Rucker then proposed "The Grand Master," which was received in the same manner.

Bro. Fenn proposed "The Health of Bro. Monckton and Bro. Rucker, the Presidents of the two Boards," which was severally responded to by those brethren.

Bro. Monckton then gave "The Health of Bro. Levander and Bro. Griffiths Smith, the Vice-Presidents," which was also respectively responded to; then "The Health of Bros. Levander, Gould, and Frank Richardson," who had the management of the dinner, was given by Bro. Monckton, and responded to by the latter.

"Better Health to Bro. Hervey" was given by Bro. Fenn, and was responded to in a most feeling manner by Bro. Buss.

Bro. McIntyre, Grand Reg., was expected to be present, but was unavoidably detained at the last moment, as was also Bros. Erasmus Wilson and Gould, from ill-health; and letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Kensington, Senior Grand Warden; Major-General Clithorpe, Junior Grand Warden; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C., and other influential members of the Boards. Altogether the dinner was a great success, and will, no doubt, be repeated in future years.

CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELDREDA CHAPTER, No. 809.

This new chapter, to be attached to the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, was consecrated at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

The ceremony of consecration was most ably performed by M.E. Comp. J. Deighton, P.G.S.B. England, Grand Superintendent Combs, as M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. C. W. Morriss, P.Z. 109, as H.; and F. C. Wace, P.Z. 859, as J. The duties of acting Director of Ceremonies were efficiently rendered by Comp. G. W. Page, J. 107.

The new Principals were then installed by the Grand Superintendent Combs in the following order:—

M.E. Comps. Edward Hoggis, P.Z. 88, as M.E.Z.; Alfred Fredk. Donagan, Z. 88, as H.; and Comp. George Carrick, 327, as J. The chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Half-an-hour later the companions re-assembled at the holding of the first regular convocation of the chapter. The newly-installed Principals presided, and thirteen candidates were duly exalted to this Sublime Degree. A number of others, who were not in attendance, were also balloted for and approved. The arduous duties falling to the lot of the P. soj. were most ably and correctly performed by Comp. Youngman, whilst the well-known skill of the M.E.Z. as a thorough worker is a guarantee that nothing would be wanting on his part to complete the ceremony.

The following officers were then elected and invested:—Comps. W. Bray, Scribe E.; A. Bothamley, N.; J. S. Youngman, P. Soj.; Thos. Squire and Jas. Hodgins, Asst. Sojs.; C. K. Ellis, Org.; and J. N. Holmes, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating and Installing Officer (Comp. Deighton), and to those companions who had so efficiently assisted him. A Committee having been appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from several visiting companions, the chapter was formally closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Tidnam (the host of the Rose), and a pleasant evening was spent in a truly fraternal and harmonious manner, hearty wishes being expressed for the future prosperity of the Etheldreda Chapter.

We may observe that the chapter is called after Saint Etheldreda, the founder and first abbess of Ely Cathedral, within which diocese Wisbech is situated.

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MASONIC AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the Theatre Royal, Rochdale, was the scene of one of the most successful and interesting amateur dramatic performances ever witnessed in the town. The whole of the characters were sustained by amateurs, even the ladies being daughters of a resident brother. The piece de resistance was Charles Dance, Esqr.'s, comedy of *The Wonderful Woman*, the scenes of which are laid in Paris, and the period immediately anterior to the French Revolution. The wonderful woman is the wealthy widow, "Madame Hortense Bertrand," who finds that even a golden key will not open the portals of rank and station. Learning that invitation cards for a Royal fete are only issued to those of the fair sex who can boast of the title of either a duchess, marchioness, countess, or baroness, to obtain the "sine qua non" she makes a proposal of marriage to a ruined nobleman, the Marquis de Frontignac, who is so deeply involved in debt as to become (by the French law of the period) adjudged servant to one of his creditors, "Crepin" (a cobbler). Without reading it, the marquis signs a contract of marriage, one of the conditions of which is that immediately after the ceremony the pair shall separate, his debts be paid, and an annuity of 30,000 livres settled on him. When the marquis discovers the snare into which he has been unwillingly entrapped, he refuses to accept any portion of his wife's wealth, and returns to poverty and servitude with the cobbler, whose shop is opposite to the chief entrance of the chateau of the newly-made marchioness. Here the marquis erects a sign (the Marquis de Frontignac, Cobbler). At this the marchioness's pride is deeply wounded, but he is obdurate to all appeals and terms. She intimates her intention to lay her case before the King, but she is informed by the "Viscount de Millefleurs" that his Majesty has already been made aware of the facts by "Rodolph" (her rejected suitor), and orders have been issued that she must not be admitted at Court, unless accompanied by her husband. She perceiving how futile are all her attempts at securing Court recognition, surrenders to the marquis, and soon discovers that she has considerably under-estimated his claims to honour, and the usual happy reconciliation closes the story. There are few comedies which depend more upon the good acting of the company for their success, and when we record that the performance was received with the greatest enthusiasm by a large and critical audience, some idea may be formed of the great pains and perseverance which must have been incurred by the ladies and brethren, individually and severally. The dresses too were of the most recherché description, first and foremost amongst the characters for special mention was "Crepin the Cobbler," by Bro. J. Dearden, I.G. 54, who created roars of merriment by his really excellent acting and hearty expression of the part; in fact, his general demeanour would have done credit to the professional stage. "The Marquis de Frontignac" is a very ambitious attempt for a novice, but Bro. E. T. Fletcher, W.M. 1129, was quite equal to the occasion, and his gentlemanly ease and dignified bearing, combined with his occasional but appropriate force of declamation, soon established him in the good graces of the brilliant assemblage in front. "The Viscount de Millefleurs," Bro. P. Lee, I.P.M. 1129, was played very fairly, but, unfortunately, his voice in many parts was lost to the audience through its weakness. "Rodolph," Bro. W. Wild, M.M. 363, was a pretty little part, very fairly rendered. Bro. C. Wren, J.W. 367, was "The Tailor;" Bro. W. Davis, P.M. 54, was "The Servant," and, although minor parts, contributed much to the general success. Of the ladies we cannot speak too highly; in fact, the general admiration of the house knew no bounds when it was remembered that they also were non-professionals. The part of "Hortense," the wealthy widow, was played with great care the manner in which it was rendered was both spirited and dignified. Of the part of "Cecile" we cannot speak too highly, suffice it to say it was as near perfection as possible; in fact, both ladies' parts would have done credit to many professionals. At the fall of the curtain there was an unanimous recall. The second part of the programme was the farce of *Lend me Five Shillings*, by J. M. Murton, Esq.; and here again, as "Mr. Gohgnly," Bro. J. Dearden gave another proof of his general aptitude to the comedy stage. "Captain Phobba," Bro. B. Hill, S.D. 363; "Captain Spruce," Bro. C. Wren, J.W. 367; "Morland," Bro. J. Gibson, Sec. 816; "Sam," Bro. T. Hill, J.G. 363, were all more or less well acted. The same ladies played their parts in the farce equally as well as in the comedy. The attendance was in every sense most encouraging, the theatre being filled to repletion, in pit and circle alike, the latter portion presenting a most brilliant appearance. The proceeds, which we understand are upwards of £40, will be handed to the Masonic Charities.

Mayfair announces that Mr. Wallis Mackay, whose clever sketches in that journal its readers will remember, has again joined the staff, and in future *Mayfair* will be illustrated by him.

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To Correspondents.

P.G.M.—A Second Edition is already in the Press.
Y. Z.—Most certainly not.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Sporting Life," "Sportsman," "The Paper Consumers' Circular," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Woman's Works and Worth," "Sunway Times," "Die Bauhütte," "Cheltenham Examiner," "Leicester Daily News," "Masonic Herald," "Voice of Masonry," "Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Graham's Temperance Guide," "Night and Day."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BURRELL.—On the 15th inst., at Thetford, Norfolk, the wife of C. Burrell, jun., of a son.

SETON.—On the 14th inst., at Lowton Grange, the wife of A. D. Seton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

PONDER—GARDNER.—On the 17th inst., at the parish church of Walton-on-Thames, John Edwin Ponder, of Broadwater House, Brixton, to Constance, daughter of W. W. Gardner, of Walton-on-Thames.

DEATHS.

ARNOLD.—On the 18th inst., at Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, Samuel son of the late E. Arnold, of Beccles.

HUGHES.—On the 16th inst., at 4, Rutland-street, Brompton, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of George Hughes, aged 51.

PAGE.—On the 13th inst., after a short illness, Bro. E. J. Page, P.M. of the Grand Stewards, Globe, and Kennington Lodges, and Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1879.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

Our correspondent "P.M." contributes his curious figures as regards the Boys' School and its provincial supporters. It appears that there are no less than 16,049 votes for the Boys' School in the provinces; of these West Yorkshire claims 2445, East Lancashire 1894, Kent 1644, Warwickshire 983, and Hants 705. We note that the Province of Monmouthshire has only 76 votes, Cambridgeshire 27, Herefordshire 23—which surely is not, and cannot be right. We trust that the publication of these figures will stir up those provinces as well as Nottinghamshire, which has only 98 votes to come "to the fore" in 1880 for the Boys' School. Our correspondent has properly called attention to the splendid position of West Yorkshire, which is, indeed, a fact to remember and be proud of. West Yorkshire has had, however, this advantage, that it inaugurated the movement about 1860, that it has been at work ever since, quietly and unostentatiously, and that it has the peculiar privilege of possessing an admirable Charity Committee—warm-hearted, zealous brethren; and has been presided over by sagacious and large-hearted rulers, while it has been aided by most efficient officers. But, looking back to-day, we are pleased to think and to remember how great endings often come from small beginnings here, and that of those kindly and genial brethren who once set to work in good earnest for the great Charities of our Order in the good old Province of West Yorkshire, if many have, alas, passed away, if some have left us, many yet survive to realize pleasantly what Masonic union, liberality, and perseverance can do in a good cause, nay, in the best of causes—Masonic Charity. We thank our Bro. Past Master for his most valuable statistics, and trust that he may contrive to favour the *Freemason* with figures which speak to us all more forcibly than eloquent speeches or glibly uttered words.

MASONRY REDIVIVA.

At length in our "great metropolis" Freemasonry is assuming its "normal form," and sending out its "summonses," and putting on its ornate appearance. Our lodges are reassembling after our "long vacation," and idlers and workers, bees and drones; the supporters, like Bro. Ste-

vens, of unity of ritual, and the adepts of the "knife and fork" Degree, are equally obeying the pleasant but stern appeal of indefatigable Secretaries and watchful W.M.'s. The Masonic season for 1880 has now fairly begun for London, and a few considerations seem to "crop up" inevitably, which press upon our own mind, and which we deem it well to submit to the notice and consideration of our readers and co-labourers in our metropolitan lodges. The position of Freemasonry in London is both abnormal and special. Owing to the fact of the late hours in London, and also that the great majority of our Order are devoted to professional pursuits of one kind or another, all our London lodges, without any exception, we believe, to use a familiar expression, are "dinner lodges," that is to say, the "refreshment" which follows "labour" is a *bona fide* dinner, the usual and necessary dinner of each day when the business occupations of the day are ended. In the provinces, as a general rule, the lodges are what we term, "supper lodges," that is to say, the time of dining being earlier among men of business in our large towns, the lodge when it passes from work to sociality does not go to dinner, as in London, but to supper. Hence the two systems are entirely distinct and different. In the provinces, the subscriptions being low, nothing is appropriated to the expenses of the "social circle," whereas in London, the subscriptions being high (comparatively speaking), provision is made for the dinners as laid down by the bye-laws. We do not here profess or seek to profess any opinion whatever on the relative merits or value of either system. Both have their advocates, for both much may be advanced, but we think it fair to say this much, that we doubt if the provincial system is workable in London. It is pleasant to realize, notwithstanding the "drain" upon their resources, how much the metropolitan lodges and brethren have done for the Charities, and it is well for us to bear in mind to-day, amid the enlarged and happy flow of provincial support to our metropolitan Institutions, that the time was not very far distant, when they were mainly supported by the London lodges and brethren. We are then anxious to impress upon our good brethren of the metropolis, at the commencement of another Masonic season, two points—economy and self-denial. Many of the lodges are largely indebted (often unavoidably so we know) to their Treasurers. Let them curtail their expenses in 1880. Each lodge, in our opinion, should have votes, more or less, for all our Charities, and it would be a worthy and Masonic exercise of self-denial if in any case when the lodge or brethren are deficient in their support of the Charities, that a dinner should be suppressed in the coming season, and the proceeds, or a portion, should be devoted to charity. At the same time we say this, we are not insensible to the fact that we are treating a very difficult subject, and treading on very dangerous ground, in the opinion of some, whether friendly or hostile to us, and we, therefore, beg to conclude our remarks with the assurance, (which we trust is hardly needed), that in all we venture to suggest or propose, we are only actuated by sincere regard to the London Lodges and brethren, and warm interest in the principles and progress of Freemasonry. We cannot conclude this article without drawing attention to the notice of Bro. Carter, in Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, reported in last *Freemason*, to set apart 10 per cent. of the entire receipts for the lodge Charity Fund. This is, undoubtedly, a step in the right direction, and so tallies with the remarks we have made above, and so commends itself to our minds, that we think it well to direct special attention to it. We trust that this healthy proposal will be adopted by the members of that old and distinguished lodge.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We see that a motion will be made to-day, (Saturday), by our excellent and esteemed Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, to purchase Lyncombe House and grounds, adjoining the Girls' School, for the sum of £6500. We are very glad to hear of this proposal, as it will tend, if it be carried, greatly to the advantage of the Girls' School in many ways. For one thing

must be borne in mind. The Girls' School has a permanent and "local habitation and name" than which it would be difficult to find a more convenient or healthy one, and all propositions are therefore to be supported "de bene esse," as the lawyers put it, which tend to protect the Girls' School from building speculations, and render it master of its position, and free and open on all sides. We feel sure that the subscribers will heartily thank Bro. Colonel Creaton, considering especially the financial position of the Schools, for thus taking the initiative, seasonably and reasonably, to extend the area of the School grounds, and to increase thereby the striking advantages, arising from its position and arrangements, of a great Institution, one of which the entire Order may feel justly proud.

RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

It is with the sincerest regret we have to announce the imminent retirement from office of our worthy and Worshipful Bro. John Hervey, for many years past Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in this regret we feel assured that every one of our readers, and, indeed, every one of the Masonic brotherhood in England and its Colonies and Dependencies, will join most heartily. What intensifies this regret is the knowledge that Bro. Hervey's resignation has been induced by his failing health, which, for the last few months, has prevented him from giving that scrupulously conscientious attention to the important functions of that high office. It is no exaggeration on our part to say that Bro. Hervey, during the term of his official career, has endeared himself to every English Mason by his marked kindness and courtesy to all who have had occasion to transact any business, even of the slightest import; while it will be extremely difficult to find one to replace him who shall possess a larger or more varied experience, and a deeper knowledge of the *arcana* of Masonic law and custom, Bro. Hervey, in fact, may have had some equals in the world of Masonry, but unquestionably he has had no superior. That he will carry with him into his comparative retirement the respect and affectionate regard of all his fellow Masons goes without saying, and equally so that every one will unite most cordially with us in hoping that he may yet be spared for many years, not only to the more immediate circle of his relatives and friends, but also that more extended circle of Masonic friends and acquaintances who have known and admired him as one of our brightest lights, and in knowing and admiring him as such have also loved and respected him so dearly.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to the statistics sent by me, and published in your issues of the 8th and 15th inst., your article on "Facts and Figures" shows that you have so singularly misapprehended the scope and purpose of the tables that I fear my first letter could not have been sufficiently explicit, and must, therefore, beg a few lines to further explain, for the benefit of any who may have made a similar mistake.

You complain that my figures to the end of 1878 (not 1879, as you print it) "hardly cover the whole ground." Certainly they would not if your idea that 940 lodges subscribed to make up 8435 votes for the Girls' School was what I had intended to convey. But the number of lodges given are the total number of lodges in each province, as taken from this year's Calendar, and without any reference to the fact of their subscribing or not to the Charities. The votes comprise the whole of the life votes possessed by individual members, lodges, chapters, or other Masonic societies in each province, as taken from this year's official lists. The votes per lodge mean, therefore, the proportion which the life votes of the whole province bear to the number of lodges in the province; and I really cannot see, with all deference to your opinion, how this can fairly be called "a deceptive way of putting the average." As I stated in my first letter, annual subscribers are omitted, because they vary so much from year to year as to be wholly unreliable for the purposes of this return.

No doubt the figures will be altered next year, and every year, I trust; but as this year's lists will not be published until next spring how can that invalidate the completeness of the present returns?

With regard to errors, I have done my best to ensure accuracy, but "humanum est errare." I shall be quite ready to acknowledge any serious discrepancy if pointed out, but will those who wish to verify the tables please bear in mind what I have stated above as to the mode in which they are made up?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

"A GRUMBLE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The experience of the writer of a letter headed as above, and which appeared in your last week's issue, is far from being an isolated one. In many respects it is similar to what I have passed through myself, and I found that it needs no little determination and research to satisfy the novice on the practical application of the principles Masonry instils.

But what a rich field of delightful surprise is in store for him who essays the task!

With regard to the Charitable Institutions of the Order, there is sadly too little known of them in the provinces, their aims, their working, and their achievements.

Let me advise "I.P.M. 877," and other brethren who need such information, and feel this doubt and uncertainty in all pertaining to the "Charities," to make the effort, and take a Stewardship at any or all of the festivals held in their aid during the forthcoming year, and not only so, but visit all three Institutions, when I promise them they will more than satisfy their most sanguine ideas of Masonic benevolence.

In furtherance of my own enlightenment, I visited all three establishments early in the present year, and made myself acquainted with all the facts relating to each; their origin, their progress, and their present position. As a result, I acted as Steward at each of the festivals this year and qualified as Life Governor of all the Charities. I felt constrained to something more—being deeply conscious of the dearth of information current among the brethren in all relating to this subject—I circulated my experiences in the form of a little pamphlet among the lodges of this neighbourhood, and the result has been apparent in many satisfactory shapes, one of which will be noticeable in the next publication of "Lists of Subscribers" on reference to the Province of Worcestershire.

If "I.P.M. 877" will write me, or any other brother similarly exercised in mind, or who may wish to take a Stewardship for 1880, and desires information to work upon, I will with pleasure send him my little book, so far as the few remaining copies I have will go, as well as give him any aid or advice in my power.

Pardon my intrusion on your space, but the subject, I know, will plead sufficiently.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE TAYLOR,

P.M. and Treas. 377, 560, P.G.S.D. Worcestershire, Summerdyne, Kidderminster.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By your favour I beg to be allowed to continue my lament. I still invoke the sacred name of Charity as the keynote of my dirge. I knew next to nothing concerning the Masonic Institutions until my installation; I knew very little afterwards, and am not profoundly wise on the subject even now. It happened that my lodge had certain votes—how many this record sayeth not, because the recorder does not happen to know. Here, Mr. Editor, let me cry *peccavi*. I ought, perhaps, to have worried the brethren into giving me information, but it would appear to be a somewhat ungracious return for the honour of being elected W.M. to make one's self generally unpleasant. A portion of the installation ceremony should consist in instructing the new W.M. in these all-important concerns, which appear to occupy quite a subordinate position in the estimation of Freemasons. I was called upon once or twice to vote; on the first occasion our deservedly respected Tyler came round with voting papers, and a list of applicants. I was requested to sign blank votes, and upon demurring was told it was the custom to send them in this manner to Bro. Someone for the use of his province, and that when we required votes here, they were returned in a lump sum, with interest. This was the kind of explanation with which I had to rest satisfied; it seemed rather an eccentric method to me—my voting was simply farcical under the circumstances; but it did not become me to raise an idle quibble, or impudently break through long precedent, and the votes were accordingly given. Since my former letter was written incidents have transpired tending further to enlighten me as to the imperfections of this part of our charitable schemes; and I stand utterly amazed that so rotten and unjust a system should so long have been tolerated among Masons. I find that all the injustice, all the impurities, all the iniquities which have for so long disgraced elections and charitable distributions among the profane are still practised in Freemasonry. Interest—not merit; might—not right, is the order of the day. The voting is a miserable farce; canvassing is allowed; pressure is brought to bear; faggot votes are bought, begged, or borrowed; bribery in various ways is practised; favouritism is here seen in its worst form. A list of candidates is printed, their circumstances made public, and their misery is freely exposed, but to no purpose—the appeal of distress is spurned in favour of that of interest. I have not the slightest hesitation in affirming, from recent personal observations in this respect, that under the present regime these institutions are not worthy of support; the system of election is so monstrously unjust and vicious, that it will entail a lasting disgrace upon the Craft if it is longer tolerated. Let it be distinctly understood, I base these vituperations exclusively upon the method of election; for reasons given, I am unable to penetrate deeper; but I have not forgotten an old adage, *Ex pede Herculem*. Why should not Freemasonry rise above all this? Why should we not insist upon a termination of this dreadful system of injustice? I appeal to my brethren; I appeal to the superior powers of Grand Lodge. Let us be just and equitable. Let us remove this stain. "Brotherly love, relief, and truth" appear really to mean—enmity, injustice, and falsehood; and the term

"brother," as used among Masons, is only an empty name. Funds are in hand, schools (I suppose) are built, but the system of election to benefices is so abominably corrupt and vicious, that our benevolent efforts are greatly frustrated. We talk a great deal about honour, morality, virtue, *et hoc genus omne*; we congratulate ourselves that we are not as other men are; and yet, alas, even our charitable actions will not bear the light of day. I know well the difficulty of coping with vested interests, but fear that obstacle much less than listless indifference on the part of Masons; being every Mason's business, no Mason will perform it. It behoves, however, every Freemason to bestir himself in the matter, and to insist that our house shall forthwith be set in order; which done, a glorious future awaits the Craft. Some weeks ago, I was conversing on this subject with our esteemed Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath, he concurred with my views, and stated that most Masons were dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs, and that a crusade need only be initiated, pointing out a remedy, to effect a change. I regret our time did not allow a discussion of the subject, because he seemed to regard the execution of reform as almost impossible; but I believe the difficulty is not so insuperable as may be supposed; a remedy might surely be found.

I would suggest that canvassing be prohibited, and that it should invalidate an election if carried on. It should be required that each candidate be nominated by a brother or lodge possessing a vote or votes; and further recommended as worthy by the lodge to which the distressed brother belongs or belonged; the circumstances of the case should be rigorously investigated and vouched for by (say) six Masters or Past Masters of lodges with which the candidate is unconnected. A short *précis* should be given of these facts, as is at present done, and a declaration signed by the investigators sent to the Provincial Grand Lodge, which shall enquire further by Sub-Committee into the matter, and, if the case is fairly stated, shall endorse the report, or otherwise amend it if necessary. These applications should be scheduled in alphabetical order, and sent to each voter, allowing him a week or two for deliberation. To each voting paper should be appended the following declaration (or some such), to be signed in the presence of the Master of a lodge:—

And I solemnly declare upon my honour as a man, and my fidelity as a Mason, that I have not been influenced in this my vote by canvassing; by local or personal bias, prejudice, or consideration whatever; or by any unworthy motive; but I give this vote after having duly considered the list of applications, and weighed each claim, conscientiously believing the circumstances of the case, as represented, to be most worthy of sympathy and assistance.

It might also be questioned whether cumulative voting should not be discontinued; the necessity for its existence would depart with the disappearance of corrupt voting.

Thus each brother desirous of exercising benevolence would feel that whatever he might contribute to our Masonic Institutions would reach those for whom it was intended; this much, certainly, cannot truthfully be said at the present time.

I will endeavour to finish my observations in my next letter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

I.P.M. 877.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have carefully read the letters by Bro. Frances and Stevens on the question of "Uniformity of Work," and whilst feeling anxious to take part in the consideration of so important a subject, it is in many respects so beset with difficulties, from the esoteric character of the question, that to do justice to the matter in the pages of a journal is simply impossible, so I must forbear from doing my humble part in any way, for to explain would require me to say more than is desirable in print. That a *uniformity in essentials* is not only desirable but should be attainable, as much in this country as in the United States, and many of our Colonies and Dependencies, I firmly believe. That more will be attained is unlikely, but it will be time enough to talk about the minor differences existing between the various London workings when the provinces are in harmony generally with the chief lodges of instruction in London, so far as essentials are concerned.

In many provincial lodges at the present time the members of the chief London lodges of instruction would be like "fish out of water," and "vice versa."

As to the "landmarks," who knows for certain what they are, and especially when some of the generally accepted landmarks, as theories, differ so much practically as to be scarcely recognisable? For the provinces, at least, I advocate the appointment of Provincial Grand Lecturers—say the Prov. Grand Registrars—whose duty it shall be to visit each lodge in their provinces once a year, the travelling expenses to be paid out of the general funds, and who shall seek to promote that uniformity in essentials which is so desirable.

W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The present discussion of this question gives me a fitting opportunity for bringing to the notice of the authorities, through the medium of your highly-valued journal, two points upon which, I venture to think, some action is imperative, if one of the main principles of Masonry as a cosmopolitan society is not to be practically coded. I refer to the welcome which every brother, come he from whence he may, is entitled to demand from a lodge he may desire to attend when away from home. There are two points upon which, as I before said, an au-

thoritative ruling should be given affecting this principle, viz.:—

1. Have English lodges any right to refuse admission to a lodge to a strange brother who, although perfectly willing and able to impart what he received at his initiation, passing, and raising, cannot or (on principle) will not answer certain preliminary *catch-questions*, which it is customary, I understand, in England to administer to the applicant for admission?

I have it on the best authority that I have rightly stated what is, or has been, actually done. Indeed, on one occasion, the esteemed Grand Tyler of the G.L. of Scotland—who, I suppose, knows more of the working of Masonry than the bulk of London Masons—was actually refused admittance into a London lodge because he declined to submit himself to a catechism for which there is no warrant, until the officers of the lodge thought better of it. I contend that no stranger should be treated in this way, and the sooner the custom is authoritatively forbidden the better.

2. I am also given to understand that the E.A.S. in England differs materially from that imparted in Scotland. I know not whether the same anomaly exists with the other Degrees, or under other Constitutions, but I venture to think that, whatever the opinion of the Craft may be as to uniformity in the inner working of a lodge, none will deny that in this particular it is essential that uniformity should be aimed at. This could easily be accomplished, I imagine, by consultation between the Grand Lodges of the world.

I only heard of this latter want of uniformity accidentally a few days ago, and I know not how many other stumbling-blocks may lie in my path when I return to London and seek to work my way into a lodge there.

Yours fraternally,

M.M. 392, S.C.

Edinburgh, 17th Nov.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have great pleasure in informing the Craft, through the medium of your wide-spread paper, that a warrant has been issued by the Supreme Grand Master for the establishment of a lodge of instruction in the Swedenborgian Rite, to be called the "Pythagorean Lodge and Temple for the Instruction of Enlightened, Sublime, and Perfect Freemasons." The extreme length of the ritual of the Three Degrees (1st., 2nd., and 3rd.) of the Swedenborgian Rite renders an attentive study of it of the greatest importance to all who desire proficiency in the rite. It is of course needless to add that this lodge of instruction has no power to confer the Three Degrees of which the rite consists, but the fact that a lodge of instruction has been thought necessary at all is good evidence of the increasing interest felt in the important ceremonial of the Three Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite—a rite which is loyally attached to Ancient Craft Masonry as established at the Union in 1813, and is friendly with all other systems of Masonry recognising the cardinal principles of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul.

Brethren who have taken the Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite, and others (Master Masons) interested in the same, will always receive fraternal and cordial explanation on applying to, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,

Supreme Grand Secretary, Swedenborgian Rite, Flint-villas, Hounslow, 17th November, 1879.

AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Grand Lodges just now are exercised over the quarrel between Scotland and Quebec. Will you kindly insert the deliverance of our Past Grand Master Johnson on this subject. We, in Kentucky, are agreed that there are two sides to this question, and while we are far from justifying the course of the Scotch brethren in forming a Provincial Grand Lodge in Quebec, which seems a sort of defiance of public opinion in the premises, yet the course pursued at Quebec was oppressive, and it seemed necessary for the Edinburgh people to protect her protégé. I am entirely in accord with Bro. Johnson in the following:—

"Henderson, Ky., September 15th, 1879.

"To the M.W. Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Kentucky: "The undersigned, your accredited representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, being desirous of strengthening the tie of amity that has ever existed between that venerable organisation and our own, since our establishment as a Grand Lodge, begs leave to lay before you the difficulty that has arisen between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and that of Quebec.

"When the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, in 1854 (one of our veteran Kentucky Masons, still living, having borne an honoured part therein), it was agreed that the Scotch and English lodges, working then, might, in their own option, retain their connection with their mother countries. Several Scotch lodges did so, and have continued so until this day.

"Any one who has seen the tie which binds a subject of the British Government to his native land, will see the reason of this. At least two lodges near Montreal never united with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, knowing this, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in 1855, recognised the Grand Lodge of Canada, and began the long career of brotherly offices which have subsisted to this day, and may they be perpetuated.

"A few years since the lodges in what was formerly Canada East separated from the Grand Lodge of Canada and formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This movement was also recognised by our Grand Lodge and the new sister welcomed to the family, but with the proviso that the same fraternal privilege be accorded the Scotch lodges as before.

"Recently, I regret to learn, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has undertaken to change this, and declares the lodges thus established clandestine. As a necessity of the case, the mother Grand Lodge stands by her offspring, forms them into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and appoints a Provincial Grand Master. Likewise (we learn this with regret), she proposes to strengthen the existing lodges by forming new ones.

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois, hastily and unkindly, I think, comes out under the hand of a most intelligent Grand Master, and declares non-intercourse. She pronounces in effect that for this act the old Grand Lodge of Scotland, large in membership, bright in literature, earnest in good works, and controlling five hundred lodges, dispersed through every civilised country, is a clandestine, irregular organisation, to be treated as the Coloured Lodges, or the Pseudo-Hamburg Lodges, and as all the spawn of irregular Masonry that infest our mountain districts.

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which I have the honour to represent near your Grand Lodge, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, over which I had the distinguished honour to preside for twelve months, I protest against this hasty and unkind action, and ask that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with such other American Grand Lodges as may consent to it, offer our mediation between these two contending bodies—the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of Quebec—that the difficulty may be settled upon principles of peace and harmony, and at the same time that we interpose, in kindly respect, between the Grand Lodges of Minnesota and Dakota and the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Indian Territory, where the most serious aggressions, tending to non-intercourse, are reported. All of which is submitted with the desire to strengthen the fraternal ties all over the globe and prevent the breaking of even one link.

"Fraternally,

"CAMPBELL H. JOHNSON,

"Past Grand Master,

"And Representative of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Scotland near the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

At the sessions of our Grand Lodge, closed on the 24th inst., the following proposition of my own was unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will cordially unite with other Grand Lodges, home and foreign, in an effort to restore amicable relations between the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Indian Territory, Missouri and Dakota, Scotland and Quebec; and that we recommend to the contending parties the law of exclusive jurisdiction, so long established among American Grand Lodges and with such harmonious results. This Grand Lodge peremptorily declares that she will never submit to have her own territory invaded by other Masonic powers, and she cannot justify the course of any who lose sight of the Golden Rule."

I send you a copy of my report on foreign correspondence made last week to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; also the address of our Grand Master, the Hon. Thomas S. Pettit, from which you will make your own gleanings.

Our Grand Lodge Officers for 1870-80 are these:—

Bro. Hon. Jacob Rice...	...	G.M.
" W. La Rue Thomas	...	D.G.M.
" W. H. Millett	...	S.G.W.
" G. D. Buckner	...	J.G.W.
" John H. Leathers	...	G. Treas.
" Hiram Bassett	...	G. Sec.
" H. B. Grant	...	A.G. Sec.

Yours fraternally,

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, 30th Oct.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me confirm Bro. "H. L.'s" letter as to the improved appearance and convenient arrangement of the *Freemason*, and to call special attention to the extremely interesting contents of this year's "Cosmopolitan Calendar."

I am, yours fraternally,

A P.M. IN THE COUNTRY.

AN OLDER FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter respecting W. Bro. Stephen Austin, Hertford Lodge, No. 403 (November the 8th), having completed his fiftieth year in Freemasonry, and to the one of P.M. No. 1 (November the 15th), stating that W. Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud had been initiated on the 15th May, 1824, I have to call your attention to "an older Freemason" than either of them, he being the oldest Freemason in West York, and probably the oldest in England. If he be not so, I shall be glad to hear from any of your numerous correspondents of an older example.

Bro. John Greenwood, of Lodges 308 and 408, was initiated on the 4th January, 1823, in Lodge Prince George, 308. Was exalted in R.A. Chapter Affability, 308, in April, 1823, was W.M. in 1824, Z. in 1826. He is now Tyler for six lodges, three chapters, two preceptories, and Rose Croix, also Equerry of Provincial Grand Preceptory of West Yorks. He will be seventy-nine years old on the 1st January, 1880, and considering his age, is remarkably active, and in full possession, of all his faculties. He is a perfect marvel of Masonic lore and

intelligence, and is a striking example of his favourite song "We shall never the like again."

I scarcely need to say that he is held in the greatest respect, esteem, and veneration by all the brethren of the province.

Yours fraternally.

P.M. AND P.Z.

Halifax, 17th Nov., 1870.

P.S. He has been a continuous subscriber from his initiation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Hill's Hall, Trowbridge, which had been handsomely and tastefully adapted for the occasion by the receiving lodge, the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge.

The P.G.M., Lord Methuen, was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from being present. In his absence the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., presided over the meeting, and was supported by Bro. Lord Harry Thynne, P.G.W. Eng. and P.G. Supt. (R.A.) Wilts, acting as D.P.G.M., and a large number of officers and brethren of the province, amongst whom were Bros. John Toomer, P.S.G.W.; General Doherty, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. F. Crockett, P.G.C.; F. Goldney, P.G.T.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.; William Nott, P.G.R.; Walter H. Long, P.S.G.D.; Robert Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C.; T. P. Fletcher, Colonel Randle Ford, E. T. Pavne, P.G.D. Eng. and P.P.G.W.; J. L. Whalley, P.P.J.G.D.; T. P. Saunders, P.P.J.G.D.; A. R. Browne, W.M. 632; R. de M. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Tucker, W.M. 586; T. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W.; and amongst the visitors were Capt. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Monmouth; W. Pickford, P.G. Tr. Mon.; —Gratte, P.S.G.W. Mon.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Oxon; R. N. Howard, P.G. Sec. Dorset; A. Parry, P.P.G. S.B. Dorset; R. M. Worlock, P.G. Sec. Bristol, and others.

P.G. Lodge having been opened, the acting P.G.M., after having expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Methuen, requested the P.G. Sec., Bro. Henry C. Tombs, to call the roll of the lodges in the province, when they were found to be duly represented.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge were confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, were afterwards read and passed.

The P.G. Sec. read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, held immediately before the P.G. Lodge meeting, from which it appeared that two grants were recommended, one to the widow of a rev. brother of Lodge 626, and the other to a very old member of the Lodge 632, who, by reason of the commercial depression, had failed in his business as a manufacturer, and been reduced to great distress. These grants and the minutes generally were confirmed.

The P.G. Registrar, Bro. W. Nott, P.P.J.G.W., read his annual report. From this it appears that the number of members of lodges in the province was steadily increasing, standing now at 455, which was an increase of 81, or nearly 22 per cent., in three years. The report called attention to the pleasing fact that the general working expenses, including rent, Tylers, refreshments, &c., were reduced from 175. 0d. to 155. per member. The average amount contributed to charity was at the rate of 6s. per member, ranging from nothing in one lodge to 13s. 8d. in another, though it was to be remembered that some of the young lodges had not cleared off their original expenses, and had not, therefore, the ability to devote so large a portion of their funds to charitable purposes as the older lodges. The Registrar's report also called attention to the large amount of arrears outstanding in one or two of the lodges, in one case as much as half-a-year's actual receipts, and to show that there was no necessity for this, he instanced two of the lodges where there had not been for years past a single penny of arrear when their accounts were closed. The report also brought before the P.G.L. a great laxity on the part of a few of the lodge Secretaries in sending in the necessary returns.

Bro. Tombs, P.G. Sec., in proposing the adoption of the report, said he was very sorry to find that his mother lodge was one of the greatest offenders as regards the Registrar's concluding remarks, and trusted that means would be taken to effect an improvement, as unless the returns were delivered in good time it was impossible for the Provincial Grand Officers properly to fulfil their duty.

The acting P.G.M., in putting the motion to the meeting, said that the Registrar had very delicately refrained from indicating the lodges complained of, but that should the same fault exist next year, they must not expect a similar consideration, for P.G.L. would have to follow the example of the House of Commons, and name the offenders.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Nott, who is also Secretary to the P.G. Charity Organisation Committee, then read the usual annual report of the proceedings of that Committee, showing that the province had been successful in carrying two candidates for the Girls' School, one at the April and another at the October election, although at the latter election the province had also aided and secured the election of a boy candidate, whose last chance it was. This was a case supported by the provinces of Monmouthshire and Bristol, with both of which provinces Wiltshire is working in the most friendly union. To attain these results the votes of the province had been considerably pledged in advance, but the Committee felt that the brethren of the province would enable it to redeem its pledge by sending in every possible vote, more especially when it was considered that the children in question through the engagements thus made were enjoying the benefits of the School some time before they otherwise could have done so.

The report stated that the Committee had received from the provinces during the year 1176 votes for the various Institutions, shewing a steady increase year by year, and it mentioned the gratifying fact that the average number of votes per lodge possessed by the Wiltshire lodges was only exceeded in eight of the forty-three provinces of England and Wales.

The report was adopted.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas., brought before the lodge a subject which had appeared on the agenda paper, in relation to the establishment of a local Benevolent Fund for the province. He referred to the large sums taken up for the various charities from time to time by different brethren from this province (as evidenced in the fact they had just heard in the report read by Bro. Nott, that the Wiltshire votes for the year numbered 1176), to the large buildings and great revenues of the Schools, and the large number of scholars educated there. He did not propose to take any decided steps at present and without full consideration, but he thought the time had come when we ought to consider what funds might be likely to be available for local purposes, whether if a distinct fund were established there would be brethren who would like to subscribe to it, whether legacies might not be bequeathed to it, and whether that fund might not be applied in somewhat a different manner to that in which the funds of the existing great Masonic Charities are applied. He instanced, in addition to grants such as those that day made in aid of present distress, the payment of fees at local schools, the granting scholarships, and other ways which would ensure good results at a much less cost than the present large expense of the great Masonic Schools, an expense by many considered to be somewhat excessive. He thought that after meeting such local claims they would still be able to aid the funds of the existing Charities. He proposed the appointment of a committee, consisting of the P.G. Treas., Registrar, and Secretary, and of one brother from each lodge to be elected by the members thereof, such committee to consider the whole subject and report thereon to the next meeting of P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Nott, P.G. Reg., seconded the proposition, remarking that as it was merely for the appointment of a committee to consider the question he did not purpose going fully into the subject. He might mention, however, that he had studied the working of local educational benevolent institutions in other provinces, and in every case that had come under his notice he had found that these institutions were very successful, and he saw no reason to doubt that some such institution as that alluded to would succeed in Wiltshire.

Bro. Tombs, P.G. Sec., drew attention to the fact that no less a sum than £1050 was required to purchase a perpetual presentation to one of the Schools. Now this ought in interest alone to produce between £40 and £50 without touching the capital, and it seemed to him that it was a matter for consideration whether if a province had any large sum to dispose of it might not be employed more advantageously.

Bro. Lord Harry Thynne called attention to the danger of doing anything that would break up the strong associations they had with the existing Charities. They had, no doubt, power to devote their funds as they liked, and to educate children elsewhere if they liked, but he was afraid that if such a fund as that alluded to were established it might have the effect of alienating the sympathies of the brethren from the existing Schools and Benevolent Institution and of prejudicially affecting them. Wiltshire had been most successful in its support of, and connection with, these Charities, and also at the elections, and our position in that respect he did not want to see weakened.

Bro. Walter Long supported the appointment of the Committee. It did not affect their position. The Committee was merely to consider and report to the next Prov. G. Lodge, and it would be for that Prov. G. Lodge then to act as it might think fit.

The acting P.G.M., Bro. Goldney, in putting the proposition to the meeting, said that, no doubt, the administration of the existing Charities was a subject of great interest. Was the present mode of spending their funds the best one? Undoubtedly, the expenses of the Masonic Schools were comparatively higher than those of others of which he had some knowledge, and named Christ's Hospital and the Sons of the Clergy Schools, but he thought that if unnecessarily high this fault could be remedied. He was strongly in favour of getting the feeling of the whole province on the subject of its charitable funds and how they should be applied.

The proposition (with a slight amendment proposed by Lord H. F. Thynne, and assented to) was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The acting P.G.M. then stated that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, and that was to invest with the Charity jewels, voted by the province, two brethren, who had each served the office of Steward to two of the Masonic Charities—namely, Bros. William Nott, P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg., and Samuel Gauntlett, P.P.G.S. of Wks. In investing Bro. Nott, he mentioned how much the province generally was indebted to him for his work on behalf of the Charities, both as Secretary to the Charity Organisation Committee and also in his two Stewardships, in discharge of which he had taken up a larger aggregate sum than any other Steward had ever done for the province. In investing Bro. Gauntlett, he congratulated both him on the way in which he had always stuck to Masonry and the province on his services.

Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The acting P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—
Bro. F. H. Goldney, 626 ... Prov. G.S.W.
" Walter H. Long, 632 ... Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Alex. Headley, 626... ... Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, 626(re-appointed) Prov. G. Treas.

- " William Nott, 663 (re-appointed) Prov. G. Reg.
- " Henry C. Tombs, 355 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " Henry J. Birch, 1295 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " Samuel Gauntlett, 632 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Alfred Browne, 632 ... Prov. G. S. of W.
- " John Chandler, 355 (re-appointed) Prov. G.D.C.
- " Chas. Gauntlett, 632 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " Wm. Adye, 1271 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. H. Briakworth, 626 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " H. E. Bishop, 632 ... Prov. G.P.
- " John Savory (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Before closing the lodge, the acting P.G.M. again alluded to the absence of the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, such absence being enforced by his medical attendant, and said that his lordship very much regretted it, more especially after the demonstration of his feeling towards him at Swindon last year. His lordship wished to say how much—had he been able—he should have liked to come amongst the brethren that day and again thank them for their kind presentation on that occasion. In making the appointment of officers his lordship had thoroughly gone into the various qualifications. In appointing Bro. F. H. Goldney to the Senior Warden's chair, he had desired to some extent to acknowledge the obligation the province was under to that brother for his laborious undertaking in writing that history of Freemasonry in Wiltshire which he believed was now in the press, and he hoped would soon be in the hands of the brethren. His lordship thought that such services as this ought to be acknowledged, and he, the acting P.G.M., as Bro. F. H. Goldney's father, had great pleasure in carrying out his lordship's wishes.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 632 for their reception that day, the P.G.L. was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together in another part of the same building, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Goldney.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

To the toast of "The Grand Master, &c.," Lord H. Thynne, P.G.W. England, P.G.R.A. Supt. Wilts, responded, saying that although his engagements were so varied that he might almost say he was "Jack of all trades and Master of none," yet one of the things he was most proud of was that of being a brother Mason, and there was one thing that he should never forget he owed to his connection with Wiltshire, and that was his position in Grand Lodge.

Lord H. Thynne then went on to propose "The Health of the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Goldney," whom he had had the pleasure of knowing in lodge and in private life for very many years, and in either capacity he had always found that all those who knew him were proud of his acquaintance. Feeling that he was one of those to whom every honour that Masonic custom could give was due, he called upon them to drink his health. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Goldney, D.P.G.M., in returning thanks, said he felt that he had not performed the duties of his office as regards visiting the various lodges in such a way as he could have wished, owing to his public engagements, but he hoped to see the private lodges oftener in future. Masonry had many privileges, one very prominent one being its claim to universal brotherhood in its setting down steps to enable us to ascend towards the perfection of high sentiment and good feeling, virtues which ought to enter more than they did into our social life. Lord H. F. Thynne in Provincial Grand Lodge that morning had alluded to the Masonic Institutions in a way as to which there might be a slight difference of opinion, but he believed we all met in lodge in the fullness of that charity which our Great Saviour preached, that feeling in which Masonry existed, and which Masonry enabled them to express. Masonry was a source of much gratification in the interest it promoted between the members of various provinces, but it had its origin in graver things. King Solomon was the greatest monarch in those days, and his principal greatness lay in the fact that he was able to break away from the bonds of priestly knowledge, and set up a secular knowledge under the name of wisdom. That wisdom was believed to have been the foundation of Masonry, and that knowledge ought to be found in our lodges. But had Masonry done all it ought to have done in carrying out the higher wisdom in which it was founded was a question worthy of consideration. Now education had been brought home to every one by the State, it became to his mind a subject of serious moment, and one deserving the best attention of Masons, whether from the large funds at their disposal they might not do more to foster a higher education, and advance the cause of science to a greater extent than they had done, and thus endeavour to walk in the ways of the great originator of our Order. Funds were often wasted by distribution in small sums, without producing any great result, whereas, added together, they might perhaps enable us to give a helping hand to enable some one individual—perhaps in a very humble position, but who only wanted help—to rise to a foremost place in the higher branches of knowledge. Some of our greatest men, some of those who had done most for England's greatness, had begun life in very lowly circumstances; they had struggled, they had persevered through difficulties, and had at last attained to prominence and eminence alike, creditable to their nation and to themselves. Might we not have the power of helping such as these in their early struggles? Now if a boy at school shows great talent, and we could give him an exhibition of £60 or £70 a year for two or three years, what a chance it would give him, for not only his own advantage, but of elevating Masonry in the view of the whole world by showing that it is a body which by its noble acts fostered science, and thereby did good service

to the country; for science, he believed, was at the bottom of our success as a nation. If the Committee, that day appointed, could amongst other things shew them the way to devoting some of their funds in the direction indicated, he believed it would be well received and be of great benefit. We should thus be building bridges which would unite one class of the community with the other, and should be doing our best to perpetuate the wisdom of the great founder of our Order.

The D.P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. the P.G.M., Lord Methuen."

Bro. E. T. Payne, P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Wilts, proposed "The Health of the W. Bro. Lord H. F. Thynne, P.G.W. England, and P.G.R.A. Supt. Wilts," to which his Lordship briefly responded.

Bro. Gen. Doherty, P.S.G.W. Wilts, gave "The Health of the other Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," and this was responded to by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.S. G.W., and Bro. Walter Long, P.J.G.W.

Bro. W. Long then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," many of whom of distinguished eminence he was pleased to see amongst them. He coupled with that toast the names of the V.W. Bros. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G.C. Oxon; R. N. Howard, P.G. Sec. Dorset; and R. W. Worlock, P.G. Sec. Bristol.

Capt. Homfray, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to come there to thank them and their Charity Committee on behalf of the Provinces of Monmouth and Bristol for the valuable aid given to their candidate at the last election, which secured her success. He was glad to testify, from personal experience in London at the elections for the Charities, to the excellent way in which those elections were worked on behalf of his province by the Secretary to the Committee, his excellent Bro. William Nott, who by his exact calculations managed to secure the success of their candidates without any waste of votes. He felt that so long as the provinces in the neighbourhood united together in the way they were now doing they would be enabled to secure their fair share of the benefits of the Charities. At the last election they had been enabled to aid a London candidate, thereby shewing that the provinces had no ill feeling toward the metropolis and establishing a claim for reciprocity at some future time. He hoped that nothing would be done to weaken our three noble Institutions, and he felt sure that if there were any well founded complaints against them it was only necessary that representation should be made to Grand Lodge to ensure a reform.

Bro. Howard and Bro. Worlock also returned thanks, the latter expressing the gratitude of the Province of Bristol to the Wiltshire Charity Organisation Committee.

Bro. the Rev. A. Headley, P.G.C., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," dilating warmly on the excellences and advantages thereof, and stating that as Masons they were bound to respond to the constant cry of "Give! give!" which must proceed from those Institutions so long as the claims upon them were so much greater than they could meet, as at present.

Bro. William Nott, in responding, did so with very great pleasure, and was glad of the opportunity of expressing his hope that nothing he had done with reference to a local Benevolent Fund would in any way interfere with these grand Charities. Did he think so, he would never for a moment support such a scheme, but he believed that charity begun and developed at home would expand and widen in such a way as to embrace within its scope aid to these greater Institutions from quarters whence none was at present forthcoming. He thanked them on behalf of the Charities, and also for the support afforded him in his capacity as Steward for two of them, by which he was enabled to take up an aggregate sum of £500.

Bro. S. Gauntlett also thanked the brethren on behalf of the Charities and for the support accorded to him as Steward.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the P.G. Sec., Bro. Henry C. Tombs," which was most warmly received.

Bro. Tombs, in responding, said that it was a satisfaction to him that he occupied for the last eleven or twelve years the position of P.G. Sec., for it was an honourable one. He cheerfully performed the duties of the office, chiefly because he knew that Masonry was founded on high and religious principles. He knew of no other which recognises as Masonry recognises the volume of the Sacred Law, the Book which should direct all our labours and ever be borne in mind, and so tend to elevate our Order, and cause the outside world to acknowledge that there is something in our meetings and services which tends to make us better men and citizens. This idea should endear us to Freemasonry and make us strive to maintain its character.

The toast of "The Wiltshire Lodges" and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

THE "LITTLE" MEMORIAL FUND.

A meeting of the Committee of the above Fund was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the brethren present being: Bros. George Kenning (Chairman), the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, H. C. Levander, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Cubitt, and William Dodd (Secretary). The Secretary stated that the total amount received was £108 5s., of which £37 9s. had been paid for the memorial stone, an illustration of which will appear in the December number of "The Masonic Magazine." Promised subscriptions, amounting to £36 15s., were still unpaid; those, when received, would leave £207 11s. at the disposal of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette proposed, and Bro. Herbert Dicketts seconded the motion, "That one half of the balance left after paying for the marble column over the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little's grave at the Camberwell Cemetery be paid to his widow, and that the other half

be handed over to the trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for investment, the interest thereon to be devoted annually to a prize to be denominated 'The Wentworth Little Memorial Prize.'"

Bro. Thomas Cubitt proposed that the final meeting of the subscribers should be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, Dec. 5th, at five p.m. This having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Brette and carried, the Secretary was requested to send a summons to each subscriber. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD.

The annual banquet of the lodge of instruction under the warrant of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon—usually held at Bro. J. Goodman's, the Fox and Hounds Inn—was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday evening, to meet the convenience of Bro. Goodman. This lodge was established on the 18th June, 1859, and was removed to Bro. Clemishaw's, the Railway Hotel, Addiscombe-road, on the 2nd January, 1862, and on the 6th March, 1873, it was removed to its present house, the Fox and Hounds. Messrs. Green, of the Crown, provided a very excellent repast, the menu comprising all the delicacies of the season, liberally supplied and exceedingly well served.

The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Close, W.M., P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; the vice-chairs by Bro. B. H. Ridge, S.W., J.W. 1347, J.D. 463; Bro. J. S. Streeter, S.W., J.W. 463; and Bro. H. J. Saxelby, I.G. 463.

The visitors comprised Bro. R. W. Sprague, P.M. 190, 91, Grand Steward; the following brethren of Panmure Lodge, 720:—Bros. Sheadd, W.M.; E. Mitchell, S.W.; C. Richardson, W.S.; C. Blogg, D.C.; and Ash; Bros. C. Sawyer, P.M. 1619; L. A. Mesrouze, S.W., W.M. elect 1238; W. W. Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Helts; S. W. Lambert, W.M. 1556; brethren of Old England Lodge, 1790: Bros. Buckworth, S.W.; H. Harland, J.W.; W. P. Robinson, Sec.; and J. M. Gillingham, brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463; Bros. J. Close, W.M.; T. B. Dickins, P.M., P.P.G.R.; B. H. Ridge, J.D.; J. S. Streeter, J.W.; Herbert Saxelby, I.G.; G. T. Hall, Gillingham, sen., Platt, and other brethren.

Dessert having been placed on the table, the W.M. proposed in succession "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," associated with the name of Bro. R. W. Sprague, P.M. 190, 91, G.S., who responded to the toast in a highly effective speech; "The Prov. Grand Master, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. G. W. Arnold, and the rest of the Prov. Officers, Present and Past," associated with the name of Bro. Dickins, P.M., P.P.G.R., who suitably responded.

"The East Surrey Lodge of Concord" was proposed by Bro. Sheadd, and acknowledged by the Chairman; followed by "The Lodge of Instruction;" "The Hon. Preceptors, Bro. Ridge and Dep. Bro. Sheadd;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" "The Dinner Committee;" "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman;" The Press and other toasts of a complimentary nature.

The incidental vocal harmony was capitally rendered by Bros. Pritchett, Ridge, Chumley, and other brethren, Bro. Pritchett officiating as accompanist in his usual artistic manner.

The arrangements were admirably carried out by a Committee consisting of Bros. J. Close, P.M.; Sheadd, W.M.; S. W. Lambert, W.M.; B. H. Ridge, J.D.; and Herbert Saxelby, I.G. (Hon. Sec.)

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS SAMUEL MORTLOCK.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. Thos. Samuel Mortlock, under peculiarly distressing circumstances. Bro. Mortlock was attending the funeral of Bro. E. J. Page, P.M., Grand Stewards' Lodge, on Wednesday, at Norwood Cemetery. While in the chapel, as the clergyman was uttering the words, "In the midst of life we are in death," Bro. Mortlock fell from his seat, and expired in a few minutes. Our deceased brother, who was well-known in Masonry, and was deservedly respected everywhere, was a P.M. of No. 186; P.Z. No. 141 and 186; P.M. of the Thistle Mark No. 8; and a P.M. of the Temple Mark. He was a very hard worker in Freemasonry, and a liberal supporter of the Charities.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK FOR 1880.—A glance at this welcome annual will show in an instant the universality of Freemasonry, and prove the fact that lodges abound in the whole of the civilized world. The publisher, Mr. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, claims for this pocket-book that it is a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, and the truth of this statement is shown in every page, for it would be hard indeed to suggest an improvement in a work which is at once a marvel of cheapness and utility. Armed with it the Mason can see the time and place at which every lodge in the world meets, and therefore—wherever he may be—he can ensure for himself an acquaintanceship with men who are bound to him by the fraternal brotherhood of the order. It contains a list of lodges with dates (ancient and modern), Chapters, K. T. Encampments, Conclaves, Grand Councils, names of the officers, and full particulars of every Masonic body throughout the globe. It is unnecessary to wish success to a work of this kind, for its own intrinsic merit is sure to command recognition at the hands of those for whom it is intended.—*Clerkenwell Press, Nov. 19, 1879.*

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett has been nominated as Sheriff for the county of Surrey.

The election meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, was held on Thursday evening last at Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The presentation of prizes to the London Rifle Brigade takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, in the presence of the Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Francis Truscott, and the Sheriffs, Bros. Woollaton, J.P., and Bayley, J.P. The presentation will take place at 5.15 p.m.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement takes place on Friday next at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master has, we are informed, been pleased to sanction the removal of the Clapham Lodge (No. 1818), from the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, to the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, Pimlico, where spacious rooms have been placed at the disposal of its members. The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on Monday next; the 24th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Louis Hirsch, W.M.

We are asked to state that the day of meeting of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction (No. 58), has been altered from Friday to Monday, at 6 o'clock.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Monday, the 9th February, 1880, instead of the 11th, as previously announced, the Grand Master's consent having been obtained for the alteration of the day to suit Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Ridings, Yorkshire, who will preside.

The consecration of the Marlborough Chapter (No. 1399) of Royal Arch Masons is fixed for Friday next at one o'clock precisely. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed in the lodge-room, Woodstock, by Comp. David Pryce Owen, P.Z. 998, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Comp. H. Plumridge, Mus. Bac., Oxon. The principals designate are Comps. T. B. Brown, M.E.Z.; James Long, H.; and Henry Williams, J.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held on Monday, the 1st proximo, at 4 p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-st., Edinburgh, for the election and installation of Grand Office-bearers, and also for the celebration, at 5 o'clock p.m., of the Festival of St. Andrew. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary, will be glad to have early applications for tickets from those intending to be present.

The annual meeting of the Grand Priory of the Order of the Temple, of the province of Cheshire, will be held at Macclesfield, on Wednesday, the 26th, at 4 p.m.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Mark Lodge of England will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd of December, at 5 p.m.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. W. Wilkinson, J.P., P.P.S.G.D., Cheshire, was elected Mayor of Stockport on the 10th inst., and received the hearty congratulations of his brethren in the lodge of St. John, No. 104, on his arrival in company with the ex-Mayor (Bro. Alderman J. L. Vaughan, J.P., P.M. 1030, E. Lanc.), at the regular lodge meeting held on the evening of the same day.

Six brethren in the Craft retire at the present election of the School Board, but all are nominated:—Bro. Sir John Bennett, W.S. Prior; E. N. Buxton, Rev. C. Danby Reade, J. Heald, and T. E. Miller. They do not belong to our party in the board, but we hope on their re-election they will "agree like brother and brother."

A splendid complimentary banquet was given to Bro. Alderman Clement Stretton on his retirement from the Mayoralty in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on the 10th inst., under the presidency of the new Mayor, John Bennett, Esq., and attended by a large number of influential inhabitants of Leicester and neighbourhood.

It is in contemplation to present Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.J.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle, with a handsome silver cradle in recognition of a certain "interesting event" which occurred during his year of office. Bro. Sewell has also been made a borough and county magistrate. On the 10th inst. Bro. J. P. McArthur was elected mayor of Bootle in room of Bro. Newell.

Among those present at the banquet of the Worshipful Company of Liners, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last, were Bros. Sir Charles Whetham, Sir Charles Bennett, R. Poorly, George Kenning, H. Parker, H. W. Dalwood, Bonnewell, Clarke, and others.

The Cosmoopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1880 is now ready, price 2s., and may be obtained of any bookseller, or direct from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Adv't.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 28, 1879.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1679, Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Dalston.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Victoria Station.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., W.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, F.M.H.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Rose Croix 28, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 597, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 764, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 808, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-la.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Marc-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 13, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qrs. Hon. Artilly C., City-rd.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, D.B. of W. Office, Catford-bdg.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Goul, George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1879.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callendar, Public H., Rushmead.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Towmley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—A meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Wednesday last, when Bro. Lassiter was passed to the Second Degree. A resolution of sympathy with Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, was carried unanimously. Much business was transacted, and the lodge, after one of its pleasant social reunions, separated at an early hour. Among those present were Bro. Hope, D.M., Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Sampson Pierce, P. F. Rae, Woodford, Barron, Batley, Barber Deacon, Pontifex, Jolliffe, Taggart, Batley, jun., Letchworth, and some visiting brethren.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The above distinguished lodge held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Bull and Gate Tavern, Kentish Town-road. The members present were Bro. Gray, W.M.; Pocklington, S.W.; Morrell Rivers, J.W.; Woolfe, J.D.; and P.M.'s Frost, Garrett, Young, Meddivay, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Fradelle, of 246. The principal event of the evening was the initiation of Mr. C. B. Hilliard (a Lewis), which was creditably performed by the W.M. The lodge business being completed the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Brother," and, in a few well-chosen sentences, congratulated Bro. Hilliard on his admission into Freemasonry. Bro. Hilliard made a most amusing reply, and was most heartily received by the lodge. Several excellent songs were given, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. We cannot close this brief report without mentioning the very clever rendering of a recitation by Bro. Fradelle.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, when there were present Bro. W. R. Sheadd, W.M.; E. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., as J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; W. Gunner, S.D.; G. Lambert, J.D.; C. A. Blogg, Org., D.C.; G. Mulley, I.G.; C. Richardson, Steward; W. Steedman, P.M.; Tyler; D. Trasher, P.M.; Lilley, Barton, Hall, Garcia, Cronk, Treves, Kerr, King, Plater, Ash, and Melhuish. Visitors: Bro. W. Foulsham, W.M. Old England Lodge, 1790; and P. Butler, P.M. Mayo Lodge, 1413. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Letters of apology from several brethren and Past Masters were read. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Garcia and Cronk were examined for raising; entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Garcia and Cronk were raised separately as far as investment. The Traditional History was given by the W.M. in full, and exceedingly well done. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. The W.M. agreed to represent the lodge at festival on 11th February next, and £5 5s. was voted as a nucleus on his list from the Charity Fund of the lodge. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. One brother, having removed, was placed on the list of country members. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The charity box having been circulated, the Tyler's toast was given about 11, thus concluding a pleasant evening.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New road, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Bambridge Lyon, who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the previous meeting, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, by Bro. P. A. Nairne, in his usual impressive and able manner, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters who were in

attendance, either as Past Masters of the lodge or as visitors. The visitors were very numerous, and included Bros. Lariharn, P.M. 1216; Mulley, P.M. 256; Temple, P.M. 104; Farmer, W.M. 25; C. T. Davey, P.M. 176; Vickery, W.M. 1475; Sanderson, W.M. 69; W. M. Goss, P.M. 176; Thue, W.M. 1622; J. H. Hastie, P.M. 1116; T. Stephens, P.M. 1475; Edmondston, W.M. 1669; Alfred Richards, P.M. 46; Cooper, W.M. 507; A. Martin, W.M. 1539; Allworth, P.M. 1261; Grey, 176; Carter, 1705; Adams, 975; Grommant, 1559; Ward, 1540; Hutchings, 147; Smallman, 507; Collins, 1641; T. W. Hadon and J. Greening, 1426; Whitby, 1475; Robinson, 1381; Attil, 160; Stead, 1622; Peerless, 101; Wayne, 1669; Bradley, 1669; Collins, 1614; A. Legg, 1348; Schofield, 46; Tomkins, 1669; Cowley, 1559; and Earney, 516. The installation completed, Bro. Lyon, the W.M., proceeded at once to the ceremony of raising Bro. Ansell to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and delighted all the members and visitors by the very accurate working which he displayed in rendering the ritual, which included the traditional history and tracing board. Bro. Bickerton, the I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in acknowledgment of his able and courteous conduct in the chair during a happy and prosperous year of office. The report of the Audit Committee was of the most satisfactory character, displaying as it did the characteristics of well paid subscriptions, large contributions to charity, good assets, small liabilities, and a fair balance in hand. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet was spread, to which the brethren did ample justice. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the I.P.M.," who suitably responded to the greetings of the brethren. Bro. Nairne proposed "The Visitors" in a very happy and hospitable tone, and Bro. Cooper, W.M. United Pilgrims Lodge, and Bro. A. Richards, G.S., as eloquently expressed the gratification of the visiting brethren. The other toasts were equally well received, and Bro. Bryant, S.W., had an easy task in responding for the efficient officers of whom he is now the leader, sitting in the west. The officers invested were, in addition to the S.W., Bros. Richards, J.W.; Golston, S.D.; Middlemass, J.D.; and J. C. Reynolds, jun., I.G. The Treasurer is Bro. J. C. Reynolds, sen.; Bro. Andrews, Secretary; and Bros. Faber and Brinton, Stewards; with Bro. Nairne, D.C.; the brethren of the lodge always deprecating any change in these important offices. Bros. Shibling, O., Goss, Voisey, and Arman, contributed to the harmony of the lodge by their vocal powers, and elicited the plaudits of the 86 brethren assembled at the feast. Bro. Lyon may be congratulated on coming to the chair of this strong and prosperous lodge.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE No. (1623).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at their lodge-house, the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. Howes, supported by his S.W., W. Pennefather; Bro. J. J. Howes, J.W., pro. tem. The minutes of last regular lodge meeting, also lodge of emergency and auditor's report, were read and confirmed. Bros. Silver and Pittet, of the lodge, also Bros. Willis, Cohen, and Follet, of 1326, having the written consent of the W.M. of that lodge, and paying the usual fee, were entrusted, and retired. The W.M. then prepared his lodge for the passing of the five brethren already named, which he accomplished in a most able manner. The lodge was then resumed, and ballot was taken for the two following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. McNeil Mackay and J. Walter, which proved unanimous; these gentlemen being present, were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. then rose to enquire for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. G. H. Stephens communicated to lodge his intention to stand Steward at the next coming festival of the aged Freemasons, and he requested the lodge to assist him. The lodge voted him £5 5s. Bro. P.M. T. W. Adams promised to support his list by adding a similar amount; also other brethren promising him their support. Masonic business being ended the W.M. closed the lodge, having observed all usual customs, and the brethren retired to the banquet hall, there to partake of one of Bro. Butt's well-served dinners, everything being as it ought to be. All Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, the harmony of the evening being ably sustained by the organist of the lodge, Bro. Egbert Roberts, assisted by Bro. Knight Smith, professor of music and W.M. 1441, and members of the lodge. Members of the lodge not already mentioned were Bros. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., and late Treas.; McButt, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; J. J. Howes, D.C.; W. Snow, W.S.; W. Butt, C.S. Lay members: Bros. Renault, Corke, Greenwood, W. C. Smith, King, and others. The whole of the evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner possible. A Masonic ball in connection with the lodge is being arranged, and will be duly announced in the *Freemason* and other papers as to when.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; H. John, J.W.; H. Leah, Hon. Sec.; Darnell, J.D.; A. Sack, I.G.; E. Dyer, D.C.; H. Muggeridge, P.M., and a number of other brethren. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, when Bro. H. Muggeridge took the chair, and raised Bro. Street to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of an excellent plain supper, provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Crichton, and presided over by Bro. Storr, the W.M., in his usual genial manner.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Bros. Bush, W.M.; Butcher,

S.W.; Staley, J.W.; Frost, Orgt.; Adamson, Treas.; Reed, Sec.; Harris, S.D.; Buckworth, J.D.; Rexworthy, D.C.; Kimpton, I.G.; Woodward, Steward; Church, Tyler; Dixon, P.M.; Recknell, R. Kimpton, Stubbs, Bleck, Andrew, Gathercole, Langley, Schove, Fowler, Carter, Lehany, and Chapman. Visitors: Bros. Pare, W.M. 185; and Bausor, P.M. During business Bros. Langley and Stubbs were raised to the Third Degree; Bro. Schove passed to the Second Degree; Bro. Butcher, S.W., elected W. Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Adamson elected Treasurer; Bro. Church was chosen as Tyler; and Bros. Recknell and Kimpton were elected to audit the accounts of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, value £10 10s, was unanimously voted for Bro. Bush, and £1 10s. for Bro. Terry's (Secretary) old men and old women's annual treat at Christmas.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A large number of brethren assembled on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, to witness the installation of Bro. John Douglass, of the Theatres Royal Standard and Park, as Worshipful Master, which ceremony was performed in a faultless manner by Bro. James Willing, jun., I.P.M. Among the officers and brethren present we noticed the following: Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M.; John Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732, Sec.; J. L. Jones, S.D.; W. Cook, I.G.; G. H. Deller, D. of C.; W. Jaques, Org.; Augustus Holt and J. W. Smith, Stewards; T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P. of England; W. Clarke, P.M., P.G. D. of C. Norfolk; E. W. Parkes, F. W. Sillis, F. H. Tomkins, F. Johnson, W. Armstrong, K. Clemow, J. Maby, F. Howcroft, C. Hammond, F. Dovey, J. H. Bennett, J. C. Smith, M. Zumpf, E. Tompkins, W. R. A. Cole, P. J. Jagels, J. W. Wheeler, A. Ramsden, G. Eshelby, G. W. E. Thorn, J. Blundell, C. H. Holland, W. Redstone, H. Horne, H. Dickey, J. T. Woods, and the following visitors:—Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; M. Spiegel, W.M. 188; Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; J. Stock, I.P.M. 1178; F. Garbett, P.M. 1178; H. Stiles, J.W. 1732; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D. 1777; B. Kauffmann, D. of C. 1732; W. Knight, I.G. 87; W. Crane, 907; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; L. Solomon, 1507; C. Gwyer, 1602; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at four o'clock, when Bro. Willing, W.M., at once commenced with the heavy business before him by raising to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Blundell, G. W. Thorn, and C. H. Holland. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, J. T. Woods, and W. Redstone were passed to the Degree of F.C. The installation of Bro. John Douglass was then proceeded with. After the usual introductory business had been transacted, the chair was assumed by the I.P.M., Bro. Willing, and Bro. J. Douglass, S.W., W.M. elect, being presented, was duly installed according to ancient custom. Bro. Douglass then appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. F. H. Clemow, S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles (re-appointed), Sec.; T. J. Hyland, S.D.; W. Cook, J.D.; Augustus Holt, D. of C.; John W. Smith, A. D. of C.; G. H. Deller, I.G.; W. Jaques and W. Read, Stewards; F. W. Sillis, Org.; J. Dolan, Tyler, Bro. Douglass accompanying each investment with a few complimentary remarks. The I.P.M. then proceeded to charge the newly installed W.M. on the manner of performing the duties of his office. The W.M. immediately entered upon his duties by initiating, which he did with much eloquence and effect, Messrs. John N. Hare, Thomas H. Ellis, Joseph Gray, and James Hone. The lodge was shortly afterwards formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in magnificent style by Bro. R. Michell. At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and warmly received by the brethren present, the W.M. observing that he intended to make all his remarks in as brief a manner possible, and he trusted the rest of the brethren would do likewise. In proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Willing said he perfectly agreed with Bro. Douglass as to short speeches. He (Bro. Willing), as first W.M. of the lodge, felt exceedingly pleased at having such a successor as Bro. Douglass, and he sincerely hoped that everything connected with the lodge would continue to be as happy and comfortable as it had been during his reign. The working of the lodge had always been carried on both prosperously and harmoniously. The lodge having to keep in a certain district, it was very surprising to see the large number of applicants continually seeking to be admitted. He could safely challenge the Craft to name a more successful lodge. When the lodge was started, which event occurred in May, 1878, the number of members was seven, their strength now consisted of sixty-eight members. Though so large a lodge he was proud to say they were all so happy that they should be sorry to lose one of them, which, he thought, was no small boast. Bro. Willing went on to say that this was not the first occasion upon which Bro. Douglass had occupied the chair of W.M., he had already filled the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, both with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself. Bro. Douglass had many calls upon his time, being proprietor of two London theatres, the Standard and the Park, but he had always attended, he was pleased to say, regularly to his Masonic calls. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. When it had subsided, Bro. Douglass rose and tendered his best thanks for the very hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. He felt very much flattered by Bro. Willing's complimentary remarks. He would not occupy the time of the brethren, but would call upon Bro. Cruikshanks for a song. Bro. Cruikshanks having complied, the W.M. again rose to propose the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." The prosperity of the Royal Savoy Lodge should be a gratification to them all. Its wonderful success was, they all knew, mainly due to their I.P.M. Bro. Willing had proved him-

self a sort of conservatory in bringing out its many sprouts. He had much pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services. Bro. Willing, after some humorous remarks, said every officer of the lodge was so proficient in the duties, that there was really no call upon him as Past Master for assistance. He was pleased to notice, by the constant attendance of the younger members at the Lodge of Instruction, their anxiety to become proficient in the traditions of the Order. He had himself been fortunate enough to meet and to surround himself with personal friends, who had rallied round him at the foundation of the two lodges, the Metropolitan and the Royal Savoy. He assured the brethren he left the chair heartily congratulating himself on the prosperity of the lodge. To have been the first W.M. of such a lodge he considered a proud era in his life. The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M. He would not, time being so short, call upon them all to respond, but would couple with the toast the names of Bros. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., and W. Clark, P.G.D. of C. Norfolk. It being discovered that those brethren had retired, the W.M. said in their absence he would call upon Bros. Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; Spiegel, W.M. 188; and Scott, I.P.M. 1178. Between the toast and the reply, Bro. W. M. Stiles, who was loudly called for, favoured the brethren with a song; one more suitable to a Masonic banquet we have never heard. Bro. Lovegrove, in responding, said he was much surprised to be called upon to speak first, for as W.M. of the youngest lodge, he thought he ought to have been the last. He thought all present would admit that Bro. Willing's working was most satisfactory. He must add his expression of pleasure at the great progress made by the lodge. The number of initiates must have been very gratifying to the W.M., especially as they were so happy together as to cause the I.P.M. to say that they would be sorry to lose a single member. Bros. Spiegel and Stock also briefly replied. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," which he considered the most important toast next to the M.W.G.M. He trusted that they would find the science sufficiently interesting as to make them strive to their utmost to grasp the whole workings of the Craft, and aim to occupy the same chair he had that evening the pleasure to fill. Each of the initiates replied, expressing his pride and happiness at being admitted into the lodge, and expressed a wish to become worthy members of the Craft. The W.M. then referred to the presence of Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the honour of whose visit he would propose a toast not on the toast list. He asked them to drink to "The Health of the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of their Bro. Hedges. Bro. Hedges, in reply, said: W.M., Wardens, and brethren, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise to respond to this toast. When I see so many brethren around me, who have done so much for the Charities, I should indeed be wanting were I to allow this occasion to pass without tendering to them my grateful thanks. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to remark, that between the three Charities, one of which I have the honour to represent, there are from 600 to 700 recipients. With so large a claim upon their resources, I would impress upon the brethren the great necessity of their continued support. He had the authority of the W.M. for stating that it was his (Bro. Douglass's) intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on which occasion he was sure they would see that he would be well supported. Last year Bro. Willing acted as Steward for the Girls' School, and he took this opportunity of giving that popular brother his best thanks. In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the rest of the Officers," the W.M. remarked that they had all worked so well, that it required but few remarks from him. He considered himself particularly fortunate in having so able an Installing Master, and he begged to thank Bro. Willing for the many valuable services he had so repeatedly rendered. He also thanked Bro. Stiles for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary. Bro. Willing considered that he had been amply thanked for what he had done. He should have been powerless without the assistance of the officers, particularly of Bro. Stiles. Bro. Stiles said he would endeavour to be as brief as their worthy and esteemed Treasurer had been. He was very thankful for his re-appointment, as he was very proud to be Secretary of such a lodge. In the short space of eighteen months he was proud to say that they had cleared off all debts, and that the Treasurer had a balance in hand of £40. Bro. Willing, as first Worshipful Master, and followed by such a one as Bro. Douglass, they could do nothing but prosper. He felt great pride at being connected with this lodge. Bros. Clemow, Jones, Holt, and others replied, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. M. Corbett, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; John G. Smith, J.W.; Edwd. Liddell, Sec.; H. S. Bird, as S.D.; J. Mout, J.D.; R. F. Cook, P.M. and D.C.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; D. Sinclair, P.M.; B. P. Ord, P.M., I.P.M. 1427; Matthew Swinburne, J. Matthews, W. M. Pybus, W. B. Slec, E. Shewbrooks, Jas. T. Hedley, M. J. Wheatley, T. E. Brigham, G. G. Davidson, A. Rhagg, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Vaughan, W.M. 1664; F. H. Corder, S.W. 1664; G. F. Charlton, J.W. 2664; D. G. Anderson, Sec. 1664; H. S. Bird, S.D. 1664; J. W. Lowick, 1664; J. Braithwaite, S.W. 1427; W. D. Waddell, 163; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; R. Waugh, 1626; E. A. Gibson, 424; L. Morris, 541; J. T. Ridley, 406; W. Col-

quhoun, 424; R. Colquhoun, 424; and W. H. Dunn, 1676. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. William Dalrymple and William Leach, proposed at last regular meeting, and they were declared unanimously elected. Both gentlemen being in attendance, and properly prepared, were admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The working tools of the First Degree were given by the S.W., and the charge was delivered by the J.W. Bros. W. M. Pybus, H. B. Slec, and E. Shewbrooks were examined as to their proficiency as E. Apprentices, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. Pybus, Slec, and Shewbrooks were again admitted, and passed by the W.M. as F.C.'s. The lodge was afterwards closed in the Second, and remained open in the First Degree. Bros. G. F. Westmacott, of Hengist Lodge, 195, and W. H. Dunn, of St. Nicholas Lodge, 1676, were proposed as joining members. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M., and the lodge was closed in love and harmony at 9.30 p.m. An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where the usual list of toasts was proposed, and several songs from the assembled brethren contributed to the harmony of a very pleasant evening.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—The members of this lodge held their monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Brethren present: Bros. W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M.; J. Lovell, jun., J.W.; G. H. Small, S.; F. Holman, S.D.; M. Sampson, J.D.; J. S. C. Simpson, D.C.; F. Rodda, I.G.; W. Colenso, S.; G. Wedlake, S.; J. Maxwell, P.M.; H. Carno, J. Johns, R. Laity, H. J. Oaten, C. C. Curnow, H. S. Hill, W.M. 223; J. Andrews, J. Vivian, jun.; W. Alsop, P.M. 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses; J. Jewell, E. Whitney, J. Reynolds. Visiting brethren: Bros. J. Jackson, 70; R. Sholl, 450; and W. Harker, 314. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, after the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been confirmed, Bro. W. Alsop, P.M. of Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven, was balloted for, and accepted unanimously as a member of this lodge. The next business was that of initiating Mr. W. H. Ash into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony he went through with great credit. The lodge was then closed, and opened in the Second Degree; nothing for the good of Masonry being required for this Degree, the lodge was then opened in the Third, and Bro. Joseph Vivian was then introduced to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which ceremony he bore with great fortitude, after which the lodge was closed, and opened in the First Degree, when two gentlemen were proposed, to be balloted for at the next meeting. Nothing more transpiring for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The opening meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was, as usual, well attended by both members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. John Warren, opened the lodge soon after half-past six p.m., supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Past Masters A. W. Woodley, J. Graham, and S. Goddard; J. Wilkins, S.W.; E. B. Hobson, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M.; Treas.; C. S. Norman, P.M., Sec.; G. Beaver, S.D.; J. H. Roberts, J.D.; and T. Denden, I.G. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. Moulder, S.W. 829; M. Kaul, 1472; W. Viney, 1076; W. Rees, 913; S. Evans, 473; R. Clarke, 473; J. Gibson, 1536; G. W. Young, 1604; D. Hutton, Sec. 13; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for of Messrs. C. Rudge, J. H. Northrop, J. Sanderson, and A. Hornsey, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being worked by the W.M. with all the aplomb of an old Past Master, although this was the first time he had sat in the chair since his installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors sat down to a cold collation, served by Bro. R. Beaver in excellent style. The brethren having assembled round the refreshment board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of with all honours. Bro. Woodley, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said the brethren had seen the manner in which their W.M. had worked the ceremony of initiation that night. It was no easy task for an old and well-seasoned Past Master to manage four initiates, but their W.M. had carried out the work without a single hitch. From that they might anticipate what the Second and Third Degrees would be at his hands. He asked them to drink the health of the W.M. with all the honours it deserved. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Woodley and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He had always felt it a delight to do his best while in the minor offices of the lodge through which he had passed, and that pleasure was doubled now he had an opportunity of carrying out the important duties entrusted to him as W.M. From the remarks of Bro. P.M. Woodley, and their expressions of regard, he felt he had done the work that evening in such a way as to win their approbation. There was one thing they might depend upon, and that was that he should always endeavour to uphold the dignity and honour of the Nelson Lodge, and not allow its good name to deteriorate among the lodges of the district. "The Initiates" were then toasted, and responded. "The Visitors" were responded to by Bros. Hayes, P.M.; N. M. Hutton, King, Kaul, and Viney. "The Past Masters" were represented by Bros. Woodley, Butt, and Norman, the former of whom responded. Bro. Wilkins responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast and one verse of the National Anthem concluded the evening.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—An emergency meeting of this admirably conducted lodge was held at the Pump Room on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. H. D. M. Williams, W.M.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; B. S. Wilmot, P.G.R. Kent, P.M.; J. Read, P.M., acting S.W.; John Burton, J.W.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; C. Graham, acting J.D.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treas.; J. Cheale, I.G.; A. Boorman, Org.; J. Strange, Tyler; Buss, Durrant, Everest, Farrer, Rule, and W. T. Wrighton. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. L. S. Tugwell was examined, entrusted, and withdrew, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the whole of the work being done in a manner which added fresh lustre to his already prosperous year. Several propositions were then given in, and the lodge was duly closed.

The regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held on the 19th inst., and was similarly attended, with the addition, as visitors, of Bros. J. G. Calway, 1619, and Copland, 127. The minutes of the last regular meeting and emergency meeting, held on the 6th inst., were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Mr. Edward Richardson, who was balloted for at the last meeting, was introduced, and was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Captain Philip Green, of Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and Bro. Captain T. H. Hutch, P.M. of Nova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, as joining members, also for Messrs. Thos. Buss, J. E. Westbrook, and Philip Jackson, as candidates for Masonry, which proved unanimous. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed.

RICHMOND.—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—This lodge, which for the last sixteen years has held its meetings at the White Hart, Barnes, lately resolved to change its location to the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, and the first gathering at the new quarters was held on Friday, the 21st inst., when the members and visitors assembled in large numbers on the occasion of the installation of a deservedly popular member of the Craft, Bro. James Garnar, P.M. 1622, the S.W. of the lodge, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened punctually at the time named in the summons by Bro. G. Wigglesworth, W.M., supported by Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Garnar, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Lee, P.M., Secretary; Hinton, P.M.; Tyler, P.M.; Clarke, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; Potter, P.M.; Crane, S.D.; Carpenter, I.G.; Doerr, Monk, M. Graham, J. Graham, Ayling, Matthews, Brown, F. Simmons, Bugler, Slinn, G. Simmons, Williams, Richman, C. Wilcox, T. Wilcox, Hodgkinson, and Percieron; also the following visitors: Bros. T. Robins, W.M. 25; E. White, W.M. 177; A. Newens, W.M. 1044; H. Vickery, W.M. 1475; G. Duck, P.M. 1475; T. Stephens, P.M. 1475; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. L. Cogan, P.M. 1365; E. Banister, P.M. 212; E. Somers, P.M. 1602; G. Hockley, P.M. 172; W. C. Canton, P.M. 1475; J. Cockburn, 1381; W. Hamlyn, J. D. 1622; H. Hewitt, 1622; C. Radford, J.D. 1420; W. Cowley, W. Minden, 780; C. E. Goldring, 1216; H. Carter, 192; T. Pethbridge, 1622; P. H. Giles, 1158; H. W. Davie, 173; J. Drake, 1035; J. Cheeswright, 15; J. Searle, 172; H. Stanley, 1622; M. Peters, 72; and C. Marriott, 172. Bro. Egbert Roberts, Org. 1623, presided at the harmonium. The preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Monk was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Garnar was duly presented for installation, which ceremony was rendered in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. G. Wigglesworth, the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters numbered upwards of twenty brethren, the largest board since the formation of the lodge. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Noble, S.W.; G. F. Crane, W.M. 1631 and 305, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M. 975, S.W. 1305, M.E.Z. 1305, Treasurer; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524, M.E.Z. 1524, Secretary; S. Carpenter, S.D.; E. Ayling, J.D.; G. Slinn, I.G.; H. O. Hinton, P.M., Wine Steward; G. Simmons, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a manner which elicited the warmest applause from the brethren. Bro. Garnar, W.M., at once commenced his duties by initiating into Freemasonry Messrs. G. Campbell, C. Shannaw, G. Farrants, and S. Fogden (who had been previously balloted for and unanimously elected), the work of the W.M. and his officers being performed in a highly creditable manner. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a first-class banquet provided by Bro. Muffet, and served in a style which fully maintained the high reputation of the Greyhound. After grace had been sung by the musical brethren, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," wishing long life to Her Majesty and a lengthened continuance of her happy reign. "God save the Queen" having been impressively rendered, Bro. Garnar, W.M., gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and congratulated the brethren on having the heir apparent to the throne to preside over the destinies of the Craft, a position which he filled so ably and so well. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then ably rendered and enthusiastically received. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then given by the W.M., who dwelt upon the able and excellent manner in which the Pro G. Master and Dep. G. Master performed their duties in connection with the Craft, and in alluding to the rest of the Grand Officers, referred in complimentary terms to Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., who was one of the founders of the lodge, in which he still took a great interest, as was shewn by his

presence on that occasion. He coupled his name with the toast. Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and thanked the W.M. for the cordial manner with which the toast had been received. He had always taken a great interest in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and was much gratified by the great success which the lodge had achieved, as was shown by the large gathering which had assembled on that occasion. He wished to the W.M. a happy and successful year of office, and to the lodge a continuance in the future of that success it had so deservedly enjoyed in the past. Bro. G. Wrigglesworth, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, "The Worshipful Master," said: To me is now afforded one of the greatest pleasures of the evening, that of proposing the health of your Worshipful Master. It is always a pleasing duty to a Past Master to propose health and prosperity to his successor in office, but it is doubly so to me on this occasion from the long experience, both in Masonry and private life, that I have had of the ever straightforward and gentlemanly behaviour of Bro. Garnar. We were initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge within a short time of each other, and have gradually worked through the various offices, and no member ever attained the honour of Worshipful Master who was more entitled to the good will and affection of its members. It is his good fortune to have been elected to the chair at a time when the lodge is about entering on what, I believe, will be a new era of permanent success. To the brethren present this evening who may not be aware of the circumstances, I should like to say a few words respecting our change of location. For some time past, great inconvenience has been experienced by us, owing to the limited accommodation afforded at the old quarters of the lodge, and it had become absolutely necessary to obtain another place of meeting. In this, I think, you will agree with me, we have been more successful than might have been anticipated, which statement, I think, is fully borne out by our numerous gathering this evening, and all that is necessary to make our lodge second to none is to continue to select brethren for office steady, firm, and true, like your W.M., and the position and welfare of the Rose of Denmark Lodge will be fully maintained. "Robin Adair" was then sung by Miss Emma Buer with pleasing effect. Bro. James Garnar, W.M., in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Wrigglesworth for the kind and complimentary terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the manner with which the toast had been received, and although he had been Master of another lodge, to which he was still very much attached, he felt very proud indeed in having attained the high position of Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, and in which, like Bro. Wrigglesworth, he had served all the minor offices; and he felt certain that, during his year of office, he would receive the hearty and cordial support of the Past Masters and brethren. He had now a pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose "The Health of Bro. Wrigglesworth, the I.P.M.," whose efficient services in the lodge, and genial conduct at the banquet table, had obtained for him during his year of office the high esteem and regard of the brethren, and he hoped that Bro. Wrigglesworth might be spared for many years to enliven the festive board with his sparkling wit and rich vein of humour. He had now the privilege of presenting to Bro. Wrigglesworth the handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, as a small token of recognition of his valuable services; and he hoped that Bro. Wrigglesworth might be spared for many years to wear this jewel, and in the future it would be handed down to his children, or his children's children, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held in the Rose of Denmark Lodge. Bro. Wrigglesworth, I.P.M., said: Worshipful Sir and brethren, to you who have so kindly expressed yourselves towards me I can but offer my sincere thanks for the great honour done me in presenting me with this valuable jewel, accompanied as it is with the approbation of the brethren, in acknowledgment of the manner in which I have, to the best of my power and ability, attempted the duties of the chair. My connection with this lodge is one extending over many years, and it is to me a most pleasing reflection that, during the whole of that time, I have never seen or heard of any disagreement amongst its members; on the contrary, it has always been a pleasure with us to assist in the advancement of a brother. I, therefore, feel certain I have arrived at my present position without causing a pang of envy or regret in the minds of any of the brethren of the lodge. I started in Masonry with the fixed resolve that should I ever take office in any lodge it should be in this. To the Rose of Denmark Lodge, my first love, I have been true. Your kindness shown towards me in all the offices I have held, but more especially to-night, can never be obliterated from my memory, and, in conclusion, I hope I may live to see increased prosperity to the lodge, but of this I am assured, that we shall never be able to improve on the bonds of true and sincere brotherhood which now exist amongst us. The toast of "The Initiates" was then proposed, and appropriately responded to. An excellent bass song, "In cellar deep," was then given in splendid style by Bro. Egbert Roberts. "The Health of the Visitors" then followed, in proposing which, the W.M. said that he felt highly gratified to see such a large number of visitors around the festive board; he gave them a cordial and hearty welcome. Bros. Robins, W.M. 25; Butt, P.M. 700; and Searle, 172, replied for the visitors, expressing their great satisfaction at the proceedings of the evening. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were then given, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Smith, P.M., and Tyler, P.M., after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction, were under the direction of Bro. C. H. Marriott, 172, who presided at the pianoforte, and he was ably assisted by Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Emma Buer, and Bro. Egbert Roberts.

ROCHDALE.—St. Chad's Lodge (No. 1129).—The annual meeting of this prosperous little lodge was held at the house of Bro. C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D.C., Roeback Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when Bro. J. G. Meadowcroft was duly installed W.M. by Bro. E. T. Fletcher, I.P.M., who conducted the ceremony in an efficient manner, the officers being invested by Bro. Peter, Sec., P.M. Bro. F. G. Hodgson, who is at present on business in America, was appointed S.W., and Bro. T. B. Collingwood, J.W. Bro. Jas. Hadfield, P.M., who has served the office as Treasurer since its foundation thirteen years ago, was re-elected, and was also Bro. Jos. Ireland, P.M., Secretary. Bros. S. L. Hoyle, S.D.; Wm. Swift, J.D.; and Wm. Davis, P.M., Tyler, were afterwards invested, and placed in their respective offices. The newly-installed W.M. had the pleasure of receiving two propositions of candidates; after which the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Jones. The following visitors were present by special invitation: Bros. W. Roberts, P.P.G.P. E.L., 298; Jas. Schofield, W.M. 367; Jas. Dearden, I.G. 54; Thos. Parker, 298; Simeon Lord (Naphthali, Heywood), 266; Ralph Dodds, S.W. 298; John Ashworth, P.M. 816; John T. Holt, W.M. 854; J. M. Myers, 1502; R. N. Grey, W.M. 298; Wm. Fielding, 298; and Alfred G. Sayer, 1085. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were drunk, and suitably responded to, the toast of the evening, that of "The Newly-installed W.M.," being drunk with acclamation, and responded to in a neat speech by the W.M. The proceedings, which were pleasant throughout, were brought to a close about eleven p.m., a most agreeable evening having been spent.

MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Chorlton-on-Medlock, on Wednesday, Nov. 20th. There were present Bros. W. Sturm, W.M.; J. Burgess, S.W.; R. Dottie, J.W.; J. G. Walker, Sec.; A. Radford, S.D.; I. I. Cowens, J.D.; I. Islam, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; J. Hargreaves, I.P.M.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M.; W. Norton, P.M.; H. Newman, W. Urmsan, A. H. Jefferies, W. Hall, and R. C. Hulme. Visitor, R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at 7.15 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting, and also a lodge of emergency, read and confirmed. Owing to a candidate for passing not putting in an appearance, there was, unfortunately, no work, a regrettable circumstance to our thinking, as this lodge has the reputation of excellence in this respect, and we were consequently anxious to witness a ceremony. Some discussion relating to various matters of an unimportant nature ensued, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 21st inst., at four o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Nicholson, I.P.M., and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, with the alteration of Bro. W. Craven's name for that of Bro. Douglass, as Tyler for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. P. Nicholson presented Bro. Bernard, S.W., for the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., Treas. The Secretary read the ancient charges, to all of which Bro. Bernard gave his unqualified consent. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when the ceremony was completed by the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when the W.M. installed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. Beattie, I.P.M.; W. Brandt, S.W.; J. Dobson, J.W.; Hudson, P.M., Hon. Treas.; M. Douglass, Sec.; Brown, Chap.; Thos. Tillman, S.D.; J. Murphy, J.D.; Chapman, Org.; Pinkney, I.G.; Coker, S. Steward; W. Pinkney, J. Steward; W. Craven, Tyler. The W.M. proposed F. S. Panton to be initiated into Masonry in this lodge, seconded by Bro. J. J. Brown, Chap. Bro. Hudson, P.M., moved that £10 ros. be given to the Boys' School in London, which was carried; also, that £1 1s. each be given to the Infirmary, Orphan Asylum, and the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society, seconded by Bro. J. Tillman, P.M., and carried. Bro. Pinkney, I.G., moved that £1 1s. be given to the Children's Hospital, which was carried. "Hearty good wishes" were given from the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, by Bro. Cumberland, P.M. All business being done the lodge was closed in due form.

NEWQUAY.—Fort Lodge (No. 1528).—The annual festival was observed on the 21st inst. There was a small attendance of visitors, but this was in consequence of the consecration on the same day of the St. Petroc Lodge at Padstow, and the Fort bye-laws enact that the festival is to be kept on the nearest Friday to November 24th, in other words, on the Friday in the octave of St. Columba, the patron saint of the parish. The brethren assembled in their lodge-room at five o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. T. Boyle, installed his successor, Bro. Robert Martyn, in a very able and impressive manner, assisted by W. Bros. W. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. of W., W. E. Michell, and B. Wellington, who formed the Board of P.M.'s. The newly appointed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—T. Boyle, I.P.M.; C. R. Bellingham, S.W.; W. L. Bloch, J.W.; B. Wellington, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Hambly, Secretary; R. Rowe, S.D.; A. Lawry, J.D.; R. Kendall, I.G.; J. Mitchell, D.C.; J. Morris and F. Snell, Stewards; C. Carrivick, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Roberts's Great Western Hotel, where a banquet awaited them. The W.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this

lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., and the proud position obtained by the Israel Lodge in the Province of West Lancashire was amply sustained on this occasion by the success which attended the celebration of the annual festival. The lodge was primarily consecrated for the accommodation of brethren of the Jewish persuasion, and they have largely availed themselves of the advantages thus offered; but the proof that Freemasonry knows no special sect or creed is shown by the fact that it embraces amongst its members many worthy and distinguished brethren who are not of the ancient race. There was on this occasion a very large attendance of officers and members, and a full representation of visitors, who included numerous P.G.L. Officers and W.M.'s and P.M.'s of other lodges. The business was conducted at the opening by Bro. Sigismund Schönstadt, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Jones, I.P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, J.W., W.M. elect; S. J. Henochsberg, Sec.; M. Aronsberg, S.D.; M. P. Tieski, J.D.; J. Saber, I.G.; M. Hart, P.M., M.C.; W. Wright, S.S.; D. Gabrielsen, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. B. Woolf, M. Feldouar, A. Zolke, W. Levy, H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; I. Phillip, H. Hendesberg, H. Sagar, A. Hart, P.M. 722; M. Ansell, H. de Frece, C. E. Forman, E. Myer, J. Frank, S. Beard, H. M. Silver, J. S. McCabe, M. Baum, A. Saqui, R. Abrahams, S. Jacobs, S. Simmons, A. Levy, J. Mattison, E. J. Hart, A. Rabow, J. Lazarus, A. A. Lyons, and D. M. Joseph. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. J. Grant, A. Abrahams, 205; J. P. Bryan, 1505; H. P. Cleaver, 1713; J. F. Sewell, P.G.S.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle; D. A. Davis, W.M. 625; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Rufford; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; Ramsey, S.W. 680; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; L. Walford, P.M. 798 (Brisbane); J. Winsor, P.M. 241; C. W. Makin, 32; C. Titherley, S.W. 1350; H. James, P.M. 203; L. Foinquinos, 1180; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; J. C. T. Alston, W.M. 203; L. B. Goodman, 594; J. W. Ballard, P.G.P.; R. Crispe, W.M. 724; M. Breslaw, 402; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W.; and J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas. After the transaction of some ordinary business, Bro. S. Schönstadt, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install Bro. Henry A. Tobias as his successor in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The following staff of officers was subsequently invested:—Bros. S. Schönstadt, I.P.M.; Rev. Professor J. Prag, Chap.; Maurice Hart, P.M., M.C.; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W.; M. Aronsberg, J.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., Treas.; M. P. Tieski, Sec.; Joseph Saber, S.D.; H. F. Wright, J.D.; D. Gabrielsen, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; H. M. Silver, S.S.; Maurice Baum, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The "Hearty good wishes" of about a dozen lodges were given to Bro. H. A. Tobias, the newly-installed W.M., and the brethren subsequently dined in the banqueting room under his presidency. The standard loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and most cordially honoured. The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bros. W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W., and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C. A valuable Past Master's jewel, set with diamonds, was presented to Bro. Schönstadt, I.P.M., in recognition of his esteemed services as W.M. of the lodge during the past year. A most enjoyable programme was furnished, amongst the items being a well-delivered version of the Buzfuz oration from "Pickwick" by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., Treas.; and excellent songs by Bros. D. Saunders, 1609; M. Hart, P.M.; I. Jacobs, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Hospitality (No. 1697).—The installation of the W.M., Bro. James Haworth, and investiture of officers in connection with the above lodge, took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Royal Hotel. The occasion was looked forward to with deep interest, inasmuch as it had been arranged that Bros. Thomas Pilling, P.M., and John Taylor, P.M., both members of the lodge, should perform the ceremony, a circumstance which had the effect of attracting a great many brethren from the neighbouring lodges. Punctually at four o'clock, as announced by the summons convening the meeting, the proceedings began, and terminated about a quarter to six, everything having passed off most admirably. We must not omit to state that directly the new W.M. had been installed he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. John Thos. Bancroft, I.P.M.; Rowland Rawlinson, S.W.; John R. Lord, J.W.; Rev. A. J. Harrison, Chaplain; Rawdon Ashworth, Treasurer; W. H. Baxter, Secretary; Henry Pickup, S.D.; Ingham Taylor, J.D.; Ralph Pass, I.G.; and James Rothwell, Tyler. He addressed to each a charge bearing on the duties and responsibilities undertaken, and exhorting him faithfully to discharge the same. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren repaired to the dining room, where, thanks to the worthy host and hostess, a dinner, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, had been provided, and the admirable manner in which it was served rendered it even more attractive. Dinner over the brethren retraced their steps to the lodge room, where during their absence dessert of a character none the less attractive had been laid out. It was now eight o'clock, and the W.M. at once took his place in the lodge, and proceeded to submit the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most enthusiastically received. In response to the toast of his health, the W.M. took occasion in a very brilliant speech to thank the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. He remarked that he should during his term of office endeavour to the best of his ability to govern the lodge on truly Masonic principles, and he hoped that when the time arrived for the appointment of a successor, he might be able to hand over his seals of office in a manner alike creditable to

himself and honourable to the Order. A glee party consisting of Bros. Ramsbottom, Wroe, Dunville, and Kershaw, accompanied on the piano by Bro. P. M. Taylor, of Bacup, contributed very materially to enliven the proceedings with songs and glees. They also gave anthems from Dr. Spark's "Libra Musicus" during the installation. The proceedings were brought to a close about 10.45.

MAIDSTONE.—Douglas Lodge (No. 1725).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge (Bro. Dr. Davies) took place on Friday evening, the 7th inst., at the Old College Gateway, the ceremony being performed with exceptional ability and impressiveness by Bro. J. B. Monckton (of the Grand Lodge of England, and Town Clerk of London), brother of the retiring Master (Bro. Herbert Monckton, Town Clerk of Maidstone). The new Master afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. T. Tatham, S.W.; F. T. Stenning, J.W.; Rev. E. Moore, Chap.; A. Spencer, Treas.; E. B. Smith, Hon. Sec.; Dr. Meredith, S.D.; G. Friend, J.D.; J. W. Menpes, I.G.; C. Arkcoll, jun., D.C.; J. Brennan, S.; and J. C. Hill, Tyler. During the evening an elegant Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Herbert Monckton to mark the brethren's appreciation of his services during the past year. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Mitre Hotel, under the presidency of the new Master (Bro. Dr. Davies), who was supported by Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, E. T. Luck, J. B. Monckton, H. Monckton, Sutton (Sittingbourne), J. R. Ford (W.M. of Belvidere Lodge), W. Page, J. Brennan, W. Monckton, R. T. Tatham, Dr. Gillespie, A. Spencer, F. S. Stenning, J. W. Menpes, A. C. Nicoll, E. B. Smith, Dr. Meredith, D. W. Langton, R. Troutbeck, C. Arkcoll, J. Hodgson, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Zion Lodge (No. 1798).—On Saturday evening the members of this lodge met at the Portland Hotel, Manchester, on a very interesting occasion, viz., to present Bro. M. Klinkonstin, Chaplain of the lodge, with a handsome Chaplain's jewel, on his leaving Manchester for his native country through family illness. Bro. Klinkonstin having been connected with the lodge since the formation, had won the esteem and goodwill of all its members, and deep regret was evinced at his departure. The presentation was made by the W.M. (Bro. E. Nathan) in a very able and feeling speech on behalf of the lodge, wishing him every success for the future, and hoped he would soon be with them again. Several other brethren also expressed their good opinion and hearty good wishes. Among the members present we noticed Bros. E. Nathan, W.M.; J. Arosberg, I.P.M.; P.G.P.; H. D. Marks, S.W.; D. A. Davis, J.W.; W.M. 625; M. Newman, Treas.; S. Mamelock, Sec.; A. M. Hart, S.D.; S. J. Jourdan, I.G.; E. Wise, S. Hortic, E. Caspen, Stewards; Rev. J. Valentine, M. Stewart, E. Stewart, M. Delakofeke, M. Bianco, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., by Bros. J. Hurdell, W.M. 1348; J. Hemming, S.W. 1287; W. T. Burgess, J.W. 1472; and Ives, P.M., Sec. pro. tem.; supported by a numerous attendance of brethren. The 2nd in Second, and 1st in Third, worked by Bros. Burgess and Hemming respectively, gave great satisfaction to the brethren present. The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by the worthy host, Bro. E. West, P.P.G.S.D.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Ex. Comps. Hill, Hearn, and Williamson respectively occupied their chairs as Principals, supported by Comps. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z.; Moutrie, P.Z. and Treas.; Howes, E.; Keene, P.Z., as N.; Stuckey, Pr. Soj.; Glover, as S. Soj.; Peach, as J. Soj.; Bigwood, Janitor. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was announced that the candidate for exaltation, whose presence was expected, wished his name to be withdrawn. Comps. Rubie, P.Z., and Hunt, J. Soj., sent apologies for unavoidable absence. In accordance with regulations, the by-laws were read. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result:—Comps. Hearn, Z.; Williamson, H.; Howes, J.; Stuckey, E.; Hayward, N.; Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; Radway, Pr. Soj.; Mercer, S.S.; Peach, J.S.; Bigwood, Janitor. Arrangements were made for the annual banquet as usual in December, and Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., was requested to perform the ceremonies of installation of Principals, which he undertook to do. The chapter was closed at 9 p.m.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).—A meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 7.30 p.m.; Comps. L. P. Austin, Z.; T. Twizell, H.; and Comp. R. Candlish, J. The chapter was opened in due form by the three Principals. The minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following result: Comps. T. Twizell, Z.; R. Candlish, H.; T. M. Watson, J.; G. Porteous, E.; Lerch, N.; Bernard, M.D. (re-elected), P.S.; W. Lidell, P.Z. (re-elected), Treas.; and Thompson (re-elected), Janitor. Comp. Emerson proposed Bro. G. D. Smith, seconded by Comp. Candlish, to be exalted in this chapter. All business being done, the chapter was closed in due and solemn form.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this old chapter was held on

Thursday, November 20th, at the Chapter Rooms, at three o'clock. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. James Gardiner, assisted by Ex. Comps. Pearson, H.; Hoodless, J.; John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; John Gate, P.Z.; Henry Bewes, P.Z., P.P.P. Soj.; and Nicholson, M.E.Z. 371, after which the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take his chair as Installing Principal. Solemn conclaves were opened, and the new Principals, Comps. Pearson, Hoodless, and Lazonby, presented and installed according to ancient custom. The other officers having been invested, the thanks of the chapter were accorded to Comp. Bowes, and labour terminated. The refreshment provided was an excellent dinner, well served. After the cloth was withdrawn the usual toasts were considered, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at eight o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This young but fairly prosperous lodge recommenced their Masonic season by holding a meeting at the Windsor Castle Hotel, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. Baldwin, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Goodell, acting J.W.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., &c., acting I.P.M.; Alfred Tisley, Secretary; Page, I.G.; Game, D.C.; Millis, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following unanimous results: Bros. Walls as W.M.; Baldwin as Treasurer; and Potter as Tyler. A Committee consisting of the W.M., S.W., Treasurer, Secretary, and Bros. Goodall, Game, and Millis were appointed to audit the accounts, and to approve the bye-laws on the 21st inst. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Baldwin, a letter from Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.I.G., &c., was read, in which he resigned his membership and Treasurership of the lodge, in consequence of ill-health and permanent residence in the country. This communication having been received with regret, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent collation, admirably served by Bro. Gilbert. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The W.M." The remainder of the evening was agreeably spent, thanks to the vocal abilities of Bros. James Stevens Tisley, Gilbert, Baldwin, and Page.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER.—The first meeting of the season of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Friday, the 4th instant. Amongst those present were Ill. Bros. T. W. Coffin, 30°, M.W.S.; D. Ace, D.D., 31°, H.P.; D. Nicols, 30°, 1st G.; C. H. Driver, 31°, I.P.S.; H. Pullen, P.S., 33°; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; A. Williams, 30°, Org.; and Ex. Bros. C. J. Morgan, P.S.; D. M. Dewar, P.S., Recorder; F. J. Currier, R.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; W. Mann, E. J. Gardiner, F. W. Driver, C. W. Tayleur, G. A. Berkeley, and G. Austin, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Larsen, C.E., was unanimously elected as a re-joining member. A communication from the Supreme Council, 33°, having been read, and a donation of two guineas having been unanimously voted to the Laughton Tower Restoration Fund, the chapter was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of. After the customary preliminary toasts had been honoured, "The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed in very flattering terms by Ill. Bro. C. Driver, P.M.W.S., and having been warmly received, the M.W.S. briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The P.M.W.S." came next, and, in response, Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen made a fluent speech. "The Treasurer and Recorder" followed, and was responded to in a few terse, but pertinent sentences, by Bro. D. M. Dewar. The remaining pledge, namely, "The Officers," was replied to by Ill. Bro. Nicols, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Agreeably with a resolution passed at the Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at Morecambe on the 1st October last, a "Special Court" was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of considering the following notice of motion, given at the above Annual Court by Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D.:—"That the amended bye-laws, as passed by the General Committee at an adjourned meeting, held on the 19th September last, be adopted."

The chair at the Special Court was occupied by Bro. J. Cobham, P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, and there was a very large attendance of Governors. The amended bye-laws were taken *seriatim*, and passed without much discussion.

There was considerable debate, however, on the following proposed amended bye-law as affecting the voting power of the various Governors:—"Plurality of votes applies only to elections of children. Nevertheless, upon any question before a General Court or General Committee, a donor or subscriber who has a vote in his own right may also record one vote each on behalf of any lodge or society of which he is the duly accredited representative." Its adoption was moved by Bro. R. Wylie.

A direct negative, however, was proposed by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241 and 1609, one of the Hon. Secs. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. 241.

On being put to the meeting, the negative was carried by 44 to 16.

The other bye-laws were afterwards considered, and at the close of the business a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and sub-Committee who had considered the bye-laws.

CONSECRATION OF THE ERYRI CHAPTER, No. 1509.

The traveller who journeys northward from Barmouth Junction along the coast section of the Cambrian Railway, after crossing the estuaries of the Dwyryd and the Glaslyn will shortly find himself passing through a well-to-do seaport town standing at the extreme north corner of Cardigan Bay.

Portmadoc, for thus is the town named, scarce fifty years ago was a small hamlet of less than half a dozen houses lying under the shadow of Moel Gest; now, mainly through the opening of the large state quarries at Festiniog, for the produce of which it is the natural shipping port, a fair sized town stands in their place, which of late years has developed and increased with such rapidity as to become one of the most thriving and prosperous business towns on the western seaboard of the principality.

As rapid and prosperous as the rise and progress of Portmadoc itself has been the growth and development of Freemasonry thereat. The Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, consecrated so recently as 1874, now numbers on its roll-call over 100 brethren of the mystic art, whilst the recent establishment of a Royal Arch chapter in connection with it clearly shows that the zeal and earnestness of the brethren of this lodge have in no way been relaxed.

In truth, long prior to their petitioning the Supreme Grand Chapter for a charter of constitution the brethren of 1509 had desired to adopt that course, but the unfitness of their old lodge room at the Queen's Hotel for the requirements of the Holy Royal Arch has ever been a stumbling-block in their way, and now only on the completion of their new lodge room (on the erection of which somewhat over £1200 has been expended) have they been free to give effect to their long restrained desires. The requisite preliminaries having been duly gone through at the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, held on the 6th August last, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the required charter was received early in the following month. The petitioners had originally proposed to hold the consecration ceremony on the day following the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, held at Portmadoc on the 18th September last, to dedicate the new Masonic buildings to the purposes of Freemasonry, but from causes which it is needless here to narrate it had to be deferred, and the M.E. Grand Superintendent of the province, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart, M.P., finally consented to the consecration ceremony being held on the 12th day of the present month, the day after the installation of the present W.M. of 1509 into office and the annual celebration of the festival of St. John. It has since been a matter of great regret to the companions at Portmadoc that their respected M.E.P.G. Superintendent was through his severe accident incapacitated from himself presiding over the ceremony of consecration, as had originally been his intention, and almost at the last moment they were fearful that the proceedings would again have to be postponed, as through some inexplicable misconception of the instructions sent him on the part of the Grand Scribe E., it was only on the morning of the 10th that they received, in manuscript, an official programme of the ceremony, and an intimation that E. Comp. W. Johnson, P.Z. of Grosvenor Chapter, 721, had been appointed to preside at the consecration. However, on the arrival of the eventful day, all things went merry as a marriage bell, and in accordance with the customary ancient rites and ceremonies the newly-formed Eryri Chapter, 1509, was duly consecrated by E. Comp. W. Johnson, P.Z. 721; E. Comp. J. Poole, I.P.Z. 606, acting as H., and E. Comp. C. H. Rees, M.E.Z. 606, acting as J. on the occasion.

The chapter having been first duly opened and the numerous companions present having been marshalled by Comp. the Rev. Sidney Boucher, J. 606, who most efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies during the proceedings, they were admitted. The officers of the new chapter were then ranged in order and presented, and the letter from the M.E.P.G. Supt., authorising E. Comp. Johnson to consecrate the chapter, having been read by the acting Scribe E., along with the petition and charter of the chapter, the ceremony of consecration by the Principals with corn, wine, and oil was proceeded with, and on its completion E. Comp. Johnson gave a most eloquent oration on the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry. The three Principals designate having then been obligated, and all below the rank of First Principal having then been requested to retire, the M.E. Comp. Capt. Charles Hunter, Past Third Grand Principal of Scotland, P.Z. (S.C.) and Grand Representative from the S.G. Chapter of New Jersey, U.S., M.E.Z. designate, was duly installed into his chair, and on their respective re-admissions, Comp. Cornelius Davies, H. 606, and H. designate, and Comp. Dr. Robert Roberts, J. designate, were duly installed into the Second and Third Principals' chairs.

On the re-admission of the companions the following were duly invested as officers of the new chapter: Comps. J. G. Tuxford, Scribe E.; R. Evens, Scribe N.; E. S. Greaves, Treas.; W. Jones Morris, P. Soj.; W. H. Wheeler, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. H. Strowger, and Asst. Soj. The entire ceremony was most impressively given and conducted by E. Comp. Johnson.

On the proposal of Comp. Davies, H., seconded by Comp. Roberts, J., E. Comp. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes (M.P. for the Carnarvon Boroughs) was unanimously and with acclamation elected an honorary member of the chapter,

the proposal being accompanied by an expression of regret that, in the unavoidable absence of the M.E. P.G. Supt., he had not been appointed to preside at the consecration ceremony as had been desired by the petitioners, and on the proposal of E. Comp. Capt. Hunter, M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. Davies, H., E. Comp. Johnson, P.Z. 721 (the Consecrating Officer); E. Comp. Poole, I.P.Z. 606; E. Comp. C. H. Rees, M.E.Z. 606; and Comp. the Rev. Sidney Boucher, J. 606, were unanimously elected honorary members of 1509, the hope being expressed that the mother chapter, 606, would equally benefit with the scion, 1509, in the progress and development of Royal Arch Masonry through a spirit of emulation and generous rivalry being fostered between them.

A number of propositions for joining and for exaltation having then been made, the chapter was closed in the accustomed and authorised manner, and the brethren then adjourned to do full justice to an excellent repast awaiting their attention at the Sportsman Hotel, where the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd December:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September, 1879, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

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The widow of a brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park	50	0	0
A brother of the Rose of Denmark, No. 975, Barnes	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, Aberystwith	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	50	0	0
A brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth	50	0	0
A brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, West Bromwich	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford	50	0	0
A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor	50	0	0
A brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, Camberwell	50	0	0
A brother of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Zeland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon	75	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who since August, 1868, has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill-health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and, under the advice of his medical attendants, Bro. Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, unanimously recommend that on his retirement from office Bro. John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly recurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June, 1876," viz.:

"No Charity Jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective annual festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations hereinbefore authorised."

And they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W. Master of every lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June, 1876, other-

wise than through the office of Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th November, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3802 1s. 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The President will then move:—

- 1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
- 2nd. That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret.
- 3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey, during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.
- 4th. That the other recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

8. Appeal of Bro. Joseph Pallot, P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Bro. Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge.

9. Proposed Motions:—

1. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720:—That, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication, held on the first day of December, 1869, and confirmed at the subsequent meeting held on the 2nd of March, 1870, as follows, viz.:

"That, with a view to securing greater uniformity of working, and observance of the same usages and customs, throughout the several lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced," such Committee be now appointed.

2. By Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence:—That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:

"17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

"18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

"19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividend of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any school, college, or university.

"20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

"That the Constitutions, No. 3 Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word 'shall' on the second line, the words 'except as provided for by Clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20.'"

NEW LODGES.

LIST OF LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

- No. 1840, Wellington Lodge, Bunbury, Western Australia.
- " 1841, Lodge Mysore, Mysore, Madras, East Indies.
- " 1842, St. Leonard's Lodge, St. Leonard's, Sussex.
- " 1843, Rohilla Star Lodge, Barilly, Oude, Bengal, East Indies.
- " 1844, Richmond River Lodge, Lismore, New South Wales.
- " 1845, Lodge St. George, Newcastle, New South Wales.
- " 1846, Phoenix Lodge, Bathurst, New South Wales.
- " 1847, Ebrington Lodge, Stonehouse, Devon.
- " 1848, Ferrum Lodge, Middlesborough, Yorks.
- " 1849, Royal Leek Lodge, Bangor, Carnarvonshire.
- " 1850, Raphael Lodge, Roma, Queensland.
- " 1851, Ewell Lodge, Ewell, Surrey.
- " 1852, Forest Lodge, Mansfield, Nolts.

A report of the election meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, which was held on Thursday week, is in type, but, owing to the pressure of matter, is crowded out. It shall appear in our next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel Creton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, A. J. Duff Filer, Griffiths Smith, H. B. Webster, E. Letchworth, Edwd. Cox, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Andrew I. Suter, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren, on the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, and upon the recommendation of the House Committee, conferred the title of Assistant Matron on Miss Shepherd, instead of Matron's Assistant, as a recognition of the services she has rendered to the Institution.

A notice of motion, by Bro. Joshua Nunn, was given that the salaries of the Head Governess (Miss Davis) and Assistant Governesses be raised, also recommended by the House Committee. The recommendation was made in consequence of the largely increased numbers of the children in the School. Bro. Joshua Nunn observed that the salaries paid to all the governesses were very much smaller than those paid at institutions of a similar calibre.

Bro. E. Cox gave notice of another motion with respect to a further increase of one of the salaries.

Bro. Edward Cox, who was Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the last festival of the Institution, drew the attention of the meeting to the circumstance that several of the Stewards on that occasion did not pay their fees till some months afterwards, in consequence of which he had not been able to pay the liabilities of the festival for five months after the festival had taken place. He asked whether some means could not be devised to prevent the recurrence of such a scandal to Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. Creton observed that it was a great pity that such a circumstance had occurred, and he hoped that between the present time and next festival a remedy might be provided.

Several petitions were then examined, and the candidates placed on the list for the election in April.

The Committee adjourned till Wednesday, the 24th of December, at 4 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF BRO. E. J. PAGE, P.G.S., &c.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., the mortal remains of this well and deservedly known brother were consigned to their last resting place, in Norwood Cemetery. The Masonic career of Bro. Page, who was in his sixtieth year, had extended over a quarter-of-a-century. He was a Past Master of the Globe, Dalhousie, and Kennington Lodges. He was also a Past Grand Steward and a Past Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. In the Royal Arch Degree he had been a very distinguished worker, and held the positions of P.Z. of the Jubilee Chapter and Second Principal of the Kennington Chapter. He was likewise a member of the Mark Degree, having been advanced in the old Thistle Lodge. But it was more in connection with the Masonic Charities that our deceased brother was so widely known and universally respected. He was a Vice-President of them all, and he had served as Steward at their respective annual festivals "many a time and oft." Although the weather was exceedingly cold, many members of the Craft attended the funeral, "in token of respect for departed merit."

Among the brethren present were several members of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, of which lodge Bro. Page was one of the founders, the first Master, and Treasurer. They comprised Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M.; Wm. Mann, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M. and Sec.; Stranger, W.S.; Barry, and others. Other lodges were numerous represented; among them we noticed Bros. T. S. Mortlock, P.M. Industry, &c.; Littell, P.M. Dalhousie, &c.; Downie, 188; Palmer, 177; and others. It was during the preliminary service in the chapel that an event occurred almost unparalleled in the history of Masonic obsequies. Bro. Mortlock, who was sitting apparently deeply meditating, suddenly fell forward and struck the stone pavement of the chapel with terrible force. He was speedily removed to the outer air, and every attention given to him, but life had passed away, thus exemplifying to an awful degree the text that "in the midst of life we are in death." The service, thus lamentably interrupted, was proceeded with, and the large assemblage shortly afterwards dispersed. A brief obituary of Bro. Mortlock, whose sudden death was due to heart disease, appeared in our last impression.

The installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, 766, was held on Thursday last at the Cannon-street Hotel, when Bro. W. Manfield Newton was installed W.M. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

Bro. J. Walker, M.A., has presented to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, of which he is the W.M., with the sum of fifty guineas, which he proposed should be given in the name of the lodge to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Walker, in making the presentation, expressed in feeling terms how anxious he was that the lodge should become Vice-President of the three Institutions, it being already Vice-President of two. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres at once generously offered to contribute the balance of seventeen guineas required for the acquisition of the third Vice-Presidentship.

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To Correspondents.

The following stand over: Consecration of St. Petroc Lodge, 1785; Westbourne Lodge, 733; Albert Victor Lodge, 1773; Clapham Lodge, 1818; London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 58; St. Barnabas Chapter, 948; Macdonald Chapter, 1216; Beaconsfield Mark Lodge, 205; Plantaganet Conclave, 2.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Whitehall Review," "Hull Packet," "The Rough Ashlar," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Barnet Press," "Sheldrake's Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Gazette," "European Mail," "Civil Service Gazette," "Croydon Guardian," "Austrian Freemason," "The Bedford Record," "The Globe," "Cheltenham Evening Telegram and Express," "Lines Addressed to New South Wales," "Daily Bristol Times and Mirror," "The Freemason," "Sidney," "Der Triangel," "The Hackney and Kingsland Gazette," "Keystone," "The Athenæum," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Methodist," "The Cheltenham Examiner," "Canadian Craftsman," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Le Monde Maconnique."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTH.

OLIPHANT.—On the 22nd inst., at 13, South Audley-street, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Oliphant, Grenadier Guards, of a son.

DEATHS.

DELANE.—On the 22nd inst., at his residence, Ascot-heath, Berks, John T. Delane, for 36 years editor of the *Times*, aged 63.

DICKENS.—On the 22nd inst., at Gloucester Crescent, Regent's Park, Catherine Thomson Dickens, widow of Charles Dickens, after a long and painful illness most patiently borne, aged 65.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1879.

BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

The entire Craft will have read with deep feelings of personal regret our announcement last week of the resignation of that distinguished brother, and on the ground of continued and confirmed ill-health. In the proposal to accord to him a retiring pension, as made by the Board of General Purposes, all will heartily concur, as no one has ever, in his official capacity and Masonic labours, deserved truer recognition at the hands of the Craft and of Grand Lodge. It will be the sincere hope of all, as well as the prayer, that in the wisdom and providence of the G.A.O.T.U., he may be spared many years to enjoy the rest and solace of domestic retirement, and let us hope the renewal and restoration of that greatest of blessings—health, accompanied, as he will be, by the hearty good wishes of our entire brotherhood. For in Bro. John Hervey the Grand Lodge has not only lost a most valuable adviser, but all Freemasons a sincere brother and real friend. The discharge of his laborious duties by Bro. John Hervey, increasing yearly in serious severity, has been most remarkable and commendable, paying attention, as he did, to the most minute as well as the greatest responsibilities of his high office, letting nothing escape him, and being ever easy of access, urbane and genial, kindly and considerate, shrinking from no duty, and labouring manfully when prudence might have whispered, "spare your health and strength." Those of us who have had the privilege of working with and under our old Grand Secretary will call to mind his intense unselfishness, his wish to put forward others, his generous recognition of the work of others, and the unwillingness he ever displayed either to claim the prerogative of his office or high official position. It will, indeed, be a long time before Freemasons' Hall shall welcome so truthful and zealous an administrator of official functions, so courteous and friendly to all, whom to know was to admire, respect, and love. He has left a mark on Masonry which it will not be easy to efface, and whoever succeeds him will have a hard task before him, whether as emulating his zeal and yet his tact, his forbearance and yet his fairness, his profound acquaintance alike with the Constitutions and ritual of Freemasonry. But the hardest labours of all will be to win, as he did, the confidence, and regard, and affection of his brethren.

The name of Bro. John Hervey will linger for many a long year on the mouths and minds of Masons, "familiar on our lips as household words," and those who knew him well, those who were associated with him the most, will ever gratefully recall the pleasant hours of intimacy with him, the privilege of friendship, and the advantage of fellowship—will ever honour him as a Mason, will always love him as a Man.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

We think it high time that some attempt be made to revive this valuable source of Masonic instruction, and to carry out the will of Bro. Preston. If it be true, as we have heard, that there is some difficulty now in ascertaining where the original legacy is, in that it has become mingled with the general funds of Grand Lodge, there can be no reason why we should not revive the trust, and have an annual lecture and lecturer. There are, it seems, Trustees of the Fund but it does not appear in our Grand Lodge accounts, and no appointment has been made since Bro. Warren, many years ago, who delivered the Lecture on the First Degree. But those of the Second and Third Degrees, have not been delivered in the memory of Masons, and are, we are told, still in cypher in the archives of the Lodge of Antiquity or the Board of General Purposes. Would it not be well to appoint some brother of that lodge the Lecturer for 1880?

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our readers will perceive by our report elsewhere that Bro. Col. Creaton carried his motion unanimously at the Special Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last, to purchase house and grounds at the price of £6500. We feel sure that the Quarterly Court arrived at a wise decision, and that the amount, though large per se, is both justifiable and will be well expended. For it will, we think, commend itself to all our readers when they realize the immense importance to us as an Order of our admirable Girls' School, and when, above all, they fully understand that did we let this opportunity slip of freeing the School from probable inconvenient buildings, we should only regret it once and for ever. It is not the first time in the history of the School, that by an injudicious parsimony, the health and position of the School have been jeopardized, and we, therefore, congratulate our distinguished brother, the Grand Treasurer, and the Quarterly Court, on the reasonable and sensible acceptance of a far-seeing and practical proposition, made for the happy progress and the permanent welfare of the Girls' School.

BRO. CLABON'S SCHEME.

It is not often we venture to differ with this most distinguished brother, and when we do so we always do so with diffidence and reluctance. Bro. Clabon's high character and good services render him one of the "authorities" of our Craft, and his words are always listened to with pleasure and profit, and his suggestions always received with deference and respect. But we must demur to his present proposal respectfully on this one ground, that until the words at page 96 of the Constitutions, which relate to the Fund of Benevolence, are enlarged by Grand Lodge, they do not cover this appropriation of the money. The formation of such a fund cannot under any principle of legal interpretation come under the definition of "solely devoted to charity." Believing, therefore, that Bro. Clabon is "estopped" by the verbiage of our enactments at present from thus using the Funds of Benevolence, we think we can predict the fate of the motion. We do not enter into the arguments "pro and con." Much no doubt may be said, but it is needless, we fancy, at present to enter on such a topic, independently of the legal objection to the course proposed, another pertinent question arises, how can you legally divert to the specific objects of special institutions funds set apart to the general purposes of Masonic charity? Why select even the two metropolitan educational Institutions? is a

further query which many in the provinces will also desiderate a reply to. We all recognize Bro. Clabon's good intent and praiseworthy aims in this utilization of the Fund of Benevolence, but we doubt its practicability, and, above all, its legality. On the whole we think the preferable plan would be increased grants from Grand Lodge qua grants to the three great Institutions.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

We note Bro. Stevens's notice of motion at the next Grand Lodge, which we heartily regret to read. For, in our opinion, which we have never sought to conceal, the proposition is alike uncalled for and unsound in the highest degree, inasmuch as it raises questions which had better remain in abeyance, and throws down a "bone of contention" which may lead to ulterior consequences not likely to be productive of harmony or satisfaction in our Order. Indeed, we feel bound to say, a more inopportune and unwise resolution we have never perused, as it ignores the entire history of Masonic ritual, puts on one side the present "status," which is quite satisfactory on the whole, and if carried out to its legitimate conclusion, as the mover hopes, must lead, in all probability, to a prolonged and acrimonious controversy. We cannot too much deprecate the way Grand Lodge has been treated in this matter. Not until much published matter has been largely circulated does the mover approach Grand Lodge, reversing the Masonic order of procedure at any rate. If there is one point which ought not to come before the public it is the question of Masonic ritual, but from some recent contributions on the subject to which our attention has been called, we really do not know where our Masonic conscience is gone to. We hope that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge a decisive majority will put a stop to a senseless agitation, and affix its mark of reprobation on all who, forgetful of Masonic duty, and insensible of the benefits of Masonic toleration, are ready to invest a mere question of verbiage and traditional formulæ with the importance of a subject bound up with the vital interests of English Freemasonry.

A GRUMBLE.

We have read the remarks of "I.P.M.," but we confess, with little satisfaction on the whole. If there might be some foundation for his first letter, and with parts of which we fully agree, there can be none for his second, which has degenerated, (he must pardon us for saying so), into a foolish, vituperative, unfair, and unfounded attack on our great and useful Charities. It is clear, as our brother ingeniously confesses, that he is a young Mason, despite his rank, and has a good deal to learn before he can be permitted to declaim or to dogmatize on subjects which many of us have been familiar with for many long years. Having said this, we will proceed to point out where we agree and where we disagree with "I.P.M." We think, as we have always thought, that our annual reports might be improved, and that a short statement of the annual operations and position of each Charity might judiciously be sent for distribution among the lodges. As it is, the present reports fall into the hands of the few instead of the many, and certainly not more than one-third of the Craft know anything of the working of our great Institutions, take cognizance of their proceedings, or subscribe to their funds. Here then is a simple improvement, easily accomplished, which might lead to much addition and desired support of the Charities. But there our agreement with "I.P.M." ceases. His attacks on the voting system seem flavoured with the quack nostrums of the Charity Reform Association, and are neither realistic as facts nor practical as suggestions. His picture of the present elections is a very highly coloured one indeed, and if drawn with apparent pre-Raphaelite minuteness is marked by that grotesqueness of imagery and those contortions of personality which sometimes mark the elaborate productions of the acolytes of that demonstrative but doubtful school. We think it needless to animadvert upon them, as

they fall from their own inner unreality, and when our worthy brother has a little more Masonic experience, and understands more fully the actual working of our Charities, he will be the first, we are convinced, to admit how mistaken are his theories and how exaggerated his complaints. Those of us who have had to do with the Charities for years, know well their work and utility, and, on the whole now, the elections are as fair as fair can be, allowing for that ever necessary ingredient in all earthly institutions, human infirmity. We, therefore, regret to read these fresh complaints, which have been met and answered over and over again, and trust that our good brother will see good cause ere long to modify his present estimate of the voting system in our great Charities.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE VACANT GRAND SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to trouble you with a few lines to-day, though I feel at the outset that the subject on which I am about to address you is both difficult and delicate in the highest degree. The much regretted resignation of our excellent Bro. John Hervey, has placed at the disposal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, the patronage in respect of the most important office in our Order. It is not for me, or for any one else, to venture in the pages of your widely circulated journal to point out to our Royal Grand Master either his duty or the wants of the Craft. He is too well acquainted with both to need either the advice of the intrusive or the suggestions of the sagacious. We may rest assured, I feel fully convinced, that as he thoroughly realizes the responsibility which rests upon him, so in the appointment he has to make he will only consider what will best conduce to the real interests of our great fraternity. There can be no doubt that the wide-spread popularity of our Royal Grand Master will be markedly increased among us when it is announced in Grand Lodge that he has selected a brother qualified to discharge the duties of his high office, and to maintain the prestige of the most important Masonic body in the world. Knowing fully what the Grand Lodge of England is, alike in position at home and in influence abroad, I think that we may all of us rest tranquil in the assurance that His Royal Highness will nominate a Craft Mason fully competent to uphold the high dignity and solid independence of the English Grand Lodge as a great Craft body, and who is not likely to weaken his own personal and independent position by being in any way intimately connected with any other organizations, especially with those many forms of quasi-Masonry which, however they commend themselves to their own members, have nothing to do with Craft Masonry proper, and only serve to embarrass and weaken the position and progress of true Craft Freemasonry in the world. Craft Masonry has many foes to contend with at the present hour, and it can only, in my humble opinion, be successfully defended or safely upheld on the old and genuine principles of true Freemasonry, which have ever governed and directed the Grand Lodge of England as separate and distinguished from every other body, whether of Philanthropic or High Grade Masonry. Apologizing for thus trespassing on your valuable space, but expressing, I fancy, imperfectly the feelings of very many Craft Masons,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

A CRAFT GRAND OFFICER.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In view of Bro. James Stevens's motion being brought before the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., will you very kindly allow me space to respectfully submit the following suggestions to secure uniformity of working?

That a Grand Lodge of Preceptors be formed in London, and worked as follows:—Take any recognised leading lodge of instruction, say the Lodge of Emulation, held at Freemasons' Hall, over which shall preside a Grand Preceptor; to this lodge all members of the Craft wishing to act as Preceptors within the metropolitan district shall become attached, the Grand Preceptor to grant certificates of competence to those qualified to teach, and without same no one shall be recognised as a Preceptor—the W.M. of the various lodges to which a lodge of instruction may be attached not to grant a dispensation for such lodge without satisfying himself, and to be held responsible, that the intended Preceptor has a certificate as above.

For the provinces there should be a provincial lodge of Preceptors, presided over by a Provincial Grand Preceptor, holding from the Grand Preceptor a special certificate of competence, which should also empower him to grant certificates to Preceptors in his district upon same terms and conditions as in the metropolitan district. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of Provincial Grand Preceptors, the successors to be appointed in same manner as predecessors.

Perhaps it would not be out of place that Preceptors should wear a distinctive jewel, for, although a most use-

ful, hard-working, and praiseworthy section of the Craft, they have no officially recognised position.

Lodges of instruction as at present constituted are without sufficient superior control, and very open to neglect or abuse; any member of the Craft having time at disposal, and an idea of ability, can, with a little trouble, if he finds a sufficient number of students, start a new or preside over an old lodge of instruction; hence the many different modes of working that now exist.

I would further respectfully suggest that, in order the better to enforce a due obedience to those excellent laws and tenets laid down for our guidance in Freemasonry, the Preceptor and Secretary of lodges of instruction, if not already members of the mother lodge, should be affiliated thereto as honorary members with all the duties and advantages of subscribing members; this would also operate as a reward for their labours. The present complicated and various modes of working certainly require a thorough overhauling and setting right by those in authority, the more especially since the Craft has made such rapid strides of late and attained such vast dimensions.

Apologizing for the length of this epistle, yours, very fraternally,

W. C. T., W.M. No. 1622.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The term "uniformity" is one which, at first sight or sound, is calculated to enlist attention, and when applied to lodge working must meet with approbation. I agree with Bro. W. J. Hugban as to its desirability in essentials, but doubt very much whether it can be attained or not in working. It has been my privilege from time to time to meet with American brethren, and I have met one who has taken part in a lodge-working in the Australian bush, with the open sky above for its covering; but with them, although they have admitted the differences of working, still, the working has not been held up as the *summum bonum* of Masonry. To my mind the essentials of Masonry are apt to be lost sight of by those who attach too much importance to a rigid working of any lodge in particular, or an uniformity of lodge-working in general.

In these days of diversity of opinion, Masons not being an exception to the rule, the mind must be free to accept Masonic matters according to circumstances, *semper eadem* being applied to its vital principles alone, which have been handed down to us from time immemorial.

A common error among many Masons who are "up" is that of twitting those who are the reverse. I know several of this kind, and to a young Mason they are anything but pleasant; because, instead of affording "instruction to the brethren of the inferior Degrees," they magnify their own importance (when questioned) by all sorts of evasive answers, such as "don't be in a hurry;" "wait a bit;" "you will know in time;" "you are but young;" or if they do not manifest their disagreeableness in this way, they do it by insisting wherever they go that everybody is wrong but themselves. This kind of spirit is generally the result of limiting Masonry to the mere lodge working.

I can sympathise very much with your Scotch correspondent, "M.M. 392, S.C.," because some lodges, I believe, do push the test too far, in fact, I know of one case in particular where an old Mason, who knew his duty almost to perfection, was refused admission to a "genteel" lodge upon a mere technicality. To my mind, what we have to ascertain is this—is he a brother? If he be, how shall we find this out? Well, here we are on delicate ground, because the evidence which would satisfy one would not satisfy another, especially if "word-perfection" were admitted to be the test standard. In the absence of uniformity there cannot be an universal word-test, therefore, caution and discretion in dealing with the circumstances of each individual case ought to be the principles upon which we should act in discerning whom we will recognise and whom we will not.

The Book of Constitutions virtually requires, and some lodges insist upon, the production of his certificate when a visitor seeks admission to a lodge, or that he shall be properly vouched for. Now, the mere production of a certificate of itself proves nothing, the matter to be proved, as regards the certificate is concerned, is, is the holder the rightful owner? If I am not mistaken as to the real principles of Masonry, what we have to do with one who wishes to recognise us, either privately or by visiting our lodge, is to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in our dealing with him, and if, after due trial and strict examination, we find he is his one of us, then give to him his due, the right hand of fellowship. Supposing uniformity of working to exist, if perfection were demanded, how many brethren would be at the trouble to be prepared either to pass into a private lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodge of England?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

PETER LEE.

Rochdale.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can furnish you with the name of a yet older Mason, Bro. Thomas Thorpe Delassaur, who was initiated in this lodge (1635) August 24th, 1820, passed September 28th the same year, and raised January 20th, 1821. He is, I believe, the oldest Coroner in England, having been elected to that office in April, 1820, and, strange to say, has, with the exception of one or two, outlived all those who voted for him on the occasion. He is, albeit in his 83rd year, hale and hearty, and in possession of his corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN R. HALL.

P.M. 31, Hon. Sec.

Canterbury, Nov. 26th, 1879.

REV. DR. ACE'S APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to thank you for the kind interest you have taken in this matter. I am happy to state the result of my appeal has been most satisfactory. The "Lady of the Manor" has sent a cheque for £181 17s. (amount of builder's account), and numerous friends have come forward.

The following sums have been paid to Messrs. Smith, Payne & Smith's, Lombard-street, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
Corban
C. S.
Thomas King
Brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, per A. Withers
Hale and Son
Rowlston
F. Canning
E. Cavell
Misses Wilson

I have received the following, viz.:

Bro. George Kenning	...	...	...
" Morgan	...	...	...
" James Austin	...	...	...
" George Clarke	...	...	...
" Emdon Saunders	...	...	...
" William Saunders	...	...	...
" Aaron Stone	...	...	...
" Thomas Fenn	...	...	...
" H. M., per Freemason	...	...	...
" Latimer Saunders	...	...	...
" Rev. J. J. Palmer, Ryall Lodge	...	...	...
" W. E. T. Turner, M.D.	...	...	...
" George Hancock	...	...	...
" Alfred Woodward	...	...	...
" Francis Robinson	...	...	...
" Capt. Clayton	...	...	...
Supreme Grand Council	...	...	...
Francis Burdett Lodge	...	...	...
St. George's Chapter, Rose Croix
Four members of Grand Mark Board, per
Bro. T. C. Walls
J. T. Saunders
H. Thompson
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An Evangelical Protestant
Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace has also received sundry sums, including the following:—

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Bro. J. Sutcliffe
" T. Oldham
" Johnson
" Green

Dr. Ace proposes to send a list of subscribers and statement of account to each supporter on completion of the list.

About £350 has been contributed in all, and a further sum of £100 will entirely clear the Doctor of this most unpleasant position.

I shall be happy to receive any further sums. Again thanking you, and the many kind friends who have so promptly come forward,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. H. SAUNDERS.

27, Walbrook, E.C.

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to enquire what position a Provincial Grand Officer, not a Past Master of a Lodge, holds in his lodge?

I am told he has, ex officio, a right to the rank of P.M. in everything but installation ceremonies, and as such should claim a seat amongst the P.M.'s.

If you will kindly give me authoritative information I shall feel obliged,

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.O.

[A P.G. Officer has no rank in lodge except what he obtains by his actual position in Masonry. Unless he be an Installed Master he has no rank of P.M., though, of course, he takes precedence of all ordinary members of the lodge.—Ed.]

ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Residing some distance from my mother lodge, I have on several occasions visited lodges at which I was an entire stranger, but was never refused admission, although I have had to undergo a certain preliminary examination at each lodge, to which no M.M. should object; but as M.M. 392, S.C., is so hard on the English lodges in your last issue, I will relate how I gained admission into a Scotch lodge, and leave every brother, English and Scotch, to decide which is the safest system of receiving strangers.

Being in Glasgow not long ago I visited an old lodge there, holding meetings in Buchanan-street. I signed the roll, prepared myself, and handed my parchment to the Tyler, who, after examining it, returned it, saying, "all right," and ushered me into the lodge; thinking this a loose system, I asked the Tyler (before reaching the door) if I had been duly announced, when he replied, as before "all right," and passed me into the lodge, which I found

to be open in the Second Degree. The W.M. finding me to be a stranger, asked how I had gained admission, when I related to him what transpired outside the lodge. He therefore instructed the J.W. to examine me to prove that I was an E.A., and afterwards F.C.; to these examinations I submitted myself, but when the W.M. attempted to prove me to be a M.M. I blankly refused (knowing the lodge to be open in the Second Degree only), and wished to retire until the lodge was open in the Third Degree. The W.M., however, did not consider it necessary for me to retire, but requested me to be seated, that the business of the lodge might be proceeded with, when I was much surprised to hear him call upon two brothers (Fellow Crafts) to retire, that the lodge might be opened in the Third Degree, I being allowed to remain (without further examination) to witness a ceremony which I very much enjoyed, the working being excellently performed, and two F.C.'s raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

Hoping you may find space for this in your valuable journal,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
M.M. 594, E.C.

Salford, November 24th, 1879.

N.B.—I can give number of lodge and date of meeting if required.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In more than one of the letters which have recently appeared in your columns, I find the word "noviciate" used instead of "novice."

I venture to point out to the writers of those letters that a novitiate is a state or condition, or a period of time; while a novice is a living entity. It would have an odd look, but it would be no more incorrect to call a "candidate" a "candidature" than it is to call "a novice" "a novitiate."

While I am writing, may I be permitted to point out a gross error which one too often hears in the lodge—the word "universe" when only "the world" is intended. We have no means of knowing whether or not Freemasonry exists in other worlds than our own, but we may gravely doubt if an edict of even that wise and mighty prince, King Solomon, would have force and effect in those distant regions.

One other error has been handed down to us from our less instructed predecessors, namely, "from whence." "Whence" means literally "from which place," therefore to add the word "from" to "whence" is an absurdity and, as Dr. Johnson calls it, "a barbarism." It would be as reasonable to say "to whither" as to say "from whence," "from thence," "from hence," "from henceforth," and last and worst barbarism of all, "for why." The last is happily of rare occurrence. Unfortunately Hood has immortalised it in "Eugene Aram's Dream,"

"For why, methought
Last night I wrought
A murder in a dream."

Poets, however, enjoy a degree of license not permitted to writers of prose. The members of our lodges are, as a rule, far above the average in education and position, and it requires but little thought on the part of officers and instructors to perceive and to eliminate from our work incorrect and obsolete, and, above all, barbarous modes of expression.

Yours fraternally, P.M.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to say that I shall feel greatly obliged to any Secretaries who will take the trouble to send me specimens of the forms of lodge summons and clearance certificate in use in their respective lodges.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,
P.P.J.G.W. & P.G.R. Wilts.

High-street, Devizes, 22nd Nov., 1879.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

I rejoice to see by my Bro. Hughan's remarks that Bro. Whythead has "struck" fresh "oil" at York. I congratulate him on the discovery, as that fact throws back the Royal Arch a good deal later, and is most important and interesting "per se." Let us hope that Bro. Whythead, like Bro. Vernon and others, will continue his investigations. I have always said that much yet remains to be explored and much to be verified.

A. F. A. W.

Derwentwater Bay, Keswick.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

Bro. Gould's interesting reference to the early church of the "Quatuor Coronati" at Canterbury opens out much valuable ground. There was, however, an earlier church at Canterbury, probably built by a Roman Guild, and used by Queen Bertha and her French Bishop Chaplain before the arrival of Augustine. All this shows not only how early was the legend, but, probably, how true also is the tradition. Perhaps Bro. Gould can ascertain, (for I have not time to do so just now), what is the date of the earliest Service Book in the British Museum which contains the "Quatuor." I rejoice to see so many able students entering the interesting but neglected pathways of Masonic archeology. Bro. Hughan and I have often regretted the paucity of fellow labourers in so good a cause.

A. F. A. W.

HERTFORD LODGE.

The history of the Hertford Masonic Lodge, No. 403 so ably compiled by the indefatigable Bro. T. S. Carter Prov. J.G.W. Herts, is worthy of note, because of its unique character in some respects. I see our brother P.M. No. 1 objects to the terms of the address to Bro. S. Austin, when installed in 1878, as being an unprecedented circumstance, and for the reason our esteemed Bro. R. H. Giraud, P.M., &c., having been a member of No. 1 several years longer than Bro. Austin has of No. 403. Now the point is not as to the length of membership mainly that the installation of Bro. Austin was remarkable, but because he was one of the first initiates on the day the lodge was inaugurated in 1829, and as a P.M. was installed in Nov. 1878, to be the Master of the lodge on the celebration of its jubilee in 1879. Now, is there another instance of an initiate on the formation of a lodge continuing a member, and being installed Master for the jubilee celebration? If so, then this circumstance, so pleasing to the members of No. 403, is not so singular and noteworthy as they deem it to be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "ROYAL LODGE," LONDON.

In reply to your correspondent enquiring as to the Royal Lodge, I find it included in Wm. Cole's engraved list of 1770, where it appears as "No. 251, Royal Lodge, Thatch House, St. James-street, late the new lodge at the Horn, Westminster, meeting on the 1st Friday, date of warrant 4th April, 1764."

P.M.

ANOTHER MS. CONSTITUTION.

At a sale by Puttick and Simpson on the 12th November, the following MS. is announced as No. 650: "The Antient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons, a very curious folio manuscript, ornamented title and drawing by Inigo Jones, old red morocco, gilt leaves, dated 1607." Unfortunately, being in the north, I did not see the catalogue until the sale was over. I am now trying to ascertain into whose hands it has fallen.

A. F. A. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering a recommendation of the Building Committee:—

"That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W."

Lieut. Col. John Creaton, J.P., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, presided, and the other brethren who attended were Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. James Peters, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Massa, H. A. Dubois, John A. Rucker, E. Letchworth, John Sampson Peirce, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, Charles John Perceval, F. Binckes, Capt. John Wordsworth, George Kenning, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. Hedges having read the advertisement convening the meeting,

The Chairman said that in moving the adoption of the recommendation of the Building Committee he should be very brief. The brethren were all well aware that the Institution had not too much open space at Battersea Rise. At present they had not much to complain of because the adjoining lands were not built upon, but if such an occurrence should take place, the School would be very much hemmed in. They had the opportunity now to purchase a very large house, which he might call a mansion, and a piece of ground adjoining the School lands, which would only require the removal of a wall and the two grounds would be one. The house was a large one, and at this moment he believed contained twenty people. From this the brethren might judge of its size—that it was not a cottage. If they gave their sanction to the proposed purchase, the grounds would remain open; but if not, the present owner intended to build upon them. He might add that the house and grounds could not be entered upon immediately, as they would not be able to have possession before perhaps a year, if they agreed to purchase. But as soon as the purchase was completed the money would bear interest at 4 per cent.

Bro. C. J. Perceval enquired how much ground there was.

The Chairman said it was about three-quarters of an acre. It was not an acre, but it was more than three-quarters. He then concluded by moving:—

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Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion.

The Chairman having called for any remarks the brethren had to offer,

Bro. Henry Venn, after a short pause, said he had been in hopes that some one would have put a question or two to the Chairman upon the subject, because it seemed to him and some other brethren that the property proposed to be bought was a small piece and not a very eligible site. Therefore, as one of the Governors, he wished to ask what was the supposed rental of the land and house, because they would then have an idea of whether they were paying a fancy price or a market price. He had taken the opportunity of asking an experienced man what was the value of the property. He would like also to enquire

whether there was any other purchaser in the field, or whether this Institution was the only body that required it. He thought the subscribers were entitled to come and ask these questions, because they were not all a Building Committee, and there were a large number of Governors so many miles away that they could not afford the time to come and enquire themselves. He understood the Institution was going to give £1000 more than they ought to give for the property, and, on behalf of the country Governors, he ventured to put these questions. He was sure the brethren composing the Building Committee had the best intentions, and were under the impression that they were doing perfectly right. Nevertheless, he did not think it was quite right the Court should pass this motion without the whole question being ventilated. It was said by some who could not attend these meetings that they had no voice in the matter, and that the matter was all cut and dried before the Court met. If, however, the brethren who attended put these questions the country brethren would see that their interests were attended to.

The Chairman said he had to mention, with regard to the value of the property in question, the Committee had every reason to believe that in taking it they were not taking land of any great value. The value, however, was increasing every day. With regard to the house, he was sure it could be utilised for the purposes of the School by making it a probationary school, which would enable the Institution to take in a larger number of girls than at present. There was another point too—the house was in the main road, opposite the railway station, and this would afford the School house and grounds an entrance which was very desirable. To sum up the whole matter, he thought the grounds and house were worth almost any amount to the Institution which it could pay, and there were many reasons which warranted the recommendation of the Building Committee, but above all it was most desirable that the Institution should be increased.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said the Chairman had remarked that Mr. Evill would build on the land if the Institution did not buy it. He quite agreed with the Building Committee that it was necessary the Institution should have the land, though it might cost more than it would in the open market. He lived himself in the neighbourhood, he knew the property well, and he had gone into the question to the best of his ability. He had come to the conclusion that if the property were put up to auction it would not fetch £5000. If he wanted it for his family to live in it would fetch a rent of £200. That would give the price at twenty-five years' purchase of £5000. He was prepared to admit that the house would be very useful, especially if there was a chance of increasing the number of girls, and he quite agreed with the Chairman's remark that it would make a good preparatory school. There was a difficulty when ten, twelve, or sixteen girls came into the School, and it would be an advantage to put them first of all in the preparatory school for twelve or eighteen months. As he understood, when the Committee first asked Mr. Evill about the property he wanted 8000 guineas. He then reduced it to 7000 guineas. The Building Committee offered him £6000, and he said if they would give him £6500 they should have it.

The Chairman said there was no other purchaser in the field. Mr. Evill did not insure that there would not be, but he would build upon the site if he did not sell it. Mr. Evill would not take a farthing less than £6500.

Bro. Peacock supported the motion.

Bro. J. S. Peirce, as a professional man, had studied the question. Living in the neighbourhood, too, he knew the property for the last quarter-of-a-century. The authorities of the School had lost several opportunities of buying property in the neighbourhood, and they had regretted it but once, and that was ever since. The health, comfort, and general recreation of the girls would be materially interfered with if they had all sorts of houses built on this site as they had on others.

Bro. Gladwell thought if this property was let go, and was built upon, there would be a diminution in the value of the School as it at present stood.

The Chairman, in answer to a question, said there was not much ground to the house.

The motion was then put and carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1842.

For some few years past the necessity for the establishment of a lodge at St. Leonard's has been felt and acknowledged by several of the most prominent members of the Craft in the twin towns of Hastings and St. Leonard's, and in consequence of the action taken by several of the brethren a few months ago and after the usual amount of preliminary routine, a warrant was granted on August 23rd, and the lodge, which is named the St. Leonard's Lodge, and bears the number 1842, was consecrated on Friday week, the 21st inst., in one of the rooms in the new buildings called the Warrior Square Concert Rooms, which have recently been completed in that town. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of the brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. John Henderson Scot. D. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; Major-General the Hon. Somerset Gough Calthorpe, Junior Grand Warden of England; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and D. Prov. G.M. of Suffolk; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, P. Prov. S.G. W., acting as Prov. S.G.W.; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 732, Prov. J.G.W.; E. R. Adams, S.W. 1466, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Dawes, P.M. 341, P. Prov. G. Reg., as Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Sec.; C. W. Duke, P.M. 40 and 1184, P. Prov. J.G.D., as Prov. S.G.D.;

O. N. Wyatt, P.M. 38, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; A. R. Croucher (M.D., J.P., &c.), P.M. 40, Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, Prov. G.S.B.; A. King, 271, Provincial G.O.; F. J. Rubie, P.M. 341, Provincial G. P.M.; J. T. Whatford, P.M. 851, Prov. G. Std.; T. Morris, P.M. 1110, Prov. G. Std.; C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184, Prov. G. Std.; Geo. Stone, S.W. 311, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Std.; C. J. Smith, W.M. 1466, Prov. G. Std.; Thos. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Price, W.M. 56; W. Hickman, 50, I.G.; J. H. Beckett, No. 1 Kilwinning (S.C.); T. H. Cole, M.A., P.M. and Sec. 40, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.M. 40, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Lamborn, W.M. 1184, P. Prov. G.P.; B. Roberts, W.M. 916, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; J. S. Terry, Prov. J.G.W. Herts, Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Rev. Geo. Richards, D.D., P.M. 40 and 134; P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. Forss, 1585 and 40; F. Millsom, W.M. 341; T. S. Gould, J.W. 341; W. Bacon, P.M. 874; C. J. Fletcher, Treas. 341; J. P. Ranking, 874; G. C. Chapman, 311; J. B. Gill, S.D., 558; R. E. Wilson, 40; H. J. Emmerson, 40; J. Fisher, I.G. 1184; H. W. J. Wells, Treas. 1184; F. Rossiter, S.W. 40; A. Holman, J.W. 311; B. Sargent, J.W. 1184; A. D. Womersley, S.D. 1184; J. N. Masters, P.M. 341; W. H. Russell, 40; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; E. H. Langley, 1184; Geo. Weller, P.M. and Treas. 40, P. Prov. D. of C.; C. J. Lewis, 40; H. J. Godbold, 40; C. Martin, 1184; J. Abram, 40; E. R. Clarke, S.W. 1184; R. H. Keeley, J.D. 1184; A. Wilkinson, J.D. 1694; E. Broadbridge, 73; B. Tree, 1184; Geo. Nash, Sec. 315; F. J. Parsons, 40; J. Large, 771; A. J. Joseph, 40; W. Hudson, 40; J. Bray, 40; J. P. Reeve, 40; J. Pearce, 40; J. Thompson, 1693; Crosstwaite, 40; Lieut.-Col. Tubbs (St. Paul's Lodge, S.C.); W. Savery, 1184; G. Gaze, 40; C. H. Norris, P.M. 40; A. J. Scott, T. S. Watts, P.M. 916; W. Kirkland, W.M. 1110, P. Prov. G.P.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1110; John Howell, P.M. 40, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; W. H. Fletcher, from the British Lodge, No. 334, held at the Cape of Good Hope; A. W. Elliott, 40; J. Saunders, 1139; T. C. Hulburd, 1597; S. Tanner, 310; A. R. Lyc, 1110; T. Markwick, 40; F. Doyle, 190; Fred Duke, 40; F. H. Parsons (M.D.), 40; A. L. Ward, 40; W. L. Vernon, 40; T. H. Wadd, 40; F. de Brabant Cooper, 40; A. Carey, 1000; J. Cooke (M.B.), 40; and C. Ashenden, 40.

A little after the appointed time, the brethren assembled in the lodge room, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was received in full form. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and the usual preliminary ceremonies having been carried out, the founders of the new lodge were called together, and the warrant, dated August 23rd, 1879, signed by Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was read, authorising Bros. Thos. Trollope, A. R. Croucher, T. H. Cole, W. T. Hickman, A. L. Ward, John Cooke, Francis H. Parsons, M.D., James A. Beckett, Thos. Hubbard, T. H. Wadd, E. W. J. Hennah, W. L. Vernon, T. Brassey, M.P., and others to hold the lodge.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered an address to the brethren, in which he specially referred to the old Derwent Lodge at Hastings having, in conjunction with the Union Lodge at Chichester, and the Clarence at Brighton, kept alive the spark of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex during many dark and troublesome years. It was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings, and although it was often said in our every-day conversation that it would be "all the same a hundred years hence," here was an evidence that the actions of men had their effect upwards of a hundred years later. But for their predecessors in the Derwent Lodge they might not have been that day. Bro. Scott also expressed his hope that there would not be any petty jealousy, no caprice, no carving or cavilling amongst the brethren, and expressed his pleasure that the W.M. designate of the new lodge was his worthy friend and brother, Dr. Trollope.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. E. R. Adams, delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, referring especially to three kinds of Freemasons, whom he might respectively term Masons in name, Masons in ritual, and Masons in reality. The first class simply joined the Craft, and took no interest in its ceremonies, in its lessons, or its Charities, and were rarely to be seen except at the banquet table. A much worthier class were the "Ritual Masons," who took the greatest interest in the work of Freemasonry, and were seldom absent from lodge and other meetings. But the most worthy were the "Real Masons," who, while not letter-perfect in the ritual, nor over stringent as to whether a chair was entered from the right side or the wrong, acted up to the real spirit of Freemasonry in act as well as in word, and who carried out the principles of the Order in their daily life, and were made better fathers, better husbands, and better sons.

The lodge board was then uncovered, and the elements of consecration were carried round and poured upon it, and the lodge was declared by the D.P.G.M. to be regularly opened.

Bro. Trollope, P. Prov. S.G.W., was then installed W.M., and the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—Bros. A. R. Croucher, M.D., Prov. G.A.D. of C., S.W.; T. H. Cole, M.A., P. Prov. G.A.D. of C., J.W.; F. H. Parsons, Treas.; F. de Brabant Cooper, Sec.; W. L. Vernon, S.D.; A. L. Ward, J.D.; T. H. Wadd, I.G.; and William Leslie, Tyler.

The usual addresses were most ably given to the newly-installed W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the lodge, the two former by Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. G. Std., and the latter by the D.P.G.M., who also officiated as Installing Master.

Cordial votes of thanks were proposed, and unanimously carried, to Bro. Scott, for his kind attendance and able services in the consecration and installation that day, and to the Rev. Bro. E. R. Adams, Prov. G. Chaplain, for his most impressive and eloquent address.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and several gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and the Senior Warden (Bro. A. R. Croucher) was elected as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee.

Bro. Trollope, the W.M., and the officers of the St. Leonard's Lodge, cannot but have felt grateful at the number of visitors who honoured them with their presence at the ceremony, and from the gentlemen proposed as members the lodge has every promise of a successful career under the Mastership of so distinguished and so active a Mason as Bro. Trollope, and we feel assured that he will be ably assisted by his officers, and that the St. Leonard's Lodge will soon take a prominent position in the Province of Sussex.

The musical arrangements in connection with the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Alfred King, Prov. G.O., who, with the assistance of Bros. Rossiter, Russell, and other musical brethren, added considerably to the effect.

The consecration banquet was held in the same building immediately after the close of the lodge. The W. Master (Bro. Dr. Trollope) presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, while the vice-chairs were filled by the S.W. (Bro. Dr. Croucher) and the J.W. (Bro. T. H. Cole, M.A.). The W.M. was supported in the chair by all the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and by Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P. for the borough, and other distinguished brethren.

Justice having been done to the good things provided, the services of the waiters were dispensed with for a time, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that Her Majesty was the mother of our three Masonic princes, and the patroness of our great Masonic Charities, and was an example of every domestic and social virtue.

The W. M. next proposed "The Health of the Masonic Sovereign, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, he could assure the brethren, took the greatest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and was most particular in not sanctioning the issue of a warrant for any new lodge unless he was satisfied of the necessity for it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master," and alluded to the great tact which that brother at all times exercised when he acted as the representative of the Prince of Wales. He coupled with it the health of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, referring to Lord Skelmersdale's great services to the Craft as Deputy Grand Master of England, and as a ruler of a province numbering over eighty lodges. He also alluded to the presence that evening of General Calthorpe, who some years ago had resided among them, and had been a frequent visitor of the Derwent, and whom he was pleased to welcome again amongst them, and to congratulate him as Junior Grand Warden of England. Bro. Martyn and the other officers he also welcomed in becoming terms.

General Calthorpe, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception, and in feeling terms referred to the days gone by, when he resided in the borough, and visited the old Derwent, and had pleasure on his return to this town to meet all round, especially as they now met, on non-political grounds, and was equally pleased to meet both his friends and his old opponents (speaking politically).

Bro. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, also responded, and congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., the lodge, and its members, on the very successful proceedings of the day, and felt sure that under the guidance of the W.M., Dr. Trollope, the career of the St. Leonard's Lodge would be a prosperous one.

The W.M., in proposing "The Healths of the Prov. G.M., Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Henderson Scott, and the Provincial Grand Officers," said that Sir Walter Burrell would have been present that evening but for the inclement weather. That worshipful brother was a genuine old English gentleman, and took the deepest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and hoped to see the charity scheme, at present in operation in the Derwent Lodge, introduced into every lodge in the province. With reference to Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, they all knew he was a good working Mason, and they had all had the opportunity of listening to the excellent way in which he had performed the ceremony of consecration and installation that afternoon; and of the other Provincial Grand Officers he might say that, although the inclemency of the weather had hindered many attending, they had still a large number of brethren wearing the purple amongst them.

The D. Prov. G.M. returned thanks, and stated that Sir Walter Burrell would have been there that evening, but was prevented by illness. He would remind the brethren that he intended representing the province at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. He had already subscriptions promised amounting to over £300, and he would be glad to add further donations from lodges or brethren to his list.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Richards, in a thoroughly Masonic speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the St. Leonard's Lodge." Some few years ago he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Trollope as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, and he was glad to be present that day and witness his installation as first W.M. of this new lodge. In this beautiful spot, in our own beautiful island, a still further beauty had been introduced by the formation of a lodge of Freemasons, and long might the new lodge prosper and spread the genuine tenets of Masonry. The rev. brother was warmly applauded during his frequent and heart-stirring Masonic appeals.

Bro. Trollope, W.M., thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had given to the toast proposed by his old friend and Bro. Richards, who had, to a considerable extent, taken the wind out of his sails. This—as the brethren had just been reminded—was not the first occasion on which he had succeeded Bro. Richards in the chair of K.S., neither was the opening of the St. Leonard's Lodge an idea of to-day only. Some seven or eight years ago, a similar idea had been mooted, and their respected Bro. Brassey had promised his assistance towards the formation of a lodge at St. Leonard's. He was especially glad, therefore, to see Bro. Brassey present that evening. The affair, however, hung fire until the completion of the handsome block of buildings in which they had met that evening had been carried out, under the superintendence of Bro. W. L. Vernon. There was ample room for two lodges in the borough. It was some seventeen years since he joined the Derwent Lodge, which then numbered less than forty members, and now it numbered nearer ninety than eighty members. In starting the new lodge, they had no idea of entering into rivalry with the old Derwent. He had been twice Master of that lodge, and hoped to continue a member of it so long as he remained amongst them. This town was large enough, and he believed that many Masons who were deterred by distance from their residences from attending the lodge at Hastings would gladly avail themselves of the privileges of membership of the new St. Leonard's Lodge, and that many who had allowed the rust of years to dim their ardour in Freemasonry would awaken to new life, and once more become bright Masons.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities," were severally proposed from the chair, and duly honoured.

Bro. Price, W.M. 56 (Howard Lodge, Arundel), responded on behalf of the visitors, and Bros. Croucher and Cole (S.W. and J.W.) on behalf of the officers of the lodge.

Bro. James Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast of the Masonic Charities, made one of his most able and effective responses, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the brethren would by their subscriptions still further increase the splendid amount which already appeared on Bro. Scott's list as Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next.

The Tyler's toast wound up a day's proceedings which will not be forgotten by the brethren who were privileged to attend, and will be a red-letter day in the Masonic history of Hastings and St. Leonard's. To W. Bro. Trollope and his officers we can but express our opinion, that in confiding a new warrant to their care the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons will never have any reason to regret the confidence he has bestowed upon them—better Masons were seldom met.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We believe we are correct in stating that nothing as yet is settled as regards the appointment of Grand Secretary, and that any of the numerous names that have been mentioned are mere matters of speculation.

An interesting ceremony was performed on Friday last at Ardgowan, in the form of presenting to Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart a bust of the M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw-Stewart. The presentation was made at one o'clock, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, in the name of the Freemasons of Scotland.

Mr. Spohr's "Last Judgment" will be performed, with full orchestral accompaniment, on the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2nd, at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The annual presentation of prizes, by the Lady Mayoress, to the 2nd Middlesex Artillery, will take place at the Guildhall this (Saturday) evening at 6 p.m. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, will preside.

It is rumoured, says the *Athenæum*, that Bro. Anthony Trollope is engaged upon a somewhat elaborate work, of which Cicero is the subject. Bro. Trollope, it may be remembered, contributed a volume on Cæsar to "The Ancient Classics for English Readers."

Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist, has resigned his appointment as Organist at the Foundling Chapel.

At the Chancellor's Court for the Diocese of St. Albans, held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., in the cathedral, the application of Sir Edmund Beckett for a faculty to take the restoration of the abbey entirely into his own hands came before the surrogate. A formal objection and opposition to the issue of the faculty was lodged in writing by Archdeacon Grant, by the rector of the parish, three churchwardens, one sidesman, and two other parishioners. Mr. John Evans, D.C.L., F.R.S., who resigned as one of the committee of restoration on a high pitched roof being adopted, and a representative from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings were also in attendance at the sitting of the Court. The Court was adjourned for a fortnight.

Bro. John Douglass, proprietor of the Royal Standard and Park Theatres, was, on Tuesday last, installed as Worshipful Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1744. Bro. James Willing, jun., was the Installing Officer.

NULLIBIETY OF (THE SO-CALLED) CO-OPERATION.—"Fair Traders" five per cent. discount for cash, with undivided attention and prompt delivery free in London. Country orders over £2 carriage paid. Detailed price lists on application to J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchants, 2, Albert-mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The publisher of the *Freemason* will be glad to be informed of the present place of meeting of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321.

Mr. J. J. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall, Kelvedon, Essex, will, for the public good, send (on application accompanied by a postage stamp) instructions for the construction of the "Parson's" or "Frontfire Grate." The tested gain by the use of this grate is an increase of 15 degrees of temperature with a saving of one-third in fuel. Mr. Mechi believes that there are several millions of grates on the wrong principle, hurrying the heat up the chimney instead of into the room, and thus causing an indraught of cold air—this is especially the case with strong drawing registers. No part of a grate should be of iron, except the thin front bars, for iron is a conductor away of heat, but fire bricks are not so.

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 12th day of December, at 3 o'clock. At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, should a sufficient number of knights signify to their Marshal by the 9th of December their desire to be installed, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior, will hold a priory of the Order of Malta, into which any Knight Templar can be admitted on payment of the usual fee.

With the announcement that the Parish Church will thus soon be out of debt, we learn that the order has been given on behalf of the Freemasons for the filling in of the large east window with painted glass, at a cost of about £350. The design of it is being prepared for the approval of the Rector and the Committee appointed to carry out the project by Messrs. Lavers, Burraud, and Westlake, of London, who were the artists and executors of the great window in the north transept of Worcester Cathedral, which was presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Worcester. It is understood the design will represent in the five main lights as many principal incidents of our Lord's Life and Passion, and the upper compartments figures and emblems of the saints of the New Testament. At the bottom of the window, probably, a predella, will contain figures of Prophets and Kings out of the Old Testament, with whom tradition associates Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. This, subject, of course, to the Rector's sanction, will probably be the general design. The window is to be ready for erection between Eastertide and Whitsuntide of next year, and will undoubtedly be to the town a gratifying embellishment of its old church.—*Cheltenham Examiner*

Her Majesty has sent to Major Chard a handsome ring as a mark of her appreciation of his heroic conduct at Rorke's Drift. The gift is accompanied with an autograph letter.

Bros. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., J.P., and John Dixon, C.E., have been appointed to be two of Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London.

The first anniversary and installation meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, was held on Friday week. A report of the proceedings is unavoidably crowded out of the present number, but will appear in our next.

The *City Press* of Wednesday states that Mr. R. H. S. Wyndham, of The Boltons, South Kensington, and Mr. George Kenning, of Little Britain, have joined the livery of the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Company.

The installation meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, Sunderland, will be held on the 3rd prox. The W.M. elect, Dr. John Potts, J.P., P.M., is the oldest member as well as the oldest P.M. of the oldest lodge in the town. The present W.M., Bro. M. Frampton, will perform the installation ceremony.

The installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, took place on Thursday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has, in a telegram to the Lord Mayor, expressed "his happiness in becoming an honorary patron of the fund to promote a National Memorial to Sir Rowland Hill." The Chancellor of the Exchequer has joined the Committee of the fund, the subscriptions to which amount to over £4000.

It has been decided by the Tribunal of Brunswick that the will of the late eccentric Duke, by which he bequeathed all his property to the town of Geneva, is null and void. Of his fortune six millions of francs have been spent by the town on a commemorative monument to the Duke, and perhaps as much more on a magnificent opera house.

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The Consecration of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, took place in the presence of a large gathering of brethren, on Friday week. The ceremonies were performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. A full report of the proceedings, including his Lordship's address, will appear in our next.

The installation of Bro. George Thomas Barr as W.M. of the St. Leonard's Lodge, 1766, takes place at the Town-hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday next, Dec. 3rd.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, 1614, will meet in future at Bro. Burnitt's, James-street, Covent Garden, every Thursday evening at 7.45.

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race is fixed to take place next year on March 20th.

We are informed that Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., who has recently taken up his residence in Surrey, having, through the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., signified his consent to become an honorary member of the Wayside Lodge, No. 1395, he was duly elected a member of that lodge at a meeting held on Tuesday last.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 5, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.

" 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav.

" 236, Unions, F.M.H.

" 319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1625, Trolloger, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.

" 1670, Adelphi, Conchion Club, 4, Adelphi-terrace.

Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.

Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.

Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.

Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Colonial, Board at 4.

Grand Mark Lodge.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

" 9, Albion, F.M.H.

" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 765, St. James's, White Hart Hot., High-st., Boro.

" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd. E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club Hot., Kennington.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.

" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd. N.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

Mark 236, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Lower Clapton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.

Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Edges., at 7.

Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.

Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.

Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.

Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.

Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter Hot., Putney.

" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.

" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.

Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.

Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.

United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot.

" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.

" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.

" 1351, St. Clement's Dances, Curr's Rest., 265, Strand.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

" 1672, Mornington, Eagle Tav., Snarebrook.

" 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Church Enj. Finchley.

" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Milbank-st.

Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.

" 9, Moria, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tav., Crutched Frs.

Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden Sq.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.

Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.

Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.

Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.

" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.

" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.

" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.

" 1815, Pegge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.

" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.

Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.

Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.

Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.

Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.

St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.

Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.

Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.

Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.

St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.

Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.

Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.

William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgeware-rd.

Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouibourne-rd., Notting-Hill.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 6, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altricham.

" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

Everton L. of L. M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.

" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.

" 161, Waltoo, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, occupied the Throne. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G. Master for Dorset, acted as Dep. G. Master. The Grand Wardens, the Right Hon. Lord Kensington and Major-Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, were in their respective places, and among the other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Tenterden, Sir E. H. Lechmere, R. H. Giddy, A. J. McIntyre, G. C. J. B. Monckton, Thos. Fenn; Joshua Nunn, John Havers, Ex-Sheriff Burt, Capt. Platt, J. M. Clabon, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Creaton, Wilhelm Ganz, Sir Albert W. Woods, W. H. Mulleas, H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. There was a very large attendance of brethren, the Temple being crowded with at least six hundred members of the Craft.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect of Grand Stewards' Lodge, rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, this being the evening on which it is customary for the Grand Master to preside over us to be nominated for the ensuing year, I have the distinguished honour of dominating His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Great applause.)

Col. Burdett said: Brethren, our Bro. Richardson has nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. This being a nomination it does not require a seconder. I shall now have the pleasure of appointing a President of the Lodge of Benevolence. We have had a brother who has done his duty in that particular branch of the Order with so much credit to himself and so much usefulness to the Order for some years that I do not think there will be a single dissentient voice when I say that I nominate, in the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Bro. Clabon as President of the Board of Benevolence. (Cheers.) Brethren, the next business is the election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President. The election has, for many years, fallen to two brethren; and, therefore, as there are no other two brethren nominated, I now declare that our Bro. Joshua Nunn is elected as the Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett as the Junior Vice-President. The next business, brethren, is the election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year; but, as only twelve brethren have been nominated, I will ask the Assistant Grand Secretary to read their names to you, and I declare them duly elected.

Bro. Buss then read the following names of the new Past Masters to serve on the lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year:—Bros. Charles Atkins, George P. Britten, J. B. Collyer, John Constable, Henry Gaird, R. H. Halford, Charles Fredk. Hogard, William Mann, Henry Massey, W. H. Perryman, F. Smith, and William Stephens.

Col. Burdett stated that the next business on the paper was the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, which he called on Bro. Buss to read.

Bro. Buss having read the report, the following recommendations were severally proposed and seconded:—

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park	50	0	0
A brother of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, Barnes	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1073, Aberystwith	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth	50	0	0
A brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham.....	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 663, West Bromwich	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor	50	0	0
A brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, Camberwell	50	0	0
A brother of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon	75	0	0

With respect to the recommendation for the brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, a long discussion was held, Bro. Clabon having stated that a letter had been received that morning protesting, in the name of the One and All Lodge, against the grant, and alleging various reasons why it should not be made. He recommended that the letter should be handed over to the Board for consideration and enquiry, and it was then suggested that the letter should be read in open lodge. This was protested against by Bro. Clabon, as it might be injurious to the character of the proposed recipient of the grant, when he would not have the opportunity of explaining. Before the Lodge of Benevolence he would have that opportunity. This view was ultimately adopted, and the case was referred back to the Lodge of Benevolence.

On the motion of Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who since August, 1868, has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill-health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and, under the advice of his medical attendants, Bro. Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft; unanimously recommend that, on his retirement from office Bro. John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly occurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June, 1876," viz:—

"No Charity Jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective annual festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations hereinbefore authorized."

And they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W. Master of every lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June, 1876, otherwise than through the office of Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
 18th November, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3802 15 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The President then moved:—

- 1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
- 2nd. That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret.
- 3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey, during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.
- 4th. That the other recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

Bro. Monckton then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in rising to move the second

resolution that stands in my name, "That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret." I think it is unnecessary for me to state to Grand Lodge that it is unwelcome to me, and I do it with a feeling of sincere regret, which I am certain every brother present will share, not alone on account of the resignation of Grand Secretary Bro. John Hervey, but also on account of the lamentable causes that have rendered it incumbent on him as an honourable man to lay that resignation before Grand Lodge. M.W. G. Master, there are many yet here, although many have been summoned to the Great Lodge above, who, like myself, will well remember the Quarterly Communication of September, 1868, when the Right Worshipful Bro. Lord De Tabley, occupying the throne for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, invested Bro. John Hervey with the collar and jewel of Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, amid the approving acclamation of the rulers of the Craft then assembled; and we at that time, Most Worshipful Grand Master, will also well remember the careful pains and the anxious solicitude bestowed by that estimable Grand Master, the late Earl of Zetland, who was assisted by his counsellors and advisers in filling up the vacancy caused in the Grand Secretaryship by the death of Bro. Gray Clarke, a most important duty at that time, because I think I am right in saying that Freemasonry was then entering upon that remarkable progress that it has since made. The hope of that appointment, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been fulfilled by the result; the promise of that appointment has been actually borne out by the performance. Bro. John Hervey was a man who united in himself all the qualifications necessary to make a successful and an able Grand Secretary. He combined the heartfelt charity and the skillful ability of a Mason with the industry and good judgment of a man, and, above all, the amiability and gentleness of a woman. He was never so happy as when he was associated with his old friends and colleagues in the Order; but we all know he never tired in giving knowledge, light, and instruction to the humblest brother who sought it. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think if ever there was a man of whom we might say it, we might say it of Bro. John Hervey, that, "take him for all in all," we may scarcely hope to "look upon his like again." With another expression of the regret with which I make this motion that I expressed when I rose, I now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, beg to move (for I feel that further words on this painful subject will be rendered unnecessary by the feelings of the whole of the brethren in this Grand Lodge), "That the resignation of Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret." (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I beg to second the proposition which has just been so ably made by the President of the Board of General Purposes. I think I should offer no words to supplement what he has already said. Bro. Hervey has endeared himself to every one who came in contact with him, but especially to all members of the Craft. I feel that he is so fully appreciated by all members of the Craft here assembled in Grand Lodge, that I am sure the vote which has just been proposed will be accepted unanimously. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Burdett said: Brethren, having had a great deal of intercourse with Bro. Hervey, and received a great deal of benefit and kindness from him in every way, which I believe every member of the Order has, I must say it is with extreme regret that I feel obliged to put this resolution to Grand Lodge. I wish we could have had some reason to hope that we should have an opportunity of seeing him again among us, but I am afraid, from what I have heard, that it is past hope that we shall see him among his brethren, where he has filled a post with credit to himself and with benefit to the whole of the Order. It is, as I said before, with extreme regret that I put this resolution to you to-night, and I feel that every other brother here present will agree with me that it is with great grief that we accept his resignation. I now put the motion, "That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret."

The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Monckton, in bringing on his motion, "That, in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary," said he would alter the form of his motion; which, after consultation with Grand Registrar, he found would be quite regular, by proposing that the retiring pension should be £550, and an annual gratuity of £250.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the proposition. Bro. Montague J. Guest opposed the granting of so large a sum as £800 a year in any form, and proposed it to be reduced to £300.

Bro. Murlis proposed £600. After several brethren had spoken for and against the different propositions, it was resolved that the pension should be £500 a year, and that an immediate gratuity of £300 should be granted to Bro. Hervey.

The other recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were then adopted.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., brought up the appeal of Bro. Joseph Pallot, P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Bro. Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge. After stating the circumstances of the case, Bro. McIntyre moved the dismissal of the appeal, and the confirmation of the finding of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was then put and unanimously carried.

Bro. Stevens said that in introducing the motion which stood upon the agenda in his name, he had to ask the

brethren present to allow him to state his case without interruption. If they would do so he would, on his part, make his remarks as short as possible, considering the advanced hour, and he should be quite prepared to take the verdict of Grand Lodge as to a settlement of the question. He then went on to show that there were certain articles of union belonging to the Craft which were a sort of standing orders by which the Craft was regulated and governed, and that this prescribed one code of working which should be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic world. He could not understand that any more forcible regulations could have been laid down than those which were laid down in 1813. These rules appeared to have been acted on in 1815-16, and a rite was rehearsed in Grand Lodge and ordered to be worked in all Masonic lodges. Therefore, Bro. Stevens said, in 1816 there was what he hoped to ask Grand Lodge to decide upon—a standard ritual; and the question he had to ask them now was, Had that standard ritual been observed? He was not speaking of the mere wording to be used. He did not expect that every one should use the same wording, it was not that he asked, but it was the doing away with many matters which were a disgrace to Masonry. Ten years ago he had attempted to enter a Masonic lodge in the provinces, and he found that, though he was a Mason of many years' standing, he did not understand the Entered Apprentice's sign; and gave some other instances of wide divergencies from the ordinary ritual which were in vogue in provincial lodges. In consequence of this, on the matter being brought before Grand Lodge in December, 1869, it was decided that, with a view to the greater uniformity of working, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to report to Grand Lodge and recommend a remedy; which resolution was ratified in March, 1870. He did not know how it was, but somebody blundered; and the committee was never appointed. Since that time things had gone from bad to worse; but the same arguments for the appointment of a Committee which were held to be sufficient in 1861 were not held to be sufficient now. It was not now a question whether the teacher knew what he was teaching, or the learner what he was learning; but it was a question of the absolute setting aside of Masonic morality. It was not only in the provinces that such divergencies occurred, but in some parts of London also; and therefore he hoped that this Committee of Past Masters would be formed with a view to put down the very gross evils that existed. Bro. Stevens said that the objection urged was that he was advocating manuals of rituals. He condemned manuals of rituals as much as anybody. He believed that if we searched there was in the archives a standard of working, but there was no authorised printed book extant to instruct Freemasons in any way. And yet there were books—manuals of the ritual—in all parts of the world; and he asked, was it not a shame that they should be found in English lodges? Were they recognised by Grand Lodge? They were printed and sold as if they were authorised, and the younger brethren of the Craft, at least, were thereby misled. Here was a printed book, and here was the printed advertisement which stated that Bro. A. Mason was the publisher's name, whereas in another instance we had it that a book was published by authority. Bro. Stevens added that he had the printed matter there which he referred to. He would not detain the brethren, but he asked them, in common sympathy with the task he had undertaken, to give him that patience which he had himself given to the subject. He had met with a great deal of opposition, but at the same time, he must own he had also met with a great deal of support. Bro. Stevens went on to say that he would leave the consideration of such comparatively small matters as he had been speaking of, and turn to unity of essentials. He then laid before Grand Lodge a statement of things existing in some lodges quite out of harmony with the spirit of Freemasonry. In this portion of his speech Bro. Stevens necessarily entered into details which it would be un-Masonic to publish, and concluded with his motion, which was, "That the Committee be now appointed which had already been voted."

Bro. Marsh seconded the motion.

Bro. Woodford rose to ask the Grand Lodge to vote a direct negative to the motion, and reviewed the various improvements of the ritual since 1723 down to the latest improvements effected by Preston. He said that in 1723 Bros. Desaguliers and Anderson are stated to have put together the first ritual, subsequently altered by Clare, emended by Dunckerley, and improved by Preston, who was said to have used two versions. In addition to these there were from the middle of the last century the concurrent system of the "Antients," which had great influence on English Freemasonry, so that previous to 1813 there were five distinct systems of ritual. In 1813 it was endeavoured to combine the two systems of the "Antients" and the "Moderns," so called, and the very incident that Bro. Stevens has mentioned about the Master's light, showed a point of disagreement which had never been reconciled. Dr. Hemming was the brother to whom, in 1813, the Duke of Sussex confided the rearrangement of the ritual, which was henceforth to be one, but his original ritual was subsequently perfected by Bro. Williams, and this was the system now in vogue in the Lodge of Emulation. But Dr. Hemming's ritual was still extensively used, and was represented by the Stability Lodge of Instruction. And then, in addition, there were several workings in England. There was, for instance, the working of Preston, and even remains of the ancient working. Grand Lodge in its toleration had wisely held, as long as essentials were maintained, and so long as the obligations were correctly given, liberty of verbiage should be allowed to all lodges. The worthy brother who had proposed this motion must be aware that there were a great number of brethren in this Grand Lodge who are not prepared to say that all the alterations of 1813 were

altogether advisable. The whole question settled in 1813 must be again gone into. If we agree to refer the ritual to a Board of Preceptors, each one of whom may have his favourite system, it would remain a difficulty to secure unanimity; and if unanimity were secured, it would be difficult to carry their resolutions into effect. Bro. Woodford referred again to the point he had before mentioned about the Master's light, and stated that since the year 1813, notwithstanding circulars on the subject from Grand Lodge, the practice to which various lodges had been accustomed was still maintained among them. He called upon the brethren, therefore, not to pass this resolution. If they did, they would simply make the fortune of one or two degraded brethren, who are selling rituals to the Craft. Bro. Woodford concluded by moving a direct negative to Bro. Stevens's motion.

Bro. J. While rose to move that the question be not put. He thought Bro. Stevens had been indiscreet, inasmuch as he had got up a correspondence in a public print, and had afterwards collected and published the same under the title "What is Correct;" and the week before last there was the whole discussion in print in a leading article. (On Bro. While referring to some objectionable letter that had appeared in print, Bro. Stevens rose and vehemently denied all knowledge of such a letter.) Bro. While continued, and said that in the same paper, and in the leading article last week, they actually discussed the question about an alteration in the Third Degree.

The remainder of Bro. While's speech was inaudible, for having alluded to Bro. Stevens as the Grand Master of Preceptors, Bro. Stevens protested, and considerable noise prevailed during the conclusion of Bro. While's speech.

Bro. Simpson said that, as one of those who had listened to this case, anxious to hear the truth and to vote according to that hearing, he was placed in a difficulty. The amendment called upon them to give a direct negative to Bro. Stevens's motion, which was only for the giving effect to a resolution solemnly passed by Grand Lodge ten years ago. If subsequent facts had altered previous convictions then that negative might be given; but if it was admitted that the objectionable facts, previously condemned, were still existing, and as deserving as ever of condemnation, he did not see how Grand Lodge could do other than follow the matter to a logical conclusion by voting the motion proposed by Bro. Stevens, which was to nominate a Committee already agreed to be appointed. And if there were reasons ten years ago, when Masons were comparatively limited in number, for appointing this Committee, in consequence of errors in performance of the ritual, it was likely that there were still stronger reasons now for doing so; as the errors were likely to have greatly multiplied, in consequence of the vast increase in the number of lodges since the date of that resolution of Grand Lodge. Bro. Simpson, after reminding Grand Lodge that if they carried out the system laid down by Bro. Woodford, the question, what are essentials? would be a difficult one which would require to be answered, concluded by supporting the motion.

Bro. Bodenham protested against a statement made by Bro. Woodford that the provincial lodges will not give up the practices referred to without a struggle, and said that the provincial lodges look up to Grand Lodge as a law-giver, and were always loyal.

Bro. Stevens, in rising to reply, said he would not avail himself of his right in this respect, but was perfectly willing to leave the question in the hands of the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman then put "the previous question," as the amendment proposed by Bro. Woodford, which was declared to be lost. Bro. Stevens's original motion, "That the Committee be appointed," was then put and carried.

Bro. Stevens said that he was perfectly willing to leave the nomination of the Committee in the hands of Grand Lodge. He had not even come prepared with a list of names. He was quite prepared to leave the selection of the Committee to the Board of General Purposes, but whoever was appointed he assumed that he himself should be entitled to sit with them.

Bro. McIntyre said that he had never yet heard that any body could without consulting them cause the Board of General Purposes to perform any special service, and to say that the Board of General Purposes and Bro. Stevens should be the Committee sounded like the assertion of a right to their services, which had no existence in fact. No doubt, if they were consulted on the matter, the Board would give it their favourable consideration, but at this stage they should be considered as a body who might refuse, and had a right to refuse, to act either with or without Bro. Stevens in the matter.

Bro. Simpson suggested the matter should not be referred to any body whatever in the meantime, but that Bro. Stevens should give notice of motion for next Quarterly Communication that he would then propose a list of brethren for appointment.

Bro. Stevens gave the necessary notice.

Bro. Havers rose to order on matter of very great importance. To save time he ventured to ask the opinion of the M.W.G.M. in the chair whether their worthy Bro. Clabon's proposal to divert any portion of the monies of the Benevolent Fund from the original charitable purposes for which those monies were applicable could be ever discussed. Was it within the intention of the fund that any portion should be applied for purchasing "exhibitions" for the Schools? It was a question of very grave importance, and it was, therefore, very desirable to know what was the legal aspect of the question.

Bro. Clabon said it seemed to him rather strange that when the word "charity" was of such wide meaning this question should be raised. In the legal sense the word charity included schools and universities of all kinds, and he knew of no greater charity than to give the means of higher education to those who were worthy and required help.

Bro. Havers said he should like to hear the opinion of the Grand Registrar on the point.

Bro. McIntyre thought that in this matter they should consider what the compilers of the Book of Constitutions intended; and they must look at the context and consider the subject as a whole. The fund was raised from every member of the Craft; whether a supporter of the Schools or not, he is compelled to support this fund, to contribute his money to this, to assist Masons and the widows of Masons, and those only, in the way in which it is pointed out. That was laid down by the founders. It was perfectly open to Bro. Clabon to move that the Constitutions, be altered, and to substitute a different system, but as regards Bro. Clabon's proposition, the Constitutions do not appear by the context to contemplate the fund being so used by those who founded it.

It was at this point agreed that, owing to the lateness of the hour, Bro. Clabon should postpone his proposition until next Quarterly Communication, on the understanding that it was to take precedence of other business.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.W. Past G. Master, occupied the chair; Capt. N. G. Phillips occupied the chair of G. S.W.; J. M. P. Montagu, the chair of G.J.W.; and among a very large number of brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, as D.G.M.; Broadley, G.M. of Tunis; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, D. Acc, T. F. Ravenshaw, R. H. Giddy, Dr. Ramsay, James Lewis Thomas, Alfred Williams, Col. Shadwell H. Cierke, R. Berridge, G.D.C.; J. B. Shackleton, H. C. Levander, G.R.; F. Davison, G.T.; George Lambert, F. Binckes, G.S.; Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G.S.; Thomas Cubitt, Charles Horsley, T. C. Walls, and Baron de Ferricres.

Grand Lodge having been opened, and the G.M. saluted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the General Board, which was as follows, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending 30th September last is 496, making the total of registered advancements 12,908.

In the same period five warrants for new lodges have been issued, viz.:

245	Simon de St. Liz	...	Northampton.
246	Duke of Connaught	...	Derby.
247	Alfred	...	Oxford (City).
248	Broadley	...	Malta.
249	Empress of India	...	Woolahra, N.S. Wales.

During the year ending 30th September there have been issued 167 certificates for Royal Ark Mariners, the register showing the total number of brethren elevated to this Degree to be 507; and thirteen warrants for new lodges have been issued, viz.:

Mount Horeb,	attached to St John's Lodge, T.I., Bolton.
Carnarvon	" Carnarvon " No. 7 London.
United Manchester	" St. Andrew's " 34 Manchester
Mount Ararat	" Fidelity " 98 Lahore.
Pantmure	" Pantmure " 139 Balham.
Grosvenor	" Grosvenor " 144 London.
Olive Branch	" Lebanon " 207 Allahabad.
St. Wilfrid's	" St. Wilfrid's " 209 Alford.
Ararat	" Ardvoirlich " 219 Rawal Pindi
Aze	" St. John's " 221 Meeran Meer
Refuge	" Garnet " 228 Dinapore.
Brixton	" Brixton " 234 Brixton.
Sanc Elmo	" Broadley " 248 Malta.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show that the receipts from all sources for six months were £545 2s. 4d., and that on the 30th September the balances were:—

In favour of the General Fund	...	154	12	9
" " Benevolent Fund	...	42	16	5
" " Educational Fund	...	90	13	0
While investments have been made.				
On account of Benevolent Fund	...	200	0	0
" " Educational Fund	...	200	0	0
" " General Fund	...	200	0	0

That the objects proposed by the establishment of the Benevolent and Educational Fund are widely and increasingly appreciated and approved is convincingly manifested by the support extended thereto at the anniversary festivals, the festival held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, and July last, under the Presidency of W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. G.S.W. of Sussex, having proved most successful, the proceeds of the thirty-two Stewards' lists amounting to £542.

The first election of a boy for the benefits of the Educational Fund took place on 20th of May last, when Harry Lowndes Edwards was elected, and is now being educated at the Manchester Grammar School.

Two new provinces have been constituted—Tunis and Malta and Berks and Oxon.

Bro. Alexander Meyrick Broadley has been appointed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the former, and was installed at Malta on the 11th of September.

No event of greater interest in the history of this Grand Lodge has occurred than the establishment of a Mark lodge, in the first place, and recently of a province, in a locality rich in so many antiquarian associations as the site of the world-renowned city of Carthage. Masonry in all its branches is flourishing there, but no Degree has attracted so much attention, or has been pursued with such avidity, as that of the Mark, and with the details and information received from time to time, the Board considers itself justified in thus making prominent mention of so exceptionally gratifying a circumstance, and in testifying to the zeal and ability of the R.W. Bro. Broadley, whose

exertions have tended so materially to produce such successful results.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., has accepted the appointment of Prov. G. Master of Berks and Oxon, and there can be no doubt as to the beneficial effect of his lordship's rule, supported by the ability and energy of the brethren who have been instrumental in fostering the Order in the united province.

The G.M. has also been pleased to appoint Bro. Thos. Trolope, M.D., to be Prov. G.M.M. of Sussex.

In the same period the following provincial changes have occurred:—

Cornwall—Bro. Col. John Whitehead Peard has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Sir Frederick Martin Williams, deceased.

Kent—Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Bro. Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, resigned.

Somerset—Bro. Gen. H. E. Doherty has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, resigned.

The Board, in testifying to the admirable manner in which the duties of their responsible offices have been discharged by the distinguished brethren, the loss of whose services they regret, have every confidence that the interests of Mark Masonry will be successfully promoted by the brethren whom the M.W. Grand Master has selected as their successors.

It is also with extreme gratification that the Board is enabled to report the re-organisation of the Province of Jamaica under the vigilant care of R.W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton (337), and the consequent resuscitation of the Sussex Lodge, No. 43, followed by the establishment of three new lodges—

Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston, No. 230.

Royal Keystone, Kingston, No. 240.

Phoenix, Port Royal, No. 242.

All of which are now in a very flourishing condition, with every prospect of continued prosperity.

The Board have very great pleasure in stating that official information of the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has been received, a copy of the communication from the Grand Scribe E. being now subjoined. It affords the Board the highest satisfaction thus to announce the consummation of efforts extending over a number of years to effect a friendly understanding and fraternal agreement between the two bodies.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, held upon the 18th day of June, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

Having taken into consideration an application from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales for recognition, and the interchange of representatives, with relative documents, and the report of the Committee thereon, the Supreme Chapter unanimously resolved to recognise the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales as a lawful governing body of that Degree in these countries. Farther, that the Supreme Chapter would grant no new Mark warrants therein, reserving the rights of the Supreme Chapter as regards warrants already granted. Farther, that Mark lodges in the Colonies, holding of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, be recognised as lawful, but that no exclusive jurisdiction be conceded to the Grand Mark Lodge, beyond the countries of England and Wales. Farther, it was resolved to delay consideration of the proposal to exchange representatives till next Quarterly Communication, and Comp. Mann, Grand Scribe N., intimated that he would then move that representatives be appointed."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, this 17th day of July, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

(Signed) L. MACKERSY, Grand Scribe E.

Formal communications with recognition have also been received from the Supreme Grand Chapters of Maine, Texas, and North Carolina, U.S.A.

The Board have under their consideration the arrangement of the work in the Grand Secretary's office. They are of opinion that the eminent and lengthened services of the Grand Secretary deserve that he should be excused from attending to the daily routine of the ever increasing business of the office, and at the same time that he should retain his full salary.

In consideration of the additional labour that will fall on the Asst. G. Secretary, they recommend that his salary be increased to £200.

The Board recommends the following grants from the Benevolent Fund: £10 to the widow of a brother, and £20 to a brother.

The mode of electing the five members of the General Board by Grand Lodge being deemed unsatisfactory, the Board recommends the following alteration in Clause 98 of the Book of Constitutions:

After the words "at the meeting in June," on the seventh line, to add—"in manner following; the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the Grand Secretary's Office at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, in order that the names so proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be sent to every member attending Grand Lodge, when the balloting lists shall be collected by Scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and the result of the election ascertained and announced."

The Board also recommends that in Clause 111 of the Constitutions, the words "signed in open lodge" be added after the word "certificate," in the first line of the clause.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months to the 30th September are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.	
Balance from 31st March, 1879	£143 6 8
Half-year's receipts	£520 13 9
Dividends	34 9 7
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Disbursements	£688 9 0
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Balance on 30th September, 1879	£154 15 3

BENEVOLENT FUND.	
Balance from 31st March, 1879	£76 14 10
Half-year's receipts	£380 9 0
Dividends	24 9 7
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	404 18 7
Disbursements:	£481 13 5

Grants in relief	£46 0 0
Expenses	7 9 0
Transferred to Education Fund	200 0 0
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	198 5 0
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	451 14 0
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	£39 19 5
	12 17 0

At Credit on account Stewards' Festival a/c.	12 17 0
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Balance on 30th September, 1879... ..	£42 16 5

EDUCATION FUND.	
Balance from 31st March, 1876	£100 0 0
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	200 0 0
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	£300 0 0
Disbursements	£11 2 0
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures... ..	195 5 0
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	209 7 0

Balance on September, 1879	£90 13 0
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Examined and found correct.
(Signed) THOMAS MROOY, Auditor.

29th October, 1879.
The grants recommended by this report were carried, and the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary was raised to £200 a year.

Bro. F. Davison, G.T., who proposed the addition, and the G.M., in putting the motion, spoke in the highest terms of commendation of Bro. Dewar's diligence in discharging the duties of his office; and the G.M. explained the reasons for the recommendation of the Board for excusing Bro. Binckes from attending to the daily routine of Grand Secretary's Office. It was also explained to the brethren that Bro. Binckes's salary was really only £125 a year, as he paid half of his salary of £250 to Bro. Dewar, and that in raising Bro. Dewar's salary to £200 a year Grand Lodge paid only £75.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas raised the question of the status of Bro. Dewar, and submitted that the rank of Assistant Grand Secretary was not next immediately after Grand Secretary, but, as in Grand Craft Lodge, immediately before Grand Inner Guard.

A long discussion arose on this subject, when it was admitted that Bro. James Lewis Thomas's contention was correct, that there had been a mistake by the printers of the Constitutions in giving the rank of Asst. G. Secretary immediately following G. Secretary, but that in Bro. Dewar's case he was rightly invested in order, because he was previously a Junior Overseer.

After the other recommendations had been carried,

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said: M.W.G.M., I rise to propose a motion which, I am sure, will be received with great pleasure by all the brethren present, and that my feelings will find an echo in every brother's breast. Consequently, my motion will require very few words to introduce it to Grand Lodge. Our present G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, has for two years filled that high office, and he has discharged his duties in that office, as he has in every other office he has been called upon to fill, in so courteous and genial a manner that, I feel confident, it is the hearty wish of the Order in general that he should continue in that office for another year. Therefore, I beg leave to nominate the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale for our M.W.G.M. for the ensuing twelve months. (Loud applause.)

The following brethren were then presented with bars and jewels for their services as Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival:—Bros. Dr. Ace, Lincolnshire; Richard Buggett, 182; Baron de Ferrieres, Gloucestershire; G. F. Lancaster, Hants and Isle of Wight; W. S. Gillard, Dorset; Walter Spencer, Bon Accord; Charles Jacques, Old Kent; Thos. D. Bolton, 7; B. H. Swallow, 8; E. B. Bright, 13; E. C. Milligan, 34; Capt. Chas. Hunter, 38; John Clark, 53; Joseph Spencer, 53; Thos. J. Pulley, 54; E. Diggle, 56; R. L. Loveland, 63; W. I. Clarke, 75; R. Berridge, 104; R. W. Philpott, 153; A. Hopkinson, 156; Rev. C. R. Davy, 177; J. D. C. Hunter Little, 214; Geo. Dalrymple, 216; E. Margrett, 235; W. Stephens, 236; F. F. Halsly, 241; Dr. E. Passamer, 244; John H. Hale, 245; F. W. Ansell, 247.

Before Grand Lodge was closed the acting Grand Master said there was one notice in the report of the General Board which ought not to be passed over in silence, the recognition of Grand Mark Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Nothing had happened of greater importance in the whole of the twenty-three years' history of Grand Mark Lodge, because this recognition completed the claim of acknowledgment of this Grand Lodge, which was now acknowledged by all the Grand Masonic bodies

throughout the world except Grand Lodge of England. He would move that Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, stating that Grand Mark Lodge had heard with very great pleasure of this action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and hoped that this would bind still closer the ties which united Grand Mark of England with Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Bro. F. Binckes, in his position as Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried *nem. con.*, and Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., took the chair of W.M.; Bro. W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768, took the chair of S.W.; and Bro. W. S. Lee, S.W. 1201, the chair of J.W. Bros. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., acted as P.M.; W. Smallprice, as Secretary; A. Escott, J.W. 1593, as S.D.; A. Marvin, 1768, as J.D.; and G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593, as I.G. Amongst other brethren present were Bros. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.; Gen. Somerset Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Bent, P.G.C.; Gibson, G.S. of Wks.; R. H. Giddy, District G.M. Griqualand; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; E. J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.J.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; and J. M. Case, P.G.D. After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees the following brethren worked the Second Lecture, Bro. Murton putting the questions:—

- 1st Section by Bro. F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1768.
- 2nd " " W. S. Lee, S.W. 1201.
- 3rd " " A. Escott, J.W. 1593.
- 4th " " G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593.
- 5th " " A. Marvin, 1768.

Each of the brethren did his work admirably, answering the questions with a fluency that reflected the highest credit on the lodge, and testified to their regular attendance at its weekly meetings. When the working was concluded,

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., rose, and said: The brethren must have noticed, and, I am sure, must have noticed with regret, the absence from this lodge this evening of a face which on these anniversary occasions has been familiar to us and to those who have gone before us for a period of upwards of thirty years. I need not say, W.M., that I allude to our dear Bro. John Hervey, our most respected Treasurer. The unhappy cause of his absence this evening and his resignation of the office of Grand Secretary is no doubt now well known to us all, and I think, and I am sure, W.M., the brethren will think with me, that we cannot allow this occasion to pass without expressing and recording in our minutes our sympathy with Bro. Hervey in his affliction, our great regard for him, and our sense of the loss which we have all sustained in his resignation of an office which he has filled for many years with such credit to himself and benefit to the Craft. Without further preface, W.M., I will read to you the resolution which I am about to propose:—"The members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at their anniversary meeting, have heard with deep regret that their much respected Bro. John Hervey, who has held the office of Treasurer of the lodge for upwards of thirty years, in consequence of serious illness has deemed it necessary to resign the office of Grand Treasurer, the duties of which he has discharged with such eminent ability and conscientious zeal, and so greatly to the advantage and satisfaction of the Craft. They desire to record in their minutes their sincere sympathy with Bro. Hervey in his affliction, and they trust they may indulge the hope that a release from the anxieties of his office may so far conduce to his restoration to health as to enable him, in his retirement, to enjoy the quiet repose he has so well earned. They fervently hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant him yet many years of peaceful life to enjoy the society of his brother Masons, with whom he has been so long associated, and who, one and all, entertain towards him the most sincere esteem and affection."

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., said: W.M., I have very great pleasure indeed in seconding the resolution which has been put before you by Bro. Fenn. It has been my lot to hold office in Grand Lodge for a very great number of years, when I had for my colleague our late Grand Secretary, Bro. Gray Clarke, and all the time our Bro. Hervey has been the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England I have held the post I now occupy. And I must say that during the whole of that period a more zealous officer, a man more determined to do his duty—and no man more thoroughly understood his duty than Bro. Hervey—was not to be found among the whole of the Craft of England. He was always wise in council, he was always rapid in action, always seeing what was right, and doing what was right, and so he endeared himself to the rulers of the Craft, and especially he endeared himself to his brother officers who were brought into almost daily contact with him; and certainly to this lodge, of which I have been a member for a great number of years, he was endeared by the wonderfully good instruction he gave to every one of its members by his assiduity in his attendance upon the meetings of this lodge, and by the ability with which he conducted everything entrusted to his care. We all feel—and those who saw him most feel it most—he is a great loss to friends, to Masonry, and to the Grand Lodge of England; and in his retirement we do hope, and we do hope and fervently pray, that years may be spared to him to enjoy that leisure to which his excellent services to Freemasonry so rightfully entitle him. (Cheers.)

Bro. Murton said: It is with very great regret I put this resolution. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Hervey.

He initiated, passed, raised, and installed me. He has been a sincere friend to me in my Masonic career. He has been a dear friend to me and to all the Craft. I am sure I do not know any man more beloved by the Craft than Bro. Hervey. Let us indulge the hope that he may be spared to us for some time and be with us again. I know his heart is with us on this occasion, for it is an anniversary on which he would not have been absent on any account if he could have helped it; and, therefore, it grieves me very much to put this resolution.

The motion was then carried unanimously, and on the motion of Bro. Fenn, seconded by Bro. McIntyre, the Secretary was ordered to transmit a copy to Bro. Hervey.

Lord Kensington, S.G.W., in moving a vote of thanks to the working brethren, said: We have all heard the able and efficient way in which the Lecture has been worked this evening. Speaking for myself, for the first time that I have had the honour and the pleasure of attending the meeting of this lodge, and knowing, as I most truly do, how much in need of improvement I myself am, I can only say that I have been immensely struck with the way in which the various Sections of that Lecture have been worked; but I think I cannot be saying too much when I express my opinion that the oldest member of the Craft present and the oldest member of this lodge will, in conjunction with myself, feel we have learned something from what we have heard to-night. The proposal I have to ask the brethren present to assent to is that a cordial vote of thanks be passed to the brethren who have worked the various Sections of the Lecture to-night.

Major-Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., in seconding the motion, said: I can only assure you that I endorse every syllable that has been uttered by my Bro. Lord Kensington. I have been deeply impressed, and, I trust, have been greatly benefited by what I have heard.

The motion having been carried,

Bro. Murton said: On behalf of the working brethren, I beg to thank you. This lodge has been established now, I think, for above fifty-three years, and its office has been to promote improved working in the Craft. If we attain any approach to that desirable end our object is accomplished.

The names of brethren desiring to become members were then taken, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper at Freemasons' Tavern, at which they were presided over by Lord Kensington.

After supper the toasts were proposed, and the loyal compliments having been paid to "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers,"

Bro. R. H. Giddy, District G.M. of Griqualand, in responding, said he had to thank Lord Kensington for the kind reference he had made to their names. He was only speaking the sentiments of the whole Craft when he said that no two men among the brethren were more thoroughly appreciated than Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale. He thanked the brethren, also, on behalf of the other Grand Officers, especially those who had the honour and pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of the lodge. It was a very great pleasure to those who had belonged to Grand Lodge to be present at this gathering, but a very much greater pleasure it was to be at the meeting of the lodge and see the wonderful working, which could not be surpassed. That working was a great credit to the Craft, and must greatly benefit it. The Grand Officers had the greatest pleasure in seeing the good work which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was doing, because it made the men who would be the future officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., in proposing "The Health of Lord Kensington," as W.M. of the evening, said that although this was not the first toast on the list, it would be the first with the brethren, as loyal Masons, upon this occasion, because, though they did the greatest homage and had to perform their most bounden duty to those who were supreme in the Craft, they did not forget that they owed allegiance to the W.M. who presided, and who, in the manner in which he had presided, had shown himself most worthy of the confidence of the Craft, and of the honour they were now about to pay him. It was a high honour to the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that the S.G.W. of England was now presiding at their annual festival. They were perfectly well assured that it was to his own merits as well as to the favourable consideration of his friends and former schoolfellows that he had attained to the high position in the Craft which he now occupied, and the confidence of the Sovereign of the Craft which he now enjoyed. Those things alone would be sufficient to give him a passport to every assembly of Masons in England, for a reception which would be heart-felt by the members; but he needed, not that, because the way in which he had conducted the proceedings since he had been in the hall had shown that he was a ruler over men and a great authority among Masons. He (Bro. McIntyre) had the greatest pleasure in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Lord Kensington," and, although this was the first time his lordship had visited the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he hoped it would not be the last time he would come into a public assembly of Masons, because the more he came among them the more he would endear himself to all members of the Craft. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Kensington, in reply, said he most sincerely echoed that portion of Bro. McIntyre's speech in which he said he hoped it would not be the last time he (Lord Kensington) would attend this Lodge of Improvement. What he had heard that evening had only convinced him of what he well knew before, that he had a great deal to learn. As he ventured to say at an earlier portion of the evening, in the Temple, he did not think that any one of those who were present could possibly have left that room without feeling they had learned something. He only hoped he might have the opportunity—and he should certainly endeavour to seize every opportunity he had—of

attending the meetings of this lodge. It had given him the very greatest pleasure to accept the invitation he had received a little time back to preside on this occasion. The only doubt that came across his mind was, whether he should be able to discharge the duties he was asked to undertake in a manner that should be acceptable to the brethren. The brethren had given proof of their satisfaction by the way in which they had received the words of Bro. McIntyre. He came from the south-west of Wales; so far, indeed, that one could not go more than 400 yards from his home to the cliff's edge. But there were a good many Masonic lodges in that quarter where Masonry was well and carefully worked, and he knew that many of their members had attended the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. When he returned home he should have an opportunity of attending the several meetings of the lodges in that province, and he should then use words of encouragement, and try to stimulate the Brethren to be present at the meetings of the Emulation. He was certain that in that province they all had much to learn, and there could be no better place for a man to learn to perfect himself in Freemasonry than in this lodge. In conclusion, if he had returned thanks imperfectly the brethren must excuse him. The imperfection was only outward; internally he could feel no more than he did.

Lord Kensington next proposed "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and in doing so said that when he entered the Temple that evening he had not the honour of being a member, but he was happy to say that since that time he had had the honour of being enrolled. Although he was the junior member of the lodge, the toast would come very fitly from his lips. The good which arose from attending the lodge was a fact no one could dispute who witnessed the way in which the work had been done that evening. He was immensely struck with the excellence of the work, which showed him how much any one had before him if he hoped to rise to proficiency.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., replying, said it remained for him to thank his lordship most cordially on behalf of the Committee and the working members of the lodge for the kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to it. It was the desire of the Committee to promote a really good system of working, and he thought, as Bro. Giddy had said, that it had made its way in the Craft. He did not wish to hold up the lodge as of exceptional superiority. It had done, no doubt, a great deal of good during the years it had been established in promoting good and efficient working in the Craft. The sister lodges had also done their part in promoting good working. There had been more desire of late years to do so. Masonry had increased, and it had given an impetus to the zeal of the brethren. The working certainly had very much improved in lodges generally. Formerly country lodges were more zealous than the London lodges, and, though their work might be a little peculiar, still they worked very zealously and fluently. London lodges now worked very admirably as a rule. Of course there were certain little quaintnesses which were adopted by different lodges which might to a certain extent be demurred to, but which Masons did not wish to see quite eliminated; but as a system of working he thought the Emulation system was the best and most logical, and no doubt it would make its way and be felt among all lodges. (Hear, hear.)

Major Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." After the admirable way in which the business of the evening had been conducted he was sure the brethren would drink this toast most cordially. None who witnessed it could be otherwise than gratified. If every Mason could only see how perfectly the ceremonies were performed it would add very much to their feeling of respect and regard for the Order. Lodges of this kind could not fail to impress Masons with the importance and beauty of the symbolism of Masonry, and could have no other effect than to make better men and better Masons, both for working and in social and private life. The W.M. would endorse what he (Gen. Calthorpe) said, that without good officers no Master could successfully carry on his lodge. In the Lodge of Emulation no exception could be taken to the way in which the W.M. was supported. With such a Master, no doubt, the officers had an example, which they found it a pleasure and honour to follow, and, therefore, he was sure the brethren would all cordially respond to this toast, with which he would couple the name of Bro. F. Spaul.

Bro. Spaul replied.

Bro. Murton, by the permission of the W.M., would propose a toast, which, he knew, would have a hearty reception—"The Lodge of Unions," under which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement worked. The Emulation Lodge was proud of its mother, and he hoped the Lodge of Unions was proud of its banding. The Lodge of Unions must feel satisfaction that the Emulation had worked so long, and so well under their warrant, and the Emulation was grateful to the Lodge of Unions for allowing them to work under it. Long might it continue to do so; for a very vast number of years might it go on, to the completion of its first centenary. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Farnfield.

Bro. Farnfield, in response, said in these days of education and of Board Schools, poor parents were somewhat astonished or almost frightened at the amount of education their children were receiving, and so it was with the Lodge of Unions in the first two or three years of the Lodge of Emulation by the vast strides it made. They seriously took into consideration the working of the lodge, and if the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had done one thing good it was to bring the Lodge of Unions to a sense of its shortcomings in working, and it made a change in the working of the lodge. Some eighteen years ago,

when he (Bro. Farnfield) joined the Lodge of Unions, they were rather slovenly in their working; but since then every Master had done his duty, and if at a meeting there was no work to do, sections were worked. Every one who took office was expected to be able to do his work. As in the Board Schools the child worked up the parent, so this Emulation Lodge of Improvement had worked up the parent lodge, and he trusted this Emulation Lodge might long go on and prosper, till in the year 1885 it arrived at its 100 years of age. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. J. E. Dumas, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities." The toast commended itself to the heart of every Mason, and, therefore, no proof or argument in its favour was required. But he could not forget a clever, good, and truly brotherly remark that came from the mouth of a dear brother who stood in his (Bro. Dumas') place this time last year—Bro. Kucker—who said he was addressing an assembly of those who either were, or had been, or would be subscribers to the Masonic Charities. It told in his (Bro. Dumas') mind, and he hoped it told in the minds of all those who heard Bro. Kucker. He had not forgotten that speech, and under the cover of that part of his speech he would like again to apply his words. He need not expatiate on the needs or requirements of those Institutions, or on what it was desirable that through the brethren they should do; but if example was wanted in this world (and it often was) he could only tell the brethren that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement gave all its surplus funds to the three Masonic Charities. It was not for him as a Steward of the Emulation Lodge to boast, neither was it in any boasting spirit he said it; but he did say that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had done to the full all it could, and with the intention of doing all it could in the future for the Masonic Charities. These Charities were more than ever deserving of the support and consideration of the brethren, and he took it for an established fact which required no proof at his hands. Masonry was spreading. Lodges did not always remain what they were; they might not be what they promised to become; and we might expect in the future many calls upon the purses and abilities of the Masonic Charities. If ever, now was the time to show we would not relax in our desire to support them. The last three festivals showed that the heart of Masonry was in the right place, that it would do all it could, and more possibly than it had done. The Secretaries of all the Institutions were, unfortunately, not present. Bro. Terry was engaged at the jubilee of the lodge at Watford, and Bro. Binckes, who was always glad to come when he could, and make one of those attractive speeches which he always could, was also absent at another meeting. They had, however, the pleasure of the presence of Bro. Hedges, and he would call upon him to reply.

Bro. Hedges replied, and thanked the brethren for the very kind, cordial, and hearty support which the Lodge of Emulation had at all times granted to the Masonic charities. This was a fact which, being familiar to all present, relieved him of the necessity of detaining the brethren by informing them of it further. He would remind the brethren that the first of the Masonic festivals of the coming year was that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he would ask the brethren to afford that institution all the support in their power. The Boys' and Girls' Schools Festivals would take place in the following May and June; and on behalf of all these institutions he begged to thank the brethren.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., proposed "Prosperity to the Sister Lodge of Instruction—Stability." It was a subject of great regret to him, and it must be to all the brethren, that Bro. Mugeridge, from great age and failing health, was unable to be present that evening, as had always been his custom for many years. He (Bro. Fenn) particularly regretted Bro. Mugeridge's absence that night, because in face of the resolution about to be proposed in Grand Lodge, on the 3rd December, the two ancient lodges of instruction should show themselves united to resist any interference in their ancient working. The Committee of this Emulation Lodge of Improvement, more especially those three of the Committee who were pupils of the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, considered that they had a sacred trust bequeathed to them by him to maintain, to its fullest standard, the work which he taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; and they had always shown the most conscientious zeal and desire to maintain that working in its utmost purity. They did not forget that the Stability Lodge of Instruction was the more ancient of the two, and although the working of that lodge differed somewhat from that of the Emulation, in this they agreed to differ with the most fraternal feelings and the utmost good fellowship. Neither this lodge nor the Stability presumed or wished to enforce their working on any lodge or any brother. But any brother who wished to improve himself in Masonry was at liberty to go there or come here, and whether he came here or went there he would find a brother presiding who was anxious and willing to assist his endeavours to the utmost of his ability. What was required was that the brethren who learned, their work should work up to the standard that they chose. He was called to account a little time ago in one of the Masonic papers for having said in another place to those who wished to improve Masonry, that if they found out where to begin they would never find out where to leave off. He repeated that statement, and he believed they had better leave alone the working as it existed in those lodges of improvement and instruction, and he warned the brethren that if they attempted to use the knife and to cut away what they considered to be objectionable in the way of anachronisms or discrepancies in Masonry, they might use the knife to that extent that they might endanger the very life of the patient. He could only say that the two lodges had always worked together with the utmost unanimity and fraternal concord, and he trusted that they would always do so to the end of time. He gave with the most cordial goodwill, and more

particularly when they were assailed by a resolution which was to renovate or to disturb the working of those two lodges, "The Health of the Sister Lodge of Instruction, the Stability Lodge."

Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., proposed "The Stewards." It was the duty of every honest man to pay his debts, and he was quite sure that there was a debt the brethren ought to pay before they left the room. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had been holding its high festival, and the brethren, he was happy to say, had met together in very goodly numbers. They had been accommodated in the Temple with every comfort; they had come into the banqueting room and been received at the hospitable board; been placed with all regularity and order, and enjoyed various good things. Some people might fancy that all this came of itself. The energetic Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Smallpeice, would enter a very strenuous protest against such a principle, for the truth was that all this was accomplished only by a very great deal of labour and trouble, and that labour and trouble were unselfishly and gratuitously given by the Stewards. No one who was unaware of the internal work and organization of such a meeting could have any idea of the immense amount of trouble entailed by the making of the arrangements which were requisite to bring such a meeting to a successful issue. They had only to look round and see the success of the evening to feel quite confident that the Stewards of this festival had done their duty ably and well. Therefore, the debt was a debt of gratitude towards those estimable brethren who had worked so hard and untiringly for the gratification and comfort of the meeting. He would couple with the toast the name of a highly esteemed brother, Bro. Richards, who was not only a Steward but also occupied a very highly responsible position on one of the permanent Committees of the lodge, a brother who was eminently fitted to be the mouthpiece of his brother Stewards. In thanking the Stewards for their kind services, he was sure he expressed the hopes of all the brethren that they might be submitted to their tender mercies on some future occasion. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. Richards acknowledged the toast.

Lord Kensington, in conclusion, said: Brethren, I am going to ask you to drink a toast that, although it is not down on the list, you will respond to most cordially. And though I know you will in all heartiness respond to it, I fear that it is with a touch of sadness you will receive it. The name that I was going to submit to you is that of our Bro. Hervey. He has, as I have been informed this evening, and as you well know, served several years as Treasurer of this lodge. He has also for many years discharged the duties of Secretary of Grand Lodge, and in both those positions he has discharged them, not only to the satisfaction of lodges and brethren of those lodges, but also to the advantage of the lodges and brethren themselves. You all know the sad cause of his not being present to-night. He is away on account of ill-health, and on account of that ill-health he has resigned the office he has so long undertaken. I am sure, in drinking his health, that you will all cordially wish it, and offer a heartfelt prayer that the repose he now seeks may be accompanied by a return to health and strength. It is but a very few months that I have had the pleasure of having Bro. Hervey's acquaintance; but during that time I have learned in some way to know his worth, and I can fully appreciate the feelings of those who have known him so many more years than I have at his retirement from office. I will ask you to join with me in drinking health, and I trust I may say, "better Health to Bro. Hervey." (Applause.)

The toast having been heartily drunk was followed by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE.—(No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. Rumball, W.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Heaphy, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Charles Dairy, I.P.M.; Whitey, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Bourlet and Daniel were duly passed to the Second Degree. At the request of the lodge, the W.M. then delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board. Bro. Rumball's abilities are so well and deservedly known in the Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction, in connection with all ceremonies of Masonry, that it would be superfluous to dilate upon them in the present instance further than to state that his working was quite up to its usual standard of excellence. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 20th ult., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. The W.M., Bro. Edward James Allen, presided, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. Welford, S.W.; W. Hallett, J.W.; H. A. Stacey, P.M., Treas.; John T. Woodstock, P.M., Sec.; E. Arrowsmith, J.D.; E. Helsdon, P.M., Past G. Purs. Middlesex, D. of C.; Org.; B. Kershaw, I.G.; S. R. Walker, Steward; C. Thomas, Tyler; Lewis Ascott, P.M.; B. Goodwin, P.M.; James Long, P.M.; H. Reed, P.M.; Thos. W. Allen, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; P. Murfin, John Roberts, J. Crick, E. Stevens, C. J. Biorn, J. Martin, G. F. Hearn, W. G. Eaton, T. Thompson, T. Smith, W. Unwin, Fred. Ridley, J. B. Bennett, T. Roebuck, A. Carlstrom, W. Bell, F. Mark, R. Reeder, J. Patterson, A. Bench, Jno. Murdoch, J. Patterson, C. R. Wickens,

F. Franklin, George Lamb, jun., J. R. Stuart, H. A. Spencer, John Murdock, W. Stone, B. C. Poppy, J. W. Curtis, G. Lambert, J. Cole, C. Burley, J. Garvith, James Beckham, R. Taylor, G. A. Bradley, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Bashit, P.M. 218, I.C.; F. W. Morrill, P.M. 704; G. Draper, P.M. 1305; J. G. Russell, 1602; J. J. Clarke, 1612; H. Taylor, 1642; James Flood, 1642; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for five gentlemen, which proved unanimous in their favour. The business then proceeded with was the raising of Bros. Roberts and Crick, the passing of Bro. Price, and the initiation of Messrs. Wm. Gillings, James Curtis, and G. A. Bradley, the ceremonies being admirably rendered by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward James Allen, ably assisted by his officers. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Welford, whose installation will take place on the 19th of February next, when several distinguished brethren are expected to be present. Bro. H. A. Stacey was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as was also the Tyler, Bro. C. Thomas. Bros. Biorn, Martin, and Ridley were afterwards elected as the Audit Committee. The following notices of motion were then submitted:—Bro. Reed proposed, seconded by Bro. H. Elston, that the usual £5 5s jewel should be presented to the W.M., for the services he had rendered during his year of office. To this the following amendment was proposed by Bro. Walker, seconded by Bro. E. Arrowsmith:—"That, considering the very efficient manner in which Bro. Edward James Allen had dispensed the duties of W.M. during his year of office, the value of the jewel should be £10 10s. instead of £5 5s." Bro. E. Arrowsmith, J.D., submitted the following notice of motion:—"That the fees of initiation should be raised from £10 10s. to £15 15s." This was seconded by Bro. Humphreys. The W.M. then proposed, seconded by the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. J. Welford, "That a jewel of the value of £3 3s. be presented to Bro. E. Hart, who had held and performed the office of Organist to the lodge for sixteen years." This was carried unanimously. The previous motions stood over until the next meeting. After the proposition by that Bro. Ridley, Bro. Carter, of Lodge, No. 704, be elected as a joining member, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the various visitors present, the lodge was formally closed. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was all that could be desired, and reflected the highest praise on Bro. Reeder, under whose immediate superintendence the dinner was served. In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said this toast was always most cordially received. Since he had been head of the Order, Freemasonry had flourished; it had never been in a more flourishing state. In introducing the next toast, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.P.O.M.," the W.M. felt confident it would be received with as much enthusiasm, his lordship being so very popular, having, as he had, the respect and admiration of every member; with this toast he would include the names of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, to which Bros. Bradley, Gillings, and Curtis replied. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the very great pleasure they all experienced at seeing them; he had certainly expected many more, but presumed their absence was owing to the weather, which had been bad indeed that night. With this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Draper, Flood, Taylor, and Kelly. These brethren having replied, Bro. Goodwin, I.P.M., proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Allen, in reply, said he had a disagreeable duty to perform, that was, to speak of himself. He had always the welfare of the lodge at heart, and his incessant endeavours had always been to promote good feeling among the members. He felt very grateful for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and for what trouble he had had he was sufficiently repaid by the very cordial manner in which the brethren had responded to his health. Several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The pleasures of the evening were much enlivened by some capital singing by several members of the lodge, those worthy of special mention being Bro. Hallett, for the way in which he sang "The Freemason—tell me the sign, John," Bros. E. Arrowsmith and Unwin for two very amusing songs, the latter brother's being his own composition.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The annual installation meeting of this old banner lodge took place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday week, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, assisted by Bros. E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. J. Collins, I.G.; W. Manfield Newton, W.M. elect; George Newman, P.M.; W. Jerrett Miller, P.M.; John Pringle, P.M.; A. Braun, P.M.; Geo. Hutchison, G. W. Hutchinson, J. H. Brookes, C. W. Lenox Hall, E. W. Broomhall, A. Wortham, R. Sutcliffe, P. Steinmann, F. G. Barns, L. S. Burt, W. J. Heath, Dr. D. M. Forbes, Henry Brown, D. G. Hewit, A. Le Grand, W. Johnston, and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. W. H. Baker (late of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon), P.G.D. of C. Berks; W. Rickwood, S.W. 192; G. Lambert, J.D. 720; O. Moore, 176; G. J. Dawson, 749; W. W. Morgan, 1385; H. Jarmain, 1541; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. George Hutchison and C. W. Lenox Hall, candidates for the F.C., were then introduced, and received from the hands of the W.M. their Second Degree. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when three gentlemen, Messrs. Brown, Hewit, and

Dr. D. M. Forbes, were impressively initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The brethren below the chair having retired, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. Cutmore having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Jerrett Miller, P.M., that brother in a very impressive manner installed Bro. W. Manfield Newton into the chair of K.S., Bro. Miller also delivered the lectures at the close of the ceremony. The brethren being admitted, the newly-installed W.M. was saluted with all the honours, who then proceeded to invest the following officers:—Bros. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Worrell (who was, owing to School Board engagements, unavoidably absent), P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. J. Collins, I.G.; George Newman, P.M., Steward; Broomhall, D. of C.; and W. Grant, Tyler. Bro. Capt. Kain, in the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Worrell, then read a very satisfactory report, in a financial sense, from the Audit Committee. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Kain, referring to the absence of the Secretary, said he was in receipt of a letter from Bro. Worrell apologising for his absence, which was caused by pressing engagements in School Board matters. Bro. Worrell concluded by stating that as it was but the second time he had been absent since his appointment he trusted his absence would be overlooked. Bro. Kain also read a letter from Mrs. W. E. Newton, couched in graceful terms, acknowledging her grateful thanks for the letter of condolence which she had received. Bro. George Newman having consented to represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. J. Collins, I.G., proposed, and Bro. Pringle, P.M., seconded, that the lodge should place the sum of £10 10s. upon his list, which was carried unanimously. Bro. George Newman then announced to the brethren that, owing to the great pressure of business at their last meeting, it was inadvertently omitted to propose the usual Past Master's jewel to the outgoing Master; this omission, he was sure, Bro. Cutmore would excuse under the circumstances. Bro. Newman then formally proposed, seconded by Bro. Miller, that a jewel should be presented to the I.P.M., which was carried unanimously. Bro. Captain Kain then rose and said that, feeling sure the vote would be unanimous, he had ordered the jewel, and was happy to say it was in the possession of Bro. Newton, who would present it at a later period. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a choice banquet awaited them. The first toast the W.M. proposed was that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. The W.M., in proposing the latter, said it was well known what a thorough good Mason H.R.H. was, and it was a fact that he was as well able to initiate or perform any of the ceremonies as the best of them. The W.M. paid the customary compliments in proposing "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which toast was received with loud cheering. To the toast of "The Initiates," Bros. Brown, Hewit, and Forbes replied; the former remarking that everything he had recently passed through, so strange and solemn, had made a strong impression upon him. He was much gratified at the hearty welcome and kindness extended towards him, and he was sure he should never forget his initiation. Bro. Hewit would always strive to do his best for Freemasonry, and to become a credit to the lodge. Bro. Doctor Forbes would like to express his thanks for the very friendly manner in which the initiates were received. It could not be wondered at that they were a little nervous after passing through so impressive a ceremony. He hoped they would not regret having received them into their lodge. He, with his brother initiates, would endeavour to prove an honour to the lodge. Bro. Cutmore then proposed "The W.M.," which toast he considered the "cream" of the evening. Bro. Newton lost the office, when he resigned in favour of his father, a worthy action on the part of a son. He had great pleasure in congratulating Bro. Newton on at last seeing him in the chair. Bro. W. Manfield Newton, W.M., returned thanks for the kind manner Bro. Cutmore, I.P.M., had spoken of him, and said that since his connection with the lodge he had received nothing but kindness. He felt deeply grateful to the members of the lodge for unanimously electing him, after three years' absence, to the chair. It was rarely such a thing was done, which caused him a considerable amount of pleasure. He would endeavour to the utmost of his ability to carry out, in its truest sense, his duty, and hoped to meet at the end of his year of office with the approbation of the whole lodge. In introducing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that one of the best features in Freemasonry was that of hospitality. They were always glad to welcome visitors. He was happy to say he recognised several faces who favoured the lodge with their presence on previous occasions. This he was glad to think was a proof that they were well treated. He was always glad to see brethren wearing the purple; it was, therefore, with extra pleasure he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. H. Baker, P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, and hoped it would not be the last occasion upon which he would visit them. Bro. Baker, in returning thanks, expressed the very great pleasure he had experienced in visiting the William Preston Lodge. He had taken a very great interest in Freemasonry ever since his initiation, which dated as far back as 1836. During his forty-three years' experience there was no company of gentlemen he enjoyed more than those he met in Masonry. Go where you might, in whatever part of the country, in the lodge you were always received and treated as a brother. Bro. Rickwood and other brethren also returned thanks. The W.M., in giving the next toast, that of "The Past Masters," said: At all times, no matter what society it might be, it was customary to honour old servants. The Past Masters had to bear the heat and burthen of the day, always making the work they had to do a labour of love. It was with great

gratification he presented Bro. Dr. Cutmore with a very handsome gold jewel, bearing at the back the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Cutmore, P.M., by the brethren of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, 1878-9." All the brethren would agree that the terms of the inscription were not overdrawn. Bro. Newton then in graceful terms alluded to the services of the various Past Masters, particularly the services rendered by Bro. W. Jerrett Miller that evening in performing the installation ceremony in so marvellous a manner. Bro. Cutmore, in acknowledging the presentation jewel, thanked the brethren for the gift, and said he always endeavoured to the utmost of his abilities to fulfil his duties properly. Professional duties alone had kept him away, but his soul was always with the lodge. He felt very thankful for the jewel, which he should always look upon with pride and pleasure. Bros. Kain, Miller, Braun, and Newman also replied. The W.M. then made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Charities, which resulted in the collection of £1 17s. 6d. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Swan, Deptford, when there were present Bros. R. Harman, W.M.; J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; W. Andrews, Treas.; J. J. Pakes, Sec.; W. A. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Andrews, D.C.; G. Porter, I.G.; and J. Bavin, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. G. Limn, J. Truelove, and H. J. Tuson. Bros. Fisher, Luckraft, Whibley, Bax, Stanley, Buhler, Stringer, Horton, Clarke, Fellows, Sanders, Taylor, Wildesmith, Simmons, Abbott, Hadingham, Thomas, and West. Visitor: Bro. J. Forster, 51. Mr. B. G. Matthews was balloted for and elected. A slight alteration was made in Bye-laws III. and XII. Bro. Limn proposed and Bro. Vohmann seconded, that a five guinea jewel be presented to W.M. Harman, for services during his year of office. Carried. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. Good, and carried unanimously, that the sum of ten pounds be voted to charity (widows of Freemasons).

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—The usual meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, the W.M., presiding, who was assisted by his officers most efficiently. There was a fair attendance of P.M.'s, Bro. Berry officiating as acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. G. W. Verry. Bro. W. J. Bonner received his M.M. Degree, the ceremony being most impressively worked, and Mr. Basil Stewart was duly balloted for and initiated. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where their festivities were interrupted by a communication being made to the W.M. to the effect that a fire was raging next to his premises, which information naturally necessitated his leaving, but he desired the brethren not to break up, or allow the untoward circumstance to mar the enjoyment of those present, and asked the I.P.M., Bro. Crouch, to preside and carry out the usual programme, which was done.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on the 29th ult., for the second time, at their new place of meeting, namely, the Crystal Palace. Bro. R. H. Crowden, the W.M., was supported by all his officers, who arrived in due form to be present at the opening of the lodge. They included Bros. the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, D.D., Chap.; the Senior and Junior Wardens, &c.; and Past Masters C. K. Crouch, G. Clements, John Allen, and J. K. Stead. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. B. Grabham, 19, P.S.G.W. Middx.; H. H. Spede Andrews, 27; and J. Hammond, 1572. Bro. B. Fullwood, P.M. 328, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Dr. William Lomas and Mr. P. G. Philips duly elected for initiation. The latter named candidate was then duly initiated, and Bros. the Rev. Arthur C. Driver, M.A., and James Orange were passed. Bro. Crowden, the W.M., was appointed Steward on behalf of the lodge for the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, and on the proposition of the Treasurer, Bro. P. M. Stead, ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds. At the banquet table later on the subscription list was passed round, and though there were not more than twenty present, the total subscription amounted to £58, which is the more creditable, as, though the lodge was consecrated in 1869, this will be the first time it has sent a Steward to any of the various Charities. It is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by each succeeding Master.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. There were present Bros. T. S. Taylor, W.M.; H. N. Taylor, S.W.; G. F. Dix, J.W.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; J. F. Precter, S.D.; R. W. Biggs, J.D.; A. Meyers, D.C.; J. Hunt, I.G.; C. Mansfield, Steward; W. Steedman, Tyler; C. Bundick, P.M.; G. Hollington, P.M.; C. Lacey, P.M.; Furness, Buckle, Loane, Mills, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1369; H. Tapley, S.W. 1076; W. J. Carter, 1472; S. Waterer, 1579; and R. H. Allen, P.M. 554. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, Bro. W. Buckle was entrusted, and raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. T. Loane and R. Mills were entrusted, and passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Hope, and being unanimous, Mr. W. Hope was initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite. The by-laws were read by the Secretary, after which Bro. H. N. Taylor was elected W.M., Bro. G. Levick, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bros. Bullwinkle, Buckle, and Loane were elected officers. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., and the lodge was then closed.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the S.M.H., Camberwell, on the 27th ult. There were present Bros. Knight Smith, W.M.; Ashwell, S.W.; Foster, J.W.; Matlock, P.M., Treas.; Jolly, P.M., Sec.; Kegg, S.D.; Virman, I.G.; Goodman, D.C.; Poupard, P.M.; J. Williams, Gill, Catlin, Raymond, Holste, Smith, Ashford, and Hunt. Visitors: Bros. E. Mallett, P.M. 141; W. Carter, 22; Brock, 755; E. Roberts, 1623; Little, 1706; and Barr, 464. There being no work for the meeting, the W.M. requested his S.W. to employ the brethren with instruction. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The S.W. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, the W.M. presiding at the harmonium; and, assisted by a quartette, the degree was worked by some beautiful descriptive music, arranged by the W.M., which certainly worked admirably, and does great credit to the genius of their W.M., who is a great favourite amongst them. The second degree was also rehearsed, accompanied by quartette and solemn music. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to enjoy the fourth degree, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, songs, glees, and part-songs being dispersed at intervals, the W.M. and Bro. Egbert Roberts greatly excelling themselves. The Tylers having been entrusted with the Master's gavel, gave the final toasts and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, on the 29th November, Bro. B. Phillips, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bro. E. White, P.M.; B. Turner, S.W.; J. E. Shand, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., Treasurer; E. J. Scott, P.M., Secretary; J. Hutchinson, S.D.; J. Waugh, J.D.; T. Murray James, D.C.; E. C. Woodward, I.G.; besides several lay members and the following visitors:—R. Payne, W.M. 1318; W. Coombes, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Edell, I.G. 108; F. Green, 1687; Matthew Crook, 1614; T. Lewis, W.S. 1472; F. A. Wiggins, 160; A. Bassington, W.M. 205; George F. Hammond, 1765; E. Farwig, W.M. 180; J. W. Elvin 538; Louis Beck, W.M. 1559; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; W. Carrington, I.G. 1791; A. J. Mucklow, 1584; J. A. Scarlett, 276; J. Austin, P.M. 753; R. Coad, 1328; J. Simpson, W.M. 1178; R. Callingham, 1178; G. A. Watkins, 1585; James Cronland, J.W. 1687; W. J. Martin, 1681; R. Emanuel 188; W. Grover, J.W. 749; S. Wenkheim, 1017; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; H. Black, 1728; T. W. Murley, S.W. 1247; A. B. Ehr, S.W. 1515; John Moore, 548; Charles Wals, 79; Henry Cross, J.W. 589; Wallace Wells, 1319; H. Harvey, 1604; E. B. Beman, 180; and H. Massey, (Freemason). The W.M. initiated five candidates, Messrs. C. L. May, A. Stevens, H. Coots, E. Line, and T. R. Wenn. Bro. E. White then took the chair and installed Bro. B. Turner as W.M. of the lodge. The following officers were then appointed: Bros. Shand, S.W.; J. Hutchinson, J.W.; Swallow, P.M., Treasurer; Scott, P.M., Secretary; J. Waugh, S.D.; J. Emanuel, J.D.; T. Pratt, I.G.; J. Hancock, Std.; James, D.C.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. White afterwards delivered the addresses, and there being no further business before the lodge it was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At the conclusion of this repast, which was admirably provided, the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. B. Phillips, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that the brethren who had witnessed that brother's working in the various offices he had filled in the lodge, were able to form a good idea of his capability of performing the duties which would now be required of him. Personally he had no doubt as to the result which would attend the labours of his successor. He did not think the brethren could possibly have done better than they had in electing the present Master to his proud position; nor did he doubt that the lodge would be greatly benefited during his term of presidency. The W.M. replied, and said he was exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for his remarks, and thankful to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had responded to the toast. He had been made most happy during the whole term of his connection with the lodge, and felt very grateful to the brethren for having placed him in the chair. He felt very proud of his position, and considered it a great compliment. He should endeavour to do even better for the lodge in the future than he had in the past, and hoped his year of office might result as successfully as Bro. Phillips had predicted it would. "The Health of the Initiates" was next given. The W.M. said he was especially pleased to welcome the five brethren who had been admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry during the evening. Each of them had expressed the pleasure they had experienced in being received into the lodge. Each of the initiates responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors." He felt that they had now arrived at the toast of the evening. He saw a great many brethren around him who were members of other lodges, and had on the present occasion honoured the City of Westminster by visiting and taking part in the work of the day. The guests were thirty-eight in number, to all of whom he desired to tender on behalf of the lodge the heartiest welcome. He hoped that throughout his term of office the lodge would maintain its reputation for hospitality. Bro. Coombes, who was the first called upon to respond, considered it a very great honour to have to reply on behalf of so distinguished an array of visitors. The work he had witnessed that night had been admirable. Every year the lodge seemed to progress, and when they took into consideration the class of men who had filled the chair, it seemed impossible for any other result to accrue. He concluded by hoping that every success might attend the Master during his year of office, and that the lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had in the past. Bro.

Austin followed. There was no doubt in his mind but that visiting was one of the greatest privileges Masons enjoyed. How and where he could find words to thank the W.M. and brethren was his great difficulty. He could only express the great treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the work performed in the lodge. He trusted the Master might have ample work during the coming year. Bro. Farwig expressed his pleasure at witnessing the progress of the lodge. It could be but a pleasure to every good Mason to see it. Bro. Beck also tendered his thanks. Bro. Payne said it was a great pleasure to him to respond to the call. He was greatly gratified to see Bro. Turner in the chair. He knew him to be a good man and true. He congratulated him on the position he had attained in the lodge. Bro. Baker also responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." Each one of them had acted during their respective years of office as he could wish every Master to act. Very few lodges could boast of such brethren as they numbered among their Past Masters. Bro. White was one who never cared what trouble he put himself to if it was for the benefit of the lodge. The W.M. had especially to thank him for the way in which he had that evening placed him in the chair. Bro. Holden was a good man and true. To hear him render a ceremony was a treat. As Chaplain of the lodge he was especially entitled to the thanks of the members. Bro. Swallow was last, but certainly not least. As founder of the lodge he had done wonders; indeed, had it not been for him the lodge would never have been in existence. A most important part of the duty of the Master at this time was to present to Bro. Phillips the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge. He had great pleasure in placing it on his breast. Bro. Phillips desired to thank the brethren for the jewel they had so kindly voted him. During his year of office he had done his best for the City of Westminster Lodge, and so long as he lived he should endeavour to improve the lodge as far as he could. Bro. Swallow tendered his thanks. He thought the present W.M. was likely to add to the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Holden regretted his inability to be present at the first part of the evening. Being in the chair in another Order of Freemasonry he was unable to attend the lodge earlier, but he congratulated the brethren on the successful meeting they had had. Bro. White felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to install the Master. The four brethren who had passed the chair of the lodge were among the founders of it, now they had a brother in the chair who joined after the foundation, and might thus be considered to start on a new era. He felt very proud of being numbered among the Past Masters of so distinguished a lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast in honour of the Treasurer and the Secretary. These were two brethren it would be impossible to do without. Bro. Swallow, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him by again electing him to the important office he filled in the lodge. Bro. Scott also thanked the brethren. He tried to please all, but sometimes found it a difficult task. He thought the brethren should take into consideration the arduous nature of a Secretary's duties. As last but not least the W.M. described the next toast that of "The Officers." Without officers he should be a position similar to a ship without a rudder. The S.W., Bro. Shand, took a great interest in Freemasonry, but more especially in the City of Westminster Lodge; indeed, his zeal in this respect was only equalled by his abhorrence for the trading of Crown servants. (Laughter.) The toast having been replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening some excellent music was given by Bros. Wells and Cross, of the choir of St. Andrew's, Wells-street, and other brethren.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—The first regular meeting of this young but highly prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, and the spacious room, with its well appointed new lodge furniture and banner, presented a very striking and pleasant *coup d'œil*. There were present Bros. Louis Hirsch, W.M.; Dr. Thomas Pearce, S.W.; A. Fairlie, J.W.; W. Worrell, Sec.; R. Clay Sudlow, Treas. (pro tem.); Alfred Pocock, S.D.; W. Carlton Hale, J.D.; Dr. Lewis Evans, A. G. Repton, Sydney Pocock, G. Thorp Goodinge, Dr. John Dixon, G. Wright, Great City Lodge; J. Zeder, Mizpah Lodge; and W. Reinhard, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the consecration and lodges of emergency having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bros. Dr. Evans, A. G. Repton, and Sydney Pocock, and initiated Mr. Henry Phillips into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Worrell presiding at the organ. The ballot was then taken, and declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. G. T. Goodinge, of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, as a joining member, the W.M. expressing the great pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Goodinge as one of the members of the Clapham Lodge, which was heartily endorsed by the brethren. Bro. Goodinge acknowledged the compliment paid him by the W.M. and brethren in a few suitable remarks. The Secretary having read letters from Bros. Buss, Asst. Sec., and Robert Fairlie, regretting their inability to be present, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served, well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A few songs from Bros. Zeder, Sudlow, and Hale added interest and harmony to the meeting, and the W.M., Bro. Louis Hirsch, is to be congratulated for such an auspicious commencement of his year of office. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. He was sure the W.M. would do his best to make his year of office a pleasurable and happy one

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

How our aged Bro. Delasaux, vouched by Bro. Jno. R. Hall in your last impression as the oldest corner in England and, presumably, the oldest existing Mason on the rolls of Grand Lodge, could have been initiated in 1820 in a lodge (Canterbury, 1635) which, according to the Calendar, did not receive its warrant until 1876, perhaps your correspondent will be good enough to explain.

Lodge Canterbury, 1635, seems only to be connected by its name with the illustrious minster capital of the ecclesiastical province. It holds its meetings at 33, Golden-square, whereas the letter upon which I was remarking is dated from the city of Canterbury.

I have a strong suspicion that Bro. Hall is not responsible for the parenthetical 1635; that some transcriber seeing the word Canterbury at the foot of his letter has, ex mero motu, supplied the number of the lodge bearing that name, and that your esteemed correspondent must have meant to allude to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, the only lodge in existence in Canterbury, as far as the Calendar informs us, in 1820. Perhaps you will think the error so obvious as hardly to be worth correcting, but printed matter is constantly building up history, and no one can adequately estimate the value of correction in such apparent trifles as false quotations, inaccurate dates, and involuntary, but none the less mischievous, mis-statements in the organs that, assuming to guide public opinion now, must also fulfil the office of abstract and brief chronicles for succeeding times.

Such slips are so numerous in your contemporaries that, jealous for your fame for accuracy, I presume, even in this minute detail, to disregard the maxim, de minimis non curat, &c., and I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M. and TREASURER.

28th Nov., 1879.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, which appears in your issue of the 20th ult., the V.W.D.P.G.M. for Sussex is reported to have said, "that it was upwards of 100 years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings."

I think this is an error which is caused by taking the position the lodge holds on the roll of Grand Lodge. As it is No. 40, it is generally supposed that it must be one of our oldest lodges, but such is not the case. The lodge, under the Grand Lodge Ancients, which was numbered 36, was constituted about 1755, and met in London, and it had ceased to exist for many years when the Derwent Lodge, No. 36, now No. 40, was established at Hastings in 1813, the latter being a new lodge with a new warrant, placed in the position of the extinct lodge; it was not a resurrection of the old lodge or a warrant of confirmation.

The first lodge held at Hastings was in 1799, at the Swan Inn, No. 583, Lodge of Harmony, Grand Lodge Moderns.

I was in hopes that the list of lodges in the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1880" would have been carefully revised, and the dates annexed to those lodges formally under the Grand Lodge Ancients; as it is the only authorised list published it should be a perfect one.

For further information on anti-union lodges I would refer those who are interested in the same to a recent publication, entitled "A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England," and which can be purchased of the author, Bro. W. J. Huggan, Truro, Cornwall.

Yours fraternally.

T. F., 56, 804.

Dec. 1st, 1879.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 1399.

The new chapter attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, was consecrated on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Lodge Room, Woodstock. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. David Pryce Owen, P.Z. 998, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Williams, P.Z. 581, as H.; E. Bruton, P.Z. 340, as J.; Reginald Bird, M.A., P.Z. 357, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Oxon, acted as P.Z. The other companions present were J. Pitts, 340; H. Williams, 581; J. Long, 340; T. B. Brown, 185; H. Plumridge, 340; P. Robbins, 340; H. O. Crane, 340; A. Rowley, 340; J. Calcutt, 340; and G. Norwood, Janitor. After the chapter had been formally opened Comp. T. B. Brown, the M.E.Z. designate, was requested by the Consecrating Officer to deliver the inaugural address.

The companions having signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, Comp. D. P. Owen proceeded with the ceremony of consecration. Comp. H. Plumridge ably conducted the musical portion of the ceremonial, assisted by Comps. H. O. Crane and A. Rowley.

The ceremony of consecration being finished, the M.E. Comp. D. P. Owen installed the Principals—Comps. T. B. Brown in the chairs of J., H., and Z.; H. Williams in the chairs of J. and H.; and Jas. Long in the chair of J.

The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character, being admirably performed. Comp. D. P. Owen delivered all his addresses with great force and animation.

After the ceremony several propositions for exaltation and joining were made. The Consecrating Officer and the three Principals who assisted him were elected honorary members of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed in ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The Mark Master's Degree has made rapid strides during the last few years, but no better evidence could be afforded of its increasing vitality than the very successful meeting at Reading on Thursday week, to inaugurate the new Province of Berks and Oxon. That the Degree itself is progressing in all parts of the world is proved by the fact that it is now recognised by the Grand Lodge of every English speaking country except England, such as the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Quebec, General Grand Chapter of the United States, &c.; in short, it never was in such a position before, but whilst it may increase in numbers the Degree cannot ever be more recognised than it is now, as the "Articles of Union" of England prohibit it being worked, as in Scotland, in a Craft Lodge.

The lodges comprising the new Province of Berks and Oxon are: Porchester, 27; University, 55; Abbey, 225; Leopold, 235; and Alfred, 247, and it was under the banner of the Leopold Lodge at Reading that the inaugural ceremony was performed.

The lodge assembled at 1.45 and the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers having been received in due form, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the presiding Grand Officer being the M.W. Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M. Among the brethren present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, 55, P.G.S.W.; Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; A. M. Broadly, 222, 107, and 248, P.M.M., P.G.M.M.M. Tunis and Malta; F. Davison, 7, P.M., G.T., D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; H. C. Levander, 1, P.M., G.R.; F. Binckes, 7, G. Sec.; T. Meggy, 104, P.M., P.G.M.O.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., G. Asst. Sec.; R. P. Spice, 3, P.M., J.W.; T. Cubitt, 1, P.M., G.S.D.; H. Deane, 55, W.M., P. Provincial C.; G. L. Hawkins, 55, S.D.; H. Hacker, 54, J.W., P. Prov. G.J.W. Hants; Robert Berridge, D. T. Clark, 75, 164, Sec., P.G. Sec. Sussex; F. Harrison, 62, P.M., P.P.G.S.O. Hants; T. J. Pulley, 54, P.M., G.S., G.J.O. Hants; H. R. Bowden, 247, Org.; T. Benham, 54, W.M., P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; S. Harris, 340, Stewart; S. Cole, 54, P.P.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. Horsley, G.J.O.; H. Stone, 34, J.D.; Geo. Westall, 54 and 235, S.D., M.O.; Walter Bowdon, 54, M.O.; F. H. Cozens, 104, P.G. Org.; R. White, 54; E. Margrett, 235, W.M., G.S.; H. R. Cooper Smith, 55, W.M.; C. Stephens, 253, S.W., D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; Rev. F. F. Ravenshaw, 187, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; and W. Lake, 98, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. (Freemason).

There were also present Bros. E. L. Sheppard, C. J. Butler, W. Ballard, J. F. Stransom, R. Bracher, F. J. Ferguson, A. Welch, E. Hornblower, W. J. Lendrin, J. R. Shearer, J. Reade, J. A. Acock, A. Wheeler, W. C. Moffatt, S. Bradley, H. Ayres, George Blunt, J. F. Cossey, E. Nichols, H. W. Homann, W. Hincley, R. G. Glasspool, James Jenkin, J. T. Morland, H. Reece, G. Wade, W. Hickie, H. Brett, F. W. Ansell, G. S. Kirchhoffer, W. Sowdon, C. Forrest, W. Park, W. G. Emberlin, C. Park, A. T. Rose, W. G. Bayliss, T. Tomkins, W. Belcher, W. Hedges, R. Pooock, George Saxby, J. Dew, H. J. Thatcher, J. W. Lamb, G. Lear, Alfred Barker, John Egginton, J. M. Dormer, E. Townsend, F. Ryman Hall, A. Hubbard, J. W. Simons, and others.

The presiding Grand Master having been saluted, and the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the preliminary proceedings having been read by Bro. Pulley, the Prov. Grand Master designate, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and accompanied by the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers was conducted to the pedestal, where an address was delivered by the presiding Grand Master on the nature, duties, and qualifications for the office. This done the Right Worshipful brother was conducted to the right of the presiding Grand Master, and invested and inducted into the chair.

The Prov. Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted in due form, and after thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him by selecting him as their first Provincial Grand Master, which office he had not accepted without some hesitation, proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

- Bro. Charles Stephens Prov. D.G.M.
- " H. R. Cooper Smith Prov. G.S.W.
- " E. Margrett Prov. G.J.W.
- " Walter Ballard Prov. G.M.O.
- " Samuel Patey Spiers Prov. G.S.O.
- " F. W. Ansell Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. C. R. Henny, } Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. H. Deane }
- " E. J. Trendell Prov. G. Treas.
- " E. L. Shepherd Prov. G. Reg.
- " T. J. Pulley Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. M. Dormer Prov. G.A. Sec.
- " J. T. Morland Prov. G.S.D.
- " C. Park Prov. G.J.D.
- " J. Tomkins Prov. G.J.W.
- " J. Egginton Prov. G.D. of C.
- " H. L. Hawkins Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. Belcher Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. R. Bowden Prov. G. Org.
- " H. Brett Prov. G.I.G.
- " Emberlin, Bro. S. Sandback, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- and Bro. W. Hedges }
- Bros. W. Hemmings and C. Norwood Prov. G. Tylers.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said it was his pleasing duty to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Portal was so well known in connection with Mark Masonry that no more need be said to commend the proposition to the brethren.

The motion was seconded by the Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of feeling, and assured them that it had given him the greatest pleasure to assist at the inauguration of this new province.

Apologies from a number of distinguished Mark Masons who had been prevented attending were then read.

Votes of thanks to those brethren who had worked so hard to bring the proceedings to a successful issue, notably to Bro. T. J. Pulley, whose labours had been unremitting, were then passed, and the lodge closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was served, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

The Prov. Grand Master having proposed the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," gave "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master of Mark Masons, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Past Grand Masters," remarking that to no brother more than the brother on the left (Bro. Portal) had the success of Mark Masonry been due. He felt a difficulty in saying much in praise of a brother who was present, particularly as he had performed an interesting ceremony, with which he (Lord Jersey) had been intimately connected, that afternoon, but he must be allowed to thank Bro. Portal most cordially for having come there that day and given them the benefit of his valuable assistance. He could only express the hope that Bro. Portal would come among them as often as possible.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he felt it a great honour to have to return thanks for such a grand roll of distinguished Past Grand Masters. Twenty-three short years ago Lord Leigh found himself with only three lodges, while at the present there were 260 lodges on the roll, and twenty-nine Provincial Grand Masters, including the noble earl he had the pleasure of installing that day. Bro. Portal concluded by proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master."

Earl Jersey, in responding, expressed his warmest thanks to Bro. Pulley and one or two other brethren, for the kind assistance they had afforded him, and the enthusiasm they had manifested in the cause of Mark Masonry.

The D. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. C. Stephens) proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons (Lord Donoughmore) and Grand Officers, Present and Past," for whom Bro. Cubitt, G.J.O., returned thanks.

Bro. C. H. Levander, G.R., next proposed "Success to the New Mark Province of Berks and Oxon," which, as might have been expected, was received with acclamation, and severally responded to by Bros. H. Cooper Smith, W.M.; E. L. Shepherd, W.M.; E. Margrett, G.S., W.M.; and F. W. Ansell, W.M.

"Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by Bro. F. Binckes, and responded to by Bro. Meggy, and other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

The arrangements connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge, the train services, and also the banquet reflected the greatest credit upon Bros. Pulley and Margrett, and other members of the Leopold Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

An especial P.G. Lodge of Emergency was held at the "Old Hall," Gainsborough, on Monday, 1st inst., W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on the throne.

The lodge was opened in due form as soon as possible after the close of the P.G. Chapter. The Hymn of Invocation having been sung to a new accompaniment by Bro. A. W. Lambert, 588, P.G.O., the R.W.P.G.M. called attention to the business of the day, viz., the confirmation of certain alterations in the existing rules of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, and the addition thereto of certain rules respecting the "Oliver Memorial Fund," which had been drawn up by the present Committee of the P.G. Fund of Benevolence.

Proposed by W. Bro. W. Watkins, 297, P.P.G.S. of W.; seconded by Bro. T. M. Wilkinson, 297, P.G. Std.: "That the I.P.M. of each lodge should in future be a member of the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, and share with the W.M. the voting power of the lodge." For this proposition thirty-two voted against fifteen, and it was declared carried. The remainder of the revised rules were passed without opposition, and on the proposition of W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, seconded by W. Bro. A. L. Peacock, W.M. 1386, P.G.S., were unanimously adopted.

The requisite authority was given to W. Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.G. Charity Sec., to secure the purchase into the R.M.I.B. of two boys now on the Provincial list, viz., Alfred Thomas Cole (No. 1) and Phillipson Marshall (No. 13), on the October list of candidates for election.

W. Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W., gave notice of his intention at the next Prov. Grand Lodge to propose "That a fund, similar to the Oliver Memorial Fund, be raised in this province, for the purpose of obtaining the admission by purchase of candidates for the R.M.I.G."

This concluding the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and companions adjourned to a luncheon in the magnificent banquet chamber of the Old Hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at an early hour.

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T. B. Myers, P.M. 1184; J. Latta, J.W. 241; F. J. Pentin, 1713; J. Prescott, 1713; J. Williams, P.M. 1182; R. A. Hough, J.W. 1472; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Heggie, 673; J. C. Merrilees, 1393; R. Whitehead, 673; H. Worthington, J.W. 1570; J. P. Bryan, 1035; S. Hinks, W.M. 1570; I. Lecoe, S.W. 1086; R. Steadman, 1013; W. Brassey, S.D. 823; W. H. Gick, 1182; W. Walker, 1086; J. H. King, 837; J. Macbeth, 1086; S. Broadbridge, 241; R. P. Gill, W.M. 216; J. Hall, 241, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Gick, S.W., S.D. 203, was presented by Bros. T. Sergeant, P.P.G.S.D., and Bromley, P.M. and efficiently installed by the retiring W.M., the addresses being given by that brother and Bro. Sergeant in an impressive manner. The usual honours were paid, and the following officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; T. W. Sergeant, P.M., D.C.; Hugh Ferguson, S.W.; James Grierson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer (re-elected); C. Baryery, Secretary; T. Hay, S.D.; W. G. West, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; James D. Reader, S.S.; H. Formby, J.S.; J. Kellie, Assistant-Secretary; A. Child, Organist; Edwin C. Watson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Gick, W.M., initiated a candidate into the Craft in a commendable manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where dinner was served by Bro. Casey, 1086. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. In responding to that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers," Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W., said that it was impossible to overrate the services of their P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale. No member of the nobility more ably discharged his Masonic duties; in proof of which, he mentioned the fact of his attendance at the P.G.L. meeting at Morecombe in a very indifferent state of health. He hoped that they would long have him spared to them. He congratulated 1756 on his prosperity and working, and concluded with his best wishes for the lodge. "The W.M." was received with acclamation, and suitably responded to by Bro. Gick. Bro. Sergeant proposed "The I.P.M." in hearty and feeling terms, and presented him with a handsome timepiece on the part of the members; and to the lodge, on behalf of several brethren, a very life-like portrait in oil of that brother, by Bro. Rattray, of Bold-street, Liverpool, whom he complimented on his efforts. Bro. Johnston thanked the brethren. Other toasts followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements were creditably carried out under the conductorship of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. A. Child, Organist, and musical items were given by Bros. J. Hill, W. Williams, Bryan, Quayle, Twist, Muir, Ashmore, Queen, and others.

PORTSMOUTH.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).

—The regular meeting of this popular and very prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when a very large gathering of influential Freemasons attended for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the ex-Mayor, Bro. William David King, P.M., and P.P.G.S.D., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Richard John Murrell, assisted by Bro. E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. During the ceremony some beautiful anthems and odes were exceedingly well rendered by the choir, accompanied by Bro. Misselbrook, of Gosport, as the Organist. After the ceremony of installation had been performed, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. R. J. Murrell, the I.P.M., with a valuable gold Past Master's jewel, as a slight recognition of the ability, earnestness, and courtesy with which he had discharged the duties of the office of W.M. during the past year. The business of the lodge having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most recherché banquet was supplied by Mr. William Maybourn, of Butcher-street, Portsea, whose catering gave unqualified satisfaction. The ex-Mayor, Bro. W. D. King, presided, and was supported by Bros. the Worshipful the Mayor of Portsmouth, A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487; G. Rake, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; Francis Pikes, P.M. 257, P.P.G.W.; W. Edmonds, P.M. 309, Hon. Sec. Port of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce; Councillor G. T. Cunningham, vice-Chairman, and the Directors of the Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Limited; Bros. E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Felton Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705; R. J. Murrell, I.P.M. 1776; the W.M.'s and representatives of the following lodges:—257, 309, 342, 804, 903, 1069, 1428, and 1834; the officers of the Lodge, and about sixty other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably given by the several speakers, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Some choice selections were sung by the choir during the evening. The officers for the ensuing year are Bro. William David King, W.M.; Richard John Murrell, I.P.M.; Cornelius G. Adames, S.W.; Henry J. Andrews, J.W.; Thomas H. Williams, Treas., Edward S. Main, P.M., Sec.; John F. Baccigalpe, S.D.; Emanuel J. Smith, J.D.; George Drake, I.G.; Arthur Russell, D. of C.; Edwin Izod, Organist; Henry Dean and Alfred H. Hancock, Stewards.

MANCHESTER.—Albert Victor Lodge.—(No. 1773).—The first anniversary and installation festival of this young and promising lodge was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 21st ult. Present:—Bro. S. Stratham, W.M., P.P.G.T., who very satisfactorily performed the duties of Installing Master; Bros. John Lees, J.W. and W.M. elect; A. H. Allen, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Harrop, P.M.; E. Williams, P.M.; T. H. Bagnshaw, P.M.; John Brooks, P.M.; D. Asquith, Sec.; W. Slater, Treas.; E. Winterbottom, S.D.; J. Almond, J.D.; W. Hardcastle, I.G.; J. Statham, J. Moffat, Thomas Hewitt, George

Crossfield, W. Oldham, Thomas Kay, etc. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Entwistle, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Gillman, P.P.G.S.D. West Lancashire; Powers, W.M. 325; Bayley; Eldershaw, P.M.; Goodier; Rev. J. Harper, W.M. Victoria Lodge; Rev. J. Baines; Bernhardt, Hamburg; and several others. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer; and, after the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to install, according to ancient custom, Bro. John Lees as W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bro. John Brooks, P.M. and D.C.; Bro. Harrop, P.M.; and Bro. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The appointment and selection by the W.M. of his officers gave general satisfaction, and were as follows:—Bros. D. Asquith, S.W.; E. Winterbottom, J.W.; W. Hardcastle, Sec.; W. Slater, Treas.; W. Almond, S.D.; W. Oldham, J.D.; Jno. Statham, I.G. The investiture of the officers by Bro. Gillman was marked by the very interesting manner in which he explained the moral and symbolical teachings or meaning of the several jewels attached to each office. The proceedings were closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to allow of the lodge room being set out for the banquet, which was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel, the excellent character of the repast and the admirable and tasty arrangements for the comfort of the brethren called forth unqualified praise from all present. The W.M. proposed very neatly the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In reply to that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Entwistle, P.P.G.S.D., replied, that although that was his first opportunity of meeting the Albert Victor Lodge, yet he had frequently heard of the excellent way in which the lodge was conducted, and from his intimate acquaintanceship of Bro. Statham they had had a W.M. who could not fail to afford both interest and profit to any lodge. Bro. S. Statham, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., said The next toast is one which he was sure they would have as much pleasure in responding to as he had in proposing; it was that of their newly installed W.M., Bro. John Lees. There could be but one feeling amongst them that Bro. Lees had well and deservedly earned this honour, by his many excellent qualities, and the great interest he had taken in the lodge, and it must add greatly to the gratification of their W.M. to know that he had been elected to the distinguished position by the unanimous suffrages of his brethren, accompanied with their hearty congratulations and sincere wishes that he might enjoy a most happy and prosperous year. He felt persuaded that the brethren would one and all support their W.M. to the utmost of their power; remembering that the position of the W.M. was often a difficult and responsible one, and happy was he who in the administration of its duties could please everybody, but while they claimed the privilege of being Masons, they must do their duty in supporting the authority of the chair, and depend upon it by so doing they would best promote the happiness and prosperity of the whole lodge. The W.M., Bro. John Lees, replying to the toast of his health, returned his warmest thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. Statham, for the kind and amiable terms in which he had placed the toast before them, and the hearty manner in which it had been received by the brethren, and the pleasure it afforded him was all the greater when he knew their good wishes were sincere. The position in which they had that day placed him was one, as Bro. Statham remarked, of great trust and honour, and one calculated to inspire the aspiration of all true Masons, but at the same time it was a position not by any means to be lightly undertaken; it had its responsibilities as well as its pleasures, and he had several times questioned himself whether he had arrived at that stage in Masonry which justifies him in acceding to the cordial request of his brethren to undertake its duties, but when he reflected that it was their unanimous wish he should occupy the chair for the ensuing twelve months, he thought it was time to put away personal feelings, and with the co-operation he felt he should receive at their hands, faithfully endeavoured to do his best. He then called upon the brethren to drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the I.P.M., Bro. Statham," to whom he said their hearty thanks were especially due, not only for the pleasant manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, but for the very many services by him in obtaining this charter twelve months ago. They were justified in looking upon him as one of the most active pioneers of the lodge, and those who understood duties in a smaller degree in connection therewith would readily understand and realize the amount of work which had been successfully undertaken by him, but, as words and acts sometimes faded away from memory and sight, the brethren had desired that their appreciation of those acts should be conveyed to him in a more tangible form, and he had, on his own and their behalf, the greatest possible pleasure in decorating him with a Past Master's jewel, accompanied with an illuminated address, so that, not only himself but his family and friends might be aware of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge. Bro. Statham, who seemed considerably embarrassed and spoke at first with evident emotion, then rose to respond, and was greeted with the enthusiastic cheers of his brethren, replied: W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, superior officers, and brethren, I am so greatly taken by surprise with this practical expression of your kind appreciation and esteem that I am quite at a loss to find words suitably to respond to the toast, which has been proposed in such kind terms by our W.M., and so enthusiastically received by you all. If what I shall say in return shall but inadequately express the depth of my feelings, I trust, brethren, that you will not consider that my imperfect speech represents that I am insensible to your kindness. Although I did expect that, in accordance with the custom on these interesting and festive occa-

sions, my health would be proposed, I had not the slightest conception that the feelings of the brethren would be thus so practically expressed. While, on the one hand, I am greatly taken by surprise, yet, on the other, I feel deeply gratified to be thus honoured and respected. As our Worshipful Master has been pleased to remark, I have, as a true Mason endeavoured to be true to the principles of the Craft, and conserve the best interests of this lodge, which was my duty, but beyond that, I am not aware that I have done anything more to merit this special mark of your high esteem. However, I gratefully and thankfully accept it, and whenever I look upon it I shall not only be reminded of the distinguished honour you placed upon me when I was installed the first W.M. of the Albert Victor Lodge, but also of the very gracious way in which you have acknowledged your appreciation of my services upon my completing my year of office, and in making way for one whom I trust will occupy this proud position far more efficiently than I have done. Whatever services I may have rendered during the past year have been all gotten prompted by my love to the Craft and the noble science of Freemasonry; also from a sincere desire to render any assistance in my power to a number of truly worthy brethren whom I greatly respect and esteem; who were most anxious to establish a lodge in this neighbourhood. I sincerely trust I may have been of some little service to them; if so, I consider that out of that alone I receive an ample reward; I would say to the brethren—

All the thanks that I require,

Is that you ask for more.

Twelve months ago the inauguration or founding of the Albert Victor Lodge seemed to me like the launching of a noble Craft, and a noble Craft it was; the launching day was most auspicious, one long to be remembered, and gave promise of a safe and prosperous voyage. Her first voyage is now safely completed, and our vessel well treated. As we look back upon the past we may, brethren, congratulate ourselves upon the success and happiness we have enjoyed. It is no small satisfaction to know that the lodge is now firmly established. Having laid the foundation stones well and truly, it remains with us now to build up a stately, imposing, and comely structure. We may, if we will, make this structure a sanctuary, a school, and a home. A sanctuary where, by our constant study of the beautiful principles of the Craft, we shall culture our higher and better natures; a school where, by our constant interchange of thought, we shall educate our minds; and a home, where, by our constant meeting together, we shall promote the social virtues. I cannot forbear here from expressing my great indebtedness to the Past Masters and all my officers for the cordial support and assistance I have uniformly received from them, and I may just say that if, in presiding over this lodge, I have given any offence or caused any brother to feel uncomfortable in any way, it has been done inadvertently and not intentionally, and for the good of Masonry. It is no small gratification for me to know that there are so many able and experienced brethren in the lodge, this to me presages a most happy and prosperous future. Before bringing my remarks to a close, I should like to add that if this lodge is to be successful the brethren must most earnestly cultivate and do everything to promote a kindly, brotherly feeling, knowing that the happiness of the lodge is in their hands. It will certainly be what they make it. I feel fully persuaded that the brethren will, one and all, set their faces against that narrow, unworthy principle which centres in self, remembering "that man was not born for his own enjoyment alone"—that there is no joy on earth so pure and refining as the joy of contributing to the happiness of others. In the language of that beautiful address so admirably delivered to us this evening by Bro. P.M. Brooks, we must have but one aim in view to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy; we must be living examples of virtue and benevolence, we must be incarnations of all that is worthy, excellent, noble, and good. We shall then, and only then, demonstrate to the world that we are true to the great and noble principles of our noble Craft. Brethren, let us live these principles, and then shall the words of the poet be applicable:—

Peace to the just man's memory; let it grow
Green with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvas show
His calm, benevolent features; let the light
Stream on his deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven, and in the book of fame
The glorious record of his virtues write,
And hold it up to man, and bid him claim
A palm like his, and catch from him the hallowed flame.
Bro. Josh. Harrop, P.M., in proposing "The Visiting Brethren," remarked that it was one of the great privileges of the Craft to give the right hand of fellowship to, and to welcome to the hospitable board brethren, not only from our own country, but from every other country in the world, and, as an instance of the universality of the Craft, he might draw attention to the presence of Bro. Bernhardt, from Hamburg, who would, doubtless, bear to his own country a favourable impression of his Masonic brethren in England. Bro. Bernhardt briefly replied, expressing great pleasure with his visit to the lodge, and the cordial reception he had received. Bro. W. Slater, Treasurer, in a neat speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and expressed his pleasure in being re-elected to the office, and, as an example to others, he notified his intention to give a second donation of £5 to one of the Institutions. Bro. Hardcastle, Secretary, proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bro. Crossfield that of "The Officers," which were responded to by Bros. Bagnshaw, P.M., and Asquith, S.W., but having already exceeded our limits we are compelled to close our notice of this very interesting meeting, but not without a well-deserved compliment to the glee party, composed of Bros. Almond, W.M.,

for the brethren, and he must say that the working of the W.M. and officers of this lodge was carried out in the best possible manner, and no W.M. could take a greater interest in the prosperity of his lodge. This toast was greeted with hearty exhibitions of good feeling. The W.M., in reply, said: I thank you, Bro. Worrell, for your kind expressions of fraternal regard, and for the compliment you have paid me in proposing my health, and you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have been pleased to receive the last toast. Though Bro. Worrell has spoken of me in far too flattering terms, I hope that at the end of my year of office I shall be found in a measure deserving of them. Brethren, we are inaugurating to-day the commencement of the official year, which I trust will be a happy and prosperous one to us all. I believe no Master ever felt the responsibilities of his position more than I do, for having been placed in the honourable position of first W.M. of the Clapham Lodge, I feel in duty bound so to act during my year of office that at the end of that term you will have no cause to regret the choice you have made. Though my deficiencies may be great, they are not greater than my desire that the office I hold shall be filled to your satisfaction, and if I can but gain your approbation I shall be amply repaid for any trouble I have taken in preparing myself for the responsibilities of the char. It will be my great aim to make our lodge a model lodge, both for the perfect working of our beautiful ceremonies, and for the existence of genuine, faithful, and brotherly feeling amongst us. For this purpose, brethren, it is, however, necessary that we should keep before us the maxim of the founders of this lodge, not to introduce either as a candidate or joining member any but those whom we would be pleased to receive in our own homes and families. No other men should be introduced to Masonry, and certainly not to this lodge. With exercising this care, brethren, our lodge will flourish, and peace, concord, and unanimity reign amongst us. (Applause.) Brethren, the next toast I have the great pleasure to propose to you is, I am sure, a most welcome one to you all, it being emphatically the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Initiate." We have added, this evening, another substantial link to that golden chain of fraternal sympathy which binds us so closely to one another here below, by initiating a gentleman into the mysteries of our excellent Order, of whom we have every reason to be proud as a member of our lodge. The tongue of good report has been heard in his favour, and we know him to be a man of sterling worth, who would do honour to any society, and who, I feel sure, will carry out the great principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. "God send him many years of sunshine days." I ask you, brethren, to rise and drink with me to "The Health, Happiness, and Prosperity of the Initiate." Bro. Phillips, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the last toast, and expressed his gratification at the handsome way in which he had been received, and the pleasure he had to be admitted as a member of the Clapham Lodge. He was greatly impressed with the beautiful ceremony, so ably rendered by his friend, the W.M., and he hoped to become a good working Mason. He would endeavour to do the best he possibly could for the interest of the Craft in general and this lodge in particular. The Worshipful Master then said: I now rise to propose to you a toast which, I know, will meet with your cordial reception—it is "The Health of the Visitors." We are honoured this evening with the presence of several distinguished Masons, and I trust their visit has been in every way as agreeable to them as it has been gratifying to the members of this lodge. I tender you, brother visitors, our most hearty welcome, and trust you will favour us with your presence on many future occasions, assuring you that a hearty reception will at all times await you, for "all our friends are welcome." With this toast I couple the name of Bro. G. Wright. Bro. G. Wright, in responding for the visitors, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty welcome they had received, and assured them that he had spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening. He could not compliment the W.M. too highly on the excellent working of the ceremonies, and might safely say he had never heard the beautiful rites more impressively performed than that evening. He wished every prosperity to the Clapham Lodge, and trusted to be with them again on some future occasion. Bro. Zeder also replied, and thanked the W.M. for his appreciation of the exertions he (Bro. Zeder) had made for the comfort of the brethren of the Clapham Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the next toast, "The Health of our Secretary and pro Treasurer." We can congratulate ourselves on having such an able and experienced Secretary, who, as we all know, takes the liveliest interest in the welfare of the Clapham Lodge. I regret that on account of ill-health our brother Treasurer is not able to be amongst us, and thank Bro. Sudlow most heartily for having undertaken the duty of pro Treasurer, which, like everything else he undertakes, he is sure to carry out properly, and to your satisfaction. I ask you, brethren, to drink to the health of our brothers Secretary and pro Treasurer. Bro. Worrell responded, thanking the W.M. for the complimentary expressions, and said he would do all he possibly could for the interest and prosperity of the lodge. The Worshipful Master then said: Brethren, I have very great pleasure in proposing to you the next toast, and when I tell you it is "The Health of the Officers" I feel sure you will give it a most hearty reception. It is of the utmost importance for the welfare and position of the lodge that the Master thereof should be well supported by able, efficient, and painstaking officers, and I am happy to say no Master of any lodge could possibly be better or more ably assisted by his officers than I am.

"If ye search all the lodges round
No better officers could be found."

You have witnessed this evening, brethren, the very excel-

lent and impressive manner in which my brother officers performed their various duties, and they are not only capable in efficiently discharging their duties, but I am convinced they are most anxious to give me their best support during my year of office the same as they have hitherto done. I tender my sincere thanks to my brother officers for their many acts of kindness towards me, and the assistance and advice they have rendered me on so many occasions; but special thanks are due to our esteemed Bro. Sudlow, whose untiring zeal for the interest and good working of the lodge is so highly appreciated by every member, and by no one more than myself. "He has deserved high commendation, true applause and love." With such officers, "men endued with worthy qualities," to quote Shakespeare, the Clapham Lodge cannot fail to prosper, and I ask you, brethren, to drink in a bumper "Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to the Officers of this Lodge." The toast was received with loud applause. Bro. Dr. Pearce replied, and remarked that he felt sure the officers of this lodge would do all in their power to promote the happiness and comfort of its members. He had come some 150 miles for the purpose of taking his seat as S.W., and should never regret having done so, for it was a pleasure to meet the brethren and to hear the working of their W.M. The brethren had, indeed, every reason to be proud of their W.M., and he trusted he might be spared them for many years. Bro. Dr. Dixon next proposed a toast. The brethren, he said, would be pleased to respond most heartily to the toast he had the honour to propose—it was "The Health of Mrs. Hirsch," who had so generously presented them with a silver charity box. It would be used as often, if not oftener, than any working tool in the lodge, and he trusted always with such good success as that evening. He desired that the W.M. would convey to his kind-hearted wife the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Clapham Lodge, and assure her that her kind gift was fully appreciated by the members of the lodge. The toast was received with all the honour due to it. The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind reception they had given the last toast, and felt sure Mrs. Hirsch would be gratified to hear from him that evening how much the brethren had appreciated her gift. He assured them that from the first Mrs. Hirsch had taken the liveliest interest in the formation of the lodge, and it had afforded her the greatest pleasure to present this charity box as a token of the interest she felt for the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Tyler's toast brought this happy and eminently successful meeting to a close.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Brooke, W.M.; Corpe, S.W.; Bott, J.W.; Dewsnap, Treas.; H. Cruise, Sec.; Smith, jun., S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Smith, Sen., D.C.; Wilkins, I.G.; Baumann, Stew.; Goddard, Tyler; P.M. Maloney, and Bros. Furse and Williams. Visitors: Bros. Calcin, 286; Cook, 1806; and Culver. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Furse was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Williams was passed to the Second Degree, and all Masonic business being over, the brethren adjourned to a banquet supplied by Bro. Best in his usual efficient manner.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).

—At the regular meeting of this lodge held on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. W. H. Gainforth, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Amongst the members and visitors present were Bros. A. Buckle, W.M.; C. G. Padel, W.M. 1611; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; J. Hanly, W.M. 295 I.C.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; S. Maltby, P.M.; F. Hawling, P.M.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; and others. The installation takes place on the 15th inst.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).

—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Sears, W.M.; Healey, S.W.; Wells, J.W.; Wills, Harvey, Spurrell, Churchley, White, Bryant, Murray, Brock, and others. After Mr. Horatio Thomas had been initiated into the Order by the W.M., the lodge was adjourned and the brethren afterwards partook of supper, provided by Bro. Bray in his usual excellent manner.

LOUTH.—Lindsey Lodge (No. 712).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Rosemary-lane, on Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Jno. Mawer, W.M., occupying the chair. An interesting feature in the programme of the evening was the presentation to the lodge, by Bro. Frank Adlard, of a very handsome oil portrait of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. W. H. Smyth, one of the oldest P.M.'s of this lodge. The portrait, which was in the costume of a Provincial Grand Master, reflects great credit on Bro. Adlard as a painter, for the excellence of the workmanship; and, as a Mason, for the generosity of his gift. This pretty little lodge room has lately been most exquisitely decorated by the hand of Bro. Adlard, assisted by Bros. G. H. Porter, P.M., and E. F. B. Lucas, free of all charge (excepting for paint), from designs by Bro. James Fowler, P.M., the well-known architect. We believe that Bro. Adlard's talent as a portrait painter is not generally known, but feel sure that this picture has only to be seen for it to be appreciated. The portrait is handsomely mounted in an elegant gilt frame, the gift of Bro. Wm. Somerton, of Louth. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Bros. Adlard and Somerton for their valuable present, and the same ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was

held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonty, P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; F. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. C. Nicholson, J. Borrowseale, T. Mason, and J. Hewson, Tyler. This being election night, after the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Bird, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., and J. Hewson were also unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was agreed to hold the Feast of St. John on Tuesday, January 6th, at five p.m. The installing Officers will be Bros. J. Black, P.M.; Capt. Sewell, W.M.; and W. F. Lamonty, P.M. No other business remaining, the lodge was closed in form.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge.—(No. 1512).

—This provincial lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Lion Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. C. Jessett, W.M.; T. O. Ockenden, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J.W. (Freemason); E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; J. Hammond, P.G.D. Middlesex, acting I.P.M.; Hiscoc; J.D.; Moody, I.G.; Wheeler, I.C.; Knowles, A.W.S. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Hammond introduced the following proposition—"That the term 'members' in Bye-law IV., having already, by a resolution, dated January 18th, 1877, been defined to mean full subscribing or voting members, resolved—That the remaining ambiguity in the said bye-law, in its influence on the admission of candidates when the voting members subsequently number less than forty, be removed; and that the phrase, reaching forty, read reaching and remaining at least forty." This matter, after an hour's discussion pro and con., in which the W.M. and Bros. E. Hopwood, W. Hammond, T. O. Ockenden, and Walls took part, was carried. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual routine of toasts followed the collation. Bro. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., responded upon behalf of "The P.G.O.'s, Present and Past;" and Bro. Ockenden for the toast of "The Officers." In the interval some good selections of harmony were contributed by Bros. Jessett, Knowles, and others. The Tyler's toast, at an early hour, terminated the proceedings.

RHYL.—Garadoc Lodge (No. 1674).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M.; J. Rhydyen Jones, S.W.; K. McEwen, J.W.; W. L. Nicholas, Chap.; H. A. Steer, Sec.; C. D. Burdett, acting S.D.; E. W. Keatinge, J.D.; F. Wrigley, Org.; E. Graucut, D.C.; W. Hackforth, I.G.; G. D. Burdett, Stew.; J. Baylis, Tyler; T. Hughes, A. E. Lloyd, R. Hughes, E. L. Williams, P. P. Pratt, A. L. Clewes, F. P. Lewis, J. Morris, R. Roberts, J. Lean, J. B. Linnell, and H. J. B. Laurance. Visitors: Bros. Brereton, W.M. 1477; Thos. Davies, S.W. 755. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and signed. The ballot was taken for Bro. H. J. B. Laurance, Abbey Lodge, 624, Burton-on-Trent, who was unanimously elected. Bros. Clewes and Pratt being present were examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Brownley, 279, St. John's, Leicester, was proposed as a joining member by Bro. A. Eytton Lloyd, and seconded by Bro. E. W. Keatinge, J.D. Bro. Keatinge proposed, and Bro. E. L. Williams seconded, that a Committee, with power to act, of the members present should be appointed to inquire into the advisability of holding a Masonic ball early in January. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the brethren of Lodges Nos. 1477 and 755.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).

—The members of this most successful lodge assembled at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Wednesday, 26th ult., when there was one of the largest gatherings of the fraternity which has been seen in Liverpool for a long time. The lodge was only consecrated last year, and its highly satisfactory progress, socially and financially, has been in a large measure due to the admirable rule of Bro. E. Johnston, the first W.M., P.M. 203, who has received enthusiastic support from every member of his lodge. At the opening of the proceedings he was supported by Bros. C. Bromley, as I.P.M.; W. Gick, S.W.; H. Ferguson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer; J. Grierson, Secretary; C. Barger, S.D.; Thomas Hay, J.D. Among the P.G. Officers present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treasurer; John Wells, P.P.G. D. of C.; John Lunt, P.P.G. D. of C.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G. D. of C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; John Houlving, P.G. Steward. There were also present, as representing the lodge, Bros. J. Croxton, A. Child, D. Lowe, W. Macindoe, H. Townley, J. D. Reader, J. Kellie, J. Barker, J. Thornton, J. Bamby, T. Singleton, J. Ritchie, S. Bushell, G. H. Shearn, J. Gentles, T. Marshall, T. Powell, R. Forbes, J. Comber, J. Whalley, W. Ellis, Dr. Costine, N. Moreland, R. T. Britten, D. H. Gaskell, R. W. Chatham, C. Marcroft, W. Barrow, M. Arden, and others. The visitors also included Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; T. Hatton, 203; J. W. McWean, P.M. 1035; C. Birch, S.W. 203; T. McWean, W.M., 1035; J. Queen, 203; S. K. Gardham, 1035; H. James, P.M. 203; J. Hilton, J.W. 203; Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; J. Taylor, 203; J. Pendelton, S.D. 241; C. Donnelly, 203; G. E. Hamner, P.M. 1086; J. Twiss, 1325; S. Jacobs, 241; W. H. Quayle, 1325; H. Pennington, 1473; J. Winsor, P.M. 241 and 203; P. T. Neill, 203; P. Armstrong, 724;

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To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., are in type, but stand over for want of space:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire; Solent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Southampton; Freemasonry and Sailors; Oakwood Lodge, 1126; Ashbury Lodge, 1456; The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec; Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, 1602; Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Croydon Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Schoolmaster," "Exeter and Plymouth Gazette," "Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal," "Citizen," "The Statesman," "The Liberal Freemason," "Die Baühütte," "The Metropolitan," "Funny Folks," "Boys and their Ways," "A Bad Bargain," "The Edinburgh Courant," "The Record," "Hebrew Leader," "The Warren," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Boletín Masonico," "Kelet Orient," "The Churches of Yorkshire."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding four lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 30th ult., at Myrtle Villa, Dalberg-road, Brixton, the wife of William Baker, of a daughter.

WILLING.—On the 1st inst., at Springfield Lodge, Junction-road, Kentish Town, N.W., the wife of James Willing, jun., prematurely of a son, stillborn.

MARRIAGE.

NOTLEY-KILMISTER.—On the 27th ult., at Rodmarton, W.A. Notley, of Haxon, Wilts, to Margaret Jane Kilmister, daughter of W. Kilmister, Esq., of Trull House, Gloucestershire.

DEATHS.

BROWNE.—On the 26th ult., at Woodheys, Heaton Mersey, Sophia, wife of H. Browne, M.D., of Manchester.

VALLANCE.—On the 2nd inst., at Kingsland, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, Mary Anne, relict of the late James Vallance, in the 87th year of her age. Friends will please accept this intimation.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1879.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The last meeting of Grand Lodge took place with a numerous assembly. When the Grand Officers entered, the great hall was completely filled. We cannot, however, honestly congratulate Grand Lodge on the temper it evinced, or the resolution it arrived at. Indeed, at one period of the evening, no fair hearing could be obtained for the speakers, and, while we bow to the wisdom of our Masonic Parliament, we deeply deplore the controversy which arose as to Bro. Hervey's retiring pension. If any brother has ever deserved well of the Craft, Bro. Hervey has done so, and we feel sure that on calm consideration all will regret that in his sickness and in his sufferings he was not cheered and consoled as far as, humanly speaking, he could be, by the unanimous vote of that Grand Lodge he had served so faithfully and so well. We venture to think that the result of the last meeting of Grand Lodge in this respect will not accord with the liberal sympathies of our large-hearted brotherhood. It would have been far more dignified and Masonic, in our humble opinion, if Grand Lodge had accepted, without discussion, the reasonable and proper proposal of the President of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Stevens' motion, unwise, unpractical, and utterly uncalled for, as we venture to think it still, was also carried by a small majority. That it can ever lead to anything we do not believe, as, after the discussion of Wednesday, it is clear that if the Committee ever be appointed it will find itself in a position of inextricable difficulty. For it is idle to suppose that the English Craft in 1879 will accept without discussion a decision arrived at in 1813. But here we stop to-day; we shall return to this subject more fully in our next issue. Bro. Clabon's motion was withdrawn, as we anticipated, on a point of order. It is quite clear to us that, until the text of our Constitution is altered, Bro. Clabon's scheme cannot come under the provisions of our present laws on the subject. Thus ended the meeting of Grand Lodge December 3rd, 1879.

THE CHARITY MEDAL.

We are much struck with that portion of the report of the Board of General Purposes which relates to the Charity Medal. It has for some time been clear to many Masonic minds that the whole question of Masonic supply and demand, of Masonic contracts especially, requires most serious reconsideration and readjustment, inasmuch as by the present system the authorities at Freemasons' Hall are compelled, nolentes volentes, to buy in the dearest market for all they want, for all supplies they have to order. It has often struck us that perhaps by a system of "Licenses" granted by the Board of General Purposes all Masonic manufacturers might act as agents for Grand Lodge, both in the supply of the Charity Medal, the "Calendar," or the Book of Constitutions, and by this means a much larger sale of all these important Masonic adjuncts might be brought about, and the complaints of the Board of General Purposes avoided. Monopolies are always objectionable, and Masonic monopolies run counter to every idea of Masonic fair play, and we shall never cease to contend that Grand Lodge has a moral right as well as material benefit in going into the Masonic, nay the open market, and obtaining what it wants at fair trade prices. For instance, the sale of the "Calendar" might be largely increased if only a fair circulation could be obtained for it, and so the funds of benevolence augmented. As it is it is circulated in a limited area, owing to the absence of a "circulating medium," and it owes a good deal of its very sale to those who are anxious to support Grand Lodge, and yet are debarred from making active efforts to promote its circulation. This is one of many illustrations which might be adduced to point out, that what is complained of by the Board of General Purposes is capable of remedy in only one way, in our opinion, namely, the granting of licenses to Masonic agents by Grand Lodge, or otherwise the correspondence at the Grand Secretary's office, now unnecessarily large, must be increased a hundred-fold. It will be remembered that many of the provisions of our excellent laws were drawn up a time when no one could foresee the extension and expansion the Charities would gradually assume, and it is not impossible that even the Book of Constitutions might be improved by a few alterations and emendations. But here we stop. We have said enough we hope and think so, to warrant some thought and befitting consideration.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

We understand that the Board of General Purposes is moving in this matter, so that ere long we hope to announce the appointment of the "Prestonian Lecturer" for 1880, who ought, we think, to give the Lecture in all the Three Degrees. There will now be, strictly speaking, some accumulation of the income of the trust, and we hope that this matter, which constitutes somewhat of a reflection on us and on our Order, may now soon be put right "in futuro."

STEWARDS' FEES.

We are somewhat sorry, we confess, that this matter has come before the public in any way. We think we ought always to wash our dirty linen at home, and we doubt the policy or the propriety of thus drawing attention to the little "spots" on our "feasts of charity." At any rate such things, as the lawyers say, should be discussed "in camera." No doubt the evil is a great one, and the fact a disgrace to many brethren and lodges, and both the evil and the disgrace is much greater if it be true, as we are informed, that brethren who have not paid their fees to one institution have acted as Stewards to another. Perhaps if the Charities published in our columns their lists of non-paying Stewards some good may accrue. It is the only cure we see at present for what Bro. Cox seems to consider a growing evil. As Treasurer of the Girls' School Festival last year, he has a right to speak feelingly on the subject.

RECENT ATTACK ON THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

The whole civilized as well as the whole Masonic world will hear with indignant reprobation of this last wicked and insane attempt of the Russian Nihilists. All loyal citizens, as well as all patriotic Masons, will rejoice to know that in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. a life so valuable to Russia, so dear to his family, and so necessary to the peace of the world has been happily and wonderfully preserved. We trust that a speedy punishment will soon overtake the perpetrators of this most dastardly outrage.

Original Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

UNIFORMITY OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to observe that it is proposed by the Grand Lodge of England to appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon the various systems of Masonic working, with a view of establishing uniformity.

The inquiry is a very interesting one, for the want of uniformity and the causes thereof are of a very ancient date, and will, when found, lead, not only to such uniformity, but to the observance of the articles of faith inscribed on the celestial rays pursuant to the token and spirit thereof.

The causes and observances referred to are fully shown in original research, of which, when published in six or eight months hence, copies will be sent to the Grand Lodges of all nations, so that they may be acquainted with the same, and act thereon, to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally yours,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard-hill, Guernsey.

MASONIC GRUMBLERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Grumbling members of any society are invariably to be found in larger numbers amongst those who are either too careless or too indolent to thoroughly study the subjects upon which they so prematurely grumble.

Our respected brother, the I.P.M. of Lodge 877, seems to be no exception to this rule, for he freely confesses such dire ignorance as a P.M., that any Lancashire or Yorkshire brother who has even attained the rank of Deacon in his lodge would be heartily ashamed of. To grumble and find fault is with some the first step to knowledge—it may be the least troublesome and least expensive way of getting information to the grumbler, but when these grumbles take the form of communications to public newspapers there is a possibility that the ignorance exhibited, especially by one who uses the magically powerful symbol of I.P.M. as his cognomen, may do very considerable injury to very worthy and estimable charities, that only require to be fully known to be as fully appreciated.

Our Jersey I.P.M. is extremely agitated at present; let us hope ere the storm abates he will have gained so much additional Masonic light as will convert him into an ardent advocate and supporter of all our Charities. If there are faults in their constitution and practices there are constitutional methods of remedying them, but I respectfully and most fraternally submit it is a most unlikely source to seek for needed reforms in the ideas and suggestions of one who begins by confessing his utter ignorance of the subject on which he dilates at so great extent. If every W.M. of a lodge passed the chair of K.S. with such easy indifference to its duties and privileges, Freemasonry in its highest and truest sense would long since have been a thing of the past, and now be only remembered to be held just derision.

If instead of fulminating a string of undeserved epithets in a public print he will take the trouble to write to the indefatigable Secretaries of the Institutions, they will be only too glad to give him all the information possible, or, better still, if he will follow the example of Bro. George Taylor, P.M., who also writes in yours of 22nd ult. on this subject, he will see and learn more in one year's Stewardship, faithfully and ardently carried out, than he would learn in a lifetime by correspondence such as he now indulges in; but, unhappily, if his time or circumstances will not permit him to accept a Stewardship in conjunction with a Life Governorship, and to indulge in a visit to the Institutions, then I fear he will have to be content to take the report of those who can and do. Or he can adopt another course, if he happens to possess the confidence of the brethren of his lodge—he can get elected as their representative on the Charity Committee of his province, and he will, no doubt, learn much while acting on that Committee, which will at least prepare him for further enlightenment. Meanwhile he may gain much by personal conversation with those who are recognised local authorities on such matters.

Regretting I have not time at present to go more fully into this question,

I remain, very faithfully yours,

J.W. 317.

Moffatt, Harrop, and Dale, all members of the lodge, and who, by their excellent singing of some fine glees and songs greatly added to the enjoyment of the meeting. The illuminated address is in the form of a copy of a resolution, "That the thanks of the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge be given to Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., for his valuable services in the formation of the above lodge, and whilst filling the office of first Worshipful Master thereof, for his exemplary efforts to promote the success and diffusion of the principles of the Craft; and for his undeviating kindness to the brethren, not only to the Albert Victor Lodge, but the Order generally; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him, together with a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren."

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. There were present Bros. W. Smallpeice, W.M.; Pulsford, S.W.; Scott, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Chapman, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, J.D.; Beeton, I.G.; Joseph Langton, Williams, Barnett, John Wood, Brittain, and Wells. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and was then resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Barnett, being a candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barnett was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the following brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge:—Bros. Beeton, 778; G. C. Pulsford, 1593; F. E. Scott, 771; F. H. Edmunds, 8; and A. Escott. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Pulsford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and then the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of the annual banquet, Bro. Joseph Langton, P.M. 1673, occupying the chair. The excellent manner in which the banquet was served reflected great credit upon Bro. Harrington, the Steward of the club.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE.—(No. 1534).—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, December 3rd. Present—Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; C. W. Baker, S.W.; S. Crane, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; W. Green, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, P.M.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; and also several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. G. Spencer being the candidate. Bro. C. Larkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. S. Crane seconded, that Bro. C. W. Baker be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Cambridge proposed, and Bro. J. Williams seconded, that Bro. A. G. Spencer become a member of this Lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. W. Green proposed, and Bro. A. R. Gilley seconded, that Bro. J. Pige become a member of this lodge, which was also carried unanimously. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

MACDONALD CHAPTER (No. 1216).—On Thursday, the 20th ult., this chapter met at the headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell. There were present Comps. W. J. Messenger, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hastie, H.; Lieut. Newington Bridges, J.; W. H. Thomas, Scribe E.; and a number of other companions. The chapter was opened in due form, when Comp. Henry Muggieridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, was requested to install the Principals. A conclave of Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. Hastie installed into the chair of Z.; Comp. Bridges into the chair of H.; and Comp. Thomas into the chair of J. The conclave was closed, the companions re-admitted, and Comps. Bradley and Col. Gardner were inducted into the office of S.E. and P.S. A jewel was presented to Comp. Messenger, I.P.Z., and the chapter was closed in due form, when the companions adjourned to the mess room, and partook of an excellent banquet, enlivened by the vocal abilities of Comp. Seymour Smith and other companions.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—The installation of Principals took place at the regular monthly meeting in Freemasons' Hall on the 27th ult., M.E. Comp. Edward Booth, P. Prov. J.W., performing the ceremony, the following being the officers for the year:—E. Comps. T. P. Payne, First Principal; G. M. Passenger, jun., Second Principal; R. Sharpe, Third Principal; J. R. Weston, Scribe E.; W. Waters, Scribe N.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; Comps. S. Myer and C. Bemister, A.S.; and Biggs, J.

LINSLADE.—St. Barnabas Chapter (No. 948).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th ult. Comp. Haslgrave, of Luton, opened the chapter in due form. After the minutes were confirmed, Comp. Henry Muggieridge, P.G. Standard Bearer of England, by request of the M.E.Z., took the chair, and installed Comp. Howell, of Dunstable, into the First Principal's chair, and Comp. Wixley, of London, into the Third Principal's chair. The conclave of Installed Principals was then closed, and the

companions re-admitted, when Comp. Poynter, P.Z., of Luton, was inducted into the office of S.E., and Comp. Sandell, P.S. There were also present Comps. Cawdell, P.Z., of Luton; McCubbin, P.Z., and several other companions, who, after the chapter was closed, partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Morgan, the worthy host, in his usual admirable style.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This new lodge commenced its session on the 18th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Charles Horsley, G.J.O., Treasurer and M.O.; Richnell, J.O.; J. Dodson, S.D.; F. H. Clemow, acting J.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Beningfield, 1589, was duly advanced to the honorable degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. most ably. Bros. Webb and Beningfield were then respectively appointed and invested by the W.M. as J.D. and I.G. A discussion then took place upon the subject of the by-laws, when it was unanimously agreed that their final settlement should be deferred until the next regular meeting in February. Several propositions for advancement having been handed in, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. After this entertainment had been done full justice to, the customary loyal and Mark toasts were duly proposed. Bro. Horsley responded in fluent terms upon behalf of "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," and immediately afterwards gave "The W.M." This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Wigginton briefly acknowledged the compliment, and gave "The Advance," which pledge was modestly responded to by Bro. Beningfield. "The Officers" followed, and, in reply, this most important toast received full justice from the hands of Bro. Horsley. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—The festival of St. Andrew was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, on Wednesday evening, the 26th inst., by the installation of Bro. George Tilling, P.P.G.I.G. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Sheppard, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Blount Thomas, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Treas., S.W.; F. H. McCalmont, P.G.S., J.W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, M.O.; P. P. M. Emanuel, S.O.; J. S. Pearce, J.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec., Treas.; P. Warren, P.P. Grand Steward, Sec.; J. Coles, Registrar; D. O. Hobbs, S.D.; W. Horton, J.D.; J. R. Weston, P.P.M.O., D.C.; Bro. Stroud, I.G.; and Biggs and Vane, Tylers. The next and future meetings of this lodge will be held in the New Masonic Hall, which is to be opened on the 29th of December next.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This provincial lodge held its first regular meeting of the season at the Albany Hotel, when there were present among others Bros. S. H. Knaggs, P.G.S. W.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, S.W.; E. Hopwood, Acting J.W.; Tomlinson, P.G.S., P.M.; Sanders, S.D.; T. C. Walls, I.G.; Rogers, Registrar; Richnell, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Harrison re-elected Tyler. There being no other business the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. At its conclusion the usual toasts received full justice. Bro. Tomlinson responded on behalf of "The Grand Mark Officers, Present and Past," and then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who duly acknowledged the same. In giving "The W.M. elect," Bro. Knaggs congratulated Bro. Taylor upon having arrived so soon at that important position. He (the W.M. elect) had been advanced in the lodge, and from the attention and ability he had displayed in the execution of the duties of the various minor officers he had filled in the lodge, he believed that Bro. Taylor's performance of the "work" attached to the higher responsibilities of the chair would be alike creditable to himself and gratifying to the members of the Francis Burdett Lodge. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Taylor briefly replied. "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast then terminated the proceedings.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Saturday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. James Pinder, P.M., as W.M.; W. C. Claridge, S.W.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., as J.W.; W. G. Hallows, M.O.; J. Franklin, S.O.; Fred. Hallows, Sec.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; G. J. Westfield, as I.G.; T. Upward; Organist; Fredk. Binckes, G.S.; G. Graveley, R. T. Williams, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Binckes then occupied the chair, and Bro. W. C. Claridge, the Master elect, was presented and obligated. A Board of Installed Mark Masters was formed, and Bro. Claridge installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the brethren returning to the lodge, the W.M. was presented to them by Bro. Binckes, and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. immediately proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Groome, S.W.; W. G. Hallows, J.W.; T. Franklin, M.O.; J. Badkin, J.O.; Fred. Hallows, Sec.; J. M. Cambridge, S.D.; George Graveley, J.D.; G. J. Westfield, I.G.; T. Upward, Organist; and R. T. Wil-

liams, D.C. (The remaining officers were left vacant until next lodge meeting.) After the officers had been invested and conducted to their positions in the lodge, Bro. Binckes delivered a very able and impressive charge to them all upon the important duties they had undertaken, and the manner in which it was expected they were to be carried out. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Binckes replied; and to that of "The Visitors," Bro. Broadley, the P.G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, responded. Amongst the other visitors present were Bros. G. W. Verry, P.M. 104; S. Wharman, 1773; and others.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This distinguished Conclave met at the 'Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Peters, S.G., M.E.V. elect; Massa, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treasurer; H. C. Levander, P.M.P.S., Recorder; George Kenning, P.M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.G.V., &c.; Thiellay, H.P.; Shibley, Prefect; T. C. Walls, A.D.C.; Robinson, Gilbert, and Harrison, Sentinels. The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Col. Sir Knight Peters was duly installed as M.E.V. A motion by Sir Knight Walls, which was seconded by Sir Knight Levander, "That a silver gilt Past Sovereign's jewel be presented to every subscribing Sir Knight who had filled the position of Sovereign of the Premier Conclave," was carried nom con. Two notices of motion having been handed in, and numerous communications read from absent members, the Conclave was closed in accordance with ancient usages, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The M.P.S." was proposed in very complimentary and exhaustive terms by Sir Knight Peters. This pledge having been cordially received, the M.P.S. gave "The Health of the new-installed M.E.V.," which toast was duly honoured, and in response Sir Knight Peters expressed his acknowledgments. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Knight Levander, brought the formal proceedings to a conclusion. In the intervals of the toasts Sir Knights Marsh, Peters, Massa and others entertained their colleagues.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—The knights of this Masonic and military Order assembled on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. The early unpropitious and cold weather, no doubt, chilled many of the members from attending to their chivalrous duties. There were present V.E. and Perf. Sir Knight E. H. Thiellay, G. St. B., M.P. Sovereign; E. Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, G.S.A., Viceroy Eusebius; W. Sir Knight H. Venn, Junior General; V.E. and Perf. Sir Knights H. Dickets, G.A.M., P.S., Treas.; F. Bayley, P.S.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S.G. and G. Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A.; Sir Knights H. Moon, and Laing, Sentinel. The conclave was opened in due form, letters of apology from absentees and candidates were read, some little business transacted, when the conclave was again closed in due solemnity and adjourned. The usual *recherche* little banquet ensued, for which the Plantagenet Conclave so distinguishes itself, thanks to that excellent gastronomist, the Treasurer.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter Rose Croix (No. 236).—At the regular meeting of this chapter, held at York, on Friday evening, Bro. T. B. Whythead, H.P., was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. J. S. Cumberland Treasurer for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the present M.W.S. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Nole-Powlett, Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33, S.G.I.G., presided.

Order of St. Lawrence.

METROPOLITAN LODGE.—This influential lodge, which comprises upwards of seventy members, met in good numbers at the Masonic rooms, Red Lion Square, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. S. Rosenthal, I.P.M., acting W.M. in the absence of Bro. W. Roebuck; F. Binckes, P.M.; H. C. Levander, acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, acting J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; A. Williams, Conductor; J. Robins, J. Constable, T. Poore, R. L. Loveland, E. Passawer, C. E. Soppet, T. Cubitt, J. Pinder, W. C. Claridge, C. J. Morgan, etc. Bro. Broadley, of the Ebor Lodge, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Graveley, Anderson, Gimingham, and Silvester were duly admitted members of this quaint degree by the W.M. The interesting lecture of the Order was most ably delivered by Bro. D. M. Dewar. Bro. Binckes then, in a few appropriate sentences, presented Bro. Rosenthal with a P.M.'s jewel. Several communications having been read, and numerous propositions handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent grill at the Albion Hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth, the various toasts pertaining to the Order were done full justice to. Bro. Rosenthal, at an early stage of the proceedings having to leave, the chair was ably filled for the remainder of the evening by Bro. Binckes. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Binckes, in the course of his remarks, took occasion to speak in very warm and eulogistic terms of the services of Bro. Broadley in almost every degree of Masonry. He was pleased that the

Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence had had the opportunity of entertaining their distinguished brother previously to his departure for Tunis, and on behalf of the lodge he, Bro. Binckes, wished him "bon voyage." This toast having been drunk most heartily, Bro. Broadley responded in a humorous speech, which "set the table in a roar." In concluding his remarks, he stated that upon his return to Tunis and Malta it was his intention to introduce the Order of St. Lawrence and other side degrees in those districts. "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, was given by Bro. Robins in brief but pertinent terms, and having been cordially received, the brother thus honoured made a stirring and able response. The proceedings were enlivened by the contributions of Bro. Constable, Gimingham, and others, and the members separated at an early hour, highly gratified with the success that had attended their first re-union of the season.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A NEW CONSTITUTION.

I am happy to say that this MS. is now in my possession. It is of date 1607. It has a frontispiece by the famous Inigo Jones; on the title page, in MS., are these words—"The Ancient Constitution of the Free and Accepted Masons 1607." This one fact and statement opens the door to numerous most interesting questions.

I will recur to the matter in the next *Freemason*.

A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

BRO. ALEXANDER RIDDELL.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Alexander Ridwell, of Portsmouth, which took place on the 19th ult. The deceased was much respected by the Freemasons of this great Masonic centre, as he has ever been a plodding, hard-working Mason. He was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 344, and joined the Fareham Lodge, No. 309, in which he served the office of W.M. with considerable credit. He was also one of the founders of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, and worked laboriously to promote its success. He was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342, and served the various offices, and was filling the Z.'s chair the second time at the time of his death. The funeral took place at the Portsea Cemetery, on Saturday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by a considerable number of Masons, although the weather was most inclement. The deceased leaves several children without a mother to look after them, and in rather indigent circumstances, as his pay ceased at the time of his illness, as he held a Government appointment as Clerk of Works.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gainsborough on Monday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Smyth, M.E. Grand Supt. of Lincolnshire, on the invitation of the All Saints Chapter, No. 422.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance, probably caused by the fact of the All Saints being one of the oldest chapters in the province, and the Old Hall, which was the appointed place of meeting, being one of the curiosities of the county, it having been at one time, we believe, the residence of John o'Gaunt.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. W. H. Smyth, M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps, J. Moxon, H., and W. Watkins, J., at 11.30, after which the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Grimsby in 1877, were read and confirmed.

The accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter were then presented by Comp. C. M. Nesbitt, Provincial G. Treas., showing a balance in hand of £18.

In the absence of Comp. F. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg., the returns were presented by Comp. T. C. Lazenby, 297, showing a decrease of ten members since the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The following companions were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comp. E. Pocock, 712	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" A. Kirk, 422	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Fowler, 712	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" G. Honsham, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. Barrell, 272	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Robinson, 272	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" C. M. Nesbitt, 712	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. C. Lazenby, 297	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. M. Lowe, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. E. Howlett, 422	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. Robinson, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Box, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. F. D. Marsden, P.Z. 712, and G. H. Porter, P.Z. 712, were elected Auditors of the Provincial Grand Chapter accounts for the ensuing year.

Several collars and jewels, wanting to complete the equipment of the Provincial Grand Chapter, were ordered to be obtained by the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Scribe E.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, had the honour of nominating, on Wednesday last, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the year ensuing.

CONSECRATION OF ST. PETROC LODGE, No. 1758.

The Freemasons of the town of Padstow have, up to the present time, possessed no lodge of their own, but have been subscribing members to those in the neighbouring towns. Recently, however, and mainly through the exertions of Bro. W. H. Martyn, it was determined to form an independent lodge at Padstow, and for this purpose premises known as the old Post-office, in Church-street, have been purchased and converted to the required purpose. A large room in the upper part of the building has been furnished with the necessary furniture, &c., for working the lodge in Craft Masonry, and a small room adjoining has been converted into an ante-room. The warrant for its constitution has been granted by the Grand Lodge, and here eleven members who represent the Order at Padstow will assemble under the title of St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1758. As the membership increases and funds accumulate it is intended to convert the existing premises into a building on a more pretentious scale, and its promoters entertain the idea that they will be in a position to accomplish this at no very distant date.

The ceremony of consecrating and constituting the lodge was performed on the 21st ult., by the P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, in the presence of a tolerably large gathering of the Masonic fraternity, considering the remote position of the town from any of the large centres. The P.G.M. was supported by Bros. Colonel Peard, D.P.G.M.; T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.S.G.W.; A. Elford, 977, P.J.G.W.; the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.S.G.C.; Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, P.J.G.C.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; W. Rowe, 330, P.G.D.C.; Richard John, P.M. 131, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Rook, P.M. 131, P.G.A.P.; E. B. Williams, 977, P.G.S.B.; J. Bishop, 790, P.G.S.; A. Giles, P.M. 496, P.P.G.S.; E. D. Anderton, P.M. 33, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Trevail, J.D. 330; M. Hicks, P.M. 1529; John James, D.C. 1529; W. H. Cobeldick, S. 1529; W. Paynter, P.M. 330; A. A. Davis, 997, P.P.G.J.W.; Charles Hawke, W.M. 1529; T. W. Beale, 977, P.G.T.; John Dennis, 330, P.P.G.D.; W. W. Howard, S.W. 1529; W. T. Eastcott (Huyshe), 1099; R. Griffiths, 131; G. Garland, 330; John Hawken, 131; D. Jones, 330; E. Grove, J.D. 1529; C. H. Parks, 1529; and T. Nicholls, 1785.

The brethren first assembled in the lodge room, and the lodge having been opened in the First Degree, a procession was formed, and, headed by the band of the local volunteer corps, marched to the parish church, where Divine service was held in the presence of a large gathering of the townspeople. The Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.S.G.C., read the opening portions of the service, and the Rev. S. T. Daunt, vicar of St. Stephen's, Launceston, P.J.G.C., preached the sermon. Taking his text from the 5th chapter of Galatians and the 24th verse: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof," the rev. gentleman put before his hearers the principle which very few of them, he said, applied literally to heart; that was, the complete severance from their lives of those surroundings which were so fatal to what was commonly called the growth of godliness. Freemasons, above all others, he urged, ought to feel the imposture of sin, and all of them should put aside the cant and hollowness of the world and should study that manly style of religion which was indicated and suggested in the Masonic ritual. They had started a new lodge, and he hoped they would be in earnest, that they would have a bona fide faith in the suggestive teachings of their ritual. If they thought of the great Bible teachings and of the suggestive thoughts embodied in that ritual, it would be sure to inculcate faith of a noble and manly character; faith free from twaddle, free from cant, free from hypocrisy; a manly faith, an earnestness of purpose, feeling that they were taking the right road, and then God will bless and reward them in their endeavours.

The brethren having re-assembled in the lodge, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the P.G.M. in accordance with ancient custom. The P.G.M. then addressed the members of the new lodge. As many of them, no doubt, were as old in Masonry as he himself was, he would not, he said, attempt to instruct them on the objects and designs of the Order; but at the same time he did not like an occasion of this kind to pass without addressing a few words that might have some practical bearing upon the working of a new lodge, because he felt very earnestly about it himself, and liked to call the attention of others to it. Without going into the history of Freemasonry, they all knew, and no one could practically help seeing, that the Order was not only an influential and honourable institution, but that it was also one of the most widely extended, and the most critically observed by the outside world, so that those members who were forming this lodge, and who had obtained the permission of the Grand Lodge to do so, were accepting a great responsibility. In their hands was placed, and to a great extent was entrusted, the credit of Freemasonry in that neighbourhood. They were forming themselves into a branch of the great Masonic tree, and it would depend upon them whether it continued to be a living branch and an ornament to the parent stem, or the reverse. Of course their success depended entirely upon their regarding Masonry in its proper light. Wearing Masonic clothing, attending Masonic ceremonies, learning the ritual, or even holding important offices, was one thing, but being a real Mason was another thing. If "brotherly love, relief, and truth" were to be their watchwords, then at least the formation of a lodge in that place would tend to smooth over all those differences which, unfortunately, often existed between neighbours in most places, whether they arose from political disputes, from religious distinctions, or from personal rivalries of any kind. If Freemasonry was to be a real thing amongst them, no doubt all those evils which

arose from the different circumstances he had named would be smoothed and softened; and they must be, so far as the members of the lodge were themselves concerned. Kindness and a real and earnest desire to help each other, as implied in the word relief, must be exercised; and honesty in its widest sense, coming under the head of truth, must also be encouraged. There were one or two other things he desired to impress upon them in relation to the practical working of the lodge. In the first place, he would beg of them in balloting for new members only to consider in giving their vote whether the candidate was likely to be a credit to the institution or not. That was the one thing they were to think of. They must never let any personal or jealous feeling influence them to exclude a man. Then, again, there might be a natural desire on the part of a young lodge to increase its membership, and, with that object in view, they might be tempted to admit those whom otherwise they would not admit. He hoped that that would not be the case there. Further than that, he was sure they would not misinterpret his motives when he advised them to elect those candidates who did not seek admission simply for the benefits which might accrue. Those who were admitted into the Masonic fraternity ought to be above that, otherwise the objects of Freemasonry would not be carried out. A man ought to join for the sake of Freemasonry itself, and for the benefit of others rather than himself, and then if he afterwards fell into misfortune he knew that he would be as readily helped as he was previously ready to help others; but it was not right to admit a man simply for the advantages he might expect to derive. He could not too earnestly impress upon them the necessity when a Master was elected of giving him their entire and hearty obedience. The election of a Master in Freemasonry was carried out in the most free manner possible, and when the majority had selected an individual that should be final; everybody should give way, there should be no personal feeling; but they should give him their hearty support and allegiance. Everything depended upon this in the good working of a lodge. It was a natural and honest kind of ambition on the part of a Mason to seek to obtain office; but if at the same time the voice of his brethren selected somebody else all feeling of jealousy should pass away from that moment. Unfortunately, ambition for office was one of the greatest difficulties in Freemasonry, and sometimes brought about a block which all good Masons must regret. He sincerely trusted that this lodge would go on upon the principles he had hinted at, and then he was sure it would not only be a satisfaction to those who were members of the lodge itself, but that it would be a benefit to the town of Padstow, in which it had been established, and that its effect would always be to create harmony and good feeling, and to make all things pleasanter in the town than they were before it was formed. The P.G.M. concluded by declaring the lodge regularly and duly constituted, and by dedicating it to the service of Freemasonry.

The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Martyn, was ably performed by the P.S.G.W., Bro. T. Hawken, after which the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. W. H. Roberts, S.W.; F. Bray, J.W.; J. F. Clemow, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Pearce, S.D.; J. Nicholls, J.D.; C. Matthews, I.G.; and T. Wills, Org. The consecration ceremony having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared. The W.M., Bro. Martyn, presided, and was supported on his right and left by the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Chaplains. Several Masonic toasts were proposed. Among others was that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," to which the D.P.G.M. responded, and proposed, in return, "The Health of the W.M." The toast was received with warmth, and Bro. Martyn, in responding, expressed his firm intention of doing everything in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge, to extend its operations, and to increase its membership. He called upon his officers to render him every possible assistance, feeling sure that with their help he should be able to uphold the dignity of the chair, and to hand the office over unstained and unsullied to his successor at the end of the year. He proposed, in cordial terms, "The Health of the Installing Master." W. Bro. Hawken, in reply, congratulated the lodge upon having made so judicious a selection in their first W.M. He had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Martyn for initiation into the Order, and also of giving him the first office he had held in a Masonic lodge. That day Bro. Martyn had reached the climax of Craft Masonry; he was a brother who would do his work thoroughly and well, and was entitled to the support of every individual member of the lodge. "The Health of the P.G.C." was responded to by the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, and one or two other toasts of a formal character brought the proceedings to a close. The musical portions of the service and of the post-prandial proceedings were effectively rendered by Bro. H. Jacobs, Org., Bodmin.—*Western Morning News*.

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

The Southampton Masonic Hall Company held a large meeting of shareholders on Friday, the 28th ult., W. Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Chairman of the company, presiding, and determined to borrow £800 on mortgage, at 4½ per cent., from the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association, to assist in meeting the cost of the new hall, which is now finished, and in the course of being furnished.

The Secretary of the company (Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M.) announced that £2600 £1 shares had been allotted to brethren in respect of the hall and site.

The buildings are to be opened towards the close of December by the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met on Monday last afternoon, in Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of installing their officers for the next year, and also to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew.

- Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart ... G.M.
The Earl of Mar and Kelly ... D.G.M.
Col. A. C. Campbell ... Sub. G.M.
The Lord Inverurie ... S.G.W.
R. F. Shaw Stewart ... J.G.W.
D. Murray Lyon ... G. Sec.
David Kinncar ... G. Cashier.
Rev. T. N. Wannop and Bro. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A. } G. Chaplains,
The Earl of Haddington ... S.G.D.
Jas. Caldwell ... J.G.D.
William Hay ... G. Architect.
F. J. Law ... G. Jeweller.
Thomas Halket ... G. Bible Bearer.
John Coghill ... G.D. of C.
H. Y. D. Copland ... G. Swd. Bearer.
C. W. Maxwell Miller ... G. Dir. of Music.
Robert Davidson ... G. Org.
Captain William Hills ... G. Marshal.
W. M. Bryce ... G. Tyler.
John Ness ... G. Outer D. Guard.
Jas. Turner ... Pres. B. of G. Stds.
James Crichton ... Vice-Pres.
James M'Laren ... G. Supt. of L. A.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall in order to join in the festival, where there were assembled members of Grand Lodge and deputations from the daughter lodges to the number of upwards of 200.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The Grand Master, in his reply, alluded to the presentation of his bust to Lady Octavia, and thanked the Freemasons of Scotland for the compliment, which, he said, had been enhanced, as their kindness was increased by the fact that the gift was not to him, but to her who received it.

MAJOR CHARD IN EXETER.

On Friday, the 14th ult., a Lodge of Emergency of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, for the purpose of presenting Major Chard, V.C., R.E., the gallant hero of Rorke's Drift, with a congratulatory address on his return home from Zululand.

There were present Bros. George Hirtzel, W.M., P.G.R., Devon; W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., England; Lt.-Col. Drewe, Commanding 34th Brigade Depot; Farrant, I.P.M.; Woodgates, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Tozer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rogers, P.M., D.P.G.M., Devon; Gray, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Brewin, P.M., W.M. 444, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; S. Hooper, P.M.; S. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; F. W. Jones, P.M.; A. F. Luke, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; W. F. Geare, H. P. Boulnois, Rev. Williams, P.P.G.C.; C. T. K. Roberts, Hon. Sec.; J. D. Harris, J. Harding, J. W. Matthews, Capt. Bent, Major Carlyon Simmons, Major Arscott, Capt. Cunningham, S. Rees-Phillips, H. D. Thomas, P.G.S.D.; C. H. Edmonds, P.M. 444; Rev. M. E. Reynolds, P.P.G.C. Cambridgeshire; Rev. R. J. Thornton, P.G.C.; A. K. Hamilton.

A congratulatory letter from the lodge was forwarded to Major Chard in Zululand as soon as his gallant conduct was known to his brother Masons, and the address was at once prepared, to be presented on his return home.

Major Chard is a member of St. George's Lodge, in which he was initiated whilst he was quartered in Exeter. The address was beautifully illuminated by Mr. Faulkner White, of this city, and ran as follows:—"To Bro. John Rouse Merritt Chard.—We, the undersigned Master, Wardens, and Brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, desire to express to you our great admiration of the determined and well-sustained courage and gallantry with which you defended the post of Rorke's Drift against an overwhelming force of Zulu warriors on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd Jan., 1879; our sincere congratulations on the well-deserved honours in the shape of a majority in the Army and the Victoria Cross for valour, with which Her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to recognise your gallant feat of arms; and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to serve your Queen and country, with that devotion and courage you have so early evinced." Here follow the signatures of the officers and members of St. George's Lodge. The address

was presented in lodge, and Major Chard was most heartily welcomed and cheered. Afterwards the brethren entertained the Major at a banquet at the New London Hotel, but the proceedings were of a strictly private nature.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND

On Monday afternoon Bro. C. F. Matier, Supreme Magus of Scotland (by request of Dr. Woodman, S.M. of England), formally opened a new college at York, and installed Bro. T. B. Whythead as Chief Adept.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The Provincial Priory of the Knights Templar and Malta for Northumberland and Durham was held under the banner of the Royal Kent Preceptory at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 28th ult. The V.E. Prov. Grand Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Bannister, was received with the usual arch of steel. The Priory having been opened in due form, the muster roll of the Sir Knights was called, when the following appeared under arms:—Sir Knights Hotham, Brandt, Jackson, Jansen, Tuck, Beresford, Maddison, Fry, Martin, Bousfield, and others. The Sub-Prior, Sir Knight John Ironer, having resigned, Sir Knight H. Hotham, who has been a member of the Order for over forty years, was appointed Sub-Prior. The great officers and officers were then appointed and invested, the arms were collected, and the Provincial Priory closed. The Sir Knights then dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

GLOBE THEATRE.

"Les Cloches de Corneville," which reaches its 600th performance on Tuesday next, is still being played at this theatre with unabated interest, and, by all appearances, will resemble Tennyson's "Brook." There are one or two new artistes introduced into the cast; also a new chorus. Miss Kate Munroe plays with great spirit her original character of Serpolette, as also does Miss Laura Clement the character of Germaine. Miss Clement, who possesses a very sweet voice, is to be commended for the careful manner in which she enacts her character. Mr. Wilford Morgan is an able Marquis de Corneville. Mr. Shiel Barry portrays the character of the Miser as ably as ever, though the effect is somewhat overdrawn by Mr. Righton, who, we think, somewhat overdraws the character of the Bailie. With this exception, everything is most creditable to the theatre and enjoyable to its patrons.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The presentation of a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., subscribed for by his late parishioners at St. Clement Danes, took place at Clement's-inn Hall on Thursday evening.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopgate, who has recently returned from America, preached at St. Mary Magdeline Church, Peckham, on Sunday evening last, on behalf of the National and Infant Schools.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., has contributed the sum of £200 to the Building Fund of the new Baptist Chapel at Loughborough-park, the memorial stone of which he recently laid.

Another instance of the inexplicable differences between the amounts of builders' tenders is reported in last week's Builder. For re-laying pipe-sewers at Hornsey, for the Local Board, the highest tender was £1095, and the lowest £399, only five tenders being sent in altogether.

The Court Circular announces that, although her Majesty has been prevented taking her usual outdoor exercise since Saturday last, in consequence of a chill, the Queen is much better. A Windsor correspondent writes that it is understood her Majesty's cold was attended with sore throat, and that it was this cause, which necessitated the postponement for a few days of a reception by the Queen of the soldiers who had distinguished themselves in the recent campaigns.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Britannia, Watham New Town, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Bro. Bradstock, 1327, Preceptor; Bro. Beavis (I.G. 879), W.M.; Bro. Robinson (J.D. 1327), S.W.; Bro. Noyes (S.D. 1327), J.W. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Section number and Lecturer name. Includes First, Second, and Third Lectures.

The Rowland Hill memorial scheme is being warmly taken up in Derby.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold and suite arrived at the Victoria Station at five o'clock on Wednesday evening, by special train, from the continent. His Royal Highness afterwards proceeded to Windsor on a visit to the Queen, where he arrived at 7.30 p.m.

The Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, was consecrated at Farningham, in Kent, on Monday last, by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.P.G.S. West Kent, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain Kent and England, and a large array of Provincial Officers and brethren of the Craft. A full report will appear in our next week's issue.

Owing to the continuation of the frost, the Sandown Park Meeting Sceptechases are again postponed till Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, December the 9th, 10th, and 11th.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer a Civil List Pension of £150 per annum upon the widow and five daughters of the late Mr. Peter Vargas, in consideration of his long and meritorious services as Superintendent of the Parliamentary Messengers under the Secretary of the Treasury.

The new Holborn Town Hall will be opened on Thursday, the 18th inst., by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, and the Sheriffs, Bros. Woolloton and Bayley.

A report of the installation meeting of St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, which was held on Tuesday last, will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of the City of London, has become a Vice-President of the National Thrift Society.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, was present at the funeral of the Earl of Durham, which took place at Bowm Moor, on Wednesday last.

The annual dinner of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery (No. 4 Battery) will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday next, December 13th. Dinner on table at six o'clock p.m.

The inaugural dinner of the Master and Wardens of the Liners' Company will take place on the 21st of January next. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, and the two Sheriffs, Bros. Woolloton and Bayley, have promised to attend.

The enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond appears to know no bounds. For some time past, notwithstanding the size and capabilities of their various establishments, they have found great difficulty in fully meeting the demands made upon them. At the Criterion, especially, the pressure upon some of the departments became so great that it was imperative to make considerable additions to the building. The site of some adjoining shops was secured, the architect of the Criterion, Mr. Verity, was consulted, and upon his plans the present building, the Criterion Annexe, was erected. There are many novelties to be introduced, but what concerns us most are the handsome and commodious Masonic Rooms, which, for convenience and luxury, are superior to anything we have ever seen, and we have no doubt that many lodges will hail with satisfaction the opportunity of locating themselves in such comfortable quarters.

"Saunders's Daily News Letter," the oldest newspaper in Ireland, expired on Monday last.

A supply of sea-water for London is again being proposed by means of a pumping station at Lancing and a series of aqueducts from thence to London.

An arrangement concluded between England and France, and since gazetted, provides that any distressed mariner of either country landing in a colony of the other country or in the territories of a third Power shall be supplied with board, lodging, clothing, and travelling expenses until he finds fresh employment or is able to leave. The arrangement is to come into operation on the 1st of January, and is terminable at twelve months' notice.

Among the earliest arrivals of the Christmas numbers of weekly papers is the Sporting and Dramatic News, which, in illustrations and literature, is equal to anything we have seen of the class. It will run the older Christmas numbers a very hard race, and we shall be greatly surprised if it is beaten by either of the well-known favourites. The general get up is chaste in the extreme, and the illustrations, both coloured and "black and white," of the highest merit.

We regret to hear that Bro. H. E. Francis is suffering from the effects of an encounter with a burglar who had broken into his premises; this prevented his attendance at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, where we believe he intended speaking on Bro. Stevens's motion.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at Newport, on Monday last, when the Prov. G. Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, was re-elected for the ensuing three years. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

The last of the series of four grand subscription concerts, organised by Bro. Wilhelm Kube, P.G.O., took place in the dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday evening, and proved to be one of the most brilliant successes of the season.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has consented to allow his name to be placed on the Mansion House Committee List of the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

The Cosmopolitan Masouic Pocket Book for 1880 is now ready, price 2s., post free 2s. 4d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, has subscribed £10 towards the Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR; Diary, and Pocket Book, for 1880.—London: George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, price post free 2s. 1d.—We do not remember seeing a more useful compendium of class information than is published in this neatly got up pocket book, which forms a complete manual of reference to the great brotherhood for whose use it is designed. Among its contents, besides the indispensable Masonic calendar, is a list of lodges (with dates ancient and modern), chapters, K.T. encampments, conclaves, and Grand Councils; with the names of officers in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the colonies, and in foreign countries, together with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe. By a judicious arrangement, these details are condensed within the limits of a small and convenient pocket body (with neat roan cover and gilt), which should be in the possession of every member of the brotherhood.—*Brighton Examiner*, Dec. 2nd, 1879.

PARACELSUS.

Whose names were properly, it seems, Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Paracelsus Bombast von Hohenheim—was born in 1493, and died in 1541. His father was a medical man, and he devoted himself to the study of medicine also; but he superadded researches in chemistry, alchemy, and hermeticism. The accounts of Paracelsus are various and contradictory. According to some writers he was genial and able, profoundly learned, and most intellectual; according to others he was to a great extent illiterate, quarrelsome, given to debauchery, and semi-insane. His work were first published by Huser in 1589-90, and no doubt in his alchemical and hermetic speculations some of the high grade and German Rose Croix teaching may be found by the curious searcher. Beyond this he has no connection with Freemasonry.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 12, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 159, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, the Chequers, Walthamstow.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 29, Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.

Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.

Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Hot., Stepney.
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
Colonial, Board at 4.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor H., Hammersmith.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand,
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's H., Covent Garden.
" 1803, Cornhill, New City Club, Lombard-st.
Ch Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
R Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.
Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, Sth. London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 781, Merchant, Navy Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms H., St. John's Wd.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Ho., Wapping.
" 1553, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart H., U. Norwd.
" 1677, Crusaders, N. Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-dale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 206, Friendship, Ship abd Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Copper, Guildhall Tav.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st. W.
" 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Basinghall-st.
K. T. Precep. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Great Priory of England, Cannon-st. Hot.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.

Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 13, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs, Barrow.
" 1350, Fermoil Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 13, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
Mark 171, Union, M.H., Oldham.
Precep. Jerusalem, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Chap. 163, Integrity, M.H., Manchester.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 191, St. John's, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.
" 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
" 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., Salford.
" 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw.
Chap. 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.
" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-L.
" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
" 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Hot., Rochdale.
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
Mark (T.I.) St. John's, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 815, Blair, Tower Hall, Hulme.
Precep. Faith, M.R., 20, King-st., Wigan.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

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LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The December meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, December 4th, at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Chas. Arkell, W.M.; Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Chillingworth, S.D.; H. A. Pratt, I.G.; H. A. Carter, Steward; T. Fisher, B. Perkins, J. Cook, Thomas Agutter, Henry Stevenson, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. A. Carter proposed that ten per cent. of the entire receipts of the lodge be each year written off the general account and placed to the charity fund account, to be thereafter dealt with as prescribed in the bye-laws. This proposition was fully discussed, the result being that Bro. Carter withdrew his proposition. The lodge was then closed in due form.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. Neville Green, W.M.; W. H. Brand, S.W.; J. Brasted, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Chapman, P.M.; E. Dignam, S.D.; C. Lorain, J.D.; J. L. Payne, I.G.; A. Ferrar, D.C.; R. Polak, W.S.; Varney, Moon, George, Bell, A. Olley, Beasley, Reynolds, Hill, Harding-Watkins, and Fisher. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and lodge of emergency, including a resolution to remove to the Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, E.C., were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Bell was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bros. W. H. Brand, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. N. Green, W.M., in an appropriate address, presented Bros. Lee, P.M. and Secretary, and Chapman, P.M., a past Treasurer of the lodge, with jewels, previously voted by the lodge, for their valuable services in their respective offices, which were suitably acknowledged by the recipients. The usual Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Green, W.M., for his able and efficient services during the past year. The brethren then adjourned to a substantial repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

ST. DUNSTAN LODGE (No. 1589).—This highly successful parochial lodge mustered strongly on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Dodson, P.M. Constitution, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Woodbridge, J.W.; Alfred Tisley, Sec.; H. Dalwood, I.P.M.; Gruggen, acting S.D. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Manners; Low, J.D.; Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; Farrington, jun., Org.; Farrington, sen., W.S.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; W. Wellman, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Lempert, S.D. 1275; Clark, I.G. 1662; Cox, 8; Jacobs, 206; Newton, 1258; and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. N. W. M. Maxwell, No. 60, as a joining member, and for Messrs. R. C. Downer, F.R.G.S., B. Freeman, and W. M. Edwards as initiates, and it proved to be unanimously in their favour. The three latter gentlemen being in attendance they were then duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., the ceremonial being ably performed. A resolution having been passed that the sum of £42 should be taken out of the lodge funds towards defraying the expenses of the summer festival, and a distressed brother of a Metropolitan lodge having been handsomely relieved out of the Benevolent Fund, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of a most excellent and admirably served

banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Clemow, the caterer. The preliminary toasts having been duly proposed and loyally honoured, the I.P.M. gave with much warmth and earnestness "The Health of the W.M.," who in his reply expressed among other things the great pleasure it had afforded him in presiding over so large an assemblage of the brethren as had met that day notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. "The Initiates" followed, and drew from each newly-admitted brother in response a few appropriate remarks. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon the quantity and quality of the brethren that had from time to time honoured the St. Dunstan with their presence. On that occasion they were favoured with the company of six visiting brethren, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them, and in conclusion he said he should couple the name of Bro. Cox with the toast, as he represented one of the oldest and most distinguished lodges in the Craft, namely the British. This toast having been received with acclamation, Bro. Cox made a brief but most pertinent reply. "The Past Masters" followed, and having been drunk with that cordiality which so important a toast demanded, Bros. Dalwood, Dwarber, and Wellman individually responded, the latter brother's speech being full of point and humour. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Principal Officers," "The Junior Officers," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, thanks to the musical efforts of Bros. Farrington, jun., Tisley, Raddle, Cox, Esson, and others.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The usual meeting of the brethren of this prosperous lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Francis Rowley, the W.M., and despite the notice on the summons, "no banquet," by some considered ominous of a small attendance, the W.M. was supported by his officers, Bros. J. Weston, S.W.; John Osborn, J.W.; and others. Among those present were Bros. L.P.M. Coombes, and Past Masters E. Lionel, Edward E. Sim, and R. G. Thomas, the manager of the popular Mohawk Minstrels, who is also the Organist of the lodge. The principal business consisted in conferring the F.C. Degree upon Bro. Isaac Eisenstein, which work was most efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers, and the lodge was duly closed in the usual manner.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met in good strength at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Charles Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M., Sec.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Strugnell, D.C.; E. Hart, Org.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M., &c.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Dubois, Macdonald, and Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., who raised Bro. Wildaah to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being well performed. The draft bye-laws as approved by the Committee were then submitted to the lodge, and they were, with a few trifling alterations, adopted. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. Dubois responded upon behalf of "The Visitors" in a neat and appropriate speech. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and drew from the W.M. some very warm and flattering remarks upon the merits and services of the brethren forming that important body. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Jackson, I.P.M. and Secretary, at the request of his colleagues, returned thanks. The success of the proceedings after the banquet was greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal exertions of Bros. Hart, Potter, Ramsey, Jacques, Samuel, and others.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday week, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Louis Stean, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. F. Barr, S.W., W.M. elect; Barham, J.W.; H. E. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Elias Benjamin, S.D.; H. Jones, J.D.; H. J. F. Gales, D. of C.; A. G. Clement, I.G.; and C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, P.G. Tyler Surrey, Tyler; W. Clarke, Prov. G.D. of C. Norfolk; W. H. Brand, R. S. Mendey, John Staff, H. Waynforth, J. Funston, W. Beasley, W. Snellgrove, W. Stevens, Frank Matthews, J. B. Burnard, W. Provost, Thomas Lawrence, R. Drysdale, W. E. Cole, E. T. Henman, and J. Tidball. The following were the visitors: Bros. Dr. Pottle, Past P.G.W. Herts; B. Hilsley, P.M., P.G.S. Berks; W. H. Bateman, W.M. 12; G. Anderson, W.M. 60, P.G.S.; George Burford, W.M. 754; R. R. Harper, W.M. 813; Richard Jennings, W.M. 907; C. W. Cox, W.M. 1566; J. T. Lacey, P.M. 49; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; H. Stephens, P.M. 754; H. Lloyd, P.M. 780; H. H. Hodges, P.M. 795 and 1566; T. E. Purdy, P.M. 861; W. H. Stokes, P.M. 861; John Dennis, P.M. 907; T. Griffiths, P.M. 907; F. A. White, P.M. 907; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Robt. Nicholson, 1566; E. M. Adams, S.D. 1685; G. J. Turner, J.D. 183; L. E. Stean, J.D. 212; A. T. Leech, J.D. 749; James Garrod, I.G. 754; D. Matthews, 12; H. Sarson, 70; J. J. Mustart, 174; J. W. Long, 569; T. Glass, 813; W. F. Green, 861; T. Butt, 907; W. Lamarque, 917; C. Robson, 960; G. H. F. Rowe, 1096; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; G. E. Howes, 1437; P. Edwards, 1816; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). After the usual business

had been transacted, ballot was taken for Mr. James George Moore, which resulted unanimously in his favour. The lodge was then advanced, when Bro. John Staff was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. George Thomas Barr was then presented for installation, which ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Louis Stean, who received valuable assistance from Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., the able D. of C. On the re-entry of the brethren, the usual salutations were given, and the following appointed as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Barham, S.W.; E. Benjamin, J.W.; H. E. Henderson, Chaplain; C. Stevens, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; A. Clement, J.D.; J. Funston, I.G.; E. Walker, D. of C.; F. Matthews, W.S.; Young, Organist; C. T. Speight, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. G. T. Barr, then commenced his year of office by initiating Mr. Moore into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony he very ably delivered. The next business was that of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Louis Stean, the first Master and one of the founders of the lodge, together with a handsomely framed illuminated testimonial on vellum. The inscription, which was written in a most complimentary vein, was signed by every member of the lodge, and, in presenting it, the W.M. said: As the first W.M. he (Bro. Stean) had gained the respect and admiration of every member for his great courtesy and his unceasing endeavours to do everything for the good of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Barr) felt very delighted at having such a Past Master to whom he could look for every support. It gave him extreme pleasure to present his Bro. Stean with such a handsome jewel and address, which had been voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his high worth and for the valuable services rendered. Bro. Stean, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren, and said he felt proud and honoured to be so esteemed. He had always striven to do his best to make the lodge second to none in the Craft. He had received able support from the officers. He was very grateful for the jewel, and felt very proud of it, but he must own he felt more proud of the testimonial, as many of his friends, who could not for obvious reasons be present at the lodge, would see it elsewhere. He concluded by congratulating the lodge on its great success, knowing nothing to prevent the continuance of the same, and thanking the brethren for the kind support they had always given him. The lodge was then closed. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C. Norfolk (in the absence of Bro. Terry), eloquently responded on behalf of the "Masonic Charities," and in the course of his remarks, said that in the long list of toasts generally honoured there was none more deserving than that of the Charities. He regretted the absence of his esteemed Bro. Terry, who he could but poorly represent. He (Bro. Clarke) had a great admiration for the three Masonic Institutions, there being, he thought, scarcely a choice between them. If he had a leaning towards one, more than another, it was to the old people's Institution. He deemed it a very grand thing to have such an Institution, where brethren in the decline of life, suffering from all sorts of infirmities, could look forward to, to spend their last days, should adversity beset them. It is a pleasure to assist such a deserving Institution, for no one knows but what he may at some time require its assistance. At the conclusion of Bro. Clarke's address, which was warmly applauded, the charity box was passed around with good results.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 4th inst., which was very scantily attended, no doubt owing to the severity of the weather. Bro. Braham, W.M., presided, assisted by the following: Bros. Ashley, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer; T. Brown, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Rubie, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; F. Wilkinson, I.P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Moutrie, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Peel Floyd, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Radway, Secretary; Murlis as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; Holmes, I.G.; Peach, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. There were several visitors, among them Bro. Howes, W.M. 906. The lodge was opened at a quarter to eight. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. L. Brown was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidate was re-admitted and raised to the rank of M.M. by the W.M. The traditional history was given by Bro. Moutrie; the symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Mercer; and the charge was given by the S.W. The lodge was resumed in the Second and then in the First Degree. The Secretary read the bye-laws in accordance with regulations. He also brought up a report from the Permanent Committee, several meetings of which had been held in reference to a revision of the old form of ritual used in this lodge, when certain alterations had been agreed upon, which would be adopted in due course. Bro. Ashley supplemented the report by a statement that he and other old P.M.'s had jealously guarded and maintained all the distinguishing peculiarities of the old ritual, and that the changes were chiefly in regard to forms of expression. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and other private business was transacted. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 6.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frampton, supported by many eminent P.M.'s and visitors. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Dobbing and Innes were examined, and giving satisfaction, they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second

Degree, when they were re-admitted and made F.C. Masons. The Installing Master, Bro. Frampton, proceeded with the ceremony. Bro. Dr. John Potts was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Pearson, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Secretary read the ancient charges, to all of which Bro. Potts gave his unqualified assent. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when the ceremony of installation was completed in a highly Masonic manner. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. The W.M. then installed the following brethren: Bros. Frampton, I.P.M.; Sutherst, S.W.; Smart, J.W.; Riseborough, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Hudson, S.D.; Wilson, J.D.; Whinham, Org.; Burns, I.G.; Somerville and Craven, Stewards; and Brown, Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

MAIDSTONE.—Belvedere Lodge (No. 503).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday last, the 9th inst., and more than ordinary interest was manifested in the event from the fact that the worthy and respected Town Clerk of Maidstone, Bro. Herbert Monckton, was to be installed into the chair by his brother, Bro. John Braddick Monckton, Town Clerk of London, who has for many years taken an immense interest in the Craft, and especially the numerous Charities connected with it. The ceremony of installation took place at the Town Hall, kindly granted for the occasion, where a goodly number of the members of the Belvedere and other lodges in the province assembled. Amongst those present were Bros. J. R. Foord, W.M.; J. B. Monckton, Installing Master; H. Monckton, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; C. G. Long, S.D.; Reader, J.D.; Nicholson, I.G.; Rev. T. Robinson, 709, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Allen, 144; W. H. Parsons, 1373; H. Gillespie, 1725; G. Naylor, 20; J. W. Menpes, 1725; and the following Past Masters and brethren of the Belvedere Lodge, 503: Bros. J. S. Ancomb, R. G. Pike, R. Sargent, J. Hunt, J. H. Clarke, J. Cruttenden, H. Cruttenden, Chittenden, Waller, R. T. Tatham, T. Wells, G. Baker, G. F. Baker, Thornhill, Shrubsole, Gray, and others. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Monckton, and the W.M., Bro. Herbert Monckton, having taken the chair, the formula was completed, and the following officers invested: Bros. Piper, S.W.; C. G. Long, J.W.; Reader, S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; Cornell, I.G.; E. Page, Steward; Kite, Sec.; Harpur, Treas.; and Case, Tyler. A pleasing feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation to Bro. J. R. Foord of a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. R. Foord, Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, as a token of respect, Dec. 2, 1879." At the conclusion of the business of the day, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. Keeley. About seventy sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, Bro. H. Monckton, who was supported on the left by his brother, the Town Clerk of London, and on the right by Bro. Foord, the I.P.M. The customary loyal toasts having been given from the chair, that of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. B. Monckton, who, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to undertake the ceremony of the installation of a brother in a double sense, and in his old mother lodge the Belvedere. Referring to the Officers of Grand Lodge, he said they were a worthy body of men, and excellent examples of what Grand Officers should be. The toast of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale," was most enthusiastically received, as was also that of "Bro. Eastes, and the Officers of the Province." The toast of "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Monckton," was entrusted to Bro. Wells, P.M., and received with great enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the proposer for the flattering terms of his speech, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. Having referred in appreciative terms to the ceremony of his installation, he ventured to suggest that in the coming year of political strife, although politics were strictly excluded from their meetings, the younger members of the lodge should not allow any feelings of strife to interfere with the harmony and brotherly feelings of Masonry. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Belvedere Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Foord; that of "The Treasurer" (in the absence of Bro. Harpur), by Bro. Swinfen; and of "The Secretary" by Bro. Kite, who referred to his long connection with the lodge, and the pleasure it gave him to again serve them as Secretary. "The Health of the Visitors" was given by the worthy W.M., and the Rev. Bro. Robinson, in an impressive speech, spoke of the excellent principles which Freemasonry was designed to promote. Founded on the volume of the sacred law, it taught them their duty to God and their neighbour, and led them to respect one another in the different positions into which God had called them. "The Health of the Wardens and Officers" concluded the toast list. The pleasure of the evening, we should state, was greatly enhanced by the excellent programme of music given by Messrs. Rhodes and Moulden, of Canterbury Cathedral, assisted by Miss Nelly McEwen.

STOURPORT.—Vernon Lodge (No. 560).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room at the Swan Hotel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Meredith, 377 and 560, P.G.A.D.C., who was well supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Stokes, 252, P.P.S.G.W.; Fitzgerald, P.P.S.G.D.; George Taylor, P.M. and Treasurer 377, and P.S.G.D.; E. A. Broome, P.P.G.P.; George Grosvenor, P.P.G.R.; J. Blundell, P.M. and Treasurer 560, P.P.G.R.; Buck, 280, P.G. Supt. Wks.; Hilary Hill, P.M. 280; McCandless, W.M. 377; T. Pike, W.M. 1204; Stinger, 377;

Ryder, 1792; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Whitfield Naylor, was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. George Taylor, P.M., and was inducted into the chair of King Solomon in an impressive manner by Bro. J. T. Meredith, the retiring W.M. At this stage the lodge was honoured by the presence of the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Edmund Lechmere, and he having taken the chair, was received by the brethren with royal honours. The R.W.P.G.M. having desired the W.M. elect to resume his chair, the remainder of the ceremony was performed by Bro. George Taylor, P.M., and has seldom been given in a more earnest and impressive manner. The lodge listened with the greatest attention, and Bro. Taylor, at the conclusion of the ceremony, and after lodge had been closed, was warmly congratulated, this being the first time that he had acted as Installing Master. The W.M., Bro. Naylor, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the usual instructions and a few appropriate remarks being made to each by Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.S.G.D.: Bros. Robert Blundell, S.W.; Comber, J.W., pro. tem., in the absence in Ireland of J. Ormsby, J.W.; Danks, S.D.; Vale, J.D.; H. Preen, I.G. (pro. tem.); J. Blundell, Treasurer; J. T. Meredith, Secretary; and Mills, Tyler. The brethren then, in celebration of the feast of St. John, adjourned to a choice banquet presided over by the W.M. After the usual loyal and the earlier Masonic toasts had been given and honoured, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of their distinguished guest, the R.W.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund Lechmere." He said the Vernon Lodge was exceedingly gratified by the visit of their P.G.M., which was the more pleasant because totally unexpected. The W.M. believed that this was the first occasion of Sir Edmund coming to Stourport since Provincial Grand Lodge had been held there, and he considered it as a great compliment to him, and to the lodge, that he had attended this installation. He hoped that the R.W.P.G.M. would be able to come and see the working of the lodge on an ordinary occasion, for it was his desire to have plenty of work during the coming year, and he hoped to do that work well, for he knew that his officers would give him the heartiest support, and thus they trusted to be always ready should the P.G.M. do them the honour to come and see them again unexpectedly. It was a great encouragement to the brethren to see the interest their R.W.P.G.M. was taking in Masonry and in every individual lodge in the province. The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren, and to visit the Vernon Lodge. He stated that although his visit had been made without any notice, he was pleased to find the lodge so strongly represented. He intended thus to visit lodges at all times throughout the province; he only regretted that his numerous engagements had prevented his being present in lodge during the first part of the interesting ceremony performed that day, but from what he had seen of the working of the lodge he had derived great pleasure. He wished especially to allude to the impressive manner in which Bro. Taylor had performed the concluding portion of the installing ceremony, which must have afforded great satisfaction and delight to the brethren. The R.W.P.G.M. having proposed "The Health of the newly-elected W.M.," the toast of "The Visitors" was next duly honoured, and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday, the 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Eggleston; supported by many able P.M.'s. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Lackenby and Burlinson, candidates for the Second Degree, were examined, and giving satisfaction, they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Lackenby and Burlinson were regularly admitted and made F.C. Masons. Bro. Thompson, a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined, and retired. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. Thompson was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" from Bro. Sears, W.M. of the Emulation Lodge, 299, Dartford. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

ROMILY.—Oakwood Lodge (No. 1126).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Stock Dove Inn on Thursday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. T. Wilkinson, acting W.M.; R. Ballantine, S.W.; Jno. Gray, J.W.; Jas. Hartley, Treas.; Robt. Gray, Sec.; J. Mitchell, S.D.; H. Woodall, J.D.; T. Booth, acting I.G.; J. Denneley, Tyler; W. Greig, Henry Howard, R. Wilkinson, P.M.; Saml. Howe, John Plant, Geo. H. Jackson, G. A. Robinson, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. H. Howard, P.M. 1126, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; Drinkwater, Jno. Beech, P.M. 361, P.P.G. Purst. Cheshire; and R. R. Lienden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at seven o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Geo. H. Jackson being ready and willing to take his Second Degree was interrogated, and having very satisfactorily answered withdrew. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and on the re-admission of Bro. Johnson he was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The manner in which this ceremony was performed by the W.M. and his officers reflects the greatest credit to the lodge. This being the usual night for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the usual proceedings were gone through, which resulted in favour of Bro. R. Ballantine for the first-named honour; Bro. Hartley for the second (re-elected); and Bro. Denneley for the third (re-elected). Bro. Ballantine briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. After some discussion as to the fixtures for a lodge of emergency and the St. John's Festival, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.20. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, but some of them, ourselves amongst the number, having to return to Manchester by the 8.54 train, prevented further particulars being noted.

SUDBURY.—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—The eleventh anniversary of this lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Market-hill, on Friday, the 5th inst. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, and the lodge having been opened, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the highly esteemed D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and P.G. Chaplain of England, and Immediate Past Master, most impressively performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Robt. E. Jones, S.W., being duly installed in "the chair of King Solomon," with all the ancient rites and ceremonies, "proclaimed in the north, south, east, and west," and saluted in ancient form by the assembled brethren. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. H. C. Canham, S.W.; S. Spurgin, J.W.; E. R. Boulter, S.D.; Geo. Murrells, J.D.; T. Ardley, I.G.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. H. Smith, D.C.; H. Welham, P.M., Steward; and H. M. Sholl, Tyler. Bro. Lieut. J. S. De Beauvoir Yelloly, R.N., was balloted for, and elected a joining member. Mr. Christie E. Mauldon and Mr. F. E. Dunn were next balloted for, elected, and duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonies were well worked by the newly-installed W.M., a charge being afterwards delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, I.P.M. Additional interest was attached to the initiations, the two candidates having been recently elected Town Councillors. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of thirty, adjourned from "labour to refreshment" to a banquet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, splendidly served up by Mrs. Hansell. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the names of the W.M., Bro. Jones, who presided, and Bro. H. C. Canham, S.W., vice-chairman, being most cordially received, as well as the Installing Officer, Bro. Martyn, and the newly-initiated Masons. The remainder of the evening was most pleasantly spent in harmony and good fellowship, the gathering having been one of the most successful the lodge has ever had. Besides those mentioned above the following members of the lodge were present:—Bros. W. L. Lewis, A. Boggis, F. W. Gee, E. Flowerday, C. N. Row, C. W. Grimwood, S. Cooper, G. F. Swain, N. Aprile, C. Emmerson, P.M.; G. H. Grimwood, P.M.; C. J. Cardinal, and A. Grimwood. Visitors: Bros. A. Peacock, P.M. Temple Lodge, 118; C. Cooke, W.M.; J. W. Collins, S.W., P.G. Chaplain Suffolk; T. Stokoe, Sec.; T. Klamborowski, J.W., all of the Royal Clarence Lodge, 1823, Clare; J. B. King, Egyptian, 27; and W. H. L. Jones, Royal St. Edmunds, 1008.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—On Saturday last, the 6th inst., the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the large room of the Conservative Club, Miles Platting. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer at 3.30 p.m., by Bro. Wm. Cox, W.M., assisted by the officers of the lodge. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. E. Iff, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; A. Yaxley, S.D.; W. Nicholson, J.D.; A. Hebden, I.G.; M. Hyams and A. B. Goodchild, Stewards; Chas. Beswick, Tyler; W. H. Flynn, J. Cooper, R. Nelson, F. Kingston, W. A. Barton, G. H. Needle, P.M.; T. Tyers, P.M.; S. Needham, P.M.; and visiting Bros. F. H. Dale, 1773; J. Greenup, S.W. 581; J. W. Hester, 1011; John Rogers, 1219; Chas. Ray, 152; J. Howarth, 1392; M. Davies, 667; J. S. Leach, 1077; E. J. Cummins, W.M. 1459; T. Heap, W.M. 1077; H. Darbyshire, P.M., acting W.M. 681; H. Lister, P.M. 1011; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. Kinder, P.M. 387; E. Everatt, 1077; A. B. Everatt, 1045; Robt. Leach, W.M. 1219; W. H. Anderson, P.M. 1161. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. requested Bro. Robt. Caldwell, P.M., P.G.S.B. E.L., Installing Master, to proceed with the ceremony of installation, which was very ably performed by that distinguished and able brother, assisted by Bros. Cox and Needham, Past Masters of the lodge. The officers for the past year were in each case advanced to the higher position, except the Secretary (resigned), when Bro. J. H. Hall was invested to the important office. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer at 6 o'clock. At 6.30 the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Johnson, and ably served up by a numerous staff of efficient assistants. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Iff, who also presented the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Cox, with a gold Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of the many services rendered to the lodge. The presentation was with much feeling acknowledged by Bro. Cox. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was very neatly proposed by one of the Past Masters, and responded to by most of the visiting brethren. A very interesting programme was gone through by the following musical brethren: Bros. Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; H. Lister, P.M. 1011; Chas. Turner, W. Nicholson, S.D. 1458; pianist, J. Howarth, O. 1392, and the brethren, after spending a most enjoyable evening, retired at 10.30 p.m.

MANCHESTER.—Ashbury Lodge No. 1459.—The installation meeting of this thriving lodge was held at the Justice Birch Hotel, West-street, Gorton, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Hughes, W.M.; E. Cummings, S.W.; S. N. Newton, J.W.; P. F. Brownridge, I.P.M.; Edwin J. Reynolds, Sec.; John Gallagher, P.M., D. of C.; Jas. Abbott, Treas.; Joseph Meadows, Tyler; and Chas.

Aspinall, P.M.; Jas. Wright, Jos. Worwald, W. Drabble, and John Storey. Visitors: Bros. Peter Royle, M.D., P.M. 44, 1357, 300, 64, P.P.S.G.D. of C.; Benj. Taylor, P.M. 935, Prov. G. Treas., E.L.; Henry Johnson, 935; John Greenup, S.W. 581; Abr. Pemberton, 1030; Wm. Parker, W.M. 993; Jno. Jenison, late 1054; W. Sturm, W.M. 1161; J. Bonehill, P.M. 152, 277; J. Hukey, W. Hoyland, W.M. 1083; Dr. Walls, 1219; Jos. Greenwood, 852; John Bird Sumner, 163; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at three o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. John Gallagher (Installing Master) then introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Cummings, and after the usual preliminaries and the retirement of the M.M.'s a Board of Past Masters was formed, and Bro. Cummings was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Ashbury Lodge for the ensuing year. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. John Gallagher proclaimed the fact of Bro. Cummings having been installed W.M. of the lodge, and the customary salutations were given. Bro. Benj. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., next proceeded to invest the newly appointed officers as follows: Bros. John H. Newton, S.W.; Jas. Wright, J.W.; Beeston (by deputy), S.D.; W. Harvey, J.D.; Roberts (by deputy), I.G.; John Gallagher, P.M., D. of C. (re-appointed); Benj. Abbott, Treas. (re-appointed); and Jos. Meadows, Tyler (re-appointed). The addresses were given to the W.M. by Bro. Thos. Hughes, I.P.M., and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Benj. Abbott. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5 o'clock. The St. John's Festival had been arranged to take place at Belle Vue Gardens, and an omnibus was all ready waiting to convey the brethren thereto. The general arrangements of the banquet, and the manner in which it was served, reflected great credit on Bro. Jenison, who is one of the proprietors of the gardens. As soon as the appetites of the brethren had been satisfied, and "Grace after meat" had been said, the W.M. proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was enthusiastically received, and loyally responded to. The toasts of "Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.," followed, and were suitably acknowledged. In response to the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie," Bro. Peter Royle, M.D., said it gave him great pleasure to reply to this toast inasmuch as he was glad to notice the cordiality with which it had been received. They all knew, at least all those who had seen and heard Col. Starkie at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Salford knew, the great interest that their Prov. G. Master took in all Masonic matters relating to the Province of East Lancashire. Their province held the proud position of being the largest in the world, and there was nothing that Col. Starkie felt more proud of than in being at its head, and he (Bro. Royle) felt sure that the Provincial Grand Master would be pleased to hear of the prosperity of the Ashbury Lodge. Bro. Benj. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., in responding to the toast of "Bro. Geo. Mellor, W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers," said it was a matter of regret to him that their Dep. Prov. G. Master was not present, as it would have been gratifying to him to witness the completeness with which the arrangements had been carried out. He had not the honour of visiting the Ashbury Lodge before that day, but he felt that the loss was his, and he thought that it was something for them to be proud of in being able to produce amongst their numbers brethren who were capable of performing an installation ceremony without having to go outside their own lodge for assistance, and in thanking them for the cordial reception they had given him he wished the lodge every success. Bro. Thos. Hughes in proposing the toast of their "Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Cummings," expressed his pleasure at being privileged in so doing, and also in having to retire from the chair in favour of their present W.M. He felt sure that there would be no superior, if any equal, to their Worshipful Master, and that so far as prompting was concerned he felt quite certain Bro. Cummings would never require it, as he had nothing to learn, and whatever he undertook would be done in a thoroughly earnest and satisfactory manner. In concluding his remarks Bro. Hughes said he had no doubt the brethren of the Ashbury Lodge thoroughly appreciated their W.M., and he would ask them to drink his health in a bumper. The toast was responded to in such a hearty and genuine manner that made apparent the correctness of the I.P.M.'s remarks. The W.M. in reply, said he thanked Bro. Hughes and the brethren very kindly for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and remarked that in holding the proud position to which they had that day installed him, he felt that his humble efforts while filling the various offices in the lodge, commencing at the bottom of the ladder, had at last brought him to the top, and he trusted his younger brethren would, when elected to any office, persevere with earnest endeavours to attain the same position as he now occupied. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. Hughes, and the Past Masters of the Lodge," said it afforded him great gratification to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel as a proof of the respect and esteem in which he was held by them all. The jewel, which was of eighteen-carat gold, and bore an appropriate inscription, was handed round for the inspection of the brethren, and afterwards pinned on the breast of Bro. Hughes by the W.M. The I.P.M. in a few well chosen sentences thanked the brethren for their gift. Bros. Moores and Gallagher responded for the Past Masters. Other toasts followed, and the intervals between each were enlivened by some thoroughly good-fellows and solos, executed by Bros. Turner, Fielding, and Ellis, while Bro. Miller

proved himself an able accompanist. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock. We had almost forgotten to state that during the evening a letter was read from Bro. Hall, a P.M. of the lodge, and now residing in South Africa, expressing "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. and all the members of the lodge. Bro. Hall is universally esteemed by the brethren, and during his presidency proved himself one of the best workers in the province.

WOOLSTON.—Clasentum Lodge (No. 1461).—Bro. R. R. L. Rosoman, the re-elected W.M. of this lodge (so called after the Roman station, now named Bitterne, which it embraces), was re-installed on the 3rd inst., the duty, in the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, being ably discharged by Bro. W. Bowyer, the Secretary, and a Past Master of the lodge, in the presence of a goodly number of brethren, including Bros. J. T. Bowyer, Brown, Wilson, Lonney, Dr. Symonds, Dr. Turner, Capt. Ward, Capt. Martin, R.N., P.M.; Williams; the Rev. Leigh, Chaplain Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge; Bone, W.M. 394; Rev. Scott, P.P.G. Chaplain; T. P. Payne, P.M. 130; S. S. Pearce, P.M. 1780; Crew, Treas. 1112; and Parkinson, W.M. elect 1112; letters of apology for inability to attend being read from the Worshipful Masters of Lodges 130 and 359. The W.M., following the compliment paid to himself by the lodge, both for his zeal in promoting its efficiency and usefulness and for his great interest in the work of erecting a Masonic hall at Woolston, the arrangements for which are now nearly complete, re-appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. G. J. Tilling, I.P.M.; Capt. R. W. Evans, S.W.; W. H. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. W. S. French, Chap.; E. A. Andrews, Treas.; Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. Methven, S.D.; J. C. Stroud, J.D.; E. Waters, D.C.; W. Fowler, Org.; D. O. Hobbs, I.G.; R. Scovell and F. Ekless, Stewards; and Vane and Morten, Tylers. A candidate having been initiated, before the lodge closed a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his services during the past year. Bro. Capt. T. H. M. Martin, R.N., P.M., in making the proposition, alluded to the great exertions of Bro. Rosoman, as well as to his munificent donations towards erecting the Masonic hall for the brethren, which, it is confidently expected, will be built during the year now begun; a letter from Bro. Tankerville Chamberlayne being read, intimating his willingness to transfer a piece of land for the purpose forthwith. A banquet, well served by Mr. Penny, was afterwards held at Woolston College, at which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. T. Turner, W.M., in the chair. The following were also present:—Bros. W. Vance, S.W.; W. Burgess, J.W. pro tem.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; E. West, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Elder, S.D.; W. G. Holloway, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; W. Mill, A. Ives, C. Guy, W. Mitchell, T. Tollurst, F. Phillips, M. Kaul, G. Brighthouse, J. C. Smith, 1744; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bros. Mitchell and Brightmore, and the raising of Bro. A. Ives, both ceremonies being ably worked by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation. Upon re-assembling round the social board the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which having been honoured, Bro. West, P.M., briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who as briefly responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Smith and Jolly, and then, in reply for "The Past Masters," Bro. Ives spoke eloquently of the duties attached to the office of Past Master, which were not to be passed through without earnest work and unflinching zeal, but to be so exalted by example as to make it not only worthy of them but adjuncts to the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. They had an example of what could be done by a working Past Master in the sacred cause of charity in the person of their I.P.M., Bro. Manning, who had undertaken to stand Steward for the lodge at the coming festivals, and he, by his perseverance and the assistance of the lodge, had got upwards of £50, and meant to double it before the time came to give an account of his Stewardship. He concluded a speech full of eloquence by asking them all to assist the Past Masters and the W.M. in ruling and governing the lodge and in the grand work of aiding the Masonic Charities. After a few words from Bro. West, Bro. Vance responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and instructive gathering.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The foremost of the lodges in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, that which meets at the Town Hall, Bootle, gathered on Thursday, the 4th inst., at headquarters, and more than usual interest attached to the proceedings on this occasion, as was evinced by the large and highly influential attendance. Bro. W. H. Clemmey, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor of Bootle); J. P. M'Arthur, P.M. (Mayor of Bootle); Councillor S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Houlding, P.G.S., P.M. 823; R. Roberts, P.M. 1473; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, and others. The chief interest of the meeting centred in the fact that Alderman H. Musker was initiated into the Order, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M. (Bro. Clemmey), assisted by the officers of the lodge. At the banquet which followed the business of the evening, Bro. Newell, in responding for "The P.G.M. and P.G. Officers," spoke in terms of strong condemnation of the action taken by the Liverpool Town Council in connection with the regulations for balls at the Town Hall. In the course of an admirable speech, he stated that the result of the action of the Council, would be the crippling of the

funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institutions to a very large extent. Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., proposed "The Charities," and made a specially forcible appeal on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. He said: W.M. and brethren, the toast which I have the honour to bring before you has reference to a subject which I am pleased to say always raises the most satisfactory feelings in the breast of every true Freemason. The outside world is prone to say that our meetings are merely convivial gatherings, devoted to much eating and drinking, and where we indulge in songs of doubtful character; and our lodges are suspected to be the hatching places of many social and political plots. The idea is scouted of an universal brotherhood, undisturbed by differences of politics and creed, and bound together by the closest ties of friendship for purposes of good and benevolence. And while the greater part of our system is to them shrouded in mystery, yet one part which is made visible to the world always commands their respect, and is to us a perennial source of pride. I refer, as you may guess, to our extensive and excellently managed Charitable Institutions. The particular Charity whose claims I am permitted to advocate in this lodge is the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Most of you know of the incalculable benefits which this Institution has already conferred on the children of our less fortunate brethren; of the valuable work it is at present doing; and I am sure that we all have the sincerest desire that its usefulness may continue to increase. When on former occasions I have had the pleasure of bringing this subject before you, you have unfailingly responded with generosity. I am pleased to see so many eminent brethren here to-night—eminent in Masonry and eminent in many things besides—and I think, my brethren of this lodge, you cannot signalise such an important meeting in a better way than by making such a subscription as will endow four or five of the officers of the lodge with Life Governorships for ever in the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Brethren, there are many noble Charities besides those connected with Freemasonry, some of them with palatial homes, glorious with magnificent architecture, erected on expensive sites, and managed by well-paid secretaries and numerous assistants. When we are requested to subscribe to such an institution we cannot help a vague feeling creeping over us that not all that we give is expended in real charity. But, brethren, when we are quite certain that every penny we give will go direct to the purpose for which it is intended, that the finances are administered by good and prudent and experienced men, who make their work a labour of love, that not a single farthing is expended on paid officers, but the whole of the work done by trusty volunteers, then, brethren, we may give the utmost freedom to our generous impulses, and dip our hands as deeply into our pockets as we can possibly afford. Brethren, I truly hope you will to-night exceed your usual generosity. Most of you have had some blessing bestowed upon you during the year which is now so near its close; let your subscriptions be in the shape of thank offerings. If God has blessed you with good health; if you have been mercifully restored from sickness; if you have been fortunate in your business; if your worldly store has been increased by any good luck or windfall; if no clouds have shadowed your domestic or private life; if you have been made the recipients of social or public or private honours, however much deserved, or if Providence has been bountiful to you in any way dear to your hearts—you cannot make a more fitting acknowledgment than by to-night making a thank offering on the altar of charity. Brethren, I ask you to drink "Success to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution." The toast was most enthusiastically received, and as the result of Bro. Roberts' eloquent appeal £15 was collected at the table, which, it is expected, will be increased to £20.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This fairly prosperous provincial lodge met on the 29th ult. at the Teddington Assembly Rooms, Queen's-road. There were present amongst others Bros. John Hurst, P.G.A.P. Middx., W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fricker, Treas.; Fitt, Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. Middx., S.D. (*Freemason*); Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c.; Cox, 41 (Ireland); and McIntyre, 144. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Henry Stedenfeld was duly initiated, and Bro. W. Philips passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Forge, Hurst, and Gilbert. The Audit Committee having been appointed and the bye-laws read, a Past Master's jewel, of the value of seven guineas, was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. The correspondence, which had resulted in permission being given from Grand Lodge for the removal of this lodge from the Clarence Hotel to the Teddington Assembly Rooms, was then read. The lodge was directly afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to the Clarence Hotel, where a substantial collation awaited them. In consequence of the prolonged proceedings of the lodge, the toasts and subsequent speeches at the dinner were, owing to the lateness of the hour, necessarily very brief and formal. They comprised "The Queen and Craft;" "The W.M.;" "The Initiate;" "The Visitors;" and "The Officers." Bro. Elsam responded fluently upon behalf of the visitors, and Bro. Forge, W.M. elect, said all that was necessary in his reply for the officers. The little time at the disposal of the brethren was agreeably devoted to conviviality, Bro. McIntyre, in particular, caused much mirth by his selection from "Our American Cousin," à la Sothorn.

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INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—This popular and prosperous lodge of instruction held its annual banquet at the Alwyne Castle, Saint Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Friday evening, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Edridge, Treasurer and P.M. 187. There was a large number of guests, and, with his usual forethought, the host, Bro. T. Meekham, had obtained an extension of hours for the accommodation of those assembled, in order that there should be no interruption to the harmony. It was a peculiarity that the toasts usually proposed were given in the ordinary way and without the usual Masonic honours, the gathering being understood to be simply a social one, though under the auspices of the instruction lodge of the Royal Standard. Their labours concluded, some members of the popular troupe of minstrels who have so long delighted the public at the Agricultural Hall attended, and their vocal effusions considerably enhanced the pleasure of the company. Messrs. Egbert Roberts, George Eustace, and C. Temple were specially applauded, and broke through the strict rule observed elsewhere by accepting encores. Bro. R. G. Thomas was the accompanist, and lent valuable assistance to the vocalists by the exercise of his musical skill.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. L. Payne, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; H. Forss, J.W.; F. Fleck, S.D.; W. Green, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. J. Williams, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The annual banquet of this excellent lodge of instruction took place on Friday evening, the 5th inst., at Bro. W. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, and under the presidency of the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. T. Hutton, was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Among the company present were Bros. Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622; H. Syer, J.W. 13; R. A. Smith, J.D. 13; J. Elder, S.D. 1472; H. Gould, 1685; W. Burfield, 687; H. Mabbett, 913; W. Hill, 700; A. Joskey, 913; Bowley, 480 (S.C.); Walters, 166 (I.C.); G. Masters, C. Chasteneuf, H. Grice, A. Deans, W. Tailby, R. Martin, and W. Clements, all of No. 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The good things provided by Bro. Tucker in abundance having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Rose, whose fame as a Preceptor is recognised and acknowledged in this district, then proposed "The Health of the W.M. presiding," and, in reply, Bro. Hutton said he should be hard to please indeed if he was not pleased at the position he was in that night, and the reception of the toast of his health. He felt it an honour to preside over the mother lodge, and was proud to see so many of her children preparing themselves for the position that every good Mason desired to fill during his Masonic career. Unfortunately he was not so well acquainted with the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction as he should like to have been, but promised to give it his support in every way he could. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Bowley, Walters, and Mabbett. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction." He said, although he was not very old, yet it was some years since he was initiated into Freemasonry. At that time there was no Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction. It certainly used to figure in the calendar as being held at the King's Arms, Woolwich, but had no existence in fact. Since he had been Master of a lodge, and while preparing for it, he knew the value of lodges of instruction, and unless the brethren attended them they could not expect to be placed in office in any lodge where good working was considered a *sine qua non* for a Master's position. There was a great discussion going on about "Uniformity of Working," and the previous Wednesday he listened to a long oration about it at Grand Lodge. He thought that so long as the great landmarks of Masonry were adhered to in their integrity, they would have nothing to fear on the question of informality in the ritual. He was sorry that Bro. Macdonald was too unwell to attend. Bros. Macdonald and Davies were the Preceptors of the lodge, and were worthily respected for their efforts in the cause of instruction. In their absence he should couple the toast with the name of Bro. Cleal, the Secretary of the lodge, who deserved their esteem for his indefatigable exertions for its prosperity and their comfort. Bro. Cleal, after thanking the brethren for the welcome given his name in the toast, proceeded to say that during the past year twenty-one new members had joined the lodge, and the attendance showed an average of 617, or an average of twelve members present every meeting night. They had, assisted by Bro. Rose, worked the Fifteen Sections, and Bro. Macdonald and Davies were satisfied at the progress made by the brethren who attended. Bro. Davies was at that time at the bed side of a sick brother, or he would have been present. In his name he thanked them for the toast. "The Health of Bro. Rose" was then drunk most enthusiastically, and that brother, in returning thanks, alluded to the very able and marked manner in which the brethren of the lodge answered the sectional questions. Several other toasts followed, and the harmony was well sustained throughout the whole of the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—On Thursday, the 20th ult., a convocation of this chapter was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens, Hammersmith-road. The attendance was as usual good, and the chapter having been opened by the Principal, the installation of Comp. William Game, M.E.Z. elect, was then proceeded with. Afterwards Comp. Game had the ballot taken for Bro. George Harrison, of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834, and Bro. Charles Holland, of the Londesborough Lodge, 1681, which proved unanimous. These two brethren being present, they were introduced, and exalted in due form by the M.E.Z., Comp. W. J. Adamson giving the Mystic Lecture. There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a sumptuous dinner, provided by Comp. Millis, which gave great satisfaction to the guests, numbering about thirty. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, after which the companions separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.—*West London Observer*, Nov. 29th.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—One of those enjoyable Royal Arch meetings for which Tunbridge Wells has become justly famous was held on Monday, the 3rd ult., at the Pump Rooms, under the government of Comps. Wm. Stephens, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; T. Hastings Miller, J.; B. S. Wilmot, P.Z., Treas.; R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; Montague Williams, Scribe N.; and several other companions not holding office. On this occasion all business was suspended, excepting the installation of Principals and investiture of officers. Immediately after the confirmation of the minutes the M.E.Z. proceeded to instal Comp. Williams as Third Principal of the chapter for the year ensuing, he being at the present time the W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge. Comp. Wm. Delves was then installed M.E.Z. in an impressive manner by the Installing Officer. Comps. B. S. Wilmot was re-invested Treas.; R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; Langridge, Scribe N.; Holt, P. Soj.; and Bates and Goodall, Assistants. After the chapter was closed the companions were entertained at an excellent banquet in the ladies' drawing room of that establishment, the M.E.Z. presiding. After the usual loyal and customary toasts had been duly honoured, an especially pleasing and complimentary presentation was then made to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. Stephens, consisting of an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, supplemented by a beautiful oak spirit case and stand, mounted with silver, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Comp. W. Stephens, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. Middx., P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, by the companions of the Holmesdale Chapter, 874, with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services." His health was drunk in the most felicitous terms, and modestly responded to. Comp. H. Miller replied for "The Visitors," and complimented the chapter, not only for the reception he had received and the manner in which the duties were performed, but also on the splendour of the room, which he seldom, if ever, had seen equalled for carrying out the duties and ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry. Letters of apology were read on the absence of several officers of the province.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—On Friday, the 28th ult., this old time immemorial lodge held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, under the direction of Bro. Rubie, W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Dutton, I.P.M.; Jas. J. Dutton, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., P.M. 26 and 74, Chap.; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Murlis, Sec.; Radway, M.O.; Dingle, S.O.; F. Wilkinson, J.C.; Howes, Reg.; Mercer, S.D.; Penley, J.D.; Sparrow, Org.; Peach, I.G. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Knight, which proving favourable, by request of the W.M. the chair was taken by Bro. J. J. Dutton, by whom the ceremony of advancement was conducted, with musical accompaniments by the Organist and some of the brethren. The bye-laws were read by the Secretary. Dr. Hopkins read a letter from the Grand Secretary, from whom he had been requested to make inquiries about the apron, as the members of this old lodge claim the right to wear the Craft apron, in accordance with stipulations made at the time when it consented to be enrolled under the Grand Mark Lodge. The claim was admitted, but at the same time it was stated that the members could not demand admission as visitors to other Mark lodges unless clothed according to regulations, accompanied by the expression of a hope that all newly-advanced brethren would be required to conform to the present custom. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 161).—The members of this Mark lodge met at the Skelmersdale Hall on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., to assist at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a poor attendance, partly, no doubt, owing to the cold, inclement weather. The members present were Bros. G. W. Hanmer, W.M., P.P.G.S.D. Lanc.; J. Chas. Lunt, W.M. elect, P.M. 161, P.P.G.M.O. Lanc.; W. Newsome, J.W. 161; Isaac Leccc, Sec.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, LL.D., P.M. 161, P.P.G.C. Lanc.; A. Moore, and M. Williamson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Hayes, P.M. 65, P.P.J.D. Lanc.; W. Corbett, M.O. 65; and David Cangle, S. 65. Bro. John Hayes, P.M. 65, acted as Installing Master, and, in his usual and perfect manner, gave the beautiful ceremony, and installed Bro. J. C. Lunt in the chair in the E. The W.M., Bro. Lunt, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows

—Bros. Newsome, S.W.; Leccc, J.W.; Townsend, M.O., by proxy; Lewis Peake, Treas., by proxy; Williamson: was re-elected Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Lunt, proposed, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. John Hayes, P.M. 65, for the very efficient manner in which he had given the installing ceremony. The resolution having been unanimously agreed to, Bro. Hayes responded in suitable terms. One or two propositions for advancement were given in; "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors were expressed, and the lodge was then closed in due form. We cannot conclude this short report without wishing Bro. Jos. Chas. Lunt, W.M. 161, a successful year of office, and we hope that all Mark Masters in the north end of Liverpool, who meet at the well-appointed Skelmersdale Hall, will enthusiastically rally round him during this his second year in the chair of W.M. of this Mark lodge.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—At a meeting of this lodge on Tuesday last, the 9th inst., Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was unanimously elected to the office of E.P., and E. Sir Knight T. B. Whythead was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Comp. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) was installed a Knight of the Order. E. Sir Knight A. M. Broadley, P.E.P. Melita Preceptory, was elected an honorary member.

Royal Ark Mariners.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Solent Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, when Bro. J. Blount Thomas was duly installed as Commander N. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the I.P.N., Bro. W. J. Hickman. The following brethren were appointed officers by the Commander N.: Bros. R. Loveland Loveland J.; Geo. Cross, S.; G. J. Tilling, S.D.; F. H. McCalmont, J.D.; P. Warren, Treas. and S.; J. R. Weston, D.C.; and J. C. Stroud, G.

CONSECRATION OF THE LULLINGSTONE LODGE, No. 1837.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 1st instant, at the Lion Hotel, Farningham, Kent, in the presence of a large and distinguished circle of the Masons of Kent and the metropolitan district. The brethren began to assemble soon after eleven a.m., and by twelve o'clock the following were among those ready to take part in the ceremony: Bros. Eastes, P.M. 709, D.G.M. of Kent; A. M. Broadly, P.M. 1717, D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap. of England and Kent; H. Sadler, P.M. 147 and G. Tyler, England; Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.M. 88 and 709, and P.P.G.S.W. Kent, and P.P.G. Chap. Cambs; J. Harrison, P.M. 1096, and P.G. Chap. Kent; H. Moncton, P.M. 1225, and P.G.S.W. Kent; F. A. Gange, P.M. 133, and P.G.W. Kent; Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, and G.J.D. Kent; J. R. Foord, W.M. 500, and P.G.S. Kent; J. W. Knight, P.M. 615, and P.P. G.D.C. Kent; H. S. Neate, P.M. 77, and P.G.S. Works Kent; E. Mackney, P.M. 299, and P.P.G.O. Kent; H. Batherst, P.M. 133, and P.P.G.R. Kent; W. Barlow, W.M. 77; W. H. Cronk, W.M. 144; W. Hicks, P.M. 483; Thomas Deane, P.M. 77; R. French, P.M. 483; E. R. Champion, S.W. 77; R. French, 77; W. Hills, I.G. 615; C. Buckland, I.G. 1536; H. Harding, Org. 1536; O. Hervey, J.W. 126; F. W. Underdown, J.W. 133; R. Sears, 299; W. Bedford, 77; J. Spurge, 77; A. Bunnett, 77; J. W. Gibson, 615; H. Biles, 615; Jas. Shrubsole, 503; H. Lawley, 299; C. Bishop, Org. 615; H. De Gray, 706; W. Taylor, 1536; P. Cheep, 1744; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge room presented a brilliant appearance when the brethren, after having been formed in procession, took their respective places in it. Bros. Eastes was in the chair of the W.M., Moncton in that of the S.W., Gange in the J.W. chair, Spencer as Secretary, and Sadler as Tyler.

Over the Master's chair was hung the banner of the lodge, bearing the arms of Bro. S. W. Hart Dyke, with this motto on it "Prêt a Faire" (Ready to do); this was a present from our worthy brother Sir William. The Bible and Tyler's sword were presented by the W.M. designate, Bro. George Churchley, P.M. 615; the bible cushion by the hostess of the house, Mrs. Haviland; the gauntlets of the W.M., S.W., and J.W. by Bro. Haviland; the Tracing Boards by Bro. G. G. Parker, Treas. designate; the lodge carpet by Bro. Boardman, J.W. designate; and the charity box by Bro. T. W. A. Neech, J.D. designate.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, grand honours were paid to Bros. Eastes and Broadly.

Bro. Eastes then said they were assembled for a most important purpose, that of consecrating a new lodge. That day another lodge was added to the roll of the lodges of the province over which their G.M., Lord Holmesdale, had so long and ably presided, and they would, as he did, regret their Master's absence from among them. Their brother had, however, requested him to instruct Bro. Robinson to perform the important ceremony of consecration, and at his hands nothing would be wanted to make the ceremony worthy of the occasion. He was not going to enter into a dissertation on Freemasonry, but he could not allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words on the matter. They would all agree with him that it was something worthy of congratulation to know that a new lodge was being opened, but then it must be taken into consideration

as to whether there was any necessity for the opening of a new lodge. It was a most important question, and one that was only consented to by Grand Lodge after due and full consideration. It might be fairly asked, "Was the proposed lodge necessary, and what were its prospects?" Now, it was a very common thing for a brother to say, "My lodge is so far away I cannot attend; I wish I could join a lodge nearer." This lodge, which he considered a necessity for this part of the province, would be the means of affording relief for the brethren of this part of the district whose lodges were far away from their homes. If they looked at the map of Kent, and at the lodges in it, they would find that, while they had lodges at Chatham, Gravesend, Faversham, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Greenhithe on the one side, and at Sidcup, Dartford, and Plumstead on the other, the nearest lodge to the one they had met to consecrate was at Dartford, some five miles away; so that would show that this lodge was a necessity, so far as regards the particular district of the province in which it was situated. (Cheers.) Then, as to its prosperity, he had every reason, after looking at the list of petitioning brethren, to feel confident that with their assistance, and under the rule and governing of its officers designate, it would be a great success. He trusted it would be so, and wished it every success and prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. Eastes then handed the gavel to Bro. Robinson, who proceeded to fulfil the beautiful ceremony of consecration, which, we need hardly say, was an effort worthy of his high and distinguished character as a divine and a Mason.

Bro. Hill then delivered the following magnificent oration. After a few preliminary remarks, congratulating the brethren of the lodge on the large and influential gathering of Masons who had assembled to assist at the consecration of their lodge, he said they had met to found another temple dedicated to piety and virtue, to brotherly love and charity—another spiritual house which will last when the most gorgeous palaces shall have passed away. The brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge will be stones of that spiritual edifice, here to be squared, and trimmed, and fitted for a place in the Grand Lodge above, after patient perseverance and repeated trials. It is usual on occasions like the present to offer a few words of encouragement to those who are preparing to carry out the principles of Masonic order, and to take note of the moral beauties of Masonry. So, then, while not adopting any stereotyped form, we can readily suggest grounds for congratulation. If impartially viewed, Masonry has not for its foundation a mere plausible, selfish platform of good fellowship and boon companionship. No, nor of mere almsgiving or charity, but its root rests on the purest and most disinterested friendship. It calls to do right in the sight of God, and more, it demands daily self improvement, with eternity in view, and a solemn adjudication in store, according to the deeds done in the body. It is universal in its operation and not sectarian in principle, and yet, though extending its branches throughout the world, it has its limitation, as regards associates and members. Not every man can be admitted, and if proper heed be taken, only "just and upright men of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals" would be admitted. In the introductory address to the Third Lecture an explanation of these principles is given, which should be kept fresh in the memory. Every Degree in Freemasonry is progressive, and cannot be attained but by time, patience, and assiduity. In the First Degree we are taught the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. In the Second we are permitted to participate in the mysteries of nature and science, and to trace the goodness and majesty of the Creator, by minutely analysing his works. But the Third Degree is the cement of the whole; it is calculated to bind men together by mystic points of fellowship, as in a bond of fraternal affection and brotherly love. It points to the darkness of death, and the obscurity of the grave, as the forerunner of a brilliant light, which shall follow at the resurrection of the just, when these mortal bodies which have long been slumbering in the dust shall be awakened, re-united to their undying souls, and clothed in immortality. These principles evidently proclaim our Order as a handmaid of piety and virtue, and show that in Masonry there is nothing incompatible with our social, moral, or religious duties. Can it be just then to brand us with odious imputations, and to urge that our teaching leads to Atheism or Deism. We respond emphatically, "No." We are not of the number of those of whom the Scripture speaks as "fools," "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." We all remember what a shock vibrated amongst us when tidings crossed the sea that the Grand Orient of France, under pretence of being unsectarian, and giving proper freedom of conscience, banished both the name and idea of God from its constitution. The result, on our part, was an open severance from all lodges so acting, and a repudiation of the infidelity proposed. Happily for us, the sacred law is the rule of our faith and practice; and where this is received not only does the moral law demand observance, but the revelation of mercy and love to fallen man gilds the present and future, and makes us realise the presence of an ark of refuge, in which we may pass in safety over the billows of time, and behold above life's wintry sea a "bright and morning star, whose rising brings hopes of happiness to the faithful and obedient of the human race." So then let none say that Masonry dishonours religion, or is opposed to Christianity, for it is not true. Through its teachings many have been led to adorn the Christian profession. A confirmation of this lately appeared in the public journals from the lips of an eloquent preacher, who, in referring to the progress of Masonry in Mexico, stated that the Bishop of the Happy Valley there had told him that Freemasonry had done more to promote the extension of the Gospel in Mexico than any other thing that had ever been introduced into the country. (Applause.) Well instructed Masons could not expect less than this; and, wounded as we have been through hasty words, we may

derive strength from the conviction that our building is not based on sand, but founded on a rock. The tenets of our ancient brethren, while exhibiting them as large hearted, pure minded men, full of kindness and toleration for the opinions of others, yet manifest that they acted upon the principle, "Have thine own faith, but hope and pray for all." If the bases of Masonry did not distinctly lead to the present form of religion, why are we directed in Masonic study to the great parallels of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; one the preacher of repentance and the forerunner of the Messiah, and the other the apostle of love? and why are our lodges dedicated to one or both of these worthies? Why, plainly that we may receive their virtues and profit by their good examples. The report made by Archbishop Parker to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on the characteristics and society of the Freemasons of the 16th century, stating that "she had not in her dominions such a loyal, orderly, and religiously disposed body of men," shows that at that time our ancient brethren were, as now, loyal, religious, faithful, and true to the tenets of their faith and harmony. He then spoke of the uniformity question, and said let us use the old motto, *Ande vide face*, and while we do not insist upon a uniformity in words, let us decline to recognise any substantial defections from our ancient teaching. Let us hold fast to the fulfilment of the admonition, that in the performance of our duty to God and our neighbour hangs, or depends, all the law and the prophets, and in the consecrating of this new lodge, advocating and using the holy tools and sacred symbols, not lightly but reverently, and in a manner creditable to ourselves and acceptable to our God. We pray that the hearts of the brethren may be cheered, and knit together in holy friendship, as were the hearts of David and Jonathan in the days of old, for Jonathan "loved David as his own soul." He gave him his princely robe, his girdle, his sword, and his high position for his sake. Such real friendship, the friendship of abnegation and self sacrifice, yet exists among us, and casts a halo of brightness over us, and we rejoice to have received and personally experienced its glow. With sincere regard and affection and hearty good wishes we cordially, in the words of an ancient manuscript of the 15th century, say, "The might of the Father of Kings, with the wisdom of His glorious grace, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, these being three persons in one Godhead, be with us, and give us grace so to govern us here in this mortal life, that we may come to His kingdom that never shall have ending, 'so mote it be.'"

Bro. Hill's oration was listened to with rapt attention, and applauded by the brethren most warmly.

The ceremony was then continued, and the lodge having been duly constituted, Bro. Robinson proceeded with the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Churchly, and with the usual ceremonies that brother was placed in the chair of K.S. and duly saluted. The following officers were then invested: Bros. T. W. Knight, I.P.M. (we had almost forgotten to say that Bro. Knight acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the ceremony in finished and perfect style); the Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., Chaplain 299, S.W.; C. S. Boardman, I.G. 299, J.W.; G. Parker, Treas.; E. Mackney, P.M. 299 and P.P.G.O. Kent, Sec.; J. Fletcher, J.W. 615, S.D.; J. W. A. Neech, 299, J.D.; P. Jones, D.C.; R. G. Stone, I.G., Sec. 615, I.G.; J. Hutton, Steward; G. Martin, Tyler. Our reverend brother then delivered the charges splendidly, and the ceremony was concluded. Votes of thanks were then passed to Bros. Robertson and Hill, for their services, and they, with Bro. Eastes and Knight, were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Three candidates were then proposed for initiation, and three as joining members. Bro. Churchly was elected as Charity representative for the province, and then after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the representatives of the various lodges present, the lodge was closed in due form. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Bishop, Org. 615, who was assisted by Bros. C. Buckland, H. Harding, and W. Taylor.

The banquet was such as fully sustained the character of the house for its menu. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently put by Bro. Churchly, that of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. Hill, G. Chaplain of England.

"The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of Kent," was enthusiastically received. In reply to the toast of his health, coupled with that of the rest of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Eastes thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. He could assure them that the Prov. G. Officers had a great love for Masonry at heart, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to be among the brethren at the various lodges, and watch the progress of the lodges, and the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and not only watch in but assist by every means in their power their progress and prosperity. (Applause.) He felt it a great source of sorrow that their beloved Grand Master was not present to see the manner in which the duties of the lodge had been carried out that day, but it would be his pleasing duty to report them to that distinguished brother, and be felt sure it would be a great gratification to know that a lodge with such a good prospect before it had been added to the list of lodges in the Province of Kent. (Cheers.) The prosperity of the lodge would depend in a great measure upon the assiduity and zeal of the W.M. and his officers, and from what he had seen and heard of them, he looked forward to the lodge taking a high place among the lodges of the province. He would now say a few words to the brethren of the lodge. There was a very natural feeling among the officers and brethren of the lodge to make it strong in numbers. Now that was not the way to make a good lodge; what constituted the strength of a lodge more than the quantity was the quality of its members. (Hear, hear.) After impressing upon the brethren the necessity

of this, he proceeded to give the brethren the advantage of his great experience in Masonry, and some excellent advice as to the manner in which they should carry out their relative duties, more particularly as to the manner of their selection and election of candidates for admission. He reprobated the blackballing of candidates, and pointed out in forcible language how to avoid doing so, and averred that in the twenty-five years he had been a member of the Invicta Lodge, at Ashford, there had not been such a thing as blackballing in the lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Eastes concluded by saying that if he should have the pleasure of coming to visit them in the course of the year he trusted to find them as prosperous and happy as their present circumstances presented the hope and belief of. (Cheers.)

Bro. Harrison, P.G. Chaplain, also briefly responded. Bro. Robertson then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that he never proposed a toast upon an occasion such as the present with more pleasure than he did upon this. He felt pleased, because Bro. Churchly was not new to the office, having passed the chair of another lodge, so that he brought into this the knowledge and experience obtained there, and those who had seen his work during the closing of the lodge and since in the chair would see that he was eminently fitted to do honour to the office. (Cheers.) He begged, therefore, to propose the toast.

The W.M., in response, said so many kind words had been said of him, and to him, that he felt at a loss to sufficiently thank Bros. Eastes and Robinson for their good wishes and the brethren for their response to the gavel of the latter. He then spoke eloquently of the good feeling which existed among the brethren of the lodge through which he had just passed, and trusted it would be his good fortune to have the same report to make of this at the end of his year of office. He then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. Robinson," in glowing terms, and the brethren received it warmly.

Bro. Robinson, in reply, said that he wondered not at the brethren enjoying the ceremony, not because he did it, he was not vain enough to think that he could add one iota to the effect of it, but because of its grandeur and beauty. The consecration of a lodge was a ceremony not given to every Mason to behold often. He would most likely see the ceremony of installation at his own lodge, or at other lodges, at least once a year, but there were many good Masons who had never seen the ceremony of consecration. It was a great pleasure to him to conduct such a ceremony, because it had in it a spirit of seriousness that impressed the heart of a religious man with its essence of love, and truth, and charity. It was a ceremony that he loved to hear and see rendered by those Masters of the Craft who felt the spirit of the work they were doing, and he had heard it rendered by laymen far better than he had heard clergymen in their pulpits preach and conduct the services of the church. He then eloquently dwelt upon the grand teachings of their ritual, and declared that no good Mason could be else than a good man, and a religious man, and must be better, not only in heart but in his pathway through life, if he followed up the pure, good, and exalted teaching brought before his mind at such a time as that they had experienced that day in the consecration of this their new lodge.

Bro. Robinson was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his eloquent address.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Broadly briefly responded.

The toast of "The Officers" came next, and Bro. Jamblin responded.

"The Masonic Press" was responded to by Bro. Jolly, and the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and interesting day.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cotebrune, James Brett, Thomas Cubitt, W. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Fredk. Adlard, Charles John Perceval, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dilley, John Henry Leggett, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, Captain N. G. Philips, Charles Atkins, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. Terry read a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, conveying H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's sanction to the alteration of the date of the annual festival of the Institution to the 9th of February, 1880. Bro. Terry also reported the death of one annuitant, and read the report of the House Committee, which was received and adopted. Bro. Terry likewise read a letter from Bro. B. Percy Middlemist, offering his services as Honorary Surgeon to outdoor annuitants. This offer was accepted with thanks.

The petitions of five male candidates were read, examined, and accepted. One petition was deferred. The petitions of five widows were accepted.

Application being made for the use of the hall of the Institution for the New Year's entertainment to the inmates, the Committee granted the same, and also voted £20 towards expenses.

The Committee then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS effect wonderful cures of bad legs and old wounds. If these medicines be used according to the directions which are wrapped round each pot or box, there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate, but will yield to their curative properties. Numbers of persons who had been patients in the large hospitals, and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the least benefit, have been cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills when other remedies had signally failed. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. Though potent for good, it is powerless for harm; and though the cure it effects is rapid, it is also complete and permanent.—[Adv.]

To Correspondents.

I.P.M.—We do not consider it wise to continue the discussion.

The following stand over:—

Eboracum Lodge, 1611, York.
Old England Lodge, 1790, Thornton Heath.
The Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "The Masonic Record," "Croydon Guardian," "Aston Reporter," "Brighton Gazette," "The Masonic Herald," "The Freemason's Repository," "Keystone," "Liverpool Mercury," "Humanity and the Man," "Old Jonathan," "The City Diary," "Reports of Sanitas," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Sussex Daily News," "The Entertainment Directory and Playgoer's Guide."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding four lines under this heading.]

BIRTH.

MEYER.—On the 3rd inst., at South-hill Park, Hampstead, the wife of B. Meyer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

JONES—COOPER.—On the 9th inst., at St. Peter's, Leicester, by the Rev. F. W. Robinson, vicar, George Howell Jones, of 9, Seymour-street, Leicester, to Janet, sixth daughter of the late Thomas Cooper, chemist, one of the Founders of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and niece of the late James Thompson, F.R.H.S., F.H.S., Historian of Leicester.

DEATHS.

BOROUGH.—On the 3rd inst., in Dublin, Sir Edward Borough, P.D.G.M. Ireland, aged 80.

MENZIES.—On the 6th inst., suddenly, in Edinburgh, John Menzies, aged 72.

TOOLE.—On the 7th inst., at his father's residence, 4, Orme-square, Bayswater, Frank Lawrence, the only son of John Lawrence and Susan Toole, aged 23.

VARLEY.—On the 9th inst., at Chelsea, after a short illness, Frederick Charles, third son of Charles Varley, of Chelsea, of heart disease.

THE CHRISTMAS DOUBLE NUMBER OF THE "FREEMASON."

On Saturday, December 20th, will be published a Double Number of the *Freemason*, in Emblematic Wrapper, Price 4d. In addition to the usual matter, it will contain 48 Columns of Tales, Poems, &c., by well known writers.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1879.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The Craft will rejoice to hear that H.R.H. Prince Leopold has kindly consented to take the chair at the anniversary festival in 1880. This most interesting fact has been communicated in a letter from Bro. Collins, to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on the announcement, and have no doubt but that he will soon be able to announce a long list of Stewards.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

The motion of Bro. Stevens, which was carried at last Grand Lodge after only a very partial debate, is a most serious one both in its immediate effect and its prospective results. It goes much further and strikes much deeper than the majority which voted for it has learnt to realize, and no one who has not studied the whole question in all its bearings can form any conjecture of the mischief likely to accrue from Bro. Stevens' rash and ill digested motion. It has been stated in Grand Lodge, we apprehend, clearly and fully, what is a priori the grave objection to Bro. Stevens' motion, in itself, and though Bro. Stevens in his reply affected to consider the historical objections raised to his motion as beside the question, it is perfectly clear to every thinking mind that there, after all, lies the true and real

answer to Bro. Stevens' vehement incriminations of our present system. Admitted, if you like, that Grand Lodge passed and confirmed a resolution to the same effect in 1870, unless you could predicate absolute wisdom and infallibility of every resolution of Grand Lodge, the answer fairly comes that, like many other legislative bodies, Grand Lodge was taken by surprise; the subject was not fully debated, and for nearly ten years no action has been taken—showing, not as some foolishly assert, any disrespect by the authorities of the resolution of Grand Lodge, but the serious difficulty of the whole question when fairly faced, and the impossibility, owing to their unwillingness to serve, to find a competent committee in whom the entire Craft would have confidence. For it is one thing to talk about a matter, it is another thing really to understand it, and we venture to believe that if there are any persons of whom our educated Craft have the greatest distrust it is the professional agitator, on the one hand, or the emitter of "bottled moonshine" on the other. Some of the reasons of the mover, which it is impossible to discuss in a paper, are too grotesque to dwell upon. If such abuses exist, which we venture to doubt, despite the obnoxious "ipse dixit" of Bro. Stevens, they constitute a grave reflection on the Provincial authorities, on the one hand, or those of Freemasons' Hall on the other. If proved to be prevalent, we fancy the action of the Board of General Purposes would be summary and decisive. And all these things tottled up at their very worst, if they do constitute a case for authoritative interference and disciplinary treatment, do not touch the real point at issue, and here was the fallacy of Bro. Stevens' whole speech. Admitted that all be true, as Bro. Stevens put it, what does it prove but the want of surveillance and control? The existence of stereotyped formulæ would only aggravate these evil symptoms and would enrich the brother or brethren who now deal in spurious rituals. It is this very "liberty of verbiage and ceremonial" which stands in the way of un-Masonic ventures and unhallowed gains. It is not likely, neither would it be reasonable, that the decisions of the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813 should pass without review in 1879. These arrangements were the best then possible, but were not for all time, and we, the Masons of 1879, surely have a right, if the question be referred to a Committee, to ask to have the whole matter reviewed. And thinking that we are not ripe for any such movement, we venture to ask our brethren to "hold their hands," and to oppose the confirmation of that portion of the minutes at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Some objections have been recently and forcibly made to the large grants made by the Board of Benevolence. There can be no doubt that for some time past the ratio of giving has been perceptibly increased, and cases which would have received £10 ten years ago are now receiving £40 or £50. We do not complain of this increase, "per se," because the old system of giving had this grave defect,—it did not sufficiently meet the strong case, it gave too much to the weak case. But there is a "golden mean" in all things; and as some worthy brethren are led away by the idea that because they have "plenty" to give away, they may as well give, we wish to remind them one and all of the irrefragable truth and wisdom of Bro. Clabon's remarks in Grand Lodge, that we do not give because we have plenty to give, but because the petitioners deserve it. If brethren will only keep this "canon" of true giving carefully before them, we shall soon hear the last of condemnatory complaining. Certainly the case debated in last Grand Lodge as to a brother only five years in Masonry receiving £50 is a "strong order." No doubt a great deal may be said on both sides. But we confess that our impression is strongly that such a grant is far too large, and serves only to encourage a delusion very prevalent at this moment apparently, that Freemasonry is a vast benefit Order. We, therefore, are anxious to call the attention of many worthy brethren to the subject, that they may learn to realize their responsi-

bility and measure their gifts. The idea of our Masonic benevolence is noble and grand, and true in itself, for it is not only charity in name and deed, but if by any means it becomes subject to abuse or exaggeration, and fictitious sentiment, or unreasoning lavishness, it ceases to be true charity, and degenerates into a spurious form and mistaken illustration of that needful and excelling virtue. We wish we could think that all our votes at the Board of Benevolence were determined solely by the "merits of the case." Unfortunately, we fear that it is not always so, and personal influence and unwise sentimentality often affect votes, which ought ever to be governed alone by principle. But it is very difficult in a shifting Board to obtain uniformity of action or harmony of thought, and we can only express our hope that, by the good sense of our brethren who distribute our Masonic charity, care will be taken to make a full and clear discrimination between good cases and shaky cases, between the petitioner who has subscribed for long years and the brother who has subscribed only for a few years, and then left Masonry and died out of Masonry.

THE PURCHASE OF LYNDCOMBE HOUSE.

This purchase, which was unanimously approved of by a Special Court, as being in the best interests of the School, is, we understand, violently attacked by privately circulated statements, circulars, and petitions. We say nothing of the ingratitude involved in such proceedings towards that distinguished brother whose labours for the welfare of the Girls' School are beyond all praise; neither of the unworthy clap-trap displayed and the "bad form" manifested in such underhand proceedings, but we do protest openly as before the Craft, against a system of procedure which is unworthy of us as Freemasons and gentlemen, and which evidences lowness of mind as well as an utter forgetfulness of all Masonic teaching, alike in the motives it seeks to suggest, and the end it is apparently anxious to achieve. If any brethren object to any proceedings in our Courts, let them come forward in an open and manly manner and say so, and they will be patiently heard and fully answered. But, as Freemasons, let us set ourselves against all behind-the-back circulars, and surreptitious calumnies, and, as good men and true, properly in the proper place, and at the fitting time, assert our honest and rightful opinions. But let us avoid mischief makers and agitators of every degree.

THE VACANT GRAND SECRETARYSHIP.

We believe that we are right in our statement that up to the present no definite appointment to the vacant office has been made. Many names are circulating among the Craft of candidates for the post, but all such are merely suggestions—more or less interested. Two names are prominently mentioned, one a Grand Officer much connected with Golden Square, the other an active Craftsman, who is not a Grand Officer. We prefer to await the nomination of the Grand Master with Masonic deference. We reject one pure "canard," the somewhat current assertion that a sort of "clique" or "camarilla," or call it what you like, is seeking to promote the interests of a particular candidate. If it were really so, nothing worse for the present or future interests of the Craft can well be conceived. We have every reason and right to believe that H.R.H. the Grand Master is quite aware of the vast importance of the office for the progress and welfare of Freemasonry as well as in the world at large as our in own country.

On Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at half-past six o'clock, the ceremonies of installation of Principals will take place at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Comp. William Stephens being the Installing Officer.

The Lord Mayor has consented to become a patron of the third performance in aid of the Printers' Dramatic Pension Fund, originally promoted and successfully carried out by Bro. George J. Dawson. The performance is arranged to take place in March next. £200 has been already realised for this highly deserving object.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must confess my feeling of disappointment at the very slight notice taken by you on the very important meeting of Grand Lodge last Wednesday; I cannot conceive how any much more important topics could be laid before you to dilate upon, for the edification of that body which you so ably represent. You certainly throw out your opinions on two out of the three important and interesting subjects brought before that meeting. They are thrown down somewhat like in ancient times they used to throw down a challenge or glove for some one to pick up. Now, though I may burn my fingers or get a rap over the knuckles for my pains, I fearlessly pick it up, for I consider that unless the several questions are opened out from both points of view, those members of Grand Lodge who were absent will not be able to form a correct estimate of the different matters at issue.

1st. Bro. Hervey's retiring pension. I yield to no one in the respect and esteem in which Bro. Hervey must be held by those who have had the pleasure of knowing him, and cordially reiterate the words of Bro. Monckton "that we may scarcely hope to look upon his like again," and yet I feel sure that could he express an opinion upon the discussion, and the result of that discussion, he, whose impartiality to one and all are so well-known, would say that the Craft were perfectly right in refusing to grant that abnormally large sum of £800 per annum, or full retiring pension, after being in receipt of that sum ten years, or only eleven years in all, and would feel that it was out of no disrespect for himself, or that he was unworthy of it, but that they had done wisely in not making an exception in his favour, thereby sacrificing principle on the altar of friendship, and forming a precedent that they would find it extremely difficult to depart from on future occasions. I can only finish with what I know to be the heartfelt prayer of all, "would to God that the occasion for his retirement had not been such as it is, and may the G.A.O.T.U. alleviate his sufferings and restore him to us if such be His Divine will."

2nd. Bro. Stevens' motion, or rather revised proposition, which was carried and confirmed ten years ago, but allowed to subside.

I am quite certain I speak the sentiments of every brother who was present and within hearing of our Prov. G.C., Bro. Woodford, when I express the great interest with which we listened to the short but explicit resumé he had culled from carefully studied researches into the ancient lore of Freemasonry, when he told us how that in a space of ninety years, i.e., from 1723 to 1813, when Freemasons, let alone lodges, were few and far between, the standard ritual put together by Desaguliers and Anderson in 1723 had been later on altered by Clare, and later still emended by Dunkerley, and yet again improved by Preston, with other exceedingly interesting matters of detail, but there, speaking for myself, my admiration ceases, for to my mind a more illogical deduction than his motion for a direct negation of Bro. Stevens' excellent and much needed proposition could not be brought forth. If the ritual required four revised editions, when Masons and their lodges were so few, how much more must a revised standard be required now after a lapse of seventy years, when lodges and chapters are numbered by thousands, and Craftsmen by hundreds of thousands, when the different workings are so varied, and as many as the weeks, I might almost say days, in the year, when our language even has undergone such great alterations; when we have no standard or recognised authority to guide us or to refer to; when Masters of lodges can work as they please for want of such authority, having no one to say them nay; when Grand Lodge's chief duty seems to be keeping an eye that the dues to Grand Lodge are paid, and an occasional insight into the way in which the books of individual lodges are kept, but keeping no check on the several manners of working, which, if I am not greatly in error, is one of their special and particular duties? When we here of such farce, mummeries, carried on as described by Bro. Stevens from both printed and oral evidence, with such painful and patent abuses of our beautiful liturgy before us, if now is not the time for the M.W.G.M. to step in, and, with the aid of some of the many eminent and learned brothers around him, cause a thorough and searching investigation into the different teachings, and from that investigation constitute an authority to which every Master of a lodge can refer who is desirous of fulfilling those duties so graphically laid upon him for the well ruling and governing of his lodge, and which he has solemnly declared he is able and willing to do, or to which if in doubt and anxious to prove himself correct in, or improve himself in his work, he might appeal with the satisfaction and certainty of knowing that he would be set right—I repeat if the time has not arrived, I unhesitatingly affirm that the time will never arrive, and shortly, instead of the beautiful teachings of which true Masonry consists, and ought to consist, we shall be like the builders of the Tower of Babel just before they left off, and be speaking to one another in unknown tongues. I therefore, earnestly and devoutly hope that every brother who has the good of our noble Order to heart will raise his voice, and so assist in this much and long needed work of reformation.

The third and last important notice of motion on the paper was Bro. Clabon's, and the purport of it was this—that out of the surplus revenue especially set apart for distressed Masons and their widows two-thirds were to be de-

ducted, one-third for the boys and one-third for the girls, which spoliation, to use a mild term, was nipped in the bud, and I trust, not only as Vice-President of all the Institutions but upon principle, and by all that is just and upright, that such a deviation of monies from the legitimate direction of that fund will never be permitted. With all due deference to Bro. Clabon, whose goodness of heart, whose benevolence, whose zeal for Masonry no one can for a moment deny, I must say I do think his zeal has run away with him, that the handkerchief over the eyes of Justice must have slipped a bit when Bro. Clabon thus sought to rob Peter to pay Paul and Virginia; when he attempted to alienate two-thirds of a fund especially set apart for one purpose for that of another, when he sought to benefit the children at the expense of the parents, he must have left out of his reckoning the enormous increase of Masons without a corresponding increase of funds, and that there is no telling how soon a great and legitimate call may be made upon that fund which he seeks so ruthlessly to spoil.

As an amendment, I would venture to suggest that larger powers be entrusted to the existing Committees, both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, who have hitherto discharged that trust faithfully and impartially, and instead of limiting their power to £20 extend it to say £50, to be left to their judgment to grant that or less, according to the peculiar circumstances of the case brought under their notice.

Fearing to bore you any more, I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

[We really do not understand how our worthy correspondent can complain either of our report or our leader, but some people are very difficult to please. We say it without offence.—Ed.]

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AND BRO. WILSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being unable to attend the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to-day, I beg to forward you copy of a letter I have addressed to them with respect to my dispute with the House Committee.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,
6th December, 1879.

"To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Brethren and Gentlemen,

"Consequent on the seeming misunderstanding with respect to my account for business services in connection with the Institution at Wood Green, which were completed more than twelve months ago, I beg to lay before you a brief statement of the facts.

"The House Committee having refused to order payment of the balance due to me, I was obliged to apply for payment through my solicitors. Since such application I have received payment of £100, without prejudice, with the understanding that the balance was to be referred to arbitration. To this I agreed, and offered to refer the matter to Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., who is the arbitrator for the Office of Works in all such matters, than whom I considered there could be no better authority. The House Committee declined to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt as referee, having resolved that they would not refer the question at issue to any Freemason.

"My solicitors were, therefore, compelled to inform them that proceedings would be taken for the recovery. On this I was officially informed that Mr. F. Stanley, of 22A, Austin Friars, had been appointed by the House Committee, with full powers to settle with me. I, accordingly, immediately instructed my solicitors to stop all further legal proceedings, and requested a gentleman of my own profession to give Mr. Stanley any explanations he might require. It is now more than two months since my friend first endeavoured to make an appointment with Mr. Stanley, and he has made repeated endeavours since, but hitherto without avail. I may add that should I be compelled to recommence proceedings, all the professional gentlemen I shall call as witnesses on my behalf, who are of high standing, will give evidence that there are no overcharges in my account, but, on the contrary, that the usual professional rates are considerably higher than several of the charges on which I have based my account.

"I do not know where the blame lies, but I do think that I am not being treated at all fairly in the matter, and as I do not wish to take legal proceedings, I appeal to you with confidence to see me righted.

"I am, Brethren and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
"S. B. WILSON.

"27, Walbrook, E.C.,
"27th November, 1879."

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some time ago there was a lodge of Freemasons formed called ——— Lodge, which was to be held, according to warrant, at the ——— Hotel, ———, there being no other place in ——— suitable for a lodge of Freemasons. It was consecrated by the Grand Secretary and officers, and opened, as every one thought, with brilliant prospects, but, unfortunately, those prospects have been dashed to the ground. Our W.M., it appears, through some dispute with the proprietor of the ——— Hotel, who is also a brother Mason, has thought fit, without even consulting the lodge or even the officers, to move it from the ——— Hotel (a place where the lodge had every convenience and comfort, and

where any member could invite a visitor to with pleasure, even our Grand Master himself) to a public house some distance from there, and which is not at all suitable for a lodge, not having the convenience in any shape or form when the comfort of the lodge is concerned. Now, sir, I want to ask you as an authority, has the W.M. of any lodge the right to move the lodge to where and when he thinks proper, without calling a lodge of emergency and stating the facts, simply because he may have a private dispute with the proprietor where the lodge is held, and which does not concern the lodge whatever? It has caused dissension and unpleasantness among the members of the lodge, and a great many members would not have joined the lodge had they known it was going to be moved. I think that out of courtesy the lodge should have been consulted by the W.M. in the matter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A MASON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish you would impress upon Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges the importance, I had almost said the duty, of seeing that the dates of their lodge meetings are correctly announced in our Masonic papers, as the neglect of their doing so often causes annoyance to visiting brethren. If it be worth while to announce them at all—and I think it so—common courtesy claims that the announcement be not misleading.

Yours fraternally,

D. W. FINNEY, P.M. 148, 1250,

Prov. G.D. Cer. West Lanc.

Warrington, Dec. 10th.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much obliged to "P.M. and Treasurer." He is quite right in not considering me responsible for the parenthetical error, and I cannot understand how the figures 1635 could have been inserted. Of course I alluded to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, and no other.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. HALL, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 31.

Canterbury, Dec. 6, 1879.

Reviews.

THE CHURCHES OF YORKSHIRE. Vol. 1, No. 1.

By Bro. H. HATTON, F.R.H.S., and W. E. Fox.

London: W. H. Smith & Son, 186, Strand.

We highly approve of this publication, both as an archaeological and artistic production, and wish it much circulation and all success. The drawings are very good and true, as our own personal knowledge and memory can safely testify, and we think the idea an admirable one in itself, and deserving the patronage of all lovers of art, taste and archaeology. The churches of Yorkshire are really beautiful old structures, and built by the operative Guilds, with the Masons' marks still on many a "perfect ashlar," speak to Freemasons with special interest and meaning. We trust to hear that this praiseworthy attempt to make us acquainted with many of the specimens of the ecclesiastical building art may prove to be a thorough success in every respect. It has our hearty good wishes.

HISTORY OF THE HERTFORD LODGE, No. 403.

Stephen Hunter and Sons, Fore-street, Hertford.

This is a most interesting history of a distinguished lodge, and may be perused with profit by us all. If it be true that its history is uneventful in one sense, it is equally certain that it well represents the normal state of many a good English lodge, and is therefore full of information to the student of to-day who seek to gain a realistic glimpse of the Masonic life of the past, to ascertain precisely what were its actual conditions of practical existence. We have turned over its pages with infinite pleasure.

YOUNG FOLKS. James Henderson, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street.

This monthly serial, much read by the young, comes before us with its thrilling tales and startling adventures. It is undoubtedly attractive to the youthful mind in the force of its narratives and the animation of its recitals.

CATHOLIC TIMES. (Christmas Number.)

This is a Roman Catholic serial and candidate for support, mainly, we apprehend, by the members of its own religious denomination. It is illustrated by a likeness of the late Cardinal Cullen, and is full of stories of incident, sentiment, and romance. On our Masonic principle of returning good for evil, though we are somewhat surprised to have it sent to us, we are glad to mention it with literary approval.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Spottiswoode and Co., the Queen's Printers.

We are greatly pleased with the selection of these interesting Christmas souvenirs submitted to our notice. They are truly artistic in the highest sense, and deserve the notice and patronage of all who wish to give or return such pleasant memorials of a sacred season, or of personal attachment. As evidences of refined taste and skilful execution they are A1; as pleasant reminders of present or distant friends they constitute a most rational and enjoyable medium of coming closer to the near, and reminding ourselves of the absent. We, therefore, think it well to call the attention of our readers to them, for Freemasons, like other mortals, have sympathies to unfold, friendships to avow, and memories of living interest and fond affection to cultivate and confirm. Let our readers see them for themselves.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Monday week, under the banner of the Keystone Lodge, and was opened by the P.G.M. in due form.

The minutes of the previous lodge were read, the by-laws of the province distributed, and the Treasurer's accounts passed. The returns of the P.G. Registrar were also received.

The P.G.M. then declared the whole of the offices vacant, and called upon the brethren to nominate a brother of eminence and ability to fill the position of P.G.M. for Monmouthshire for the ensuing three years, and to approve a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, in support of the recommendation made by the Provincial Grand Lodge, praying his confirmation.

Bro. William Williams, P.M. 185, then proposed the re-election of Bro. L. Augustus Homfray for the ensuing three years, and referred to the great ability that had been brought to bear on that high position during the past three years, and the immense strides made in Mark Masonry under his rule and able guidance. (Applause.)

This proposition was seconded by Bro. West, W.M. of the Keystone Lodge, 109, and put to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who declared it unanimously carried amidst great enthusiasm.

The Right Wor. the P.G.M., Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, then rose to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge for the high compliment paid him, and promised that by the vote of this day he would be induced to give increased energy to the high position to which they had nominated him. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. James Horner, was re-elected.

The Right Worshipful the P.G.M. then appointed the following officers for the succeeding year:—

Bro. Col. Lyne	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
Capt. S. G. Homfray	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Watkins	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Capt. Perkins	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Nichol Bradley	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
Thomas Harrhy	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. J. W. C. Lindsay	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Crawshay Bailey	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Walter West	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
T. H. Gage	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
James Horner	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
L. P. Gravenor	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
Henry Richards	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. A. Shepherd	...	...	Prov. G. In. of Wks.
E. J. Baker	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
J. P. Fowler	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
C. H. Rice Harris	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
William Tucker	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
H. J. Groves	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
A. I. Sinclair	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bro. W. S. Tait, T. G. Powell, and John Jones	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. Henry Fletcher	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Right W.P.G.M. then proposed that the warmest thanks of the P.G. Lodge be accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the Keystone Lodge for the cordial reception given them that day.

This was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. West, the W.M., most suitably responded.

The Right Wor. the P.G.M. then called attention to the report of the General Board, and expressed his satisfaction that their old, valued, and esteemed brother, General Doherty, C.B., had been nominated to the high position of P.G.W.M. of Somersetshire in the place of Lord Carnarvon, who had resigned, and invited the brethren of the province to accompany him to his installation at Bath, of which due notice would be given to them all.

The announcement was received with much acclamation.

Bro. Captain Perkins then proposed, and the P.G.M. seconded, "That the province send a Steward to the Mark Charity Festival, and that Bro. Watkins, P.G.J.W., be invited to act as Charity Steward for the province in the coming year."

This Bro. Watkins accepted, and hoped that the brethren would come forward and render him such assistance as would make his list second to none.

The other usual formal votes were given, when the P.G.M., after asking the necessary questions, proceeded to declare the P.G. Lodge closed in form, with solemn prayer.

The P.G.M. then invited the brethren to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, when Bro. F. G. Gretton placed a magnificent spread upon the board.

There were present R.W. Bros. L. Augustus Homfray, P.G.M.M.; and Charles Lyne, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Watkins, P.G.J.W.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, P.G.M.O.; Bros. E. J. Baker, P.G.S.O.; T. Harry, A.G.J.O.; Thomas H. Gage, P.G.A. Sec.; James Horner, P.G. Treas.; J. P. Fowler, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. R. Harris, P.G. Swd. Br.; L. P. Gravenor, P.G.S.D.; A. I. Sinclair, P.G.I.G.; Henry Fletcher, P.G. Tyler; J. Jones and T. J. Powell, P.G. Stewards; W. Williams, P.M. 185, G.S. Eng.; J. L. C. Hunter Little, P.P.G. Overseers; W. Pickford, P.M. 109; Alfred Taylor, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Rev. James Pugh, S.W. 214; W. P. Pugh, 214; T. Thomas, 109; Wm. Tucker, Treas. 214; S. D. Hallen, 109, and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet, at which the P.G.M. presided, the following toasts were given:—"H.M.G. Majesty the Queen," "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G."

Captain Perkins proposed "The M.W. the G.M.M.M.

of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with it the name of Bro. W. Watkins, whom he congratulated on his elevation as Grand Officer.

Bro. Watkins responded.

Bro. Colonel Lyne proposed "The R.W.P.G.M.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. L. A. Homfray," and referred to the ability with which he managed the affairs of the province, and felt that the G.M. of England would only be too pleased to confirm the unanimous recommendation made for his re-appointment.

The Prov. G.M., who was warmly received, responded, and said that by the reception and unanimity exhibited he felt that he was called upon still further to use his best energies for the success of this beautiful Degree in Freemasonry.

The P.G.M.M. then proposed "The R.W. the D.P.G.M., Colonel Lyne (R.W.P.G.M. of the Craft Mon.), and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He thanked them all for the valuable assistance rendered, specially referring to the D.P.G.M. and P.G.S.W. The toast was received with much acclamation.

Bros. Colonel Lyne and Captain Homfray most ably and suitably responded, and promised increased efforts in their respective positions.

Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little proposed "The W.M. of the Keystone Lodge (No. 109)," who responded.

Bro. Pickford proposed "The Installing Master," who responded.

Bro. E. J. Baker proposed "The Mark Lodges of the Province," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Harry, W.M. (214), and T. G. Powell (185), who duly responded.

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and feelingly alluded to the long career in Masonry of Bro. Hallen, Bros. W. Williams (185), Pickford (109), and Hallen (109), responded.

The P.G.S.W. proposed the next toast, that of "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the power and influence which this province secured at Grand Lodge by their exertions in appointing the various Stewards. He congratulated Bro. Watkins on his appointment as Charity Steward for the year, and felt satisfied that in his hands everything would be done to secure a good list.

Bro. Watkins responded, and said he felt the high compliment conferred upon him, and hoped he would be placed in that position which would enable the province to stand second to none in the list of contributions of the Grand Mark Lodge charities of the year, and by that means secure to the deserving cases a lasting benefit for the future.

The P.G.M. then thanked the P.G. Organist (Bro. H. J. Groves) for the musical arrangements of the day. His health was drunk, and duly responded to.

The P.G. Tyler was then called upon to give the last toast of the evening—"To all poor and distressed," &c. This brought to a close a red letter day in the history of Mark Masonry in Monmouthshire.

The company having sung the National Anthem, bade each other adieu until the meeting of next P.G. Lodge, which, we understand, will be held under the banner of St. John's Lodge, Abergavenny, where the P.G.M. will be re-installed most probably by the G.M. of England.

FREEMASONRY AND SAILORS.

On Sunday, November 30th, the Freemasons of Gravesend attended the festival service at St. Andrew's Waterside Mission Church, at the invitation of the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Bro. Scarth. There was a crowded congregation, one side of the beautiful church being filled by Freemasons. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.M., and P.Z., P.P.G. Chap. Camb. P.P.G.S.W., and P.P.G.H. Kent. The lessons were read by the W.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Bro. W. Barlow. Among the congregation we observed the Mayor of Gravesend and several members of the Corporation. The grand banner of the lodge and banners of the Royal Arch chapter were in conspicuous positions, and were referred to by the preacher.

The work of the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission is worldwide in its character, therefore, as a work of benevolence, could be well linked with Freemasonry. This the Rev. Bro. Robinson brought out clearly in his discourse. He also mentioned how the work had extended into so many ports and the good it had done by enabling the clergy at waterside parishes and at ports abroad to do more for sailors than had previously been done. One part of the mission work is supplying free libraries of entertaining, instructive, and devotional reading to ships, and in distributing periodicals, magazines, books, and illustrated papers freely on board emigrant and other ships, and, indeed, in every way to help and cheer both crew and passengers on their voyage. The offertory was devoted to the funds of the mission.

On the same day sermons were preached for the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission in the cathedrals of Salisbury and Rochester, and at many churches. The mission expends upwards of £2000 a year for the benefit of sailors, and distributes upwards of £2000 worth of books, &c., all free gifts; it has also supplied upwards of 3000 ships with libraries for the use of the crew. As there are many sailors who are Freemasons, some may be glad to know of this good work. Libraries can be had on application to the Secretary at the depot of St. Andrew's Waterside Mission, 36, City Chambers, Fenchurch-street Station, E.C.; contributions of books or of money may be sent there, or to the vicar of Holy Trinity, Gravesend, the Rev. Bro. Scarth.

The Rev. Bro. Robinson met a hearty welcome from the members of the lodge, and next day proceeded to Farningham to consecrate a new lodge there, of which particulars are given in our columns.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, presided, and there were also present Bros. C. F. Matier, Edw. B. Grabham, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), W. Maple, George J. Palmer, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thomas Meggy, F. Adlard, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary reported the investment of £1500, ordered by the last meeting. He also reported that two boys were to be purchased into the Institution.

Six petitions were read and examined, and the petitioners' children placed on the list for the April election. One petition was postponed for further particulars for one month.

Bro. Binckes read to the Committee a letter which had been received from a boy to whom an outfit had been granted at last meeting, thanking the Committee for making the grant. Bro. Binckes stated that this was the more agreeable an acknowledgment, as it was but seldom the boys took any further notice after the grants were made.

The Committee adjourned after discussing some matters of detail.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The Committee appointed on the 5th July, 1878, for the purpose of establishing a memorial to the memory of our deceased brother in the shape of a monumental stone over his grave and a perpetuation of his memory in the R.M. Institution for Girls having reported at their last meeting, on the 14th ult., that the memorial stone was completed, and that several members of the Committee had been to see it, it was resolved that one-half of the balance remaining after the payment of the monument should be handed to Mrs. Little, the widow, and the other half invested in the names of the trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the interest to be devoted annually to a prize to be denominated "The Wentworth Little Memorial Prize."

A meeting of the subscribers was called on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer, the Vice-President, presided, and there were also present Bros. Peacock, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, George Kenning, Herbert Dicketts, H. C. Levander, G. Tidcombe, jun., F. R. W. Hedges, and Wm. Dodd. The resolution of the Committee having been read, it was stated by the Chairman that great caution had always been taken by the School in not accepting gifts having a tendency to endow the Institution, and as he had been advised there might be a question on the construction of the resolution, if adopted in its present form, he should suggest it be altered.

Bro. Peacock said they were all agreed as to the substance of the resolution, the only doubt being as to its legal purport in creating an endowment, which would have the effect of placing the School within the reach of the Charity Commissioners of Endowed Schools. He read the resolution, and moved "That the resolution of the Committee be adopted, with such alteration, if any, as shall be deemed necessary by the legal advisers of the Institution, in order to carry out the terms of such resolution."

This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Dicketts said he could not allow the meeting to pass over without recording his very great disappointment in the result of the memorial; he was ashamed to see the absence of so many well-known names of brethren who had been so intimately connected with Bro. Little's Masonic career, and who should have subscribed liberally; and that so many of the lodges in the Province of Middlesex which had been consecrated by him had not contributed anything. He also regretted the decease of Bro. Boyd, who did so much as a member of the Committee. He hoped even yet subscribers would be added to the list before the fund was divided.

Bro. Dodd read several letters from brethren who all agreed to the resolution of the Committee, in one of which the following remarks were made, and which were thought so apropos that it was hoped they would appear in print: "I am sorry to find that the well-directed efforts of the Committee have not resulted in a larger sum for our lamented friend's memorial. The fact is, that whereas 100 would gladly have attended a banquet in his honour when alive, at 1½ guineas per head, not more than twenty would be found of the number to contribute half that sum to a memorial of him. No doubt the object of the many is to please the living, that they may secure their own living. However, he will live in our memories apart from all memorials, and, on behalf of many of his friends, I thank you and the Committee for all you have done."

Votes of thanks were then unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Creaton, the Committee, Bro. Buss, the Treasurer, and Bros. Dodd and Hedges, the Secretaries.

The installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was held on Saturday last, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, a large number of brethren being present. A report of the proceedings is in type, and will appear in our next.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold will be installed Knights of Malta at the meeting of the Studholme Priory this (Saturday) afternoon.

A general meeting of the Committee of the London Masonic Charity Association will be held at No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at 5 o'clock precisely.

THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Can nothing be done to bring about a fraternal settlement between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec? All of us who have been trying, publicly and privately, have so far failed, but surely we are not to accept the present "dead lock" as final.

To begin at the beginning! I have before me the circular of Nov. 20th, 1869, announcing the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec 20th day of October, 1869, just ten years ago. It bears, amongst others, the respected signature of the M.W. Bro. Dr. J. H. Graham, who has, happily, again consented to wield the gavel of the Grand Master, notwithstanding his many years of service.

The Grand Lodge sprung into existence through the operation of the "British North American Act" of July 1st, 1867, which made the Province of Quebec as distinct from that of Ontario (formerly united as the Province of Canada, legally and Masonically) as New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. After much "heartburning" and many difficulties—in which generally Quebec was heartily supported by the Grand Lodges of the United States and elsewhere—the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" has become fraternally recognised and accepted as another polished stone in the Grand Lodge arch of the world. In 1866 Nova Scotia, and in 1867 New Brunswick, had also been formed, so there were abundant reasons for the action on all sides, since which period all has gone pleasantly, locally, but not so, however, with the authorities representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland. These Grand Lodges are "flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone," and if by any means, consistent with honour, usage, and Masonic rights, the claims put forth by Quebec can be agreed to, "the sooner the better."

Under its rule are sixty-four lodges, being thrice the number when first of all constituted, and all must agree that, as a Grand Lodge, Quebec has done its best to support its position with dignity and rectitude.

The claim, however, made and enforced as it has been of late, for "exclusive and undivided Masonic sovereignty in the Province of Quebec," cannot be recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, because it would be unfair and injurious to any lodges preferring to continue their allegiance to either or all of those Grand Lodges. Why should a majority of lodges—not necessarily composing a majority of the members—have the right to coerce the remainder, and make them either join in the formation of a Grand Lodge, independent of the Grand Lodges to whom they owe their existence, or be characterised as irregular, and denied Masonic intercourse? I freely grant that the lodges in Quebec who formed the Grand Lodge in 1869, or who have joined since, had a perfect right so to do, according to Masonic custom or usage, but I deny that the new Grand Lodge so formed has any right to demand that all lodges (objecting to such a formation, and preferring to continue as heretofore) surrender or return their old warrants, and enter, whether they desire it or not, the new organisation. I claim for our lodges in Quebec the same freedom for those who prefer the allegiance of the Grand Lodges here as for those who have chosen the allegiance of the Grand Lodge there. Some difficulties, of course, will arise through the lodges continuing their independence of the new Grand Lodge, and doubtless in time, by proper management, the members will elect to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but until they voluntarily do so I submit they are as regular and as much entitled to the fraternal support and countenance of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the latter organisation deserves recognition by other Grand Lodges.

There is a regular Grand Lodge of Egypt, recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, but the English lodges at Alexandria, Cairo, and Ramleh are not objected to in any way by the Egyptian Grand Lodge, and so long as they prefer allegiance here, Egypt Masonically agrees thereto.

In Nova Scotia we have 398, Halifax, hailing from England, and yet why should we not be on the best of terms with that Grand Lodge? For a similar reason we have certainly the right to claim fraternal consideration from Quebec on behalf of our English and Scottish lodges at Montreal and St. John's, which were chartered before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was constituted.

I cannot, however, defend the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in granting warrants for 622 and 625, Montreal, after Quebec had regularly formed its own Grand Lodge, for it is this action which has so embittered the feeling between the two Grand Lodges. England and Quebec Masonically are on a firm footing, and if only Quebec would be content to wait until our lodges desire to transfer their allegiance, or if they never do, be ready to acknowledge them as regular Masons (which they are), there need be no fear of any new warrants being granted in that province by England. In fact, if our friends in Quebec will not hold out the hand of fellowship to the English lodges, working by right of their warrants dated long before the Quebec Grand Lodge came into being, they need not be under any apprehension of our invading their territory, as they are a regularly constituted Grand Lodge. The point between us being simply that they claim authority over our lodges in Montreal, &c., which we object to, but else there is practically no difficulty whatever between us, and under the general rule of Dr. Graham, English and Quebec Freemasons will realise their brotherhood more and more as time rolls on.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland, however, by warranting two new lodges in 1878 at Montreal, has treated Quebec as unoccupied territory, and has without doubt done more to create an ill feeling between these two Grand Lodges than all the efforts of Freemasons have done good hailing

from the former Grand Lodge, and now resident in Quebec.

The excellent letter from Dr. Baynes, the District G.M. of Montreal, under the Scottish Freemasons, in the *Freemason* for November 15th, disposes entirely of the objections raised to the conduct of the lodges under his rule, and proves that in many respects his lodges flourish better in Quebec than on Scottish soil; but the real grievance is left untouched—the creation of the new lodges being a standing menace to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. If the "injurer will not forget and forgive, let the injured do so," for the sake of peace and harmony, and so long as no new warrants are granted let the "hatchet be buried," and may peace and concord be found cementing us to our provinces as Masons and brethren.

In conclusion, permit me to fraternally advise the Grand Lodge of Quebec, asking and accepting recognition, so long as its rights are respected, they not being of a retrospective character—by all means obtain the support of the English and Scottish lodges if possible, but if not, rest content to accept them as visitors, hailing from the "mother country."

THE BELL MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The members of this Society, which is conducted on sound principles, gave the third entertainment of their second season on Tuesday last at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. The entertainment was most successful, upwards of 100 gentlemen being present, the programme being noticeably free from the vulgarities of so-called harmonic meetings. Visitors were admitted by ticket only, thus securing a most select and respectable assembly. The programme, which consisted of songs, duets, &c., was excellently rendered, the gentlemen worthy of special mention being Messrs. H. W. Goddin, Percy B. Todd, W. H. Pridham, E. C. Goddin (President of the Society), and G. Slaney (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). During the evening Bro. E. W. Wheeler (1541), the Vice-President, announced that a special entertainment in connection with this Society would be given on Tuesday week, when it is intended that the first part of the programme shall be devoted to the members and the second to the visitors. Application for tickets of admission may be made by letter to Mr. G. Slaney, addressed to Masons' Hall.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC RESEARCH.

Amidst so many discoveries of late, and suggestions, I cannot find that attention has been paid to the statement of Mr. Halliwell, F.R.S., in the "Masonic Poem" of the 14th century, to the effect that "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the Freemasons of Chester, of the eighteenth century." Cannot Bro. A. F. A. Woodford hunt up this reference and add another to the many obligations we are under to him for his "happy finds." There was an old lodge meeting at Chester early last century (1724) and it might refer to the records. Who was the Mr. Black referred to? Now then, Bro. Woodford, at it again, and success to you on the part of

ANTIQUITY

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS.

I have carefully collated Inigo Jones's MS., as I propose to term it, with most of the others, and I find that it is a peculiarly interesting MS., in that it differs from all known transcripts in many points and agrees with no one copy extant. It is more like Grand Lodge MS. in its Invocation, it is like the Harleian 1942, in some portions, and the Wilson MS. in others, but really is identical with none, as the following variations will show: It calls the "Land of Behest" the "Land of the Jebuaites;" it terms Hermes "Trismagestrus;" it refers to a place called Bubastis, in Egypt, in which Onias built a Jewish temple in the reign of Ptolemy and Cleopatra. It sets out the letters of Solomon to Hiram and Hiram to Solomon; it omits all reference to Charles Martel, or Amphibalus, or Maymus Græcus; its charges vary considerably from any other, in that the "King" is not mentioned—in the ten charges of Masters and Fellows—but these words: "that you be not disloyal nor confederates in treasonable plots." In the eighteen charges to be observed by Masters and Fellows we find some slight variations, but none of importance. At the end Hallidom is deliberately and carefully written Italidom. I thought at first that it was a clerical error, (and so it might be), but it is so plainly and beautifully written that the scribe clearly intended it—copying it, perhaps, from an older MS. "Ye" is written all through "yea," and all the capitals are floriated. Altogether it is one of the most interesting MSS. I have yet seen, and as I remarked last week, opens the door to many considerations and questions. Other points will no doubt "crop up" after closer collation.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. SIR E. R. BOROUGH, BART.

In Sir Edward Richard Borough, Bart., Past Deputy Grand Master for Ireland, English as well as Irish Masonry has lost one of its most distinguished members. In the year 1820, Sir Edward, then an undergraduate at Christ Church, was initiated in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford. In the same year, the same lodge initiated amongst others Edward Coleridge, afterwards Lower Master at Eton, Richard Harington, afterwards Principal of Brasenose, and John Fawcett, the present Prov. G. Master for Durham. For fifty-nine years after this did Sir Edward live a keen and zealous Mason. As Deputy Grand Master for Ireland he spared neither time

nor trouble in the service of the Craft. Irish Masons know how much his energy and exertions did towards obtaining for the Grand Lodge of Ireland her present high position amongst the Grand Lodges of the Universe. Nor did he forget his English brethren. Many English visitors to Irish lodges will remember the cordial welcome he gave them. He was himself a frequent guest at English lodges. Though his failing eyesight made it a matter of great practical difficulty he was present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England. The Isaac Newton University Lodge at Cambridge honoured itself by electing him a honorary member, and one of his last Masonic duties was to attend a meeting of the Studholme Chapter Rose Croix, and to accept the honorary membership of that body. Those whom he honoured with his private friendship will know that they have lost one whose kind and gentle heart made that friendship a pleasure which they will never cease to think of with affection.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The members of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Cambwell New-road, at five o'clock this day (Saturday), when a number of Grand Mark Officers and other distinguished Masons will be elevated. By desire the ceremony will be performed by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., &c., with the permission of the W.C.N., Bro. H. Lovegrove.

The recently formed Hull Literary Club, of which Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., a well-known local author, is Honorary Secretary, has resolved to form a library of works relating to the history of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and books written by natives of the district. The members propose to produce several local historical volumes.

Mr. Edward Bradbury will contribute to the January number of the "Magazine of Art" a paper entitled "Pictures in Trains," and dealing with the romantic side of railway realism.

An annual will shortly be issued in Hull under the title of the "Yule Log." It will contain contributions by several well-known authors, amongst them may be named William Andrews, F.R.H.S., author of "Historic Romance," Edward Bradbury, W. H. Hatton, J. Wilton Jones, Emra Holmes, J. W. Gould, Thomas B. Trowsdale, T. Tindall Wildridge, and other popular writers.

The National Coffee Palace Company (Limited) have taken the Royal Exchange Vaults for the purpose of carrying on a restaurant there.

We are informed that Prince Leopold is about to be created a duke, and that the county of Kent is to have the honour of claiming him as her own.

Bros. James and Thorne having gone to Nice, their places in the "Two Roses" at the Belford benefit performance on Saturday (this day) will be taken (the *Echo* says) by Messrs. Bradbury and Garthorne.

The Christmas double number of *Brief* will be ready on December 19th, and will contain, in addition to the usual epitome of the news and press opinions of the week, a mass of highly interesting and reasonable reading for Christmastide.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has sent a handsome present of game for the benefit of the patients of the Consumption Hospital, Brompton, and St. George's Hospital, also thirty pheasants for the patients in the Charing Cross Hospital.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Menzies, the Scottish publisher, which occurred suddenly in Edinburgh on Saturday last. Mr. Menzies was in his seventy-second year.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. C. Amos, of the firm of Messrs. Gilbert and Co., of Old Court House-street, who expired Nov. 6th, after a very short illness. For many years Mr. Amos has been a zealous member of the Craft of Freemasonry, and has held various offices in connection with the fraternity. It was his expressed wish to be buried with full Masonic honours.—*Indian Daily News*.

On January 1st the Gas Light and Coke Company's price of gas will be reduced from 3s. 6d. to 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet.

At a special meeting of the Court of Common Council, held on Tuesday last, it was resolved to vote £105 to the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

During Bro. Toole's temporary absence from the stage Mr. H. J. Byron will appear in "Not Such a Fool as he Looks."

At this season of the year, when taste, ingenuity, and skill vie with each other in producing Christmas novelties, we hail with every feeling of pleasure any fresh feature which strikes out from the regular groove, and obtains a distinctive success. Amongst the many who have attempted, few have gained so complete and pleasing a result as Mr. W. Shury Marshall, the eminent photographer, of 34, Parliament-street, S.W., with his photo Christmas cards, which are resplendent in design, artistic in colouring, and poetical in expression; the *Spécialité* consists in the photograph of the sender being inserted in the card, adding much to the value of these Christmas gifts. When informed of this novelty, we at once repaired to Mr. Marshall's studio, and in less than five minutes we were the happy possessors of half-a-dozen Christmas cards, each one containing our portrait, which, owing to the rapidity of exposure, was a characteristic likeness. To those who delight in pleasing and gratifying their friends, go to 34, Parliament-street, and avail yourselves of the opportunity.

The installation meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

At a meeting of the members of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., Bro. Councillor Nell was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Payne was re-elected Treasurer. To Bro. C. Sandeman, the retiring W.M., was unanimously granted a Past Master's jewel. A good attendance of the members marked the important meeting.

We glean from the local papers that Bro. Alderman J. R. Bull, of Bedford, has given a supper, which was as much appreciated as it was excellent, to the Corporation of Bedford, of which he has been so many years a distinguished member. Amongst the guests of Bro. Bull (who is a member of the Stuart Lodge and Mount Sinai Chapters) were the following brethren:—Bro. Captain Polhill Turner, M.P., Alderman Hornford, Sergeant (Borough Treasurer), Barfield (P.Z. Mount Sinai Chapter), R. E. Roberts (Governor of the Gaol), Capt. Colbourn, H. Allen, H. Young, Lund, and Jarvis.

A new lodge of the Swedenborgian Rite has been warranted by the Supreme Grand Council, to be called the St. Hilda Lodge and Temple, No. 12, to meet on the first Tuesday in every month, at Lofthouse, in Cleveland. The first Worshipful Master of the lodge is Bro. John Monkman Collier, 1511; the first Senior Warden is Bro. Thomas Allen, 561; and the first Junior Warden is Bro. Robert Dyson Nutt, 1618. The lodge is started under very good auspices, and promises to be as successful as can be desired by the members of the Rite.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master has sanctioned the removal of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, from the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, to the Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, E.C., where the future meetings will be held.

We understand that another effort to provide high-class serial literature for boys is about to be made. Messrs. Griffith and Ferran, whose name since the time of Oliver Goldsmith, has been identified with the production of books for the young, intend to begin with the coming year the publication of a new penny weekly entitled "The Union Jack: Tales for British Boys,"—edited by the popular veteran W. H. G. Kingston. The venture will have the distinctive character of being devoted entirely to the publication of serial tales, and it will thus, it is hoped, enter more directly into competition with the pernicious literature supplied so liberally in that form to the rising generation. The authors who are already enlisted are known favourites, their names are a guarantee that the stories will be healthy and vigorous in tone, and while they will recount adventures by land and sea, life in the Colonies and foreign countries, hair breadth escapes, and scenes and events at home and abroad, they will always inculcate the right principles and manly virtues which characterise the true English gentleman.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Bishop of St. Asaph is obliged to postpone his intended ordination, which was fixed for the 21st inst., to February 22nd next.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lee has commenced his duties as preacher at Gray's-inn Chapel.

Bros. Sir Francis Truscott (Lord Mayor), Woolton, and Bayley (Sheriffs) will attend the re-opening service of St. Sepulchre's Church, on Sunday, the 25th proximo.

The installation meeting of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was held on Monday evening last, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Owing to severe illness the W.M. elect, Bro. Footitt, was unable to attend. The installation ceremony was, therefore, postponed until the February meeting. At the suggestion of Bro. Samuel Webb, Past Master, the Wardens were invested to enable them to serve the proper period of twelve months. A full report of the proceedings is in type, but is unavoidably postponed until next week.

A meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Masonic Restoration Fund Committee will be held on Monday next, the 15th inst., at 4 o'clock "to consider a fresh form of circular drawn up by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and for general business."

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-Book for 1880, price post free 2s. 1d. (London: Mr. George Kenning).—The object of the compiler of this neat little volume is to supply to the brethren of the "Craft" a correct and trustworthy calendar and pocket-book. A glance at the contents will convince the merest novice that wherever Freemasonry exists—and where does it not?—there the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" will guide and give definite information of distant spots, and of numerous bodies of whose very existence some of the "Craft" are probably altogether ignorant. A handy companion for the pocket, it will tell the wanderer of mystic councils and far-off lodges, and will keep alive that interest in the universal organisation which want of knowledge is apt to chill, and forgetfulness is likely to destroy. Besides being a comprehensive book of reference, it contains the names of officers in Great Britain and Ireland, the Continent of Europe, Canada, New Brunswick, British Columbia, United States, Central and South America, Egypt, and Peru, and full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe. There is a calendar of notable days and meetings, and also a sheet of blanks for memos. and general information. No Mason should be without this compact and handy little pocket-book.—*European Mail*, Nov. 21st.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" reached its 500th representation on Saturday last at the Opera Comique, and appears to enjoy more success the longer it is performed. The performance by the juvenile company will commence on Tuesday afternoon next.

The Rev. Dr. S. Wainwright will preach a sermon at St. Bride's, Fleet-street, on Sunday morning next, on behalf of the Post Office branch of the Church Association.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 19, 1879.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Committee Restoration Fund, St. Alban's Cathedral, F.M.H.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 9.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
Colonial, Board at 4.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
General meeting L.M.C.A., 1, Clifford's Inn.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hot.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. 'Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Regent Masonic Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hot.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1139, S. Norwood, Signapore Public H., S. Norwd.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsohy-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.
K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 86, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 118, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmoston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmoston.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1303, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.
" 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.
Chap. 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.
Mark 141, Skelmersdale, Pitt & Nelson Hot., Ashton U. L.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when a somewhat unusual circumstance occurred. The W.M. elect, Bro. Footitt, had been confined to his house for a time by a severe attack of gout, but had confidently hoped to be able to be present on this occasion. Only in the afternoon was he directed by his doctor not to leave his rooms, and in consequence had to telegraph to the Installing Master, Bro. Samuel Webb, to that effect. This announcement elicited many expressions of regret and sympathy among the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form at four o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Thomas B. Biddle, who was supported by Bros. Walter James, J.W.; O. Shackell, P.M., Secretary; Henry Webb, P.M.; Hen. Leah, P.M.; W. D. Kershaw, P.M.; Dr. Bonney, P.M.; G. F. Warne, P.M.; Samuel Webb, P.M. 1287, P.M.; J. Shackell, P.M.; Bedford Lemere, S.D.; F. H. Clemow, F. J. Heale, James Smith, Frank Silvester, Walter Wood, B. P. Todd, R. Pye, J. J. F. Williams, C. H. Davis, E. J. Sugg, H. A. Woodwell, J. Wood, E. Butcher, E. A. King, W. Prickell, W. Cubitt, W. C. Grounds, W. Harding, James Hall, E. Symons, J. Roberts, George P. Nightingale, E. H. Walden, H. L. Alston, J. Passingham, G. Masters, J. Williams, S. Dicketts, G. Peachey, A. Stearn, J. J. Craske, W. Mager, E. V. Fithian, and the following visiting brethren: Bros. Emler, P.M. 879; C. W. Wise, P.M. 1158; T. W. Love, P.M. 1178; E. Bruin, P.M. 1575; H. T. Nell, 45; W. Skilleter, 483; W. D. Woodward, 548; George P. Gillard, 657; John Jones, 1227; Sep. T. Williams, 1261; W. J. Kennaby, 1420; A. H. Goggs, 1613; R. Clark, 1613; J. Thompson, 1693; A. E. Western, 1693; Lewis Solomon, 1732; and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The first business before the lodge was that of raising Bro. Williams, which was followed by the initiation of three gentlemen, Messrs. Edward Alfred King, S. Dicketts, and G. P. Dicketts, both ceremonies being well performed by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. Past Master Bro. Samuel Webb then announced to the brethren, that owing to Bro. Footitt's illness, as referred to above, the installation ceremony could not be proceeded with, and on his proposition, seconded by Bro. W. D. Kershaw, P.M., a vote of condolence with the W.M. elect was unanimously passed. To enable the Wardens to serve their proper term of office, the W.M., Bro. Biddle, by consent of the Past Masters, appointed and invested Bros. Walter James, as S.W.; and Bedford Lemere, as J.W.; the investment of the other officers remaining over until the meeting in February, when we hope Bro. Footitt will be well enough to be present. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the new banqueting hall, where dinner was served in Bro. Clemow's well-known first-rate style, and under that brother's immediate superintendence. The W.M. (who was creditably brief in his remarks) proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Biddle," the I.P.M. referred to the absence of the W.M. elect, which he was sure was a source of great regret to all present, but it was gratifying to know that in their present W.M. they had a brother as well able to perform the duties appertaining to that office. It was his pleasing duty to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he sincerely trusted that he would live many years to wear it among them. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. said it was a toast always received with acclamations, for the Past Masters of the Confidence Lodge so well attended to their duties that they gained the respect and admiration of them all. Bro. Samuel Webb in the course of his reply referred to the absence of Bro. Footitt, which no one regretted more than himself. He (Bro. Footitt) was a man deserving the respect of all, and he (Bro. Webb) was sure they all sympathised with him in his great disappointment

at being absent that evening. The officers that had been appointed was a perfectly legal matter, as until a new Master was installed Bro. Biddle was still their head. He sincerely hoped Bro. Footitt would be well enough to attend the next meeting, when he would have the pleasure of installing him into the chair, which pleasure had been denied him that evening. In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. thanked those brethren for the very efficient manner in which they had supported him, and was very pleased, in the absence of their new Master, to have had the privilege of investing the Senior and Junior Wardens. Bros. Walter James Bedford Lemere, and H. Webb replied. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).—At a meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 11th inst., the following officers were present: Bros. Aspinall, W.M.; Ebner, I.P.M.; Dr. Jagirski, S.W.; Dr. Corrie Jackson, J.W.; Nowacowski, P.M., Treas.; Paas, P.M., Sec.; Lancaster, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Runtz, I.G.; Beckett, Tyler, P.M. Cumming, and about twenty-five brethren, besides two visitors, were in attendance. The work, consisting of the initiation of a candidate, was carried out by the W.M., who also presented Bro. Jameson with the distinctive jewel which the members of the Polish National Lodge are allowed to wear by special permission of the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge was then closed, when the W.M. received the "Heartly good wishes" of the visitors. The banquet was held afterwards at the Freemasons' Tavern, and Bro. Best is to be complimented both on the repast and the way in which it was served. The cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proceeded with, and during the evening the brethren were greatly entertained by the glee singing of Bros. Forster, Gordon, Lancaster, and Runtz, whose abilities are so well known to the visitors of this lodge. Bro. Neidliski, the celebrated violinist, who is also a member of this lodge, gave some magnificent performances on his violin, which brought down a perfect storm of applause. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasantly spent evening to a close.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met on the 1st inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. There were present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. Mann, acting I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Marsden, J.D.; Stranger, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. There were no visitors. In consequence of the recent death of Bro. E. Page, P.G.S., P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Robertson was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who subsequently gave the traditional history of the Third Degree and the lecture on the Tracing Board. Upon the motion of Bro. William Mann, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded by the Secretary, upon behalf of the lodge, to Mrs. Page, the widow of the late Treasurer. Several communications from absent brethren having been read, the lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the only toasts given were "The Queen and Craft" and "The W.M." The proceedings then terminated.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. George W. Blackie, W.M., presided. The other officers present were Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; Hamer, J.W.; Taylor, S.D.; Kiffie, J.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Baber, D.C.; Jenkins, Org.; Freeman, I.P.M.; Headon, P.M. and Treas.; Moody, P.M. and Sec.; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (Freemason); a goodly muster of members, and the following visitors: Bros. G. Cutler, 212, P.M.; Jno. Hawkins, 25; A. Lefeaux, 30, P.M.; W. J. Illiffe, 78; Jno. Robertson, 144; Jos. Simpson, 539; Rossignol, 1216; W. B. Greening, 1572; W. Richardson, 1658; E. C. Burnett, 1673, J.D.; W. H. Barlow, 1777, Sec.; Geo. Cook, 1815; Lawrence, 1804. The minutes of the last lodge were read by Bro. Moody, the Secretary, and confirmed. Bro. Postans was introduced and questioned as to his proficiency in the science; he then withdrew. The first business really transacted was the candidature of Mr. Wm. Wood for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas., and the ballot being unanimous in his favour he was most impressively and carefully initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The lodge was then advanced to the Second Degree, and Bro. Postans was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge having resumed to the First Degree, the case of a brother belonging to a lodge in Nova Scotia was considered, and such action taken upon it as was deemed to be necessary. A proposition for initiation at the next meeting having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a good plain supper was provided. This having been disposed of, and grace said, the W.M. said the first toast he had the honour to propose was "The Queen and the Craft," and, in doing so, said that they as Freemasons were always ready to show their loyalty to the Queen, who was possessed of many good qualities, by Masonic honours. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that was always well received amongst Freemasons, as it was "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master." His Royal Highness, as they were all well aware, took great interest in everything appertaining to Freemasonry, and he congratulated the members on having such a ruler over them, and as long

as he was so he was well assured that Freemasonry would flourish. (The toast was drunk with enthusiastic cheering.) The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." As regarded the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, a great deal of the work that came before the Grand Lodge devolved upon him, and he believed he might say that all who had witnessed the impressive manner in which he had occupied the chair in Grand Lodge would agree with him that he was a most excellent substitute in the absence of the Grand Master. As regarded the rest of the Grand Officers, he thought that they were very proper men and in their proper places. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said: Brethren, the toast I have now the honour to propose is that of "Our Worshipful Master." I am sure I feel like you do yourselves, glad to see him so well, and that he is able to do the work so well as he has done this evening. I have had to say some things about him over and over again, but I feel that Bro. Blackie is a most worthy brother, and that he will follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before him. (Cheers.) Bro. Blackie, W.M., said: Past Masters and brethren, I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have received the toast of my health this evening. It is only what you have done before, not only since I have occupied the chair, but upon all other occasions. You placed me in the chair, and it is pleasing to me to know that I have given you satisfaction. I shall endeavour to perform my duties, not only in the lodge, but at the festive board, to merit your approbation, and to maintain the Masonic prestige of your lodge. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was a very important one, and that was "The Health of their Brother Initiate." They had the pleasure that evening of receiving into their assembly a gentleman who was well vouched for, and whom he was now proud to call brother. He hoped that the ceremony he had gone through that evening had been impressed upon his mind, and that he would go away with a good idea of what was Freemasonry. As in ancient times their brothers could hew, mark, and square stones, in every step he would learn something that was good, and by diligence in due time might arrive at the summit of his profession by the use of well tried and proper implements, and by observing the daily practice of secrecy and fidelity in all his actions. Bro. Wood said he sincerely thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and for the honour they had done him in admitting him into the mysteries of Freemasonry. From what he had gone through he felt assured that it would be fixed on his mind. At present he was only a very rough stone, but no doubt he should get smoother as he went on, and he really thanked them very much for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and he was sorry there were so few of them present on that occasion. In their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Freeman, he felt he had a pillar of strength, and everything he undertook he discharged most efficiently, believing, as he did, that he was the right man in the right place. As to Bro. Headon, he had done good work as their Treasurer, and there was Bro. Stevens. He wished he could see all the Past Masters present, and, as they only met once a month, he thought they might strain a point to be present. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., thanked the brethren very much for drinking his health, coupled with that of the Past Masters. He felt very proud of the position he held in the lodge, because he knew he held it from the confidence the brethren had reposed in him. When he first entered Freemasonry he thought the W. Master was most clever, never believing that he should ever rise to such a position, as there was so much to learn, however great might be his ambition to rise to the chair of W. Master. He thanked the brethren for having placed him in that position, and as I.P.M. he should do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge. Bros. Stevens and Headon also returned thanks. The W. Master next gave "The Visitors," and said the Great City Lodge was always ready to receive them, for which several of the visitors returned thanks, expressing the satisfaction they had derived by their visit. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by most of them, and the Tyler's toast brought a most harmonious meeting to a close. Some very good songs were sung and recitations given during the evening.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).—A large number of brethren assembled at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday week, the 6th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. George Briggs as W.M., which ceremony was most creditably performed by Bro. T. S. Hellier, I.P.M., Bro. Cowan, P.M., assisting as D. of C. There were present Bros. T. Stacy Hellier, W.M.; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1671, S.W.; George Briggs, W.M. elect, J.W.; James Cowan, I.P.M.; Henry Gustavus Busa, Hon. P.M., Asst. Grand Secretary; James Terry, Hon. P.M., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. Clarkcoats, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; George A. Brock, S.D.; J. E. Burman, W.S.; L. Hopkins, Organist; Richd. Cotton, I.G.; A. Pearce, D. of C.; J. Steedman, P.M. 754, Tyler; W. White, W. Poole, Bullock, R. E. H. Griffin, W. Russell, R. Hobbs, J. W. Bennett, Z. H. Perkins, J. Russell, E. A. Packer, J. W. Mayett, J. Byles, T. Brown, J. C. Werring, Wm. Berry Greening, John C. Corris, John Garratt, S. Garratt, W. E. Leman, and the following visitors:—Bros. Maccrae Moir, P.M. 66; James Kew, P.M. 179; Charles G. Cutler, P.M. 212; J. S. Mutch, P.M. 706; H. A. Lovett, P.M. 1314; E. Terry, P.M. 1319; H. Bowman Speedy, S.W. 177; J. H. Williams, S.W. 1056; E. Hollandt, 22; J. H. Sassan, 742; Walter J. Nerlides, 463; J. Stedman, 902; R. Greening,

1426; James Brignall, 1586; W. H. Baker, 1641; Chas. Sisson, 1671; Percy Challwin, 1692; W. H. Gunningham, 1707; H. Lesser, W. Deiters, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. John Caesar Corris, which was unanimous in his favour. That gentleman having been properly prepared, was admitted and impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. T. S. Hellier. The brethren below the choir having retired, the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. George Briggs, was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Nelson Reed, S.W.; G. Brock, J.W.; J. Clarricoats, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; F. Morgan (by proxy), S.D.; J. E. Burman, J.D.; R. Cotton, I.G.; A. Pearce, D. of C.; L. Hopkins, Org.; Bullock, W.S.; and W. Steedman, P.M. 754. Tyler. On the proposition of the Secretary, the audit report was taken as read, every member having received a copy with their summons. Letters were then read from Bros. F. Morgan and Munroe, the former apologising for his absence, and the latter brother resigning his membership of the lodge, owing to his leaving England for New Zealand on account of ill-health. The resignation was accepted, but with much regret, many brethren expressing their sincere sympathy with Bro. Munroe. Bro. Nelson Reed gave notice of motion, asking the sanction of the Carnarvon Lodge to a petition being made to Supreme Grand Chapter for a chapter to be attached to their lodge, and to be called the Carnarvon Chapter. The W.M. having consented to act as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of twenty guineas from the lodge funds be placed upon his list. It was also resolved that the sum of £1 is. be taken from the same fund and given to Bro. Terry towards the annual Christmas treat to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Terry thanked the brethren, on behalf of the old people, for their kindness. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, the indefatigable manager. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the first toast at all Masonic banquets, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that he could say nothing that would add lustre to the name of her Gracious Majesty, for as Queen and an Englishwoman she had the respect of all. In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was coupled with the name of Bro. H. G. Buss, the W.M. referred to the illness of Bro. John Hervey, which they all deplored. All the brethren would remember his kindly presence at the consecration. His absence that evening they all regretted. Bro. Buss, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the high compliment paid to the Grand Officers. The Craft were fortunate in having at their head men of such standing, and it would be impossible to find men of such position who would devote more time than they did to the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Buss then, in feeling terms, referred to Bro. John Hervey's illness, which was so universally deplored. He (Bro. Buss) felt that evening exceedingly at a loss through the absence of Bro. Hervey, who had always sat at his side in that lodge. If the members felt his loss, what must his feelings be? Bro. Buss, in conclusion, said Bro. Hervey would, he was sure, feel delighted at the kind compliment paid to his name when he (Bro. Buss) saw him next. The I.P.M. then gave "The Health of the W.M.," remarking from what the W.M. had done that afternoon he was sure he would carry out what all the preceding Masters of this lodge had, that was to do his own work. Bro. Brooks replied, after which he proposed "The Initiate," and hoped the ceremony he had recently gone through had impressed him as fully as it had the speaker. Bro. Corris thanked the brethren for electing him a member of this honourable lodge. He had for a long period been anxious to become a Mason. Many years back his father had shown him his certificate, and he made up his mind then to belong at some time to the fraternity. Obstacles to his joining had frequently occurred, but the very kind and hearty welcome that had been accorded him that afternoon had quite compensated him for the many delays. "The Installing Officer," was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who said that they had all had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Hellier perform the initiation and installation ceremonies, and they would all agree with him, he knew, that the work had been done admirably. He (Bro. Hellier) had impressed the initiate with a prouder idea of Masonry, it was on the first impressions, he considered that the interest of an initiate depended. The Installing Master had performed the ceremonies with credit to himself and pleasure to them all. He had the honour of presenting Bro. Hellier with a jewel, awarded him by the lodge, and he hoped he would live to wear it for many years, and that it would be transmitted to his children from generation to generation. Bro. Hellier thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. Were it not, he said, for the assistance of the officers, the W.M. would make but a poor result. He was very thankful he had given so much satisfaction. Bro. Cowell ably responded on behalf of "The Past Masters." In introducing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said he deemed it a most important toast. It was only by visiting that we saw our defects. They had many visitors present that evening (twenty-two in all); to one and all he gave a hearty welcome. Bro. Macrae Moir, in the course of his reply, said he had never risen in any lodge with more pleasure to respond to this toast. He had never seen the working of a lodge better carried out than that he saw in the Carnarvon Lodge that afternoon. It was very gratifying to see such a show of true Masonic feeling, and he congratulated the lodge upon the harmony and good feeling which existed among them. Bros. H. A. Lovett,

Kew, Cutler, and Dr. Cunningham also briefly replied. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities," gave the old maxim—"Charity blesseth he who gives as well as he who receives." They ought all to be very proud of their Charities. Their I.P.M., Bro. Hellier, intended to represent the lodge at the old people's festival, and he (the W.M.) was very pleased to learn that Bro. Hellier had already £65 on his list, which amount included a donation of ten guineas from the Tyler, Bro. Steedman, and a similar amount from himself. Between this and the 9th of February (the date of the festival) he hoped to collect as much again. Bro. Terry, in reply, thanked the brethren for their liberality, for not one year had passed without the lodge sending to one of the Institutions, concentrating their whole strength on that particular one. In May last Bro. Cowan represented this lodge, which stood fourth on a list of ninety-six Stewards, with the amount of £173. The highest on the list was Bro. Cattle, of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, who had taken up the extraordinary amount of £238 odd. He hoped the members of the lodge would enable Bro. Hellier to excel his predecessors, it being but human to endeavour to do so. Bro. Terry then referred to the munificent gift of Bro. Steedman, and after giving some interesting particulars respecting the Institution with which he is so closely connected, concluded by forcibly appealing to the brethren for a continuance of their support. Several other toasts were given, that of the Tyler bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. B. F. Cramer, W.M., in the chair. The following were also present:—Bros. J. B. Stevens, S.W.; G. W. Zustin, J.W.; C. E. Soppet, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; E. Delacoste, S.D.; J. B. Ball, J.D.; W. L. Harvey, I.G.; W. E. Gordon Leith, I.P.M.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; C. Waters, G. T. Robinson, G. Masson, and Hy. Langridge. Visitors: Bros. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., 188; W. Shepard, W.M. elect 69; C. H. Paine, 162; G. H. Durrant, 441; H. G. Holt, 167; W. L. Thurgood, 1361; and E. S. Lintott, 1687. The business before the lodge consisted of initiating Messrs. Tanner and Hay, the ceremony being ably worked by W. Bro. Cramer, W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to the banquet. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which being duly honoured, the W.M. briefly proposed "The Health of the Brother Initiates," which was heartily responded to by the brethren. The W.M. then mentioned how grieved the members of the lodge were at the news of the indisposition of W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, who for the first time since the formation of the lodge had been absent from his duties. W. Bro. Dewar, the indefatigable Secretary, undertook to convey to W. Bro. Hyde Pullen the regrets of the lodge. After proposing "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Sheperd, W.M. elect of Lodge No. 69, which was very happily acknowledged by him, he congratulated the lodge on its prosperity, which, he said, was unexampled in so young a lodge. The toast of "The Officers" concluded a very pleasant and harmonious meeting.

THE CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. Thomas Goode, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Simmons, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Maples, Treas.; Defrez, Sec.; Milward, S.D.; Caldernood, J.D.; Gay, D.C.; Rushton, Org.; and Piggott, I.G. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Aynsley, Fletcher, Budden, and Lenard were introduced and questioned as to the progress they had made in Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and they were most impressively raised to the Degree of M.M., the whole ceremony being most ably rendered. The next business was to pass Bro. Augustus Thomas Buckingham to the Second Degree, and in this instance our worthy brother set a pattern to others who may have to pass a similar ordeal. He went through his preliminary examination without the slightest assistance, and answered every question put to him without hesitation, and it is a most needless to say that the interest he has taken from the earliest period of his entrance into the Order augurs well for his future devotion to the interests of Freemasonry. It was agreed, and passed unanimously, that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on Bro. Dr. Hunter's list, who will as Steward represent this lodge at the festival for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and from what was stated, this lodge will not be the lowest on the list on that occasion. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. In the course of the evening, Dr. Hunter, in acknowledging the toast of "The Past Masters," heartily thanked the brethren for the subscription they had placed on his list for the next festival, and it was also announced that five of the youngest brethren had each subscribed £5 5s to make themselves life subscribers of this Institution. The W.M. in proposing their healths congratulated the lodge on having such worthy members, who from the handsome subscriptions they had made showed the deep interest they felt in the prosperity of Freemasonry. Several other toasts were given, and a very harmonious meeting was spent under the presidency of the esteemed W.M.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The sixth regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened at 5.15, when, in the absence of the W.M., Col. Creaton,

Bro. J. J. Cattle, P.M., acted as W.M., supported by Bros. H. J. Johnson, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. Nielson, S.D.; H. J. Buck, J.D.; W. Carrington, I.G.; J. Kift, Organist; R. G. Shute, D.C.; W. Williams, W.S.; John Woodstock, P.M. 723; Tyler; A. Wolter, G. F. Williams, T. T. Matthews, A. D. Renshaw, E. Austin, J. B. Colwill, R. H. Rogers, James P. Dee, J. W. Hancock, G. Slingsby, D. Ferguson, J. J. Johnson, and the following visitors: Bros. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; John A. Rucker, P.G. D., P.M. 66; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peiree, P.G.S., P.M. 2; Wharton P. Hood, P.M. 2; H. A. Dubois, J. G. W. Midx.; W. Vincent, W.M. 1624; J. Finch, P.M. 173; S. J. Phillips, P.M. 173; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; James Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.W. Herts; J. L. Coulton, P.M. 382; D. H. McLeod, P.M. 1624; George Davis, S.W. 167; S. Carrington, S.W. 1314; Thomas Cull, S.W. 1446; Thomas Cross, J.W. 1194; C. Thompson, J.W. 1769; F. Edgington, S.D. 1321; C. Taylor, J.D. 1624; J. Burden, 11; E. W. Collins, 25; W. E. Davies, 606; W. H. Munday, 1201; Seymour Lucas, 1441; W. G. Reynolds, 1441; R. Palowkar, 1527; J. W. Ray, 1624; H. Scott, 1624; A. S. Walmsley, 1624; and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. J. J. Johnson and G. Williams having answered the questions efficiently, they were entrusted and retired. (In this lodge it is expected that all candidates should be thoroughly acquainted with what they have to do, and answer all questions without dictation.) The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when, being re-admitted, Bro. P.M. Cattle ably raised them to the Sublime Degree. The Worshipful Master (Col. Creaton) having arrived, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bros. Hy. W. Hancock, Jas. O'Dea, and Thos. Pink having answered the questions in the same excellent manner, were entrusted and retired. During their absence the ballot was taken for Mr. Hensman, Mr. Long, Mr. H. J. Saul, and Mr. H. Johnson, which proved unanimous. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, when the W.M. passed Bros. Hancock, O'Dea, and Pink in his usual efficient manner to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Messrs. Hensman, Long, and Saul, were duly admitted to the light of Freemasonry. This being the night of election Bro. H. J. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. P.M. Thurkle, Treasurer. It was very satisfactory to notice that every member of the lodge was present, and although quite a young lodge their members are very numerous. Before the lodge was closed, permission was asked by the brethren to form a lodge of instruction. Bro. Cattle, P.M., in proposing this motion, said he was sure that those brethren who were interested in this would leave no stone unturned to do honour to the mother lodge. Every member he had spoken to had promised to join it, and he was quite sure from the zeal the brethren had already evinced the Creaton Lodge would be adding much to its usefulness by granting its permission. Bro. J. Williams, J.W., seconded the proposition, and, subject to the permission being granted, the lodge of instruction will be held at the Albert Hotel, Notting-hill Gate, on Wednesday evening. The Secretary then read a letter of apology for absence from Bro. Duke, a candidate for passing, but who could not arrive in time from Australia, also from Bros. Sir A. Woods, P.G.D., Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., and others, who were prevented by severe colds from being present. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung by Bros. Cattle and Collins. The W.M., Bro. Col. Creaton, in proposing the first toast, said at that late hour, owing to the great work that had been before the lodge, he should be very brief. The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "Their Beloved Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," with which toast the gallant Colonel coupled the name of Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar. That distinguished brother, in reply, said the Worshipful Master had had good means of judging of the merits of the various Grand Officers during the many years he had been among them, and recently he had had the pleasure of being unanimously elected by the Craft to the only office it was in the power of the brethren to elect a member to. Bro. J. J. Cattle then rose to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." They were all proud of having such a distinguished brother as their head. They all knew what an interest he took in Freemasonry, more especially in the Masonic Charities, and it was owing to his close connexion with these Institutions that he (Bro. Cattle) was enabled as Steward to take up to the festival of the Girls' School the enormous sum of 228 guineas, the highest amount of any of the Stewards. The amount collected was the more remarkable, as the lodge had hardly been formed three months. Bro. Cattle then drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Johnson, S.W., W.M. elect, intended to represent the lodge at the old people's festival, in February next, and trusted they would give him all their support, as no other brother would represent the Creaton Lodge. Bro. Cattle then asked the brethren to drink to the health of their W.M., who was a light to the lodge and beloved by the brethren. Col. Creaton, in reply, said he felt very much flattered by the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drank. He could assure the brethren that his reign had been one of continued sunshine. Since his first connexion with the lodge his heart had been with them. The Colonel then gave the toast of "The Initiates," wishing them, in the

name of the lodge, a hearty welcome, and hoped that the ceremony they had that evening passed through had made a lasting impression upon them. The initiates neatly and briefly replied. The W.M. then proposed a toast which he said was very near and dear to his heart, he—referred to "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Terry, who was present, he had no doubt would find a few words to say in reply. Bro. Terry was sure that if there was one brother who could do more justice to the toast than another, it was Col. Creaton. This lodge was certainly to be congratulated for several reasons—having a Past Grand Deacon as their first W.M., and that during his year of office he elected to the office of Grand Treasurer. It was also the first time that a W.M. of a lodge had presided as Chairman at a festival, which Col. Creaton did at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May last. Bro. Terry then went on to say that Bro. Johnson, their S.W. and W.M. elect, would act as Steward at his festival in February next, when he hoped his Institution would again score a success. Bro. Johnson was desirous of obtaining as large a list as Bro. Cattle had secured. Bro. Terry thought a good opportunity presented itself to the brethren of paying a great compliment to the outgoing and incoming W.M. by sending the Steward to the festival with a large amount. The outgoing Master was the Treasurer of the Institution, and the incoming Master was the Steward. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged in an amusing manner by Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D. Bro. Col. Creaton next gave "The W.M. elect," remarking that the brethren would never, he was sure, regret electing him to the office, he having always paid so much attention to Freemasonry in all its details. Bro. Johnson thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and promised to do his best during his year of office. He had very much pleasure in announcing that he had already on his list sums amounting in all to £130, which, he thought, was a good foundation for his hoping to excel his Bro. Cattle's list of £138. Several other toasts were proposed, including "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Cattle, and "The Press," which was replied to by Bros. F. A. Kelly and Levy.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at four p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Newton. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Supported by a large number of P.M.'s and brethren the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation took place. Bro. Douglass, P.M., presented Bro. Hawdon to the Installing Master, Bro. Turnbull, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Secretary read the Ancient Charges, to all of which he gave his unqualified assent. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when the ceremony was done in a beautiful manner. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. The W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Newton, I.P.M.; Kinmond, S.W.; Yela, J.W.; Godfordson, Treas.; Curry, Sec.; R. Yela, S.D.; Wilson, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; and Thompson, Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at four p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Watson. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. A large number of Past Masters and visitors were present. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree: the ceremony of the W.M. then took place. Bro. Davis presented Bro. Tonkinson, S.W., to the Installing Master, Bro. Watson, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, the better to qualify him for the work. The Ancient Charges were read by the Secretary, to all of which Bro. Tonkinson gave his assent. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of installation was gone through in a highly Masonic manner. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Watson, I.P.M.; Leech, S.W.; Watson, J.W.; Twizell, Treas.; Moore, Sec.; McNamara, S.D.; Fairclough, J.D.; Clay, D.C.; Deans, I.G.; Thompson, Tyler; Wake, Org.; Vincent, S.S.; Patterson, J.S.; Singleton and Nasbit, Auditors. Bro. Clay, P.M., moved that two guineas be given to the Infirmary, two guineas to the Orphan Asylum, and one guinea to the Widows and Orphans' Society. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The installation ceremony of the W.M. for the ensuing year was performed on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich. Bro. Wm. Goodwin Cunnold, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by his friend, Bro. Asher Barfield, W.M. Medina, 35, P.M. Zeland, 511, P.Z. Mount Sinai Chapter, 19, in his usual and impressive manner. During the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Castley, W.M. 114, P.G. J.W. of Suffolk, acted as S.W.; and Bro. W. B. Jeffries, W.M. 376, P.G.S. of W. of Suffolk, as J.W. The retiring Master, Bro. T. J. Wentworth, P.G.S.D. of Suffolk, has during his year of office had the pleasure of seeing this good old lodge add many fresh laurels to its long and honourable career. It is the largest and one of the oldest in the province. During Bro. Wentworth's year of office the new Ipswich Masonic Hall has been built, owing its erection in a great measure to his energy. Bro. Cunnold was the first installed as W.M. for 225 in the new hall, and the way in which he was supported leaves no doubt of the old lodge keeping up its prestige under his presidency.

Bro. Cunnold, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wentworth, I.P.M.; Napier, S.W.; Talbot, J.W.; Abbott, S.D.; Daniels, J.D.; Barber, P.M., Sec.; Clarke, P.M., Treas.; W. S. Westgate, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as M.C.; Brooks, I.G.; Leathers, S.S.; Fisk, J.S.; Spalding, Tyler. Few lodges can boast of such an energetic and zealous Secretary as Bro. Barber, who is highly esteemed by every member. Letters of apology were read from the following brethren, who were absent from unavoidable causes: Bros. T. C. Cobbold, C.B., M.P.; Boby, P.M. 114, Whistock, Doric; Grimwood, P.M. Sudbury; Fraser, P.M. 376; Towensend, P.M. 959, P.P.S.G.W.; Elkington, 376; Smith, B.S.R.W.; Butcher, Star of the East, and others. Up to the last moment the Very W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, P.G.C. of England, and Bro. Lucia, P.G.S. of Suffolk, P.G.S.B. of England, were expected, but were unfortunately prevented from attending by unforeseen circumstances. The W.M. having closed the lodge (before which the offertory was appropriated to a Christmas dinner for the poor children of Ipswich), the brethren in strong numbers retired to the banqueting hall, and partook of the good things for the body, prepared in his usual able manner by Bro. Harrison, Bro. Cunnold, W.M., presided, supported right and left by Bros. T. J. Wentworth, I.P.M., S.G.D. of Suffolk; Garwood, P.M.; Barber, P.M.; Napier, S.W.; Talbot, J.W.; Abbot, S.D.; Daniels, J.D.; Brooks, I.G.; Westgate, D.C.; Leathers, S.S.; Fisk, J.S.; O. F. Gibbons, Orton, Crawley, Turner, Buckingham, Sealey, Hammond, Tye, Canham, Holt, Crannis, Hillyard, Smith, Cooke, King, Senton, R. Senton, White, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Castley, P.G.J.W., W.M. 114; Rev. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., W.M. 959; Barfield, W.M. 35; Dr. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 376; Tracy, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 376; Dr. Staddon, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 376; Barber, P.P.G.O., P.M. 114; Sidney, P.M. 376; R. S. Anness, W.M. elect, 376; W. G. Elliston, W.M. elect 114; W. Spalding, Sec., P.M. 114; B. P. Grimsey, S.D. 114; F. Hammond, Hon. Sec. Hall Trustees; Cooke, Graystone, Steele, 959. The usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The manner in which "The Healths of the W.M. and I.P.M." were received by the brethren shows the confidence they have in and the regard they bear to the rulers of the lodge. Fine selections of music were given during the evening by the talented Bros. Cooke, Abbott, Steele, and Graystone. A very pretty piece of impromptu poetry was received from the I.P.M. on resigning his office by the W.M. This was one of the many happy meetings that prove a lodge may be old but very fruitful. If the good will and "Hearty good wishes" of the members of his own lodge, of the brethren of the other lodges in the town, and the Provincial Grand Officers of the province may be taken as a test, Bro. Cunnold sails forth with every hope of a happy and prosperous year of office, and the year 1880 will, as regards 225, stand out as a year of peace, concord, and prosperity.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There was not a very large attendance. Bro. E. Cardwell, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., supplemented by Bros. Warbrick, S.W.; Croskell, J.W.; Atkinson, S.D.; R. Stanton, acting J.D.; Gregson, I.G.; and Bailey, S.S. The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Warbrick, S.W., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master; Bro. James Hatch, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bro. A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and Bros. Bailey, Tbishlethwaite, and R. Bond, Auditors. On the motion of Bro. James Hatch, seconded by Bro. Duff, P.M., a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. R. Hartley, on the bereavement he had sustained through the sudden death of an only and much loved daughter. The installation meeting and festival of St. John was appointed to be held on Monday, the 29th inst. The usual proclamations were then made and responded to, and the lodge was closed in accordance with the custom observed among Masons.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 8th inst., the only business being the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, under new arrangements. Hitherto this lodge has been restrictive in its selection of candidates, admitting only those connected with the professions or otherwise of a high social grade. It may be doubtful whether such a course is in accordance with the principles of Freemasonry, and it is certainly undesirable in places where the absence of other lodges prevents opportunities of entrance into the Order on the part of gentlemen of undoubted character and ample pecuniary resources, such as to allow them to participate in the great charitable objects of the Institution. One might have supposed that a lodge of this exclusive character would flourish in such a city as Bath. This appears, however, not to have been the case, and it became a serious question whether the lodge should be closed, or thrown open under arrangements similar to those of the other lodges which are so prosperous. After due consideration the latter course was determined upon, and it is earnestly hoped, not only by its few members, but by those of the sister lodges in the city, that a more flourishing state of affairs will be the result. At five p.m. Bro. Capt. Dickenson, W.M., took the chair, supported by V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; Bros. Phillips as I.P.M.; Johnston, S.W.; Rev. Sanderson, J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Secretary; Luder, P.M.; Bush, P.M.; and other officers. Among the visitors present were Bros. Col. England, W.M. 53; Braham, W.M. 41; General Doherty, P.P.G.S.W.; Dill, P.M. 906; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, &c. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by

the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. then took the chair, and having opened the lodge in the Second Degree, duly obligated Bro. Johnston as W.M. elect. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the new W.M. was installed in an unusually pleasing and graceful manner, the brethren present heartily joining in the customary greetings and salutations. Bros. Capt. Dickenson was invested as I.P.M.; Rev. Sanderson as S.W.; Bush, P.M., J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Secretary, &c. A vote of thanks was passed to the D.P.G.M. for his kind attendance and services, and his consent having been obtained, as well as that of Dr. H. Hopkins, who had repeatedly given assistance in the lodge, both were proposed as honorary members, to be balloted for at the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed for prosperity under the new regime, and the lodge was closed at 6.30, when an adjournment took place to the Castle Hotel for the usual banquet.

HAMMERSMITH.—Ranelagh Lodge (No. 534).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, and, taking into consideration the miserable state of the weather, the attendance was good, showing the popularity of the Craft in this western suburb. Punctually to the time named on the summons Bro. Watson, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bro. Fisher, I.P.M.; Lines, P.M., Treasurer; Alais, P.M., Secretary; Shaw, S.W.; Warner, J.W.; Festa (acting), S.D.; Ellingford, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Oliver, Organist; Purdew, W.S.; and Church, Tyler. The P.M.'s present were Bros. Butt and Millis. The work of the evening consisted of raising two brethren, and initiating one gentleman into the mysteries of the Order. A warm discussion then took place as to the advisability of moving the lodge from its present quarters, and a Committee was appointed to gain some information of the capabilities of the buildings in the neighbourhood where they would be likely to meet with the requisite accommodation. The lodge being closed, the brethren dined together, and Bro. Mills (the host) is to be complimented on the able way he catered for his visitors. The loyal toasts were well received, and the W.M. from the lateness of the hour was obliged to only shortly preface the Masonic ones. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. Oliver.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., which was numerously attended. Bro. A. Tucker, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Stokes, P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, as I.P.M.; Card, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Futcher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Hants and I. of Wight, Treas.; Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; Hannan, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Buttifant, I.G.; Silverthorn, Tyler; Goodridge, Asst. Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. Blackmore, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts.; Powning, Hulbert, Folliott, Larkam, Slader, Hall, Main, Harwood, Wiltshire, Moton, J. H. Dear, and R. Dear. Visitors: Bros. Clanter, 25; G. Parry, 195; and J. Ball, 1449. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed, after which a letter was read from W. Bro. P.M. Ward, P.P.G.J.W. Wilts, who is now residing at Canterbury, resigning his membership, which was received with much regret, and it was proposed by Bro. P.M. Futcher, seconded by Bro. P.M. Stokes, and carried by acclamation, that Bro. Ward be elected an honorary member of the lodge. It may here be mentioned that no one has done more for the Craft in Wiltshire than Bro. Ward, during some fifteen years' residence in Salisbury, and his leaving the city has been felt in many ways. He was also well-known in the neighbouring provinces of Dorset and Hampshire as a good working Mason, and one always ready to do any ceremony he might be called on for. The ballot was then taken for Mr. C. C. Miles, which proving satisfactory, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in a manner which elicited the applause of the brethren. Mr. Fredk. Granville Christmas (who had previously been balloted for) was also initiated. The next business on the agenda was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the voting resulted in the S.W., Bro. Card, being chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the coming twelve months. Bro. Card returned thanks in a few well-chosen words for the honour conferred on him. Bro. P.M. Futcher was again nominated as Treasurer, and Bros. Silverthorn and Goodridge were elected Tylers. It was then moved by Bro. P.M. Futcher, that a suitable Past Master's jewel be presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Tucker, at the installation meeting in January, as a mark of approbation by the brethren for the able way in which the ceremonies and business of the lodge had been conducted during his year of office; this was seconded by Bro. P.M. Stokes, and carried by acclamation. The W.M. expressed his thanks to Bros. Futcher and Stokes for the very kind words which had fallen from them, and to the brethren for voting him the jewel, which he said he should wear with a great deal of pride and pleasure. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m. The brethren subsequently sat down to a bread and cheese supper, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult. Bro. Asher Hart, P.M., was in the chair, owing to the absence of Bro. R. Crisp, W.M., in consequence of his father's illness. There were also present Bros. Henry Trevitt, S.W.; Maurice Hart, J.W.; Thos. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. for Cheshire, Treas.; George Gordon, Sec.; Jas. Pendleton, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; J. Comins,

I.G.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.G. Purs. West Lancashire, D.C. The members present were Bros. J. Humphreys, H. Ellis, D. Thomas, Sharples, McGauley, Beards, Eskine, and others. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. J. H. Burgess, P.M. 1325; J. Brotherton, 241; E. T. Hall, 241; R. Seddon, 1035; W. Whiteside, 203; R. Foote, J.W. 1505; L. Peake, 1035; Jas. Jack, 1013; and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then taken for Mr. William Stephenson, which proved unanimous in his favour, and then Messrs. Stephenson, Ramey, and Hall having been properly prepared were introduced, and initiated into the mystic Order, the ceremony being most impressively given by Bro. Asher Hart, I.P.M. Bro. Gordon, Sec., afterwards proposed, seconded by Bro. Asher Hart, I.P.M., "That the sum of £2 2s. be given to the widow of a deceased brother of 241," which was carried. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form and harmony. The brethren then retired to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, and presided over by Bro. Asher Hart, I.P.M. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed by some capital singing by Bros. H. and J. Ellis, McGauley, M. Hart, Jacobs, Giram, and others.

MANCHESTER.—St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 992).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton. There were present Bros. Peter Dow, W.M.; J. J. Meakin, S.W.; J. B. Broadbent, J.W.; Edwd. Hilton, Sec.; Thos. Ollerenshaw, S.D.; H. G. Rutten, J.D.; J. Hall, I.G.; J. Kirk, Tyler; H. Fisher, P.M.; J. Heifion, P.M.; J. Hancock, P.M.; Jos. Warren, P.M.; Jas. Johnson, P.M.; Wm. Cramblehome, S. P. Salkeld, Geo. Howarth, Schofield, Cronshaw, Wm. Sharples, John Faulkner, and W. T. Edwards. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Birch, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. of C. Cheshire; F. Hollins, W.M. 1009; John Pryor, 1534; A. E. McBeath, 190; Robt. Williamson, 1055; Michael Schofield, I.P.M. Ryburn Lodge; Wm. Parker, 993; Wm. Evans, 1055; Saml. Royle, 1730; John Cotterill, 1534; Robt. Leach, W.M. 1219; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. E. Lanc.; T. Robinson, 1534; Thos. Shrier, N.Y., 103; Geo. Sharples, 1055; A. Morrison, 1055; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 3.20, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditor's report, which had been printed, was handed round to each member of the lodge, and, there being no objections raised to it, was adopted. With respect to this matter, we have much pleasure in stating that, notwithstanding the absence of a single candidate for initiation during the past twelve months, the financial condition of the lodge is in a very healthy position. The installing Master, Bro. J. A. Birch, then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Meakin, into the chair of K.S., which was done in that usually masterly manner for which this distinguished brother is noted; in fact, we have yet to see his equal. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the usual announcement was made to them of Bro. Meakin's installation being *un fait accompli*. The W.M. was saluted in the customary manner, after which Bro. Birch gave the addresses, and invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Broadbent, S.W.; Thos. Ollerenshaw, J.W.; H. G. Rutten, S.D.; J. Hall, J.D.; S. P. Salkeld, I.G.; E. Hilton (re-appointed for fourth time), Sec.; George Howarth and Wm. Cramblehome, Stewards. The ceremony of installation having been completed, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at five o'clock. At six o'clock the brethren assembled in the lodge room, which had been gaily decorated with flags and bannerets, and sat down to a banquet, the serving of which, and the quality of the viands, being all that could be desired, and reflected great credit on the worthy host. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire," and "Bro. George Mellor, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," were proposed and duly responded to. Bro. John Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary, rose and said he did not know why he should be called upon to respond to the last toast, except it was that as one of the junior officers he was expected to do his share of the work. There was no doubt that our D.P.G.M. was the right man in the right place, as he was at all times willing to do what he could to benefit Freemasonry, and the same he thought might be said of the rest of the P.G. Officers, who were equally anxious to do their best, and there was no reason from what he knew to doubt their ability in the least. He thanked the brethren of the St. Thomas's Lodge for their kind reception and hospitable treatment. Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, also returned thanks on behalf of the Past Provincial Grand Officers. Bros. James Johnson, in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M.," said the Worshipful Master elect was a brother highly esteemed by them all, and whom they all honoured and revered, and he had no doubt that Bro. Meakin would most creditably fill the position which he had attained; therefore, in asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of their New W.M.," he had no doubt the invitation would be heartily responded to. The toast was warmly received by all present, and accompanied by some excellent "fire." The W.M., in reply, said it was with feelings of very great pleasure that he returned thanks for so cordially receiving and responding to the toast of his health. He assured the brethren he should do his utmost to promote the interest of their lodge, and of Freemasonry generally. He liked Freemasonry, and considered, and firmly believed, that its teachings rendered us better husbands, fathers,

and members of society, and in having the interests of the St. Thomas's Lodge thoroughly at heart, he trusted he might be spared to hand over the charter pure and unadulterated to his successor, as he himself had received it, and he felt very proud of the position to which he had been elected, and also for the kindly feeling the brethren had expressed towards him. Bro. Heifion, in proposing "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. Dow," said he had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Dow for many years, and he thought that he had ably filled the W.M.'s chair during the past twelve months, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with a gold Past Master's jewel as a token of the regard and esteem in which the brethren held him. He regretted that Bro. Dow had not opportunities during his Mastership of exhibiting his ability as a worker, but if an opportunity had arisen he was quite sure that their I.P.M. had the inclination to do his best, and he hoped he might long be spared to be present amongst them, and to exhibit on his breast the testimony of regard which the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge had that day presented him. The I.P.M., in reply, said he felt very grateful to the brethren for their kind token of esteem, and he assured them he should highly prize it. He could not help feeling regretful that he had not some work to do during his tenure of office, but this was more his misfortune than his fault, and if he had given the brethren satisfaction while in the chair, he assured them it was more than he expected. Bro. J. L. Hine, in proposing "The Health of the Newly-Invested Officers," dwelt at length on their respective duties and responsibilities, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Edward Hilton, the Secretary, to whom he said it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, to present with a "Secretary's" jewel, for the assiduity and zeal he had shown while acting in that capacity three consecutive years. The jewel, which was a five-pointed star, enamelled, with the cross pens in the centre, and bore an appropriate inscription, was handed round for the inspection of the brethren, and was much admired. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. James Arthur Birch," was next proposed, and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm, which clearly proved how popular this worthy brother is in the province. Bro. Birch, in a humorous and elaborate speech, returned thanks. Several other toasts followed, and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close shortly before 11 o'clock.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of the brethren belonging to this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster, on the 1st inst., the W.M., Bro. N. W. Helme, presiding, supported by his respective officers. There was a fair attendance. The lodge having been open in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of Bro. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., &c., £5 5s. was voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Taylor, S.W., was unanimously appointed. Bro. Sly, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., announced his intention of resigning the office of Treasurer of the lodge. The book work, he said, was not much, but he considered it the duty of the Treasurer to attend the lodge each meeting, and as he could not do this, owing to business engagements, he had latterly had to depute his work to the Secretary, Bro. Longman, P.M., consequently he felt it his duty to retire from the office. He had no hesitation in doing this, knowing that the lodge possessed many members who were well qualified to fill it. Bro. Hannah was unanimously elected to succeed Bro. Sly. Bro. A. K. Allinson was re-elected Tyler. It was also resolved that the installation meeting should take place on Tuesday, January 6th, Bro. Moore consenting to accept the office of Installing Master. The usual banquet will follow. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. There were present Bros. T. H. Sutton, W.M.; J. H. Galloway, S.W.; S. Wallhead, J.W.; Richardson, P.M., Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.G. D. of C. W. Lanc., Sec.; T. Hutchinson, S.D.; J. Jones, S.S.; J. Farrington, J.S.; Taylor, I.G.; Donville, Tyler; Woods, P.M.; Hawkins, P.M.; Edleston, P.M.; Grim, A. Potter, J. H. G. Potter, A. F. G. Potter, Bolton, Baird, Barlow, Houghton, Barber, Shilcock, Smethurst, Webster, Heaton, and others, and visitors: Bros. W. Sharp, P.M. 148, P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lanc.; J. R. Young, W.M. 148; Charles Skinner, 148; and A. T. Ireland, 484. The lodge was opened in the usual form, after which the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Finney, who had written a paper on "Some account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London," was unable to read it from indisposition, and requested Bro. J. Farrington to do so. Bro. Farrington had great pleasure in doing so. Bros. Sharp, Wallhead, Richardson, Hawkins, the W.M., and others having spoken to the subject, at the end of the paper it was, on the proposition of Bro. Finney, seconded by the W.M., unanimously resolved to send a Steward to represent the lodge at the next annual festival of the Boys' School, on which occasion the D.G.M. of England, Lord Skelmersdale, will preside. Votes of thanks followed to Bro. Finney for writing, and Bro. Farrington for reading the paper. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the genial W.M., Bro. Thomas H. Sutton.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At a meeting of this lodge, held on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro.

C. G. Padel, W.M., presiding, a presentation consisting of a Charity jewel, and an elaborately illuminated address, was made to the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The address, which was handsomely framed, was most appropriately designed, each initial letter forming a different Masonic emblem. It was executed from the designs of Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. The address was worded as follows:—"Worshipful Bro. J. S. Cumberland, I.P.M. We, the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on behalf of the brethren of that lodge, beg your acceptance of the accompanying Charity jewel, the first gained by any member of the lodge, as a slight token of their appreciation of your services in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and of your unwearied exertions for the welfare of the lodge during your year of office. C. G. Padel, W.M.; J. T. Sellar, S.W.; G. Simpson, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; James Kay, Sec. York. Monday, 8th Dec., 1879."

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This flourishing lodge met in excellent strength at the White Hart Hotel, on the 8th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., I.P.M., acting W.M. in the absence of the Rev. C. De Crespiigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., W.M.; J. Bond, P.P.G. D.C. Surrey, S.W.; J. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., acting J.W.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W. 1512, &c., Secretary; J. Hurst, P.G.A.P. Middx., P.M. 1512, W.M. 1793, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.D.; Featherstone, acting I.G. and Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. McIntyre, 144; Beauchamp, 1512; and Collier, 1793. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. F. Smith was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the acting W.M. The investment of Bros. Featherstone as I.G., and Piller as W.S. then took place. Bro. John Hurst was elected to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a notice of motion given that a sum should be taken from the lodge funds to head his list as Steward. The Secretary having reported that, in compliance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, he had forwarded a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Scott, I.G., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent repast, ably catered for by Bro. Andrews, awaited them. In consequence of the extreme lateness of the hour, and the absence of the W.M., the after proceedings were necessarily shorn of their accustomed formality. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The R.W. P.G.M." were briefly given and most heartily received. Bro. John Hurst responded upon behalf of "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. McIntyre for "The Visitors." "The Health of the Officers" followed, and was coupled with the name of Bro. Bond, S.W., who ably acknowledged the compliment. The remainder of the time at the disposal of the lodge was agreeably occupied by the vocal and dramatic contributions of Bros. Piller, Hurst, McIntyre, and others. The Tyler's toast at eleven terminated the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 25th ult. There were present Bros. J. R. Bottomley, W.M. (in the chair); T. Evans, S.W.; W. E. Coxon, Treas.; R. Fairclough, Sec.; Dr. J. E. H. Pugh, S.D.; H. Jones, J.D.; H. Pritchard, I.G.; J. Hughes, S.S.; F. Walker, J.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Cowan, H. Williams, H. Hughes, J. Lewis, G. J. Hughes, J. Lees, O. Evans, R. Parry, J. R. Jones, J. Lloyd, G. Charney, G. Neville, J. Davies, J. Ireland, J. Pritchard, and others. The visitors included Bros. Brotherton, 241 E. George, Sec. 1356; T. Delamere, 1620; W. Hesken, 1620; R. Bethel, 1094; R. Jones, 1182; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Paul, Treas. 1356; R. W. Lowry, 1356; J. Potter, 1182; J. Hill, 1609; R. Roberts, W. Thomas, H. Gill, 1086; E. Walsh, 1145; and others. The lodge was duly opened, after which the minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot was afterwards taken for Mr. Richard Firman, which proved unanimous in his favour. As the candidate was not present, the bye-laws were read and signed by several brethren who had not previously done so. A lecture on the first Tracing Board was delivered by Bro. R. Fairclough, Sec., in a most impressive and masterly manner. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. R. Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., a cordial vote of thanks was given to the lecturer. After a proposition had been made, the lodge closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, a pleasant evening being spent.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Club, 102, Queen Victoria-street, City. There was a good attendance, the following brethren filling the offices: Bros. Chapman, W.M.; J. S. Fraser, S.W.; Bookman, J.W.; Becton, J.D.; J. B. King, I.G.; and Pulsford, Preceptor. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Haynes acting as candidate. Bro. Smallpeice proposed an addition to the bye-laws, viz., "That a fee of 6d. be imposed on brethren visiting the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. J. S. Fraser, and carried unanimously. Bros. Bookman and King were unanimously elected members of this lodge of instruction. After the election of Bro. Fraser, as W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—A regular convocation of this old chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Knington, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under somewhat melancholy circumstances, the M.E.Z. having died very suddenly three days after the last convocation, and the companions, in consequence, appeared in mourning. Ex. Cmp. Foxall, I.P.Z., occupied the chair of M.E.Z., supported by Ex. Comps. Nunn, H.; Lovett, J.; Webb, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. Dunn, S.N.; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Salter, 1st Asst. S.; Potter, Janitor; Laakey, P.Z.; Dodson, P.Z.; Dean, Cox, Amis, Walker, and others, the only visitor being Ex. Comp. Thompson, P.Z. 507. After ballot, Bro. Rd was introduced, and duly exalted, the lectures being given by Comps. Foxall and Nunn in a very creditable manner. The installation of Principals was proceeded with by Ex. Comp. Foxall, the following being the complete list of officers:—Comps. Nunn, M.E.Z.; Lovett, H.; Dunn, .; Webb, Treas.; T. Foxall, Scribe E.; H. Lovegrove, 1st N.; Salter, P.S.; and Potter, Janitor. Comp. Sabr invested Comps. Amis and Walker as 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Comp. Durkin, the late respected M.E.Z." After the transaction of some routine business the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, over which the M.E.Z., Comp. Nunn, presided.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A meeting of this provincial chapter was held on the 3rd inst. at the Albany Hotel. Among the officers present were Comps. J. Tomlinson, M.E.Z.; Cama, P.G.S.B. Middx, H.; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.S. of Middx., acting J. and Treas.; W. Taylor, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., P.S.; and Rushworth, 1st Asst. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the subject of the bye-laws was fully discussed, and it was unanimously resolved that a Committee, consisting of Comps. Horsley, W. Taylor, Walls, Rushworth, and Saunders, should draw up the same, and submit them to the chapter for approval at the next regular meeting. The election of officers then took place with the following unanimous result:—Comps. Cama, M.E.Z.; S. H. Knaggs, H.; W. Taylor, J.; Charles Horsley, Treas.; Walls, S.N.; W. H. Saunders, S.E.; Rushworth, P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. Comp. Rushworth having announced that he should appoint Comps. Saunders and Jefferys as his First and Second Assistants, the convocation was duly and formally closed, and the companions partook of a collation, which was well served. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The Principals," and "The Officers."

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—This chapter of improvement held a convocation at the Jolly Farmers, 113, Southgate-road, N., on Thursday, the 11th inst. Present: M.E. Comps. Hobbs, Z.; Braine, H.; Cusworth, J.; Mather, Preceptor; McMillan, P.S.; Halford, Treasurer; Hunter, S.E.; Weston, N.; Comp. Edmonds, Fysh, Lee, Griggs, Brasted, and Cogan. The M.E.Z. declared the chapter open for the purpose of improvement, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brasted acting as candidate. Comps. Lee, Brasted, and Cogan were elected members. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 244).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Trinity College, Weymouth-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Passawer, Prov. G. Reg. of M., assisted by his officers. The visitors were Bros. Davison, Grand Treas., D. Prov. G.M.M.; Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; Broadley, Prov. G.M. Tunis and Malta; J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of Wks.; and a distinguished Scotch brother, representing the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Bro. Hoare, jun., son of one of the founders of the lodge, was duly advanced, the ceremony being performed with full musical accompaniment, the voices being led by Bro. J. Stedman, the fine organ and excellent singing producing an effect rarely experienced in Masonic ceremonies. After the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren dined together at the Bodega, Oxford-street, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Broadley made an excellent speech on Masonry in Tunis and Malta; and, assisted by the excellent vocal exercises of the brethren, a pleasant evening was spent.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 254).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday last, the 13th inst. The W.M. being absent in the country, the lodge was opened by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., as W.M., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of W., S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; H. Baldwin, S.D. and Sec.; C. Oxford, I.G.; and R. Potter, Tyler; with visitors Bros. Thrupp, P.G.J.O.; Richardson, G.J.D.; Clifford Lehman Barrett, P.G. Org.; and Anderson. The ballot was taken for Bros. Clapham and Kipling, and the latter brother being in attendance was regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree. The seats of the Overseers were filled by the three visiting Grand Officers, Bros. Thrupp, Richardson, and Barrett, so that Bro. Poore's effective rendering of the ceremony was ably assisted. At the close of the proceedings the brethren separated.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening last, the 12th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Henry, P.P.G.S.W., supported by Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.G.M.O., S.W.; E. Tyson, P.G.I.G., Sec., as J.W.; W. White, M.O.; G. Sparrow, S.O.; J. W. Miles, J.O., J. 216, as J.D.; J. S. Wilson, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler; W. Holloway, G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; C. H. Hodgson, 216; T. Atkinson, 216; and others. The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Bros. Dalrymple, Hodgson, and Atkinson, as joining members, whilst Bros. W. Sandwith, P.M. 119, and J. Rothery, 119, were balloted for as candidates for advancement. Bro. M'Kelvie (who had been previously accepted) and Bro. Rothery being in attendance, were regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree. The W.M. having been re-elected to the chair of A., was duly installed, proclaimed, and greeted by the brethren, the whole ceremonies being ably conducted by Bro. Dalrymple, W.M. 216. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W.; W. White, J.W.; John Barr, M.O.; E. Tyson, S.O.; George Dalrymple, Sec., and Reg.; J. W. Miles, J.O.; Jas. Robertson, S.D.; J. S. Wilson, J.D.; Geo. Sparrow, I.G.; Geo. Fitzgerald, Tyler. There being nothing more for the good and welfare of the lodge, it was closed, and an hour was spent in harmony.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this Mark lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. E. Robinson, W.M.; W. F. Lamonby, I.P.M. (Freemason); W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; W. Shilton, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; T. Mason, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. Other members were unavoidably absent. The minutes being read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Isaac Evening, Lodges 962 and 1002, which being unanimous, he was admitted, and regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree by the I.P.M. It having been intimated that the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting would be held at Carlisle on Tuesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.

The annual meeting of this province was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the banner of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Bro. C. G. Hayward, P.M., W.M., P.G. I.G. of England, who was, however, confined to his bed through a severe illness. Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.W. of England, presided, in the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master; and amongst the others present were Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.G.S.W.; Dr. Henry, W.M. 213, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Potter, P.M. 60, P.G. M.O.; W. B. Gibson, S.W. 213, P.G.S.O.; T. Mandie, P.M. 151, P.G.J.O.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60, P.G. Treas.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G. Steward, P.G. Sec.; G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; J. Cook, P.M. 60, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. Mason, 60, P.G. In. Works; J. Haswell, Sec. 60, P.G. Steward; J. Taylor, 195, P.G. Steward; J. Ewing, S.W. 60; R. Robinson, W.M. 229; W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W. 229; Capt. Sewell, J.W. 229; T. C. Robinson, S.O. 229; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Cunningham, 60, P.G. Tyler; and others. The minutes of the last provincial meeting held at Keswick, in June, 1878, under the banner of the Bective Lodge, No. 147, having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing a balance of £6 11s. 6d. in the bank, was submitted and approved. The next business was the election of a Provincial Grand Master for the next three years, and Bro. Henry moved, Bro. Wheatley seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that the Earl of Bective be re-elected. The officers were next appointed and invested; Bros. Nicholson and Cunningham being respectively elected by show of hands. The following is the list:—

- Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151 ... Prov. G.S.W.
" J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60 ... Prov. G.J.W.
" W. Court, P.M. 60 ... Prov. G.M.O.
" T. Mandie, P.M. 151 ... Prov. G.S.O.
" B. Nelson, P.M. 195 ... Prov. G.J.O.
" J. Nicholson, P.M. 151 ... Prov. G. Treas.
" Capt. Sewell, J.W. 229 ... Prov. G. Reg.
" W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229 ... Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Gardiner, P.M. 151 ... Prov. G.A. Sec.
" G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216 ... Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Tyson, J.W. 213 ... Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Godfrey, P.M. 195 ... Prov. G.I.W.
" J. C. Mason, 60... ... Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Haswell, Sec. 60 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Robinson, W.M. 229 ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Wilkinson, 195 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W. 229... Prov. G. Org.
" Taylor, 195 ... Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. Walker, 216; Mills, 213; and Ewing, 60 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. W. Cunningham, 60 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master in the chair, in investing the Prov. Grand Treasurer, said there were now a sufficient number of lodges to make the province a reality, instead of a sham. They had now a balance in the bank, and this was going to be a Provincial Grand Lodge of which the Order might well be proud. Next year it was expected the provincial meeting would be held at Cockermonth,

under the banner of Faithfull Lodge, when he hoped there would be a good report of the progress of the Order in the province. This was all the business, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed. Subsequently luncheon was partaken of at the County Hotel.

INSTALLATION OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND PRINCE LEOPOLD AS KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

A Special Priory of the Religious and Military Order of Knights of Malta was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Saturday last, the 13th inst., at one o'clock, for the purpose of receiving into the Order their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of the Temple for Ireland, and Prince Leopold, Past Preceptor of the Cour de Lion Preceptory, Oxford.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, was unavoidably prevented from being present and presiding, as he had intended doing, and the throne was consequently occupied by Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior of England and Wales, who was attended by the following Provincial Priors and Great Officers of the Order: Col. Shadwell Clerke, Great Sub Prior; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Prior of Hants; Capt. N. G. Philips, Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; Rev. H. Giddy, Prov. Prior of South Africa; J. M. P. Montagu, D.L., Prov. Prior of Dorset; Capt. C. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. Prior of Lancashire; W. Kingston, Brov. Prior of Mediterranean; Genl. Studholme Browrigg, C.B., Prov. Prior of Surrey; Col. J. W. Peard, Prov. Prior of Cornwall; C. Fendelow, Prov. Prior of Stafford and Worcestershire; H. D. Sandeman, P. Prov. Prior of Bengal; Col. Somerville Burney, P. Prov. Prior of Essex; S. Rawson, P. Prov. Prior of China; Maj.-Gen. H. Clerk, P. Prov. Prior of Kent; Col. G. N. Boldero, P. Prov. Prior of Mediterranean; J. L. Sim, P. Prov. Prior of Ceylon; J. E. Curtis, Arch Treas.; the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Prelate; Alex. Staveley Hill, G.C., M.P., Chancellor; Col. Francis Burdett, Constable; R. H. Thrupp, Reg.; Charles Gooden, Treas.; G. Lambert, Warden of Regalia; W. Tinkler, Vice-Chancellor; W. Spencer, Sub-Marshal; and the following Past Grand Officers, and others: Sir Patrick Colquhoun, G.C.; Sir Michael Costa, Genl. H. E. Doherty, C.B.; M. Genl. C. Randolph, Rev. T. Cochrane, James Gibbs, C.S.I.; Col. Haldane, Dr. W. B. Brodie, F. Richardson, J. Keene, Louis Desanges, Rev. W. R. Sanderson, Dr. M. B. Tanner, Magnus Ohren, Dr. C. J. Smith, Major J. Browne, C. Chandos Pole, E. Letchworth, Major C. Caldwell, W. H. Pullen, W. C. Willing.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived from Buckingham Palace precisely at one o'clock, and were received by the acting Marshals, Gen. Studholme Browrigg, C.B., and Capt. N. G. Philips, and were subsequently duly admitted, proclaimed, and installed "Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta;" the interesting and impressive ceremonial being conducted by Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Gt. Sub-Prior of the Order.

The hall, which, on this occasion, was fitted as a chapter house of the Knights of Malta, presented a beautiful and picturesque appearance, being entirely hung round with the banners of the knights, and otherwise decorated with the furniture peculiar to the Order, whilst the scarlet tunics and black cloaks, both charged with the eight-pointed white cross, in which the knights were habited, added a rich effect to the scene.

During the ceremony, Capt. N. G. Philips, Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, made a very interesting presentation to their Royal Highnesses of two antique rings, which had in former times been worn by Commanders of the old Order of Malta, and which had come into Capt. Philips' possession when quartered in that island in 1857. These rings display the eight-pointed cross, in white enamel, surmounted with a crown (the badge of a Commander) in a oval of gold, pierced, and were two of the rings of profession, worn in former times by all members of the Order. Their Royal Highnesses expressed themselves as much gratified at receiving these rare souvenirs.

CONSECRATION OF THE DARLINGTON MARK LODGE, No. 250.

This event took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, Darlington, and was attended by about fifty brethren. A lodge having been opened at two p.m. by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Canon Tristram, fifteen candidates were advanced to the Degree by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. of the York Mark Lodge, T.L., at the request of the P.G.M.

The lodge was then consecrated by the Prov. G.M., and the W.M. designate, Bro. J. M. Meek (York Mark Lodge), of Darlington, was installed by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Y. Strachan, of Newcastle.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Bailey, S.W.; S. F. Bousfield, J.W.; R. A. Look, M.O.; C. R. Fry, S.O.; H. E. O. Muller, J.O.; F. Parr, Sec.; W. Lear, Reg. of Marks; F. Tovey, Org.; J. C. Martin, S.D.; W. Hobson, J.D.; J. J. Wilkes, I.G.; T. Garget, Tyler.

The brethren and visitors afterwards dined together, the W.M. presiding, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson sold by auction on Monday last the autograph score of Handel's opera "Amadigi" for £35 10s., and that of Mozart's Quintetto in D major for forty-three guineas. They were from the collection of the late Mr. F. Smece, of the Bank of England.

NOTICE.

The *Freemason* for next week will be issued to the Trade and delivered to Subscribers on Wednesday morning instead of Friday.

To Correspondents.

The following correspondence was received too late for publication, and is held over until next week:—

"The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Bro. Wilson."

The following also stand over:—

Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339.
Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners.
Brixton Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners, No. 113.
Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.
St. John's Lodge, Stockport, No. 104.
York Lodge, York, No. 236.
Lodge of Affability, Manchester, No. 317.
Zetland Lodge, Salford, No. 852.
Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, No. 1416.
Old England Lodge, No. 1790.
Mark Lodge, No. 276.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"East Sussex News," "West Middlesex Advertiser," "Hull Packet," "Brief," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Chelmsford Chronicle," "Weston-super-Mare Gazette," "The Newcastle Daily Journal," "Der Triangel," "Masonic Eclectic," "Dramatic Notes," "Our Actors and Actresses," "Birmingham Daily Gazette," "The London and Suburban Official Programme of Amusements," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "Boletín Oficial," "Liverpool Daily Post," "Hebrew Leader," "Die Baubütte," "The Atholl Lodges," "The Illustrated Household Journal," "Masonic Newspaper," "Truth," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding four lines under this heading.]

BIRTH.

ARROWSMITH.—On the 15th inst., at Batholomew-road, N.W., the wife of E. B. C. Arrowsmith, of a son.

DEATH.

SMALE.—On the 11th inst., of bronchitis, John Smale, of 19, Great Marlborough-street, aged 63 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1879.

1879.

We think it right in this our Christmas number of the *Freemason* to give our annual summary of Masonic sayings and doings in 1879. True it is that the old year has not yet quite disappeared from the Masonic Calendar, but in these anticipatory remarks we feel sure that we shall be consulting the wishes and interests of our readers as well as our own. We trust, too, that our view of the "situation" will be accepted by our patrons and friends. It is a mistake, in our opinion, to spin out with too great a detail and with verbose prolixity, records which none can remember and very few care to read. To enter into minute explanations of debates and difficulties which have only a passing interest, to load our pages with conclusions in which nothing is concluded, and statements in which nothing is stated, transactions in which nothing is transacted, always has appeared to us, we confess, the height of inane and worthless padding. All that the Masonic reader wants, in our opinion, is, though we admit we may be perfectly wrong, a clear and concise statement of leading facts, so as to refresh his memory and renew his interest when he is leaving an old year for a new one, and when Freemasonry is passing from a twelvemonths' struggle to face the labours, and difficulties, and animation of another year. It is with these feelings that we venture to commend our summary of Masonic life in 1879 to the notice of our many kindly and cultivated readers, seeking for it, what we know it will receive at their hands, sympathetic attention and fraternal criticism. The New Year began for us, as all New Years begin, with a mingled "yarn" of joy and sorrow, grief and glee, the normal skeins of life are ever partly bright and partly dark, and so with our Masonic Calendar—it witnesses always of the sorrows and joys of us poor mortals, and like our chequered floor-cloth tells in unmistakable witness of mingled scenes and memories—joyous and depressing. The last strains of rejoicing had scarcely died away which announced our Pro Grand Master's happy marriage, when we had to deplore the

deaths of three distinguished brethren in Freemasonry; Bro. Capt. Duff, M.P., and Bros. Head and Boyd, the last two being most eminent and respected members of our Order, whose services to the Craft had been most meritorious, whose memory will long linger among the brethren. It is pleasant to remember that 1878 closed with this fact, announced by the Secretaries, that £40,312 4s. 3d. had been contributed to the Masonic Charities during the past year of light and grace. A goodly fact, my masters! The New Year opened properly enough with the annual New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Hobbs, Secretary of the Alfred Lodge, 340, Oxford-street, early in this month received a jewel and a purse of fifty guineas as an acknowledgement of his services as Secretary for twenty-five years. On the 6th there was the usual Twelfth Night Entertainment at the Girls' School. The monthly Lodge of Benevolence on the 22nd voted £970 in all for gratuitous aid to suffering and needy brethren. On the 24th a deputation waited on the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, with an address of felicitation on his marriage. And thus January passed away amid much activity of our London Lodges after the Christmas Holidays were over.

FEBRUARY.—On the 5th was the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, at which warrants for three new chapters were granted, and the Hervey Chapter received permission to call itself the John Hervey Chapter. On the 12th the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lancashire, before a crowded hall, and with 288 Stewards, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, Chairman. The amount realized—the highest ever known on any similar occasion—was £13,926, which was greeted with deafening cheers when announced by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry. On the 19th the Lodge of Benevolence met, and granted £580 in relief of distressed brethren. The third annual ball of the Carnarvon and Morpeth Lodges took place at the Cannon-street Hotel with much success. The death was announced this month of Bro. Joseph Bowles, D.D., Archdeacon, P.G.M. for Oxfordshire since 1848.

MARCH.—The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on the 5th, when our distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton was elected by an overwhelming majority Grand Treasurer. During this month Bro. Creaton received the presentation of his portrait by the Lodge of Antiquity for honorary services to the lodge. In this month the Lodge of Benevolence granted £667 in Masonic Charity.

APRIL.—In April the Craft heard with regret of the resignation of that excellent Mason, Bro. John Huyshe, of his office of Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, through age and ill health. The elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools took place in this month, the former electing eighteen out of a list of forty-seven applicants, the latter sixteen out of a list of sixty-eight applicants. The Lodge of Benevolence on the 23rd granted £639. The Grand Festival took place on the 30th, when the appointment of new Grand Officers was announced. The death of Bro. John Tunnah, the veteran Prov. Grand Secretary for East Lancashire, aged 72, occurred on the 27th of this month.

MAY.—May opened with the loss of our excellent and worthy Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, Grand Tyler. On the 7th Supreme Grand Chapter met, when the installation of new Grand Officers took place, and the warrants for five new chapters were granted. On the 14th of this month the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer. About 500 brethren and 300 ladies were present. The unusually large sum of £1171, 3s. 3d. was announced amid great cheering. The Lodge of Benevolence of May 21st granted £530 in benevolence.

JUNE.—Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication on the 4th, when Bro. H. Sadler was appointed Grand Tyler. Bro. Tyrrell Leith was appointed District Grand Master Bombay. On the 18th the Lodge of Benevolence granted £635; on the 25th June the Festival of the Royal Ma-

sonic Institution for Boys took place, the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T. and P.G.M. for Scotland, presiding, at the Alexandra Palace, in the presence of about 900 ladies and brethren, when £0,534 10s. was announced.

JULY.—On the 2nd July Lord Tenterden, U.S. of State for Foreign affairs, was installed as Prov. G.M. for Essex before a numerous gathering by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., who made a most excellent speech on the occasion. The 11th Annual Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters took place in this month, Lord A. Hall presiding, when £528 16s. was reported to have been received. In this month a complimentary dinner was given at the Star Hotel, Richmond, to Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, by the members of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, a compliment well deserved by our worthy brother. At the meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence in this month £700 was voted. In July the Prince and Princess of Wales paid a visit to Grimsby, when an address was voted to our Royal Grand Master by Lodge 792. During this month the second festival of the Peckham Lodge, 1475; Metropolitan, 1507; and Royal Savoy, 1744, took place.

AUGUST.—Grand Chapter met on August 6th, when charters for ten new chapters were granted. In this month the Lodge of Benevolence granted £425. The normal mode of Masonic initiation was varied in this month by the announcement that a profane had been initiated in a balloon called the "Captive of Paris," by a French lodge, under the Rite Eccosais. Some Masonic writers have affected to find fault with this proceeding—for our part we think the least said is the soonest mended; indeed, as a little variety to the disagreeable situation of French Masonic Officers, we are rather inclined to approve of this airy flight of Masonry.

SEPTEMBER.—The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place this month. At a meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence a sum of £390 was voted to indigent brethren. On the 17th a meeting of the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund Committee was held, and subscriptions to the amount of £251 18s. 6d. announced.

OCTOBER.—Few events of importance to the Craft occurred in October—the usual half-yearly election to fill vacancies in the Girls' and Boys' Schools being the most noticeable. In the former eighteen were elected out of a list of forty-eight, and in the latter sixteen were successful out of a list of seventy-seven. At a meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence in this month the sum of £755 was voted in Charity. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxford was held on the 29th, and was presided over by Prince Leopold.

NOVEMBER.—In this month Masonry, especially in the metropolis, shows signs of returning life and activity. Summer lodges and holiday outings at suburban places of meetings are things of the past, and real earnest work begins, and the record of Masonic labour becomes fuller. On the 5th Supreme Grand Chapter met, and granted warrants for four new chapters. At Reading the foundation stone of the New Public Buildings was laid, with Masonic ceremony, by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. On the 19th the Lodge of Benevolence met and granted various sums, amounting to the large sum of £1035. A pleasant gathering took place on the 18th, when the members of the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board dined together. An important matter came before the Governor and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at their meeting on the 22nd. On the recommendation of the Building Committee the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W." Among Craft meetings may be noticed the installation of Bro. Edwin Swanborough as W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, on which occasion a complete set of Masonic clothing was presented by the W.M.'s mother, Mrs. Swanborough.

DECEMBER.—This month the Craft heard with grief and sorrow of the resignation of its

most esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey. He had long been suffering from ill-health and a painful malady, but his services to Masonry never grew slack, and his zeal for Masonry was never extinguished. He discharged his important duties to the very last, until weakness overpowered him, with that assiduity, address, and amiability which have rendered the name of John Hervey a household word among Freemasons. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the 3rd, his resignation was officially announced, and he was granted a retiring pension of £500 a year, and an immediate gratuity of £300. Among other matters of importance discussed at this meeting of Grand Lodge was the resolution of Bro. Stevens for an enquiry into "Uniformity of Working," which was carried, a numerous and most influential minority voting against it, and an alteration of the regulations with regard to Charity jewels. Bro. Clabon's motion for appropriating a portion of the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence for other objects was postponed until the next communication. In its present form it cannot, in our opinion, legally be passed. Warrants for thirteen new lodges were granted. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was again nominated as M.W. Grand Master, amid the plaudits of all the assembly. Grand Mark Lodge met on the 2nd, when Lord Skelmersdale was re-elected Grand Master for the year ensuing; and warrants for five new lodges were granted. Official information was received of the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The records of this month would be incomplete without mention of the festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, under the Presidency of Lord Kensington, and the banquet and congratulatory address presented to our gallant Bro. Major Chard, by the members of his lodge at Exeter.

Thus have we gone through the somewhat dull and even tenour of our Masonic course during the last twelve months. If English Masonry has had nothing striking to record, no vexata quæstio to move it, no bone of contention to rend it in twain, happily for the peace of the Order, its historian can gladly proclaim to-day that its material prosperity has been great, and its advance in prestige and popularity unprecedented. One historical fact must, however, here be noticed, viz., the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, G.S., through ill-health. Of his labours for Freemasonry who can speak in fitting terms? of his actual loss to our Order who can venture to doubt? Kind and courteous, polished and urbane, accessible to all and difficult to none, he has left a mark on English Freemasonry which none of the brethren who witnessed his work or shared his labours can ever underrate or forget. During his tenure of office several hundred lodges have been added to our roll, and the office work at Freemasons' Hall has become both a heavy duty and a serious responsibility; and here we leave the matter, for it is not for us to indulge in conjectures as to whom the Grand Master in his wisdom shall confide the important office of Grand Secretary. We could not, however, leave the summary of 1879 in the *Freemason* without referring in heartfelt terms of sincerity and admiration to the Masonic services and engaging personal character of Bro. John Hervey. Our readers will perceive that our English Masonic life has sped away in 1879 in the quiet discharge of lodge routine and the warm support of Masonic charity, amid depressing difficulties of trade and agriculture. Never at any period were our lodges better attended; never at any time in our history has the great cause of Charity witnessed more abundant proofs of the large-hearted liberality of our English brotherhood, and so we leave 1879 and welcome 1880 with just confidence and pride in our good old Order, trusting that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to preserve it in its unity, integrity, efficiency, and reality, for the welfare of the brotherhood and the happiness of mankind. Abroad we have very little to report, either what is interesting or satisfactory. The spirit of agitation and violent change which prevailed, unfortunately, in the Grand Orient of France a couple of years ago and led to a most hurtful and unsound revolution, which placed French Craft Masonry out of harmony entirely

with Cosmopolitan Masonry, affected the Rite Ecossais to some extent in 1879. A proposal was made, supported by violent speeches and bitter pamphlets, ignoring the whole history and very principles of the "Rite Ancien et Accepté," to make it practically a second Grand Orient, and to render the whole body subservient to the ruling of Master Masons. Properly speaking, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite ought not to meddle with Craft Masonry, for it is quite clear that its own principles are utterly antagonistic to the idea of a Craft Grand Lodge as its governing body. We were appealed to because we were Craft Masons, and had a Grand Lodge, to support this incoherent proposal, but as we "could not see it" in any form or light, we preferred to uphold what was just and right, even at the expense of a little popularity among some of the movers of this unwise and un-Masonic agitation. It only shows how sentiment overpowers right reason and logic. The Convent of the Grand Orient, 1879, witnessed, indeed, a certain spirit of calmness and conciliation, but we fear that such a happy change is to a great extent only on the surface. Bro. St. Jean has retired from the presidency of the Conseil as if he feared a coming storm, and that the comparative quietude of 1879 was but a prelude to other and more violent proceedings in 1880, for it must be borne in mind that a revision of the ritual has taken place, and, if we are correctly informed, the only result will be, and can be, that the name of the G.A.O.T.U. must ere long entirely disappear from all French Masonic ceremonial. The Grand Orient of Belgium has followed suit, and in some jurisdictions there seems an unhappy tendency to imitate the unwise example of the Grand Orient of France. Happily other jurisdictions stand firm to their duty and the true teaching of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, such as the Grand Lodge of St. John, in Hungary, the Grand Orient of Egypt, the Grand Orient of Italy, the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark, the Grand Orient of Spain and Portugal, and, we believe, the majority of the lodges in Germany. In America and Canada and the Antipodes Freemasonry holds on its prosperous way, its loyal adhesion to the religious tenets of our Great Order; indeed, the simple fact that in the United States there are 700,000 Freemasons is a remarkable fact in itself, and one deserving the attentive notice of the opponents and calumniators of Masonry, for, strange to say, as if the Roman Catholic Church had nothing better to do, it has given itself up in 1879 to the amusement of cursing and persecuting Freemasonry wherever its influence extends. Like the famous Jackdaw, immortalized by Barham, Freemasonry seems to heed neither ban nor blessing, but moves on with unruffled feathers, uninjured and undaunted, and long may it so continue—may its beneficent and tolerating principles spread from pole to pole, proclaiming in unmistakable language the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

We have had to deplore during the last twelve months the melancholy loss of many excellent comrades and distinguished brethren from the ranks of Masonry. Among them we note Bros. Wm. Archer, P.G.D.W. Lanc.; W. H. Bartle; Bedford, W.M. 581; P. W. Benham; J. Wade Bennett; Sir E. R. Borough, Bart., Past D.G.M. Ireland; Rev. Dr. Bowles, P.G.M. Herefordshire; J. Boyd, P.G.P.; W. Brown; H. Browne; W. A. Butt; J. H. Cox, P.M., P.Z.; J. S. Cuthbert; Duff, M.P.; T. Durkin; J. S. Ellison; J. Francis; H. J. Frew, P.M. 825; R. W. Haynes; B. Head, P.G.D.; John Hegarty; E. Hughes, P.M. 249; John Johnson, 140; George Kelly King, P.M., &c.; Jno. Lazar, R.W.D.G.M. Westland, N. Zealand; R. Lister; E. Martel, P.M., &c.; T. S. Mortlock; E. J. Page, P.G.S., &c.; C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; Payne, I.P.M. 342; G. Phythian, P.M. 22; Jos. Poore; C. H. Pulham; Alex. Riddell; R. Rodda, P.P.G. Reg. Devon; John Seager; Jno. Shaw, P.M. 79; W. Jenkin Thomas; George Thompson, P.M., &c.; John Tunnah, P.G. Sec. East Lanc.; Rev. G. T. N. Watkins; Capt. George Wattson; A. J. Wheeler, P.M. 140; Thos. White, P.M. 22; A. Winkup, P.M. 1356; H. Winton; and Bryan Wormald.

The following consecrations have taken place

during the year:—Craft Lodges—Abercorn, 1813; Alliance, 1827; Atlingworth, 1821; Burrell, 1829; Clapham, 1818; Coborn, 1804; Cornhill, 1803; Creaton, 1791; De Vere, 1794; Duke of Cornwall, 1839; Fidelis, 1809; Here-taunga, 1812; Hervey, 1788; Lullingstone, 1837; Old England, 1790; Penge, 1815; St. Andrew, 1817; St. Leonard's, 1842; St. Petroc, 1758; Sir Charles Bright, 1793; Sir Thomas White, 1820; Southdown, 1797; Ubique, 1789; and Zion, 1798.

Royal Arch Chapters—Dinbych, 1177; Duke of Connaught, 1524; Eryri, 1509; Etheldreda, 809; Granite, 1328; Marlborough, 1399; Marquis of Dalhousie, 1159; and Nicholson, 371.

Mark Lodges—Darlington, 250; Prince Leopold, 238; Royal Naval, 239; and St. Andrew's, 237.

Royal Arch Mariners—Brixton, 234; Pan-mure, 139; and United, 34.

THE APPOINTMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Up to the present no appointment has been made. We have heard of seven candidates for the office, though, we confess, we somewhat doubt the propriety, Masonically speaking, of brethren putting themselves forward, and in any way canvassing for support. The appointment is purely within the prerogative of the Grand Master, who is responsible to Grand Lodge for a proper appointment, and all public anticipations of the brother ultimately selected by the Grand Master are we venture to deem alike inopportune and unwise. We will only venture to express our hope, as, indeed, we doubt not, that the appointment when made will tend to maintain the prestige and independence of the greatest Craft Grand Lodge in the world.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.)

UNITY OF RITUAL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As Bro. Perceval has in a long letter mentioned my name in connection with a recent discussion in Grand Lodge, with reference to Bro. Stevens's motion, and has characterized my speech as "illogical," will you allow me in your crowded columns a little space, to point out how unreasonable, in good truth, are his remarks, and how much more fully the word "illogical" applies to his letter than to my speech?

It is quite clear to myself, and I fancy it will be equally so to many more, that Bro. Perceval has not yet clearly understood what my argument was! Simply and shortly stated, it was this. Bro. Stevens based the necessity of his motion, first on the old Grand Lodge resolution, secondly on diversity of ritual on many points, and certain alleged illegal practices, and thirdly on the desirability of having one authority for the ritual and ceremonial of our Order.

In answer to this argument, I ventured to submit that neither before the Union nor since the Union was that unity really attainable. Before the Union there were notoriously six or seven systems in vogue, and that, though at the Union a Lodge of Reconciliation was formed to endeavour to form one ritual, and a fresh ritual was drawn up, yet, as four systems at the very least still prevail in England, Grand Lodge, in its wise toleration, has never attempted to enforce what was at the best a compromise in 1813. There was an "established mode" of "working" alluded to in the Book of Constitutions, but most wisely Grand Lodge had simply required that the great "essentials" should be observed.

I illustrated the difficulty of the position of Grand Lodge by the fact of the difference about the "Star in the East," to point out, however willing Grand Lodge might be to attempt to enforce the particular injunctions of 1813, it failed to do so when they ran counter to the feelings and traditions of the Craft. I have, as you know, spent much of my Masonic life in the provinces, and, despite Bro. Bodenham's hasty remarks, I fancy that very few people know the depth of the feeling of the provincial lodges on such matters of old ceremonial.

I also pointed out, that such a motion, to be good for anything, must lead to a revision of the ritual of 1813, and we should soon then find ourselves in the face of unsurmountable difficulties. Therefore, it was that I recommended Grand Lodge "quieta non movere," and to leave the matter where the designed inaction of Grand Lodge since 1870 had left it. I may be wrong in my facts, but if my facts are right, I certainly am not illogical, my premises and my conclusion are equally sound. The word "illogical" however, very forcibly (though I always object to "tu quoque") applies to Bro. Perceval and Stevens, who assume that because they have, as they say, found certain irregularities in ritual, therefore, they prove the necessity of a uniform ritual. The whole argument rests upon a pure fallacy.

They have proved, if their statement be verified, the need of authoritative interference, but they do not touch the question of unity of ritual. Far from it. But have they proved these abuses? So far they rest on the sole authority of Bro. Stevens. I have been W.M. of three very distinguished lodges; I have been in many provincial and metropolitan lodges; I have never even heard of any such grotesque absurdities.

There are in many lodges little ceremonies which have been kept up from time immemorial, and which are in excess somewhat of our recognized ritual, but so long as they do not contravene it on any positive order of lawful authority I, for one, think they have no harm in them.

But I deny that in any respectable lodge any brother would be guilty of some of the practices so graphically described, I venture to think, with the pardonable exaggeration of "Puff," in the "Critic." Indeed, it is an insult to all our Worshipful Masters to say so. I have, indeed, heard of brethren offering books and jewellery and the like for sale, but though that, no doubt, is disagreeable it is not positively wrong. But, at any rate, it does not touch really in any way the question of ritual.

Unity of ritual at present can only land us eventually in a region of "cribs and crams," and will make the fortune of one or two accommodating brethren, and, therefore, I do most strongly urge on all the educated members of our Order, who have its lasting interests at heart, above fictitious sentimentality and excited rhodomontade, to leave things as they are, and put a stop to a foolish agitation, which can lead to no practical result, and may conduce to disastrous controversies and hurtful complications.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is Bro. Stevens really correct in claiming Grand Lodge in favour of his resolution? No doubt he is right in stating, as he does so constantly, in Grand Lodge and out of Grand Lodge, (and especially in that remarkable and original book, price 3s. 6d., in which too, if I remember right, he quotes from Carlyle, that he got a resolution in his favour, December 4th, 1869, with little of discussion, however, as the reports will show.

In March, 1870, his proposal to appoint a Committee was deferred on amendment to next Quarterly Communication, and at the next Quarterly Communication, June, 1870, his reiterated proposal was again negatived on amendment by a majority.

He may, indeed, complain of the "masterly inactivity" of Grand Lodge, but has it not a sufficient vindication in the utter uselessness and impracticability of the propositions, in my humble opinion unwise and mischievous in the highest degree? Of course Bro. Stevens may fairly say, why did Grand Lodge pass such a resolution then? Simply because, as I read the reports of the meeting—because, I repeat it, the subject was not fully discussed. I am not going to contend that something may not be said for the motion, because, no doubt, there can be a good deal advanced, but for my own part, I do not think, despite an accidental majority, that Bro. Stevens can fairly say Grand Lodge has pronounced itself until last meeting strongly in favour of his motion. At any rate, whatever was the decision of December 4th, 1869, it was practically reversed in March and June, 1870, and if the decision of Grand Lodge ought to be respected, (as it ought to be,) in one case, it ought equally to be respected in the other two cases. The last vote of Grand Lodge was taken, in my opinion, on a false issue, for Grand Lodge had forgotten the proceedings in 1870.

In the recent debate, the main objection taken by the mover of the amendment, (with which some did not concur), was based on the inadvisability of change, on practical grounds of common sense, judging from the "history of the Craft." A good deal might fairly have been said on the reversal of opinion by Grand Lodge itself and its silence for ten years. But here I pause to-day, as I may recur to the subject on another occasion, and am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read your excellent article as to this in last week's number, also Bro. Perceval's letter, but I cannot agree with him, being convinced you published (if anything), far too much of what was stated on this subject in last Grand Lodge.

It often amuses me when I hear brethren advocating "Uniformity of Ritual" in non-essentials. I have never come across a strong advocate of this "myth" but I found he had never travelled, and knew nothing of any ritual save the working of the few lodges around where he lived, a Dublin brother lately going even so far as to insist "every lodge all over the world should adopt" what he called "True Irish Ritual," he being quite ignorant of the facts that one of the Cork lodges boasts of having received its ritual direct from Bro. Oliver, and a Belfast lodge is working nearly a pure Scotch ritual, and all this after our late V.W. Bro. John Fowler getting on 18th September, 1817, an order that "his" ritual, and none other, should "henceforth be observed or used," and he, even in 1822, offering prizes for the best worker of it.

One of our greatest safeguards are these small variations, as is well known to every one who has really looked into the matter.

Will our Bros. Stevens, Perceval, and others come and visit some of our Scotch, Irish, and American lodges, or even our English provincial lodges, before they go further with their useless undertaking? If they do they will go back wiser men, and give up following this "Will-o'-the-

Wisp," and do their duty (as it is their duty, knowing the facts), as to the "farce and mummery" alluded to by Bro. Perceval in his letter, by bringing the members of the lodges where such is carried on before their Provincial Grand Master, under page 46, article 4, of Grand Lodge Constitutions, or before the Board of General Purposes, under page 109, article 8, when the Board will know how to deal with the lodges guilty (as they allege) of such strange, and, surely, most un-Masonic conduct.

These brethren not having done so long since is, to say the least of it, rather strange, and cannot be justified.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES H. NEILSON.
32, Lreson-street, Lower Dublin,
16th Dec., 1879.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my lodge we elected our W.M. on the first Tuesday in this month, and on the following Tuesday he consulted the Past Masters as to his officers, and they cordially approved his selections, including that of Secretary. For the latter office a very unpopular brother considered he had a strong claim, but the W.M. elect and the Past Masters preferred another brother, in consequence whereof, the disappointed brother has publicly stated that he and his friend will blackball every candidate proposed during the coming Mastership. My doubt is this. Will the Past Masters be doing their duty by quietly permitting this un-Masonic threat to pass, or should they submit a statement of the facts to Grand Lodge?

As a member of an old lodge in a cathedral city I shall feel much obliged by your publishing this letter in your excellent *Freemason*, and replying to it in a foot note.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, truly and faithfully yours,
HOMO.

16th December.

[We are of opinion that, though the brother complained of acts most improperly and un-Masonically, it is very doubtful whether his foolish speech, supposing it was out of lodge, constitutes a direct Masonic offence. Is there any bye-law of the lodge relative to balloting, &c. ?—Ed. F.M.]

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reading your valuable paper week by week I am often struck by the want of knowledge shown by some of your correspondents with regard to the Book of Constitutions.

Had "A Mason" been conversant with the laws of our Institution he would have known that a lodge cannot be removed by the will of the W.M. without the consent of a majority of the members, and not even then until after the matter has been properly brought before the lodge.

Whilst not disputing the facts as mentioned by "A Mason," I cannot conceive how any W.M. could have forgotten that he promised at his installation to submit to and support all laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

The case appears one which should be brought before Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
A. TUCKER,
W.M. 586.

Reviews.

BRO. GOULD'S "ATHOLL LODGES."

Without presumption we think facts will warrant us in thanking Bro. Gould for his "History of the Atholl Lodges" (dedicated to dear Bro. Hervey, G. Sec.) on behalf of the Craft universal. It is not well for any one or more Masons generally to assume they represent the whole body, but in this case it can be legitimately done by those who are amongst the first to speak of this deeply interesting book. Ever since our initiation we have met on all hands expressions and desires for an authentic history of the "Ancients," and, indeed, in Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register" (1879), he had promised to do his best to supply such a generally felt want. Happily Bro. Gould has supplied the lack in our historical volumes, and, what is more, has done it so effectually that now we are enabled to trace every "Ancient" or "Atholl" lodge from its original constitution, through all its various vicissitudes to the present time. Important and invaluable as we deem the "Four Old Lodges," the memorial of the "Atholl" Lodges is still more so, for whereas by dint of patient research we, as Masonic students, have from time to time been collecting the calendars and Engraved Lists of the "Moderns," or regular Grand Lodge, we have all utterly failed to obtain anything like an approximate register of the "Ancients" from 1753. True, our friend, Bro. Constable has done good service in his collecting and editing of the "Old Warrants," and to him Bro. Gould most fraternally refers, as he does to all sources of indebtedness in the compilation of his work. All such attempts, however, useful and invaluable as they are become superseded by the present volume, and though handy for reference, and especially for the preservation of the names of the founders of the original or revived lodges, yet by the side of this most handy and compact account of the "Ancients" they must always prove to be but a tributary stream to this ocean of information. The system Bro. Gould has adopted appears to us very easy of identification, and so are the notes appended to the various lodges, when any such are deemed necessary. Those still on the roll of the "United Grand Lodge of England" are immediately recognised by the present numbers being printed in conspicuous figures on the margin of each page, and the "Ancient" numbers follow in smaller figures, so that not only is the numeration preserved of 1863, but under each

number of the "Atholls" are all the lodges which at various times were so distinguished on the roll. This Grand Lodge had no renumberings from 1753 to 1813, as with the "Moderns," but lapsed numbers were revived by new warrants, about 600 Charters thus issued for different lodges at the different periods being all exhibited throughout by the several numbers. Of course, some lodges never changed their numbers up to the "Union," whereas others by purchase or favour obtained much higher numbers than their dates of constitution alone warranted. As Bro. Gould points out, these purchases again left blanks, which were filled in by still younger lodges, their blanks thus created being again used by fresh warrants or for entirely new lodges. It will be seen, therefore, that to trace all these changes, which can alone be accomplished by a most careful scrutiny of the "Ancient" Records preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge, to place the lodges under the special numbers so affected, and to present the whole, from 1 to 359, arranged in chronological and numerical order, represents months, if not years, of labour, that can only be thoroughly appreciated by those who have attempted a similar work and failed, or have in an efficient manner accomplished for a small portion, what Bro. Gould has done so thoroughly for the whole. Whenever any military lodges have been chartered by other Grand Lodges—Ireland, Scotland, &c.—as well as by the "Ancients," these are also duly noted. In fact, all that can be done, or expected to be done, has been fully accomplished by Bro. Gould, and throughout all time or, at all events, so long as Freemasonry is studied, his "History of the Atholl Lodges" will endure, and prove to be a monument of accurate and well-directed researches, for which the Craft can never prove too ready or too grateful to appreciate and admire. The book has been handsomely printed, and, whoever has been the "reader," evidently the pages have been "proofed" by a master-hand, for we have failed to detect a single error as yet. In all heartiness and sincerity, for two such works as the "Four Old Lodges" and the "Atholl Lodges," we beg to thank our able Bro. R. F. Gould on behalf of our wide-spread Fraternity.

GREENHOUSE FAVOURITES, Part VI. London: Groombridge & Sons.

This number treats of that truly noble plant the Azalea, which fittingly finds a leading place among greenhouse favourites; indeed, for the decoration of the conservatory it is unsurpassed for beauty among all our flowering shrubs, and takes first rank. The most minute details are given as to its cultivation. Tricolour Pelargoniums, however, are the subjects for illustration, and we can say that anything more gorgeous in the way of flower painting we have never seen. The well-known L'Empereur and other tricolour-leaved varieties are shown to the life, and, unless greatly overdone, they show that Mrs. Pollock has at last been deposed from her sovereignty.

THE FREEMASONS' MONTHLY. Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The "Freemasons' Monthly" for November is as usual admirably edited and well worth reading.

CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

The "Canadian Craftsman" continues to be an able and conscientious record of Canadian Masonic sayings and doings.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE INIGO JONES' MS.

I have been much interested in reading the brief account of the MS. lately obtained by the indefatigable "Masonic Student," Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, my only regret being that the notice was such a short one. Undoubtedly, it is a most valuable discovery, and especially because of its omissions or differences from the ordinary MSS. (from the "Landsown" down to those of the last century). I daresay Bro. Woodford will oblige us with an exact transcript either in the *Freemason* or "Masonic Magazine."

In my "Old Charges of British Freemasons" is a reference to a MS. once in the possession of Nicholas Stone, a "curious sculptor under Inigo Jones," and the extract is reproduced as given in Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of A.D. 1738. Bro. Woodford has, doubtless, ere his compared the two, and it will be strange if his MS. and Stone's turns out to be the MS. in question, as Stone's is declared to have been destroyed at the "conflagration of 1720," of which so much has been made Masosically, but apparently without much cause. I have sent Bro. Vernon's excellent transcript of the "Melrose MS.," No. 2, for insertion in the "Masonic Magazine," and hope to see it in print ere long.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The Kidderminster Masonic Hall and Club was opened under the auspices of Lodge Hope and Charity, No. 377, yesterday (Friday) by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. We hope to give an account of the proceedings in our next.

A weekly edition of the *Echo* is shortly to be published, price one penny.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—It is sometimes difficult to determine which of these diseases is afflicting the sufferer, but this ignorance will not matter if Holloway's remedies be used. They alleviate and cure the muscular and nervous pains. In hereditary rheumatism, after bathing the affected parts with warm salt water, Holloway's Ointment should be well rubbed upon the spot, that it may penetrate and exercise its soothing and regulating properties on the deeper vessels and nerves which are unduly excited and cause both the pain and swelling. Holloway's treatment has the merit of removing the disease without debilitating the constitution, which was the inevitable result of the bleeding, mercury, and colchicum practice formerly adopted in these complaints.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The members of the Weston-super-Mare Lodge, St. Kew, No. 1222, had the honour on Thursday, the 11th inst., of receiving the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The occasion was an eventful one in the local annals of Freemasonry, there not having been so large and distinguished a gathering in Weston of "the brethren of the mystic tie" since the laying of the foundation stone of the West of England Sanatorium, by the R.W. the P.G.M. of Somersetshire, the Earl of Carnarvon. The members of the St. Kew, justly proud of the honour of entertaining so august a body, determined to give their brethren in the Craft a truly fraternal welcome, and a reception befitting their Masonic dignity. The ordinary lodge-room being too small, the Town Hall was engaged, the hall itself being fitted up for the lodge, and the various offices furnished for the reception of the D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers. The arrangement of the hall for the business of the lodge was most effective and comfortable. The throne was situated on the platform, surmounted by a canopy curtained with crimson drapery with golden Masonic emblem in the centre. A flight of steps led from the floor of the hall to the foot of the throne, stove and greenhouse plants being effectively grouped on each side. Both steps and dais were covered with crimson carpet of fleur de lis pattern. The room was also decorated with plants, and the banners of the various lodges added much to the general effect. Conspicuous among these latter was a very handsomely worked one belonging to St. Kew Lodge, representing the Saint in the act of imparting instruction. A portion of the lower end of the hall was screened, and formed a reception and clothing room for the general body of brethren.

It had been confidently hoped that the Provincial Grand Master himself would have been in attendance, but this hope at the last moment was doomed to disappointment, a letter being received from the noble earl conveying the unwelcome intelligence that he was confined to his room at Pitton-park, his Somersetshire seat, by an attack of the gout. In his absence, therefore, the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, presided, and the gratification of the brethren was much increased by the presence of the most popular P.P.G.M., Bro. Col. A. W. Adair. The following brethren recorded their names:—Bros. J. J. Knox-Fletcher, P.G. Chaplain; B. Cox, P.M. 1222, P.G. Treas., pro tem.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec., pro tem.; S. Toms, P.G.S.D.; Newington Bridges, P.G.J.D.; and J. Tompsett, W.M. 814, P.G.S. We have arranged the names as the members were arranged in Prov. Grand Lodge under their respective banners, with the exception of those wearing purple, or the Provincial Grand Officers, who were seated right and left of the D.P.G.M. The lodges are in the order of their seniority:—Bros. Philip Braham, W.M., F. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Capt. Peel Floyd, P.M., and H. L. Brown, of Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath; Col. England, W.M., Cannings Collins, I.P.M., J. L. Stothert, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Gen. Doherty, P.M., and Otto Sondermann, S.W., of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath; J. C. Small, W.M., James Leaker, P.M., P.G.J.D., J. R. Treliving, J.W., Rev. F. P. Seale, P.G.C., C. Ricks, P.P.G.J.W., and J. Rich, of Perpetual Friendship Lodge, No. 135, Bridgwater; W. Adams, W.M., A. Villar, P.P.G.S.W., F. Haynes, Secretary, L. H. Bonn, Thomas Meyer, P.P.G.R., W. Bidgood, H. Allen, G. Strawbridge, F. T. Elworth, and A. Lewis, of Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton; Rev. W. J. Mooney, Chap., and John Butler, P.M., of Love and Honour Lodge, No. 285, Shepton Mallet; B. S. Fisher, W.M., Robert Brodie, I.P.M., F. Vizard, P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W., H. M. Kemmis, S.W., J. T. Dunsford, Secretary, Rev. J. C. Lyons, Chap., W. Kellaway, J. Matthews, E. Strove, F. A. E. Withers, W. Hickman, and W. Woodward, P.G. Tyler, of Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Highbridge; R. J. Damon, W.M., F. Cox, P.M., W. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., J. K. Farley, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., W. S. Gillard, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Dorset, H. T. Edgar, S.W., A. E. Price, J.D., James Harvey, and C. H. Penny, of Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 329, Yeovil; Edward E. Phillips, P.M., and H. C. Hopkins, P.M., of Honour Lodge, No. 379, Bath; L. E. Newnham, W.M., and J. H. Holloway, P.P.G.A.D.C., of Benevolent Lodge, No. 446, Wells; F. W. Wood, I.P.M., A. S. Baily, and H. Hawkins, of Pilgrims Lodge, No. 772 Glastonbury; J. Tompsett, W.M., E. W. Combes, J.W., G. Summers, P.P.G.D.C., J. Burdge, jun., P.P.G.J.D., of Parrett and Aze Lodge, No. 814, Crewkerne; Lawson Howes, W.M., James Tuckey, S.W., Jesse Hayward, J.W., W. E. Reeves, P.M., P.P.G.O., W. H. Dill, P.M., P.P.G.P., and W. H. Young, of Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, Weston, Bath; T. Gullick, S.W., A. R. Baily, P.M., John Baily, P.M., and Alfred Hayman, P.M., of Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome; J. Stewart Boyd, W.M., Rev. C. Winter, Chaplain, and J. E. Haynes, of Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Bruton; John Hughes, W.M., and A. Sargent, of Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster; T. J. Scoones, W.M., J. E. Jefferies, I.P.M., and W. Reece, of Agriculture Lodge, No. 1199, Congresbury; E. S. Blundell, W.M., S. Lewis, I.P.M., J. J. E. Willmott, S.W., W. E. Perrett, J.W.; P.M.'s General Munbee, P.P.G.S.W., B. Cox, Sidney Jones, P.G.A.D.C., W. M. Forty (Sec.), P.M. 291, and P.P.G. Supt. Works, Joseph P. James, W. A. Scott, P.M. 610, and P.P.G.S.W. Bristol; Felix Thomas, Treas., G. Yates, S.D., E. T. Dew, J.D., Ernest E. Baker, I.G., G. Gibbons, S. E. Baker, A. Wickenden, W. L. Gaskell, W. B. Frampton, Captain Spooner, Alfred Howell, J. R. Britton, George E. Alford, F. W. Wickstead, J. Titherleigh, S. Norton, G. H. Perrett, H. Hyssett, and W. Cousins, of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare; Capt. W. Long, I.P.M., P.M. 1199, and P.P.G.S.B., of Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon; T. W. Hardwick, W.M., C. E. Daniel, I.P.M., John B. Halford, P.M., Robt.

Compton, and E. G. Grubb, of Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, Portishead; R. W. Thomas, W.M., W. Roberts, J.W., and A. W. Campbell, S.D., of St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1133, Keynsham. Visiting brethren: R. M. Worlock, P.G. Sec., Bristol; J. R. Shorland, 610, P.G.S.W. Bristol; H. Grath, 471, P.G.S.W. Monmouth; W. Blundell, 858; Gabriel Williams, 686; G. Glossop, P.M. 887; H. M. Tainsh, 482.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock. The Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, and were received with the customary honours by the assembled brethren. The D.P.G.M. took his seat on the throne, supported on the right by Bro. General Munbee, and on the left by the P.P.G.M., Col. Adair. The D.P.G.M. expressed his regret at the absence of the P.G.M., and read a letter of apology from the noble Earl assigning illness as the cause of his absence, and sending his "Hearty good wishes" to the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and with prayer by the P.G. Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Knox-Fletcher. The office of P.G. Secretary being vacant by the death of Bro. Prideaux, his place was supplied by Bro. J. C. Hunt. The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. E. T. Payne, was absent on account of illness, and Bro. B. Cox acted for him, submitting the accounts. These showed a total income of £240 3s. 2d., including a balance from last account of £75 3s. 8d.; the lodge dues amounted to £106 13s. 6d. The amount subscribed for the Masonic Charities was £52 10s. The account closed with a balance in hand of £69 10s. 5d. The accounts were unanimously passed, and upon the motion of Bro. Munbee, seconded by the P.G.J.W., Bro. Payne was re-elected P.G. Treasurer by acclamation.

The various offices having been declared vacant the appointment and investment of new officers were proceeded with, collars being bestowed upon the following:—

- Bro. Capt. Long, P.M. 1199 and 1750 Prov. G.S.W.
- " E. S. Blundell, W.M. 1222 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. W. J. Mooney, 285, and } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " the Rev. J. C. Lyons, 291 ... }
- " E. T. Payne (Bro. Cox received the collar for him) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " A. R. Baily, 973 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " J. C. Hunt, 291 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " R. Brodie, 291 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. E. Jeffries, 1199 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " C. E. Daniel, 1755 ... Prov. G. S. of W.
- " H. C. Hopkins, 379 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " R. J. Damon, 329 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " J. Butler, 285 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " L. H. Bonn, 261 ... Prov. G.O.
- " A. Sargent, 1197 ... Prov. G.P.
- " F. U. Wood, 291 ... Prov. G.A.P.
- " W. Woodward ... Prov. G. Tyler.
- " A. J. Salter (Bath) ... Prov. G.A. Tyler.
- Bros. J. S. Boyd, 976; J. Tuckey, 906; H. S. Brown, 41; F. T. Elworthy, 261; W. E. Perrett, 1222; and W. Reece, 1199 ... } Prov. G. Stewards.

In bestowing the Senior Warden's collar upon Captain Long, who received a most cordial greeting, the D.P.G.M. informed him that it was given by the P.G.M. to mark his appreciation of the services he had rendered to the province as the chief promoter and first Master of the Coleridge Lodge at Clevedon. The collar of J.W. was given to Bro. E. S. Blundell, as the W.M. of St. Kew, the receiving lodge.

Upon the motion of the D.P.G.M., a sum of £50 was unanimously voted to the widow of Bro. F. R. Prideaux, the late P.G. Secretary. Bro. J. L. Stothert, in the absence of the Treasurer, proposed that a sum of fifty-two guineas be paid to the Girls' School, in order to constitute the lodge a Vice-Patron of the Institution. Bro. C. R. Davy seconded the motion, which was carried. The D.P.G.M. said the Treasurer had ascertained that £21 more would be needed, but this must be deferred. The sum of £21 was, upon the motion of Bro. Reeves, seconded by Bro. Moutrie, voted to the widow of Bro. E. S. Appleby.

The P. G. Secretary read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province, which stated that the whole of the twenty-two lodges had appointed delegates, who performed their duties in the most efficient manner. The very gratifying statement was made that from the date of its inception to the present time the Committee had succeeded in carrying every case it had taken in hand. The report was received and adopted, upon the motion of Bro. Newington Bridges, seconded by Bro. Marwood. Bros. J. L. Stothert and Gen. Munbee spoke very highly of the efforts of the D.P.G.M. to promote the success of the scheme, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his zealous labours.

The alms collected at the lodge, amounting to £6 os. 8d., were, upon the proposition of Bro. J. J. E. Willmott, seconded by Bro. C. R. Davy, voted to the West of England Sanatorium.

At the close of the Prov. Grand Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Old Assembly Room, Railway Hotel, where the banquet took place. The menu was that of a high-class dinner, served à la Russe. The viands were of the choicest, the service was as efficient and satisfactory as it could well be, and the wines were of the best vintages. Great credit is due to Bro. J. R. Britton, as well as to Mrs. Britton, for the excellence of their entertainment.

The D.P.G.M. presided, being supported by some of the more distinguished brethren. Due honour having been paid to "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge" were toasted.

Bros. Col. Adair and Rev. C. R. Davy responded, the last-named brother expressing a hope that the much respected D.P.G.M. of this province (Bro. Else) would before long be elected a member of Grand Lodge—a hope that evoked a hearty "hear, hear," from every one present. In proposing "The Health of the P.G.M.," the D.P.

G.M. again adverted to the cause of his absence, and stated that his lordship requested him to assure the brethren that nothing but the distinct and positive orders of his physician would have kept him away.

In very warm terms the D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the late much beloved P.G.M., Col. Adair," who suitably responded, and proposed that "The D.P. G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." He traced the rise of the D.P.G.M. from the time when he accepted the collar of Assistant Secretary, and testifying to his unwearied labours in the cause of Masonry he echoed the wish expressed by Bro. Davy. Acknowledging the services he received from the officers when he occupied the post of P.G.M., he mentioned that it was twenty-six years since he received the collar of the P.G.J.D.

The D.P.G.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that if any honour were conferred upon him he should consider it as bestowed upon the province. Reviewing the past year, he congratulated the brethren of Taunton upon the dedication of the Masonic Hall, the effect of which would, he said, elevate the tone of Masonry, and said that nothing tended more to contradict the idea that Masons were mere "knife and fork men" than the establishment of these halls, and the promotion of the cause of charity. The other events were the consecration of the Keynsham Lodge and the death of the P.G. Secretary, to both of which he alluded.

The P.G.S. Warden (Bro. Captain Long), Bro. W. A. Scott (in the absence of the P.G.J.W.), and Bro. General Munbee responded.

Bro. Grath, of the Province of Monmouth, replied for "The Visiting Brethren," as did also Bros. Worlock and Shorland.

Bro. J. L. Stothert submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities," referring to the success which attended their candidates at elections, and acknowledging the co-operation of the Provinces of Bristol and Monmouth.

Bro. Bridges responded, and thanked the Somerset Charity Association for the assistance given to him in securing the election of a London candidate. He promised in future not only to place his votes in the hand of the D.P.G.M., but to represent the province as Steward for the Boys' School the festival after next.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of St. Kew," the D.P.G.M. said he did not remember an occasion when the arrangements were more complete, more satisfactory, or more comfortably carried out than they were in the Town Hall, and the reception at the hospitable board was most handsome.

In the absence of the W.M., who was obliged to leave, the toast was responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. Sidney Lewis, and likewise by Bro. W. M. Forty and Bro. Willmott.

Bro. Villa, the I.P.M. of Taunton, in replying for the Masters and brethren of other lodges, said the hopes the brethren at Taunton entertained in providing a Masonic Hall had been more than realised, since the tone of Masonry had been raised and the number of members increased. The experiment he thought should encourage the brethren in other towns to follow their example.

"The Host and Hostess," with thanks for the dinner, was proposed, and the Tyler's toast completed the programme.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Alnwick, on Thursday, the 11th inst., presided over by Bro. Canon Tristram, L.L.D., F.R.S., the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., supported by Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D. Prov. G.M.M.M.; Capt. Forbes, of Berwick, P.G.S.W.; Fisher, of Hartlepool, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. G. Cooley, P.G. Chap.; and a large number of Prov. G. Officers.

Satisfactory accounts were given of the position of the various lodges, and £21 was voted to the educational branch of the Benevolent Fund.

On the motion of Bro. Rev. G. Selby Thomson, P.P.G. Chap., it was resolved with acclamation to again submit the name of Bro. Canon Tristram for re-election as Prov. G.M.M.M.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. T. Y. Strachan ... Prov. D.G.M.M.M.
- " W. Cockburn ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Jeno. Jensen ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " H. H. Blair ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " Jno. W. Bowey ... Prov. G.S.O.
- " W. T. Tate ... Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. G. R. Bulmen ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " R. H. Holmes ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. J. Watson ... Prov. G. Reg. M.
- " T. J. Armstrong ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " R. L. Armstrong ... Prov. G.A. Sec.
- " T. Twizell ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " Christ. Hopper ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Edwd. Hudson ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " Luke Armstrong, M.D. ... Prov. G. Ins. W.
- " J. W. Moors ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Adam Robertson ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Richd. Lorke ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " W. Brandt ... Prov. G.I.G.
- Bros. J. Wood and J. S. B. Bell ... Prov. G. Stewards.

A banquet was afterwards held at the White Swan Inn, presided over by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M.

Bro. John Hervey, for many years Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, has been induced by his failing health to resign his office. Bro. Hervey is known and respected in America as well as England, and his retirement will be universally regretted.—The Keystone, Philadelphia.

Knights Templar.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval Preceptory (No. 2).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, High-street, at which Sir Knight R.W. Bradley, P.E.C., performed the ceremony of the installation of Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, E.P. for the ensuing year, in his usual able and impressive manner. Sir Knight Loveland then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knt. Rev. G. H. De Fraine, Chaplain; Sir Knts. G. F. Lancaster, Constable; Henry Reed, Marshal; H. M. Green, Sub-Marshal; H. Reed, Registrar; and Sir Knt. Hayman, Capt. of Guard and Treasurer. The E.P. then proceeded to instal Comp. A. Platt Wilks, as a K.T. Among the visitors were Sir Knt. the Rev. G. N. Palmer, of Oxford, and Sir Knt. R. Osborne, of Royal Gloucester Preceptory. Sir Knt. F. H. Mc Calmont, the E.P. of the Royal Gloucester Preceptory, together with his officers, were invited to attend, but the M.E.P. having been suddenly called away from Southampton, he was unable to be present. After the work had been concluded the Sir Knights adjourned to a banquet, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Lord Mayor, for the second time, has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Grand Masters' Lodge No. 1 of Freemasons.

The Postmaster General announces that on January next Venezuela will enter into the Postal Union.

On Monday, the 6th January next, Bro E. Barber, S.W. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, will be installed as W.M. of the lodge. On Monday, 29th December, Bro. W. Warbrick, S.W. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, Lancaster, will be installed as W.M., and on Tuesday, the 7th January next, Bro. G. Taylor, S.W. 1051, will be installed as W.M. of the Rowley Lodge, Lancaster. In each instance Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. Eng., of Lancaster, will officiate as Installing Officer.

ERRATA.—Letter in last week's *Freemason*, headed "The Last Meeting of Grand Lodge," second paragraph, twelfth line, for "that sum for ten years," read "that sum for not quite two years."

There have been lately sold in Edinburgh some interesting relics of Burns, being his Masonic apron, and the mallet and minute-book of the Lodge of St. Andrew, Dumfries, of which the poet was an affiliated member. The minute-book bears his signature to the bye-laws. There was a keen competition, but the lot was knocked down to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (acting for Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.W.G.M.) for twenty guineas. The relics will be formally presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by Sir Michael.

Bro. Francis Bennoch has been elected by the directors of the London Steamboat Company deputy chairman in succession to the late Right Hon. J. A. Roebuck, M.P.

The North London Chapter of Improvement meets every Thursday at eight o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road.

A photograph of H.R.H. Prince Leopold was taken at Windsor on Friday, by Messrs. Lombardi, of London and Brighton.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, will be held on the first Friday in each month, instead of the first Thursday, as heretofore.

Bro. T. W. Boord, accompanied by Bro Baron Henry de Worms, addressed his constituents at Greenwich on Monday last.

Tuesday night's "Gazette" contains Her Majesty's proclamation further proroguing Parliament from Dec. 19th inst. to Thursday Feb. 5th 1880.

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim R. N., read a paper on the Panama Canal at the Society of Arts John-st. Adelphi on Wednesday evening.

At the Bow and Bromley Institute the last recital before Christmas takes place this day (Saturday), when Mr. F. Meen will play, and the choir of St. Mary's Stoke Newington, will sing a selection of anthems. On the following Monday, a selection will be given from Handel's *Semele* by the choir of the institute, with Miss Annie Marriott, Miss M. Jones, and Mr. J. W. Turner as soloists.

The consecration of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Glyn Arms Hotel, Ewell, Surrey, at half-past two o'clock. The ceremonies will be performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. of Surrey, assisted by Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G. Secretary. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham. The officers designate are Bro. S. A. E. Taylor, W.M.; George Moss, S.W.; and W. H. Paddle, J.W. A report of the proceedings will duly appear.

We have been requested to correct the following errors which appeared in the report of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire. The Prov. G.H. *Pocock*, should be *Lacock*, P.G.S.B. (Lowe) should be P.G. Std. Br. The name of Comp. Robt. Thorpe, 273, P.G.S.B., was also omitted from the list of those present.

The third annual ball in connexion with the Eccles-on Lodge, No. 1624, will be held at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, S.W., on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1880. The band will be under the direction of Bro. F. Godfrey.

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for cephalalgia, neuralgia, and Hay fever, 2s. per box. "Homoeopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.

The general Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for girls will meet on Wednesday the 24th inst. instead of Thursday the 25th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has sent a present of 30 pheasants for the patients in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. The Prince has also forwarded 15 brace to the Great Yarmouth Hospital.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, of the Cryptic Degree, was held at the Masonic Rooms, No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, Prov. G. Master of Tunis and Malta (Mark), and Bro. J. E. Anderson, of the Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 13, were duly admitted into the Degrees of Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super-excellent Master. The former distinguished brother is about to return to his united province, where he proposes to open councils, both in Tunis and Malta, in both of which places he believes the Cryptic Rite will be highly appreciated.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1880. (London: George Kenning.)—"No Mason who is in possession of this compact and well-got-up calendar, diary, and pocket-book need look out for another, because he will find in it all that specially interests him, as well as all the information usually contained in such works."—*Naval and Military Gazette*, Dec. 17th.

A report of the meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, which was held on Wednesday last, will appear in our next.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET-BOOK.—So great has been the demand for the first edition that it was completely exhausted, and the publisher has issued a second edition, with much additional matter and many corrections up to date. All brethren wishing to obtain a copy had better order it at once, as there is, we are happy to say, a considerable "run" for it.

At the meeting of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., Bro. T. W. Willcocks was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.M., &c., re-elected Treasurer. The W.M., on his retiring from the chair, presented the lodge with a very handsome set of ebony gavels, with silver mounts, for which he received a very hearty vote of thanks.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, has kindly consented to take the chair at the next anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, gave a grand entertainment at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Masonic Charities, under the patronage of Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, Lord de Tabley, Major Le Gendre Starkie, Col. Stanley, the Mayors of Liverpool, Bootle, Salford, and others. A full report of the admirable performance will be given next week.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 26, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hot.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Lodge 1632, Stuart, S.N.H., Camberwell.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 166, Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Corobill.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 27, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Lodge 327, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callendar, Public H., Rusholme.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This old and flourishing lodge met in strength at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 19th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. James Smith, W.M.; Hyland, S.W.; Payne, J.W.; F. B. Davage, P.M.; Treas.; P. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; R. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, acting I.P.M.; Wallis, S.D.; Davcy, J.D.; Sibley, acting I.G.; Whitley, P.M.; Wagner, P.M.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Cummings, 1677; E. Walter, 459 (India); T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (Freemason); and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. C. G. Machysze, R. Smith, and Sydney Gibbs, and it proving to be unanimous, the two last named gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Elsam, P.M., who proceeded to raise Bros. J. Harris, E. A. Harris, and S. T. Wickstead to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed. Bro. J. B. Ottaway was on the agenda for passing, but was unavoidably prevented from attending. A communication from the widow of a deceased member of the lodge having been read, it was unanimously resolved that, subject to inquiries being made as to the correctness of her statement, the sum of five pounds should be given to her from the Benevolent Fund. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted respectively in favour of Bros. Hyland, S.W.; Davage, P.M.; and Parkinson. The Audit Committee, consisting of the W.M. Past Masters, Wardens, and Bros. Bailey, having been appointed, Bro. P. Wagner moved, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, that the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. J. Smith, the outgoing W.M. A very prolonged and somewhat acrimonious discussion upon the subject of the last appointment of officers having taken place, the lodge was formally closed at ten o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloths, the customary toasts were quickly and briefly given, and as the time was rapidly approaching midnight, the respective replies were necessarily, but scrupulously and formally made.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cambeswell New-road. Bro. W. G. Brighton, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Howell, S.W.; Sawyer, J.W.; Francis, Sec.; Masters, G.; Klenck, P.M.; Pain, P.M.; Bassett, P.M.; Coe, I.M.; Roseblin, Moss, Salmon, McKay, J. Roseblin, Bowyer, and the following visitors:—Bros. Meek, 754; Ictober, 1567; Bartlett, 1753; Bonstead, P.M. 548; Fortene, 1555; E. Dodson, P.M. 70; Smith, 186; Newman, 185; Dondney, 145; Freeman, 1288; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (Freemason). The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read, the first business was to ballot for Mr. Roseblin and Mr. H. J. Pao, who were candidates for admission into Freemasonry, the latter being the son of Bro. Pain, one of the highly respected Past Masters of the lodge. In both cases the ballot was unanimous, and they were introduced, and admitted into the Order by the W. Master. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dakes was examined as to the progress he had made in the science. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M. and Sec., presided, and Bro. Dakes was impressively raised to the Sublime Degree. The lodge was afterwards closed in the different Degrees, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where ample refreshments were provided. At its conclusion, the usual formal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of their Brother Initiates," one of whom was the son of an esteemed Past Master, and he could assure him that he welcomed him with a great amount of cordially, and asked him to diligently follow in the footsteps of his father, for by so doing he would make himself es-

teemed, not only in Freemasonry but throughout his life. He was glad that Bro. Pain had come into the Order in that lodge, and could assure him that if he gave his heart to it the benefit would be returned to him a thousand-fold. As to Bro. Roseblin, he was a stranger amongst them, but he was brother to one of their members, who had stood by the lodge through good report and through evil report, and had come hundreds of miles to be with them over and over again. He trusted that, as they were now brothers two-fold, they would work together for the benefit of the lodge in particular and for Freemasonry in general. The toast was very cordially received, and Bros. Pain and Roseblin severally returned thanks for the honour that had been conferred upon them by their admission into Freemasonry in that lodge. Bro. Coe, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master," who, he said, was one of the founders of the lodge, and asked the brethren to drink it with cordiality. Bro. Dodson sang "Shells of the Ocean" in exquisite style, and afterwards the W. Master said he was very much obliged to them for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed by their Immediate Past Master. His year of office was drawing to a close, and he would, to the utmost of his power, endeavour to make the Stockwell Lodge a bonâ fide working lodge, and restore it to the happy position it formerly held. Bro. Klenck, P.M., then announced that they were about to draw for a Life Governorship of one of the Charities, but a small sum was required to make up the required amount, which was immediately supplied, and the lot fell to Bro. Bowyer, who was fortunate in obtaining another one on a former occasion. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," for which Bro. Thompson responded, referring to the time when he had the privilege and pleasure of being present at the consecration of the lodge, and he had a vivid recollection of the great and hearty welcome he, in common with others, then received from Bro. Bannister, their first W. Master, and he was glad to have the opportunity of revisiting a lodge in which he had received such kindness. He congratulated the lodge on that night initiating the son of Bro. Pain, one of their Past Masters, and an old friend of his own, and he thought that when a father proposed his own son for initiation it might be a good answer to those who were at all times ready to throw a stone at Freemasonry, and that was because they knew nothing of it. If the father was willing to introduce his son amongst them, Freemasonry could not be a very bad thing, and would fully answer the sneers of the vulgar that were sometimes levelled against them. Two or three other visitors also returned thanks. The W. Master then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and extolled their good qualities, being always ready to render suit and service in any way in their power. Bro. Coe, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty, kind, and cordial manner in which they had supported him during his year of office, as he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of the lodge to the best of his ability. Bros. Pain and Klenck also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The December meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday week, the 17th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Scales, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., Secretary, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Side, S.W.; W. M. Süles, J.W.; James Willing, P.M., Treas.; R. T. Kingham, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, D. of C., as Secretary; H. Süles, as S.D.; Raney, as J.D.; G. Clarke, I.G.; Brunwell, W.S.; J. Daly, Tyler; J. Fortescue, C. C. Cruikshanks, J. W. Little, C. F. Hall, Thos. S. Raney, D. Hatch, J. C. Edmonds, Chas. Carter, Wm. Wiltshire, Lewis Solomon, C. Rooks, G. W. Knight, Alf. Mellon, C. Killingback, P. H. Thorne, F. H. Parker, E. R. Freebody, J. Sheppard, W. Davcy, D. Morgan, F. J. Perks, R. Kearns, S. Hollingsworth, E. T. Henborn, H. H. Child, E. Van Camp, M. Conolly, John Jones, R. A. Fraser, A. Burstow, H. A. Dennisson, C. W. Blake, John R. Rogers, C. Sheath, and others. The visitors included Bros. A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1624; Alfred Tisley, J.D. 8; E. Storr, 167; W. H. Lee Davies, 192; F. Silvester, 193; F. E. Morris, 697; J. Godwin, 1556; Chas. B. Carter, 1662; C. B. Putland, 732; F. W. Sillis, 1744; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The first business proceeded with, after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, was the raising of Bro. C. Rooks and H. Conolly to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably given by the acting Master, Bro. Michael. Bro. Scales having by this time arrived, assumed the chair, and impressively initiated Messrs. A. A. Burstow, J. W. Boarne, R. W. Fraser, and John Jones into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. T. Kingham, P.M., then brought forward the following motion:—"That to Bye-law 12 the following words be added: 'and a permanent Committee, consisting of the W.M., the Past Masters, and officers of the lodge, shall be appointed to consider the matter of brethren in arrear, and see this bye-law properly carried out.'" Bro. Kingham said his main object in introducing this motion was to put a stop to the practice of mentioning the names of defaulting brethren in open lodge. He considered it a most uncharitable action, and the sooner it was abolished the better. Bro. Cruikshanks supported the motion, which was opposed by Bro. Willing, who, in the course of a somewhat lengthy speech, informed the brethren that names were never mentioned in open lodge until every means had been exhausted in endeavouring to induce the brother to pay his dues. When a brother was really unable to pay, and had the honesty and fairness to say so, his was not a name that was mentioned. It was only for those brethren who would not pay unless some force was used that they wished to retain the power they possessed, in threatening that, unless the dues were paid, their names must be mentioned in open lodge as defaulting

members, and they would be excluded from attending the meetings of the lodge. Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., also spoke in opposition to the motion, and cited, much apparently to the surprise of many young members of the lodge, several instances where it was of the utmost importance that those responsible for the well-doing of the lodge should hold some means of pressure, which was never wantonly used. The Senior Warden, Bro. W. Side, and the Junior Warden, Bro. W. M. Stiles, also opposed the motion, the latter brother stating that, having acted as Secretary to the lodge for several years, he was in a position to say positively that every brother in arrear had been written to over and over again, five or six times, and it was only those who would not reply in any shape or form who were threatened with exposure. In the majority of cases replies were received promising to pay. Of course, these were shelved for a time, and ultimately paid. The motion was then put to the lodge by the W.M., and was rejected by a large majority; in fact, there were only five held up their hands in favour of it. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Clemow, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. Some excellent singing was given during the evening, special mention being due to Bro. F. Silvester for a most amusing, though difficult, song, very cleverly sung.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The installation meeting and celebration of the festival of St. John was held at Ashton House, Greek-street, on Monday, the 8th inst. There being a rather a full day's work to be got through, it was found necessary to hold a morning and afternoon session. The morning session, therefore, commenced at 10 a.m., when some 15 brethren were present. After the lodge had been opened with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davis and Mr. A. G. Cumming, and these gentlemen having been duly elected, they were each singly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Harrison, P.S.G.D. On the retirement of the initiates, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Major Preston, who was ready to be advanced to the Third Degree, was interrogated, and withdrew for preparation. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and on the re-admission of Bro. Preston he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Pearson, P.M. This ceremony being finished, Bro. Capt. Henry Turner, P.M. 62, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, was balloted for, and elected a joining member of the lodge. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. The financial and charity reports were next read and adopted. With respect to the latter report, a few particulars of the same may not be uninteresting. The Committee reported that they had during the year devoted £126 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s. to the Cheshire Educational Institution; £5 5s. to assist an aged brother in procuring an annuity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £23 in relieving local cases of distress; making a total of £164 15s., and towards this amount the lodge had only been taxed to the extent of twenty-five guineas, the remainder having been derived from the regular charity receipts, supplemented by voluntary contributions from the brethren. The lodge was called off from labour at twelve o'clock. At three o'clock the brethren, who had by this time assembled in good numbers, resumed their labours, the following being amongst their number:—Bros. Wm. Harrison, W.M., P.S.G.D.; Henry Collier, S.W.; R. W. Shelmardine, J.W.; T. Bullock, Sec.; Wm. Booth, S.D.; Geo. Balfe, Org.; H. Mather, S.S.; J. Fox, J.S.; Jos. Meadows, Tyler; John Bell, Thos. Taylor, Abel Gaskell, Thos. Torkington, Geo. Naylor, Chas. Pearson, Wm. Glearne, Herbert Finch, P.G.D. of C.; Jos. Stafford, Frances Preston, Henry Leet, Geo. Gaskell, Jos. Weed, Giles Hatherton, M. B. Sutton, H. Warren, A. G. Cumming, Thos. Davis, Wm. Raynor, H. Turner, P.M.; John Eaton, and Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Edward Hardon, P.P.S.G.D. E. Lanc.; Thos. Brookes, P.M. 323, Prov. G.A.D. of C. Cheshire; J. Vaughan, P.M.; Chas. Booth, W.M. 287; Wm. Nukton, 322; Wm. Alcock, J.D. 322; Thos. Smith, P.M. 1126; P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; Isaac Bailey, W.M. 322; J. T. Owen, W.M. 993; John Leigh, S.W. 287; Geo. Bowden, 336; G. Atkinson, W.M. 323, P.M. 1126; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; John Wood, P.G.S.W. Cheshire; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanc., and others. The W.M. called upon Bro. Herbert Finch (the Installing Master) to take the chair, and that brother immediately appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Brookes, D. of C.; Capt. Turner, S.W.; Edward Hardon, J.W.; G. W. Harrison and W. Hiction, Deacons; Dr. T. Smith, Chaplain; Chas. Pearson, Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, Org.; and Chas. Booth, I.G. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Finch, by the Deacons. After the obligation had been taken, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when all below the rank of Installed Masters withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in due form, and Bro. Collier installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren the usual proclamation was made to them of Bro. Collier's installation, whom they saluted in the customary manner. The W.M. then presented to Bro. William Harrison, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, and accompanied the same with a few well-chosen words of kindly feeling. Bro. Finch afterwards gave the lecture on the jewel to the I.P.M., and Bro. Harrison returned thanks for the present. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows:—Bros. T. Burrows, S.W.; W. Booth, J.W.; R. W. Shelmardine, Treasurer (re-elected); G. Balfe, S.D.; T. Bullock, J.D.; H. Mather,

I.G.; J. Fox, S.S.; W. Bradley, J.S.; and Jos. Meadows, Tyler (re-elected). The appointment of Secretary was deferred. The Installing Master then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and "Hearty good wishes," having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The ceremony throughout was choral, and Bros. W. Alcock, G. Balle, W. Booth, E. J. Edmonson, G. Gaskell C. Pearson, P.M., and T. Wilkinson, P.M. (who were the executives) rendered valuable aid to what was unmistakably a treat to all those who were fortunate enough to be present, and it would be well for the honour and glory of Masonry if the practice of choral accompaniments at installation meetings was more frequent, as it undoubtedly attracts all lovers of music and gives additional charm to the proceedings. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson proved himself a most efficient accompanist on the harmonium. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to an admirably served banquet, and as soon as grace after meat had been sung by the musical brethren (*Non Nobis Domine*), the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" was proposed by Bro. Finch, the D.C., and loyally responded to. The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales" followed. The next toast was "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge." The toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley," followed. In response to the toast of "The R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., and the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers," Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson said he had responded to this toast so many times that he was afraid he had almost worn it threadbare; he would, therefore, simply content himself by thanking them heartily for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed as one of the P.P.G. Officers, and he thought that the recent election of Prov. Grand Officers had given great satisfaction in Stockport, at any rate. Bros. Dr. T. Smith, P.P.G.J.D., and T. Brookes, P.G.A.D. of C., also responded to the toast. The sixth toast proposed was "The Prov. Grand Officers of the Neighbouring Provinces." In proposing the seventh toast on the list, that of "The W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 104," Bro. Wm. Harrison said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to propose this toast, at the same time he was diffident in doing justice to it. He thought their W.M. well deserved the honour he had gained, as he had always been very attentive to his duties while sitting as S.W. in the lodge, and he thought that in their Worshipful Master's hands the interests of Freemasonry would assuredly be benefited, and would be handled by him with that prudence and forethought that experience alone gives. In placing upon Bro. Collier's breast the centenary jewel of St. John's Lodge, he trusted it would be handed to his successor with the same feelings of pleasure as it afforded him that evening. The W.M., in reply, said Bro. Harrison had given him such a text that he felt it rather difficult to preach from. He could only return his sincere thanks for what he felt to be the greatest honour the brethren of St. John's Lodge could confer upon him. He felt himself in a very responsible position, and he thought that a brother who had the responsibility of managing a number of brethren ought to be as equally capable of managing himself to begin with. As the brethren had, however, unanimously elected him to rule over them, it showed their confidence, but at the same time he trusted to their supporting him in his position. He could not help feeling a little nervous in undertaking such an important office, especially when he saw so many shining lights in Masonry around him, and it had been very gratifying to him to see that afternoon the presence of so many Provincial Grand Officers, who had formed the Board to instal him, and he especially thanked Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson for his great kindness in coming to support him. He thanked his officers for their assistance, especially Bro. Herbert Finch, the Installing Master, who, he was sure, the brethren owed a great deal to. Bro. Collier also spoke in the highest praise of the I.P.M.'s zeal and energy while presiding over them during the past twelve months, and concluded by asking the brethren to drink his health. The I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to his health. When first he presided over them he thought the duties of W.M. were very onerous, but he afterwards found they were not so difficult, and like most things, became easier when you thoroughly knew how to do them, and became a pleasure instead of being irksome. If he had given the brethren satisfaction it was all he could desire. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said if this was not the toast of the evening, he considered it ranked next to it, and it always afforded him exceeding pleasure in seeing visitors amongst them. He thought that hospitality in Masonic lodges was one of their chief characteristics, and the St. John's Lodge was no exception to the rule. He trusted the visitors were pleased with the ceremony of installation, as he did not think the work could have been better done than it had been that day. They had that evening a large assembly of visitors, and amongst them many well-known brethren in rank, and as good Masons, and in asking the brethren of St. John's Lodge to drink their health in a bumper he was sure they would. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The concluding toasts were "Past Masters of the St. John's Lodge," "The Newly-invested Officers," "The Newly-admitted and Newly-raised Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Sister Lodges of Stockport," "All Poor and Distressed Masons." This concluded one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings in connection with this lodge, and great praise is due to Bro. Herbert Finch, who was perceptibly the moving spirit of the whole affair. The musical brethren and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson also deserve warm

eulogy for the manner in which the musical arrangements were carried out, and, although it is scarcely possible to particularise any one piece, we cannot help awarding the palm to the rendering of "The Soldiers' Chorus," from "Faust," which was well sung, and vociferously encored.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., when Bro. W. H. Gainforth, was installed in the chair, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R. The Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Buckle, I.P.M.; M. Rooke, S.W.; J. S. Rymer, J.W.; Rev. A. B. Day, Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; G. Kirby, Sec.; G. Garbutt, S.D.; W. Draper, J.D.; J. G. Hodgson, M.C.; Thos. Hopkins, Org.; W. Powell, I.G.; J. Young and W. Smith, Stewards; W. G. Calvert, Tyler. After the ceremonies, the brethren met at an excellent supper, the W.M. ably presiding. Amongst other members and visitors present were Bros. Sir James Meek, P.M.; W. Lawton, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M.; T. B. Shaw-Hellier, P.M. 295 (I.C.); J. Hanly, W.M. 295; L. Murphy, W.M. elect 295; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M., and many other members and visitors. Letters were received from Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., J. S. Cumberland, P.M., and several others, regretting inability to be present.

JERSEY.—Mechanics Lodge (No. 245).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, after the initiation of two candidates, Bro. O. Dodge, P.M., Sec., presented Bros. Past Masters Moss, Blampied, and Gray each with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem in which they were held by the members of the lodge, and, in doing so, passed a high eulogium on the recipients. In conclusion, he hoped that what they had just witnessed would make a lasting impression on their minds, especially of the younger brethren, and serve to stimulate them to higher aims, and be the means of throwing fresh energy into their work, in the hope that they might ultimately become the recipients of like rewards. Bros. Moss, Blampied, and Gray returned thanks for the honour done them. We believe the above circumstance is unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry in Jersey. The jewels were much admired.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Roger Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; Tomlyn, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; Cunliffe, Organist; John Bladon, P.M., D.C.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; John Church, Sec.; J. Wilson, acting I.G.; John Smethurst, Treas.; J. Kirk, acting Tyler; J. Higginbottom, P.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Sydney Henson, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, E. de Yongh, J. E. Elderton, P. Holmes, Ellis Jones, Ludwig Oppenheimer, J. E. Middlehurst, James Eckersley, J. Smith, Francis Hilton, H. Forshaw, E. H. Bates, H. Walmsley, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*). Visitors: Thos. A. Ryder, W.M. 1357; James Cummins, 1633; J. A. Jowett, 1633; and W. J. Watson, I.P.M. 1496. The lodge was opened at 5.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. At six o'clock the brethren were called from labour, and sat down to tea. At 6.45 they resumed labour, and Bro. David Wenham, who had been balloted for and elected at a previous meeting, was interrogated, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. At the conclusion of this ceremony, and the retirement of the initiate, Bro. Gooden, who had been balloted for previously, was also initiated, the ceremony being also performed by the W.M. in the most creditable manner. Bro. Church gave the charge to both candidates collectively. This being the night for election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the usual proceedings were gone through, when it was found that the choice of the brethren had fallen upon their S.W., Bro. Mark Vickers, the announcement of this fact being greeted with warm applause. Bro. Vickers, in a most eloquent speech, thanked the brethren for the trust reposed in him. Bro. John Smethurst was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Sly Tyler. This latter brother, whose extreme usefulness and knowledge in all the Degrees of Freemasonry is well known in Manchester and the suburbs, was, unfortunately, prevented by illness from attending his duties. The W.M., however, deputed the acting Tyler, Bro. Kirk, to acquaint Bro. Sly of his election as Tyler to the lodge, and also to express the "Hearty good wishes" of himself and the brethren for his speedy return amongst them. Some discussion ensued as to the day for celebrating the St. John's festival, but eventually a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the same, and Bros. Walmsley, Wilson, Nicholl, and Lisenden were appointed Stewards. After the Auditors had been appointed, the visiting brethren expressed "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—On Friday, the 12th inst., this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, Bro. J. Milne Bramwell being installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the next year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Slack, P.M. of St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, and amongst the visitors present were Bros. Mathers, P.M., and Clark, P.M., from the same lodge. At the banquet subsequently held at the Sydney Hotel (when Bro. Brown placed a repast of no ordinary character on the table), Bro. Bramwell, the new Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by several visiting brethren, the Past Masters of the lodge, and others. Bro. Gardiner, S.W., occupied the

vice-chair. After the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Masonic and loyal toasts, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Thos. Watts, I.P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed; after which Bros. J. Blackwell, Allen, Avison, and Jas. H. Bowden, who were present, having been examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Second Degree, by Bros. T. Heathcote, P.M., G. A. Packwood, P.M., and R. Holland, W.M., assisted by the officers most efficiently. Bro. Joseph Hardy, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M.; Bros. James Gibson Edge, re-elected Treasurer (for the fifteenth year); William Riddell, P.M., Tyler. Bros. Watts, Packwood, and Walker were appointed Auditors. All Masonic business being over, the lodge was closed in the usual form by Bro. R. Holland, W.M. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, supplied by Host Coburn in his usual efficient manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in excellent style; the proceedings being enlivened with songs, recitations, &c., in which Bros. J. Corney, S.D., S. Balantyne, and others took part. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting took place on Thursday the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. There was a good muster of Past Masters, including Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837, P.P.G.C. West York; J. Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.P. West York; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; A. C. Knowles, P.M. 940, P.P.G.D. Durham; J. Hutton, P.M. 940, P.P.G.D. Durham; P. Donaldson, P.M. 839; J. Walton, P.M. 1416, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Ayre, P.M. 1416, P.G.J.D.; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; J. Fairburn, P.M. 1337; Rev. C. E. Camidge, P.M. 1416, P.P.G.C.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1416; W. H. Gainforth, W.M. elect 236; G. Kirby, 236; L. Payne Galloway, 1416; R. Bell, 1416; and others. The installation ceremonies were performed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.C., and the following is the list of the officers:—Bros. W. Coltman, W.M.; T. J. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; W. Hall, S.W.; C. Greenside, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Camidge, Chap.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Lecture Master; Jas. Walton, Sec.; H. Smith, S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; R. Atkinson, M. of C.; Z. Wright, Org.; H. Longford, I.G.; J. S. Farmery, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the Three Tuns Hotel, when the W.M. presided.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Albany, for the purpose of initiating a member, passing four, and raising one; unfortunately only two turned up, and the ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. in his usual masterly manner. There were present Bros. E. W. Devereux, W.M.; John Thos. Moss, P.M., P.G.R. Middx.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middx., Treasurer; A. Loos, S.W.; E. H. Thielley, P.G.P.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; Benj. Wright, Secretary; J. H. Pearson, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, I.G.; W. Hammond; W. A. Sims, and A. A. Sims. The correspondence was read by the Secretary, including a letter from J. T. Sabine, regretting his absence in consequence of illness, and requesting to be placed on the list of country members, also from Col. Burdett, P.G.M., in consequence of a prior engagement; and from the initiate, Mr. J. S. Fowler; also from Bros. Squire, Jenkins, Chipperfield, and Dr. Ryley for their absence. Bro. Sims was then interrogated by the W.M., and afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Moss, in his usual happy vein, responding for "The Grand Officers." Bro. Sims delighted the brethren with Othello's address to the Senators, and after a little harmony the brethren returned to town by an early train.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This provincial lodge met at its headquarters, the Albany Hotel, on the 10th inst., when there were present among others Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; Ashley S.W.; T. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., &c., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. M. D'Osey, Chaplain; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. acting Sec.; Rogers, acting S.D.; and Harrison, Tyle. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws was read, and, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed, *nem. con.* to Bro. C. Horsley, P.M., for the services rendered by him to the Committee in the revision of the bye-laws. The brethren having partaken of a collation, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Horsley and Saunders responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. Horsley, and, having been heartily received, Bro. Taylor modestly replied, and then gave "The Officers," which toast was acknowledged by Bros. Ashley, D'Osey, and Walls. The remainder of the time at the disposal of the brethren having been agreeably spent, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the

Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street. There was a large and influential gathering of the brethren. Bro. Robert Roberts was installed W.M. by Bro. Thomas Evans, P.M., and the following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. Samuel Hinks, I.P.M.; Henry Worthington, S.W.; Ralph Webster, J.W.; Archibald Morrison, D.C.; Walter W. Thomas, Sec.; W. P. Vinis, S.D.; D. Morris, J.D.; Thomas Evans, P.M., Treas.; William Bennet, I.G. The following were amongst the visitors: Bros. W. Brakenbury, W.M. 673; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; Councillor Joseph Ball, 673; Edward Paul, Treas. 1356; J. R. Owen, 1356; Gill, 1086; Alfred Woolrich, W.M. 1356; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1366; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; J. Wilson, 249; Thomas Shaw, 1356. The banquet was supplied by Bro. Milburn, and during the evening several songs were given by the brethren, Bro. Gill's "Fairy Bells" adding greatly to the enjoyment of the company. During the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. S. Hinks, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Prince Arthur.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath, Bro. W. Foulsham, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. Sheadd, P.M., W.M. 720, as S.W.; Daniell, W.M., as J.W.; Whittaker, S.D.; Taylor, I.G., and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. W. P. Robinson, Sec., read the minutes, which were confirmed, after which Messrs. Thomas Young, H. Baber, E. W. Rees, and W. H. Rawson were balloted for and elected; Messrs. Baber, Rees, and Rawson presenting themselves for initiation. Bro. M. Taylor was passed to the Second Degree, and towards the close of the meeting two brethren were proposed as joining members and two gentlemen for election at the next meeting. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned from "labour to refreshment."

INSTRUCTION.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Bros. H. B. Dunn, W.M.; Edmunds, S.W.; Fenner, J.W.; W. Rowley, S.D.; Oldis, J.D.; Press, I.G.; and other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Plowman candidate for raising. The ceremony of the Third Degree was rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Bro. G. D. Edmunds was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and he appointed officers in rotation. Present: Bros. P. Dickinson, P.M.; Plowman, Walter Rowley, Press, Edmunds, Oldis, and Dunn, Secretary.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1514).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. There were present Bros. J. Lorkin, W.M.; F. Fleck, S.W.; W. Green, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; S. Crane, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; C. Lorkin, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; also several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. W. Baker being the candidate, who, having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First and Third Sections of the Lecture. The lodge having been closed down to the First Degree, Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the Fourth Section of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. W. Green seconded "That Bro. F. Fleck be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. Bro. J. Lorkin proposed, and Bro. W. Green seconded, "That Bro. F. Fleck become a member of this lodge." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, the W.M.M., Bro. Chas. Coupland, P.G.M.O. Kent, presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Weston, J.W.; P.P.G.J.D. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A.S.; H. Pryce, Treas., and P.P.G.R.M. Kent; A. Penfold, M.O., and P.P.G.I.G. Kent; D. Deeves, S.D., and P.G.S.B. Kent; Eugene Sweny, J.D., and P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; H. Harding, Org., and P.P.G. Org. Kent; D. C. Capon, D.C., and P.P. G. Steward Kent; W. Watkins, acted as J.O.; Dr. Moore-Keys, P.G.J.D. Kent, as S.O.; G. Scully, R.H.A., P.I.G. Kent, as S.W.; Thos. Holleyman, P.P.S. Kent, as I.G.; J. Purnell, W. Moulds, Thos. Stevens, A. B. Chamberlain, Thos. Ovenden, E. W. Wilson, Thos. Kirkbride, and C. Jolly (Freemason). The work before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Bros. T. D. Hayes, I.P.M. 913, and J. Iron, P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, which being unanimous, those brethren were advanced in good style by the W.M. Some formal business was then transacted, and the lodge adjourned. At the refreshment table, after the usual and Mark Masonic toasts, Bro. Moore-Keys and Scully replied to the toast of "Bro. Robinson, G.M.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers of Kent." The former said he felt very proud of the honour conferred upon him at the late Provincial Grand meeting by Bro. Robertson, and he thought that as a lodge they ought to be proud,

seeing the number of Grand Officers, Past and Present, there was in it. Bro. Scully said he hardly knew what his duties in the province were, but whatever they were he would always fulfil them to the best of his abilities. Bro. Weston then, in the unavoidable absence of their I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Ritchie, R.A., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing eulogised the manner in which he had worked the ceremonies that evening. He had shown them that he could work without that assistance so often used in Mark lodges, and he felt sure that every officer of the lodge would endeavour to imitate his example. Bro. Coupland said he looked with a great deal of affection upon Mark Masonry, and as long as he was Master he would always endeavour to carry out the duties without extraneous aid. No one could regret more than he did the absence of their Past Master, but he trusted that as he (Bro. Coupland) was resident among them, he should be able to render assistance to those who followed him. He was proud to see so many of his military brethren around him, and especially to see that Bros. Scully, Moore-Keys, and Deeves had been promoted to provincial honours at their last provincial meeting. He trusted to see the lodge increase in strength, and influence, and above all in brotherly love. The next toast was that of "The Initiates" and Bros. Hayes and Iron suitably replied. It having come to the ears of the W.M. that Bro. Wilson was about to proceed to India on military duty, he proposed "The Health of Bro. Wilson," and wished him a safe journey, happiness while in India, and a speedy return home should he desire it. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. Bro. Wilson, who holds an official position in the Royal Artillery, replied, and thanked the brethren most cordially for their good wishes, but the duty of a military life was to obey orders, and he did so cheerfully, although he could not help feeling the parting from such good friends and brethren as he had at Woolwich. He should hear of them through the columns of the *Freemason*, which he had arranged to have sent out to him, and he wished them all continued happiness and prosperity. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was replied to by Bros. Weston and Penfold most eloquently. The toast of "The Masonic Press" was responded to by Bro. Jolly, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Royal Ark Mariners.

BRIXTON LODGE.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when several distinguished Masons—Bros. Thrupp, Barrett, Lehman, Richardson, Clifford, Bristow and Kipling,—were duly elevated, the ritual of this quaint and interesting Degree being given in excellent style by Bro. T. Poore, the W.C.N.; Bros. H. Lovegrove, acting as Deacon; G. Clark, J.; H. Baldwin, S.; Axford, G.; and Potter, W. The draft by-laws were read and approved, and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Masonic and General Tidings.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Coale's auction room Toronto, the oldest Masonic relic in the world was sold to J. Ross Robertson, of the *Evening Telegram*. The relic is the Masonic certificate of Souter Johnny, o Burns' Tom O'Shanter, and issued by St. James' Lodge, Ayr, in 1790. Pinned to the corner of the diploma is a lock of Highland Mary's hair. The relic brought \$178. It is the oldest known Masonic relic, and a large number of relic hunters came to Toronto to attend the sale and buy it.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has signified his willingness to inaugurate the new Literary and Mechanics' Institution building which has just been erected at Windsor, at a cost of £5000, as a memorial to the Prince Consort. The ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, Jan. 10th.

Le "Cosmopolitan Calendar" du Fr. Kenning vient de paraître. Rien n'a été négligé pour le rendre digne de notre Ordre. Le format de cette année nous paraît plus commode, le texte plus serré; il contient des matières utiles qui n'avaient jamais été publiées avant ce jour. Nous y trouvons, par exemple, une nomenclature complète des Corps Maçonnerie en France. En parcourant ce livre, on reste étonné de la quantité de faits et de renseignements qui s'y trouvent réunis. Toutes les Loges de France, d'Espagne, d'Allemagne y sont mentionnées, ainsi que les noms des Officiers principaux du Rite Ecossais dans le monde entier.—*La Chaîne d'Union*.

The Midmay Park Station of the North London Railway will be opened for passenger traffic on Thursday next, Jan. 28th. The fares to the City will be the same as from Dalston Junction.

Rear-Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh has, it is stated, withdrawn his name from the list of directors of the Royal Academy of Music.

The *City Press* of Wednesday, the 17th inst., contains a full report of the proceedings at the wardmotes for the election of Common Councilmen on Monday, and the results of the polling on Tuesday.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores, and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over opposition for thirty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies, for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all cases where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as the compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure, after every other means has failed of giving any relief. Desperate cases best display its virtues.—[ADVT.]

On Monday next, December 29th, Bro. Chas. E. Hindley, S.W. of the Lodge of Light, No. 148, Warrington, will be installed as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, will officiate as installing Master.

In our notice of the meeting of the Grand Masters' Council of the Royal and Select Degree, which appeared in our last impression, we omitted to state that the ceremonies of admission and reception were performed by Bro. T. C. Walls, the R.I.D.G.M.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G.M., accompanied by Lady Skelmersdale, arrived at Lathom House, Ormskirk, on Friday, the 19th inst., from visiting the Earl and Countess of Derby at Knowsley.

His Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., Lady Goldsmid, the Hon. George C. Brodrick, Mr. Thomas Brassey, M.P., Mr. Isaac Pitman, the Hon. Lady Grey, Mr. W. Babington, F.R.C.S., the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, M.P., Mr. J. G. Barclay, Professors Michael Foster, Erasmus Wilson, and many other persons have recently forwarded donations to the Free Library, London-street, Bethnal Green, E. The Library is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and the Committee require 10,000 volumes.

"In an account of the installation of their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, as Knights of Malta, we inadvertently omitted in the list of the Sir Knights present to assist in the ceremony, the name of Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Asst. Grand D. of C., and Grand Aide-de-Camp in the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple and Malta."

The *Sunday Times* states that Lord Howe has presented Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, who for many years was rector of St. Clement Danes, to the incumbency of Curzon Chapel. On taking leave lately of his old parishioners the reverend gentleman was presented with a silver candelabra, an oaken cabinet of exquisite design (a specimen of fine workmanship by the carver), a purse of 100 guineas, and other presents.

THE 2ND MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY.—The annual dinner of the No. 4 Battery of this excellent Volunteer Corps, was held on Saturday week, the 13th inst., in the Prince's Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant. The chair was occupied by Captain Greenwood, supported by the Adjutant, Capt. James C. Lowrie, late R.A.; Major Pearson, Capt. Sack, and many other officers. The usual toasts were given by the Chairman. Capt. Lowrie replied on behalf of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces, and, in doing so, said the Army was very dear to him, and thought England need have no fears while she possessed such men as those of the 2nd Middlesex. Major Pearson proposed "Prosperity to No. 4 Battery," and in doing so traced back his fifteen years' connection with it, and the pleasure it gave him to see among them that evening Sergeant-Major Rogers and Sergeant Cowley, who had completed twenty years' service, and who, along with other non-commissioned officers, had served faithfully and well. Sergeant-Major Rogers, who was loudly cheered, said that the efficiency of No. 4 Battery was fully proved by the fact that at every parade three sergeants were always present, and that they had had less resignations and more recruits than any other battery, and the largest muster at the annual inspection. Captain Williams, in giving the toast of "The Staff," dwelt on the fact of the corps possessing such skilful instructors as Captain Lowrie, Sergeant-Major Barry, and Sergeant Smith. Captain Lowrie briefly replied, as also did Sergeant Smith, whose reply was particularly neat and effective.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—The pantomime at the Crystal Palace, which was produced on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., is on the favourite subject, "Jack the Giant Killer," its full title being "Jack the Giant Killer; or, Harlequin Fairy Spiteful and Good King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table." It has been written by Mr. R. Soutar, the ballets and pantomimic action are by Mr. John D'Auban, the costumes are by Mons. and Madame Alias, the music is by Herr Meyer Lutz, and the whole is produced under the direction of Mr. John Hollingshead, of the Gaiety Theatre. The story is based on the rival loves of "Jack" (Miss Lizzie Coote) and the "Giant Gorgibuster" (Mr. Clifford) for the fair "Sybil" (Miss Emily Muir). "Gorgibuster," aided by the Winds and other elements, incited by his mother, the "Fairy Spiteful" (Miss Rose Roberts), carries off "Sybil"; but "Jack," encouraged by "Good King Arthur," and assisted by the "Fairy Progress" (Miss Lily Lee), pursues the "Giant" to his home, and, after various and romantic adventures, slays "Gorgibuster" and releases the maiden, all ending happily with the Grand Transformation Scene, entitled "Our Empire in the East," specially painted by Mr. Charles Brew, from designs by Mr. Alfred Thompson. The harlequinade which follows is sustained by Clown (Mr. W. Orkins), Pantaloon (Mr. Bishop), Harlequin (Mr. W. Ward), and Columbine (Miss Rose Edmonds). Other attractions of the Christmas holidays will be the wonderful performances of Dr. Carver, the great American marksman; a daily variety entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. H. White, the Edmonds family, and the De Castro acrobats; Professor Bailey's "Punch and Judy"; the great annual fancy fair and bazaar; and the innumerable objects of interest which fill the Crystal Palace.

A SUITABLE NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—A copy of the Second Edition of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book, price 2s. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for sleeplessness, neuralgia, and Hay fever. 2s. per box. Homoeopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.

To Correspondents.

The following correspondence was received too late for publication, and is held over until next week:—

Bro. Perceval's letter. Proof will be sent.

The following also stand over:—

Laying the Foundation Stone of the New Law Courts at Invercargill, New Zealand.

An Extinct Lodge.

Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.

Royal Arch—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185; Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Western Daily Mercury," "South London Chronicle and Southwark and Lambeth Ensign," "Banbury Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Christmas Number of Brief," "The Girl's Own Paper," "The Masonic Herald," "Die Baubotte," "Citizen," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Croydon Guardian," "The North China Herald," "The Bridgewater Mercury," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Freemason," N.S.W., "Voice of Masonry," "Boletín Oficial," "The Rough Ashlar," "Sutton's Amateur's Guide to Horticulture," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Newspaper."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

NICHOLS.—On the 19th inst., at 36, Hetherington-road, Clapham, the wife of Mr. T. Nicholls, of a son.

THYNNE.—On the 19th inst., at Teddington, Mrs. F. G. Thynne, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

KENNEDY—WETTON.—On the 18th inst., at the parish church, Westbury, Wilts, by the Rev. H. Duke, Major-General J. W. A. Kennedy, to Marion, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Wetton of Kent.

DEATH.

COOPER.—On the 18th inst., at Farningham, Kent, Isabella, daughter of the late Mr. T. Cooper.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1879.

THE OLD YEAR.

The Old Year is on its "last legs," and a New Year is rapidly drawing near. Thus, as ever in the great reality of human life, age makes way for youth and youth presses upon age. Before we again greet our readers the old year will have gone to its many forefathers, and a new year will have dawned upon this struggling world of ours. With an old year passing away and a new one supervening there necessarily arise many thoughts, seasonable for us all. We have ourselves seen, though still here to-day in the good Providence of God, in the last twelve months, friends and comrades pass away, we have witnessed how sickness breaks down, and how weakness succeeds strength, how many are the disappointments, the grievances, the heartaches of life, how ephemeral its best possessions, how transitory its purest joys. Twelve months hence how many of us will still survive, nay, rather, how many of us may not have passed away amid the shadows of the past. It is useless to disguise from ourselves that as we march on year by year we, ourselves, grow weaker and older as each succeeding twelve months fleet over our heads, and that for us all the flight of time means too often the weakening of powers, the decay of intellect, the submergence of all those things on which we most count here often, on which we most set our hearts, which are bound with our sincerest and tenderest sympathies, in the dark and turbid waters of the great rolling river of time. Just now we are all of us rather indulging, (for extremes ever meet here), in an epicurean or a stoical philosophy, and to some of us all such thoughts as we have ventured to sketch out are alike unwelcome and out of place, unseasonable and uncalled for. Not that as a rule we care very much either for the criticisms of the critical or the objections of the antagonistic. But we would ask which is the best and truest teacher, he who points out things as they really are, proclaims that truth which is objective to us all, or he who "daubs the work with untempered mortar," and seeking only to please or to commend himself to the frivolous and the parasite, skims over what is real

and of moment, and places before his readers what only, "subjective" at the best, is fraught by its perverted or sentimental use with the most evil consequences to our intellects and our hearts. And so we think it well always to remind ourselves that as Masons we profess to teach morality, and, therefore, we should never forget that after all our "seria mista jocis," mirth and sobriety combined, are the best mental food for us all. If any of our readers dislike our more serious tones, let them remember we cannot hope to please all, and that our best consciousness and reward will be that we have sought at the same time to improve and to amuse, to interest and gratify our many readers. May the old year now passing away leave us with grateful memories and reverent hearts, and may Masonry everywhere in the new year as in the old not be ashamed to proclaim its beneficent and religious and tolerating principles for the welfare of our brethren here below, and the material progress and the social peace, and fraternal concord, of a great and listening world.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

Another point in connexion with this subject it is necessary to consider now is—"how will it affect lodges of instruction?" We have every reason to believe that its effect will be most disastrous upon them one and all, and that the probability is that it will simply introduce a system of "cramming" most objectionable per se, and most injurious to an educated rendering of the ritual. It is one thing, (as we all perfectly well know), to deliver our ritual carefully and culturedly, and another to repeat it with parrot-like monotony, until its repetition palls on and pains the ears of the educated. Up to the present in London the Emulation Lodge of Improvement has maintained its high character, has done much good to Masonic ritual, and has sent from its bosom, many,—as we can testify,—most competent Preceptors and "bright Masons." What will be its position with a so-called Board of Preceptors? First of all, what is to be the ritual? Is it to be the ritual of 1813—now recognized by Grand Lodge—or is it to be one settled after full, and patient, and long revision, which will end the conflicting views and theories, not of 1813, but of 1880? Under the circumstances of an official Board such valuable centres of Masonic Instruction as the Lodge of Emulation must of necessity cease to exist—their use is ended, their value is gone. And then let us see what must and will follow. At present the gains of the unworthy brother who, despising the injunctions of his Order, trades in the unhallowed merchandize of an unlicensed and illegal "crib," will be increased, because he will profess, "mine is a copy of the one authorized ritual." At present, owing to a wise liberty of verbiage and ceremony, the great landmarks being rigidly observed, all such illicit works are comparatively useless, all such nefarious gains are comparatively limited. But the truth is—let us look at it fully—we are landing ourselves by this movement upon an undiscovered shore of doubt, vexation, trouble, and dispute. The only one point in favour of the motion is that in December, 1869, Grand Lodge passed a resolution in favour of the motion. But the fact that no action has been taken since shows the inherent difficulty of the question, in a much greater measure than those who have not studied the question can realize. It is a fact that Grand Lodge did pass the resolution, but under what circumstances? Clearly, as was well pointed out in our correspondence last week, hastily, and without sufficient discussion. In the report of the proceedings, besides Bro. Stevens, only Bros. Stebbing, Browse, and Cooke spoke, and the reporter especially adds,—they "made a few remarks," and the motion was carried. The Grand Lodge that night, owing to the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was too excited to listen to anything, as is often the case under similar circumstances and in similar meetings. In the Grand Lodge of March, 1880, it seems that the motion to appoint a Committee was lost on an amendment by Bro. Havers, to defer the appointment to next Grand Lodge, and at the Grand Lodge in June Bro. Horace Lloyd, then Grand

Registrar, moved an amendment on Bro. Stevens' motion which was carried. We refer Bro. Stevens to the pages of the *Freemason*, which he has so often quoted, and which he claims as once friendly to his contention, for these very facts. What then becomes of the boasted sanction of Grand Lodge ten years ago?

THE APPOINTMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

No appointment has yet been made and may not be for some little time. We have heard several names mentioned, some of which we think must be "canards." It is no easy matter to find a suitable successor to Bro. John Hervey, on the one hand, or one who will uphold the prestige, position, independence, and cosmopolitan influence of the Grand Lodge of England on the other.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The result of Grand Lodge vote on my motion on the 3rd December last was so completely satisfactory to me that for a while I have taken breathing time, and, *mirabile dictu*, have not rushed into print on the subject for nearly a month. I should probably have still further proved my sanity in this respect but for the attacks made on the members of Grand Lodge who supported me and on myself personally.

But that I know the general impartiality and fairness of the press, I should not venture upon this letter, which, I know at the outset, must be a long one. To the editorial comment (*Freemason*, Nov. 29th), I take exception. It implies that I am "forgetful of Masonic duty, and insensible to the benefits of Masonic toleration," and it calls upon Grand Lodge to "affix its mark of reprobation thereon," and put a stop to a "senseless agitation," which the same writer had previously stigmatised as the outcome of "nonsensical bombast" and "childish ignorance." I dispose of this by referring to the Grand Lodge vote of 1869, the confirmation thereof in 1870, and the renewed vote of December 3rd, 1879, as a satisfactory and very sufficient token of approval instead of reprobation.

I pass from the proceedings of Grand Lodge, after the vote had been recorded, to the subsequent comments and correspondence on the subject.

There seems to be a great desire on the part of the writer of the editorial remarks in the *Freemason* (Dec. 13th), and of Bro. Woodford in his letter (*Freemason*, Dec. 20th), to lessen the force of Grand Lodge vote by contending that it was carried "after a very partial debate;" that the motion itself was "rash and ill-digested;" that the mover indulged in "vehement incriminations," is a "professional agitator," and an "emitter of bottled moonshine." What awful words! And yet I live and bear it! My stubborn conscience quite alarms me; whither am I drifting? And yet I find it said: "If such abuses exist (here comes another five-syllable expletive) they constitute a grave reflection," &c., and "if proved to be prevalent we fancy the action of the Board of General Purposes would be summary and decisive." Why, there's my case! I say these abuses do exist, and I can prove them, and neither Board of General Purposes nor any other authority interferes with their continuance. Again it is said, "Admit it that all be true as Bro. Stevens puts it, what does it prove but the want of surveillance and control?" Exactly so; what does it prove but that, and is that not quite sufficient to demand a remedy? As to the references made to the publishing of spurious rituals, and the unworthy imputation as to the enrichment of those who would prepare them (the article reads as though I contemplated such an outrage on my Masonic obligations), they are not worth my discussing. I learnt my Craft Masonry without a MS. or printed ritual, and others can do the same if they will. None need be published, but, if it be a necessity, let Grand Lodge alone give it to the brethren, and so circumvent the "un-Masonic ventures and unhallowed gains."

To Bro. Charles John Perceval (*Freemason*, Dec. 13th) I feel indebted for a plain and understandable explanation of my own argument on this subject, and his remark as to the apparent importance of "keeping an eye that the dues of Grand Lodge are paid," &c., over "keeping check on the several manners of working," exposes the blot in our present arrangement, whereby the Board of General Purposes does not control, as it should, the ceremonial and observance of a "standard ritual" throughout the several lodges under the English Constitution. I may have again to make casual reference to Bro. Perceval's letter. For the present I thank him, and hail his support most cordially.

It is of course a matter of regret to me that I have not the benefit of the *Freemason's* concurrence with my efforts. I know its power and influence are great, and such an ally would have been invaluable to me. Still, as I freely act according to my conscience, I cannot condemn the exercise of a similar faculty in another, and that other an exponent of public opinion; and, therefore, whilst I may

contend against its arguments, I shall ever continue to respect its fair opposition. We shall, I hope, notwithstanding difference of opinion and journalistic warfare, retain our mutual personal esteem, and think of each other as only "our friend the enemy."

I do sincerely hope that the Provincial Grand Lodges will each find some earnest Past Master, imbued with the same sentiments on this subject as myself, to be their representatives on my Committee. The work I have undertaken so far has not only occupied my fullest leisure for a long period, but has occasioned me some expense, and I should prefer not to be obliged of necessity to be at more labour and cost in bringing the matter before the Provincial Grand Lodges by circuit and other means, if that object could be attained by the voluntary action of Provincial Grand Officers, or other Provincial Past Masters. *Verbum sat sapienti!* I shall be glad to hear from any such.

Bro. Bodenham, who thought fit to rise in his place and object to Bro. Woodford's statement that the lodges in the provinces would not conform to the directions of Grand Lodge as to working, &c., gets his epithet *hasty*, "hasty remarks!" as if there was always in Grand Lodge ample time allowed for the utterance of our thoughts in a deliberate and "don't hurry yourself" manner. Is there anything done in Grand Lodge which, if it takes more than a very limited amount of time to discuss, is not obstructed by cries of "Question" and "Vote" or "Divide"? How then can the necessary immediate denial of an assertion made in course of debate be properly designated as *hasty*? But, *hasty* or not, Bro. Bodenham is right. The provincial lodges are every whit as loyal as those of the metropolis, and Bro. Woodford does not do justice when he speaks in such general terms in regard to them. Even those who adopt the practices that others condemn err, I believe, more from the want of a reference to standard authority than from any intention to depart from what is recognised as fit and proper. And this remark brings me to a direct denial of the suggested inferences of both Bro. Woodford and Bro. John Neilson (*Freemason*, Dec. 20th) that I know nothing of the practices I have exposed in Grand Lodge. I repeat, and I cannot do more than again and again emphatically repeat, pledging my Masonic honour, and undertaking to name in proper place where I have witnessed some of them, and before which Provincial Grand Master, that, without any exaggeration whatever, pardonable or otherwise, I have represented facts within my own experience. Does Bro. Neilson think no man travels but himself? I have nothing to say about lodges under other Constitutions than that of England, and the English provinces have been enough for me without the trouble of crossing St. George's Channel to observe what I know would further raise my indignation. It is sufficient that malpractices are to be found here, and whatever may be Bro. Woodford's opinion as to the present agitation "landing us in a region of 'cribs and crams'" or helping to make the fortune of "accommodating brethren." (what are they?), I believe that those who took care to carry my motion will, despite all his beseeching and prayerful appeals, his denouncement of the enquiry to be made, and his hard words against all who do not agree with him, remain staunch, and see that the Committee is appointed in due course. "Nothing is done whilst aught remains to do!"

I fear I have greatly intruded on your space, and this letter has extended beyond even the anticipated length; therefore, I hasten to conclude. If no better arguments than those which have been hitherto advanced can be found to support the opposition to the measure I advocate, I have no fear for the result. When it becomes necessary to depart from logical deductions, to misrepresent facts, even to the extent of mendacity, and to suggest interested motives, in order to discredit a movement having for its object the reformation of acknowledged evils, the opponents thereof must be driven into a sad strait indeed. Such, I maintain, is the position of those against whose endeavours I now appeal to the general body of earnest Freemasons for continued assistance in making the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst. complete, and aiding me in the formation of a satisfactory Committee to carry out the enquiry and present its report.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, Dec. 23rd.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BO AND MR. WILSON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Sir,—

You having inserted in your paper a letter addressed by Mr. Wilson to the General Committee reflecting on the House Committee, I must ask you in fairness to insert in your next issue the enclosed copy of my reply.

Yours obediently, FREDK. STANLEY.

"22A, Austin Friars, London, E.C.,

"Dec. 18th, 1879.

"To the Chairman of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Sir,—

"My attention having been called to a letter of Mr. Wilson, dated the 27th ult., addressed to the General Committee, and published in the *Freemason* of the 13th inst., in which he purports to give a brief statement of the facts, and complains that he is not being treated fairly, I think it right to record my view of the facts.

"Mr. Wilson sent in a large claim of a lump sum for professional services, enumerated in his account under upwards of twenty different headings or descriptions. The account was referred to your Committee for investigation. For this purpose you requested Mr. Wilson to state how the amount was arrived at, but instead of complying with this reasonable request, and although he had been paid

upwards of £300 on account of a claim of a little over £400, he placed the matter in the hands of his solicitor, who threatened proceedings to recover the balance. Your Committee were, therefore, driven also to consult a solicitor, and I was instructed in the matter—this was in July last. I at once called upon Mr. Wilson's solicitors, and explained to them that a detailed account was required, showing what was charged for the different items, and that Mr. Wilson would be required to produce the plans and documents relating to the matter, and for which he had charged, with the view to the account being properly examined, and I stated that what (if anything) should be found due to Mr. Wilson would be paid without delay, but if we could not agree as to the amount the account should be referred to an architect of standing, but not, of course, to Mr. Wilson's nominee, or to the gentleman he suggests, who is not strictly an architect. Although I have repeatedly during the past five months applied for a detailed account Mr. Wilson has not attempted to furnish it—now he complains of delay. I may mention that I have only asked for that which Mr. Wilson will be compelled to give if he takes proceedings.

"With regard to Mr. Wilson's statement that he had requested a professional friend to give me explanations, and that that gentleman was unable to obtain an appointment from me, I may mention that I am at my office every day (except Sundays and during a portion of the vacation), and can be seen there. I have, however, informed this gentleman, both personally and by letter, that a detailed statement of account is required, and production of the plans and documents, and until this request is complied with explanations are useless. In reply to this Mr. Wilson's friend wrote me that Mr. Wilson had not the materials at command whereupon to frame a detailed statement, yet in Mr. Wilson's letter to the General Committee he states he can prove that the usual professional rates are higher than the charges on which he has based his account. You will observe this is precisely the information I have required, in order to ascertain how he arrived at the lump sum.

"I explained to Mr. Wilson's friend that the matter having been placed in the hands of solicitors I could only discuss the matter with them. Mr. Wilson states he has instructed his solicitors to stop further legal proceedings. Of this I am not aware, but I may mention that his friend in his letters to me threatens a continuance of proceedings unless, as I presume, Mr. Wilson's account is paid without proper investigation.

"You are, of course, aware that to enable contractors to tender for work they are supplied by the architect with a bill of quantities; for the work in question one per cent. on the contract price would be ample for the preparation of these quantities, but I am informed Mr. Wilson provided for a payment to him of five per cent., which was, of course, added to the contract price, and the contractor in due course would hand the amount at that rate to Mr. Wilson. If this be so, I have no hesitation in saying that it is an overcharge, and, being made without your knowledge, Mr. Wilson will be liable to account for the excess, and thus there will be nothing whatever payable to him; probably this explains Mr. Wilson's difficulty in rendering a proper account, and producing the papers—hence his desire to obtain payment without further trouble.

"Under the circumstances I am of opinion that the Committee, dispensing as they are the monies of other persons, will be failing in their duty unless they have a full investigation of the matter.

"I am, Sir, yours obediently,

"FREDK. STANLEY."

THE MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF ROME AND OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me if there is at this time in existence a Grand Imperial Council of this body? I have written to the published address, and the letter was returned—answer: *not known*. I have written many letters during the past four years to this Council and have not received any reply. The letter returned through the post-office has since been forwarded through Bro. Kenning, and, I have no doubt, reached the proper party, who has not replied.

HENRY G. WADE,

Delta Crucis Conclave, No. 126 on Roll.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. Gould's interesting book, on the Atholl Lodge, reminds me that I have in my possession an old minute book of Lodge 194, of the Antients, now 143. It is marked No. 3, and begins in 1797, and ends in 1806. The Michael Corcoran mentioned by Bro. Gould was initiated on the 6th of January, 1803, and John Mark Goldsworthy was initiated January 30th, 1806. I shall be very happy to return to Lodge 143 this old minute book of the lodge.

A. F. A. W.

INIGO JONES' MS.

I note all that my worthy confrère, W. J. Hughan, says, but the point he mentions had not escaped me. Inigo Jones' MS. is clearly not the same as Stones' MS. Indeed, the more I study the more I feel convinced how independent a MS. it is. I give a quotation in parallel columns.

INIGO JONES' MS.

First, that they should be true to the king and to the Lord that they serve, and to the fellowship whereof they are admitted.

GRAND LODGE MS. F.

The first is that they should be true to the king and to the lords that they serve, and that they should live well together, and be true every one to others.

As I have said before, there are many variations in the MS., which may be the variations of a scribe, but, I confess, they appear to me to be evidence of a distinct form. I hope in an early number of the *Freemason* in 1880, (D.V.), to compare the MS. with the Dowland and Lansdowne MS. I may have something to say more in our next issue.

A. F. A. W.

CONSECRATION OF THE EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

The Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, was consecrated on Saturday afternoon, at the Glynn Arms, Ewell, by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, C.B.

The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Arthur E. Taylor, E. A. Baber, George Moss, W. D. Paddle, G. W. Saul, J. Rush, George Joseph Dunkley, Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey; George B. Brodie, P.G.S.W. Surrey; John Castle Gant, P.G.J.W. Surrey; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; Rev. James Amos, P.G.C. Surrey; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; Arthur Rule, P.M. 263 (I.C.); J. W. Maidwell, P.M. 1201; W. H. Barber, Sec. 1777; Alfred Lamb, P.M. 410 and 256; George Hall, 49; Henry Sibley, 201; E. A. W. Taylor, Sec. 302; R. G. Taylor, J.W. 144; W. Clegg, J.D. 1259; George W. Evans, Org. 1602; Arthur Millwood, 179; W. J. Dunkley, I.G. 1777; James Louth, 1338; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. Brodie, Prov. G.S.W. Surrey, and the J.W. chair by Bro. John Castle Gant, Prov. G.J.W. Surrey. Bro. Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, acted as D.C. for the Rev. J. Amos, Prov. G. Chaplain Surrey, as Chaplain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, and were executed by Bros. A. Millward, R. J. Taylor, M. Clegg, W. S. Dunkley; Bro. G. Evans acting as Organist. Much of the lodge furniture was presented by founders. The W.M. presented the working tools; Bro. Baber, Treas., the tracing boards; Bro. Paddle the gavel; Bro. Moss the collars; Bro. Rush, S.D., the volume of the Sacred Law and cushion; Bro. Dunkley the Deacons' wands; and Bros. Bisset and Parker the candlesticks.

After the lodge had been formally opened, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold said the brethren had met for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge in the Province of Surrey, and he was exceedingly sorry that the Prov. G.M., General Brownrigg, was not present to do the work he could perform so well. His intention was to have been present, and it was a great disappointment to that brother that he could not come. The state of his health, however, made it quite improper that he should go out. He (the Rev. C. W. Arnold) had but few observations to make. Masonry in the Province of Surrey was advancing with very rapid strides. It was but six years ago, or, at the outside, seven, that the present Prov. Grand Master was appointed, and in the same year the Weyside Lodge, at Woking, of which he (the Rev. C. W. Arnold) was still a member, was consecrated. That made, he believed, the twelfth lodge in the province. To-day they were met to consecrate the twentieth lodge, and all the brethren present must have the same opinion with regard to *Free Masonry*—that as it was increasing so rapidly it was necessary they should take the greatest care to admit only fit and proper persons among them. It was a very easy thing to get members to join a new lodge; but it was very difficult to get rid of a member if in any way he became obnoxious to the brethren. Therefore, in opening this new lodge he thought he could not do better than impress strongly on the minds of the brethren that it was far better not to seek to increase their numbers too rapidly, but to insure that good men and true were enrolled under the banner of Masonry—those who would honour the Masonic flag. To give another reason, in some of the large lodges members were hardly known to each other at all. It was a great advantage to a lodge that every brother should know every other brother, and be able to shake hands with him if he met him in the street. In some large lodges of the present day some members scarcely ever met each other. The Ewell Lodge was formed of brethren living outside the province; but he trusted, as they were coming into the province (to which he heartily bade them welcome), they would set the province the example of a good working lodge. The brethren of the province had been endeavouring during the last few years very earnestly to get the lodges into thorough working order, and to institute a system of uniformity by getting rid of some of that old-fashioned work which was occasionally met with here and there in the country. He hoped that by coming down from London the brethren who were mostly working Masons, and had had great experience in the Craft, they would make this lodge a great success, and one of the best working lodges in the province. (Hear, hear.)

After the usual formalities, the Rev. J. Amos, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, and W.M. elect No. 256, delivered the following oration:—

Brethren, it falls to my lot to address to you a few observations. We have here a fresh temple about to be erected, where the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry will be celebrated; where, to worthy men, and we trust to worthy men alone, will be entrusted the secrets and mysteries of our Order. Many are the topics to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed, but foremost amongst these I incline to the consideration of "the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." I. In these days we are not all Operative, but rather Free and Accepted, or Speculative, Masons. There is an operative side still to Masonry, for you are to study such of the liberal arts and sciences as may be within the compass of your attain-

ment, especially the science of geometry, which has been established as the basis of our art, but our leading principles are "brotherly love, relief, and truth"—and Freemasonry may be broadly defined as "a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbol." It is her noble mission, therefore, "to guide our reflections into that most interesting and important of all human studies, the knowledge and the improvement of ourselves." It is hers to teach us what as good and upright men we ought to do, how we ought to feel—in a word, what we ought to be. II. And in the pursuit of this truly honourable design, how attractive is Freemasonry. The goodness to which she calls us has lofty summits, but she takes us to them by no rugged or repulsive paths. On the contrary, the attention is "particularly arrested," the imagination excited, the fancy pleased; and so the heart is warmed, and the will is won. Under her guidance our vessel is made to glide on as it were between sunny shores, amid fascinating scenery, while it is being steadily steered to the fair havens of moral worth. Her hand beckons to agreeable recreation, while it is indelibly imprinting on our hearts the sacred dictates of truth, of honour, and of virtue. III. I shall content myself with observing how far-reaching and all-embracing are the influences of Freemasonry. As you enter the lodge your eye cannot rest upon "a character, an emblem, or a figure but what has a moral tendency, and is calculated to inculcate the practice of virtue." As you leave the lodge, carrying with you, however, a mind purged from every baneful and malignant passion, and fitted alone for the reception of truth and wisdom, you cannot pass a stately and superb edifice without finding it from its very foundation to its highest pinnacle furnished with emblems moving to patience, piety, and perseverance, and even perfection, emblems suggestive of better life, of closer union, and of warmer love. You cannot glance upward to the canopy of heaven, surveying more especially that glorious luminary of nature which, rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle, without there falling upon your opened ear stirring music of the spheres; a trumpet call to duty and devotion. I take it that the true Mason is the man who comes up to the poet's dream, finding, as he does, "Sermons in stones and good in everything." And, finally, R.W.M. and brethren, in these, the palmy days of our Order, and on this most auspicious occasion, may I be pardoned for giving expression to the sentiment that the erection of a new lodge, and the enrolment of a new member, do not necessarily constitute an extension of Freemasonry, an extension of Freemasonry being rather measured by the amount of conscientiousness, of candour, and of charity which it invokes, disengages, and sets free to permeate amongst the brethren, to circulate through our whole body, and, finally, to find its way out into the world at large. I cannot express—I shall not attempt to express—the feeling of joyful expectation (in which we all share) that the brethren of this proposed lodge will be signally true to the genuine principles of our ancient Institution, sensitively true to their obligations—in short, true to themselves; and so be seen, or rather felt, to form a true, vigorous, and beneficial offshoot from the grand old parent stem. And thus, after many, many years, having performed their allotted task here below, may they be enabled to give convincing proofs that they are not unqualified to pass up the mysterious ascent which leads to the utmost recesses of the celestial temple, there to receive their rest and their reward; being summoned to that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Arnold installed Bro. Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. George Moss, S.W.; W. H. Paddle, J.W.; E. A. Baber, D.P., J.D. Surrey, Treas.; G. W. Saul, Sec.; Joseph Rush, S.D.; George Bisset, J.D.; G. J. Dunkley, I.G.; and W. Parker, D.C. Bros. Arnold, Amos, Brodie, Gant, and Greenwood were afterwards voted honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for consecrating the lodge. Propositions for joining and initiation followed, and the lodge was thereupon closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and honoured the usual toasts.

The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," said the brethren of the Ewell Lodge, and the general body of visitors, highly appreciated the manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been carried out; and all felt a debt of gratitude was owed by them to the brethren who, at a great inconvenience to themselves, had assisted in bringing this new lodge into life. They had been elected honorary members of it, but he trusted that membership would be practical, and that they would frequently come and witness the style of work which was to be conducted there.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, in reply, said he must first allude to the absence of the Prov. G.M., which he greatly regretted. From personal knowledge of that distinguished brother he could assure the brethren that the letter which the W.M. had received hardly expressed the full truth as to his health. When Bro. Greenwood and himself met him at a meeting in London, lately, they went away with the impression that he ought not to have been out of his house, and during the present inclement weather he should not expose himself to the severity of the climate. With respect to the ceremony of the day, it had given him and his coadjutors the greatest pleasure to be with the brethren. It was always a great blessing and privilege to be allowed to consecrate a new lodge. He believed in Freemasonry more and more every year he lived. When he was a young Mason he knew very little about it; but as time went on he became more and more impressed with

its advantages, and he felt he had still much to learn. He read only the other day a very beautiful expression with regard to Masonry—that Freemasonry sought to bring together men of every political profession and every religious creed, weaning them from their isolation, their selfishness, and their sin, and uniting them together for their common good. He did not think they could have a more beautiful definition of Freemasonry than that, and if they were only to look upon it in that light they would make much more a reality of it. It always struck his mind very strongly when he uttered those beautiful words of the installation ceremony—"forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." Returning by train from London, it was said to him by a gentleman, to whom he had sent a Masonic sermon he had delivered: "What's the good of you Freemasons? You get all these things from Christianity; you cannot get any further good." I said: "Yes, I can; I can have things constantly brought before my mind by every object on which I turn my eye; and when every object on which I turn my eye is associated with some emblem in Freemasonry, it reminds me of some virtue I ought to pursue, and in that sense it helps me on the path of life." If, as Freemasons, they put these principles into ordinary practice, and carried out the duties they were taught in lodge in daily life, they would be making daily progress in Freemasonry, becoming better Christians, better men, better brothers, united more closely hand to hand and heart to heart.

The Rev. J. Amos, P.G.C. Surrey, said that Masonry being of a symbolical character he was much pleased to see the number of the lodge was 1851. It struck him at once that 1851 was the year of the Great Exhibition, and he thought if he had to make a speech he should say something about it. They had had a great exhibition that evening of good working and good feeling, which, he hoped, would be kept up along with a great display of Masonic virtues. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, said he would do all he could to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction not only of the brethren of the lodge, but of the Deputy Prov. G.M. He fully appreciated the remarks of that brother as to uniformity of working. He knew that the different ceremonies could not be followed word by word, but with regard to the general principle of uniformity of working, he appreciated its value. He did not know what description of working was carried on in the Province of Surrey, but his own mother lodge, of which he was a P.M., had been, he might say without any egotism, celebrated for its work under the lines of the Lodge of Emulation, which they looked upon as the chief school of Masonry. The officers would support him in his endeavour to carry out his work properly. He must express his great gratitude to Bro. Greenwood, Prov. G. Secretary, for his kindness to the founders of the lodge, and for the hard work he had undertaken in the matter. He went as a perfect stranger to Bro. Greenwood, but they were brothers, and he immediately fell into his (the W.M.'s) views, and assisted the founders in a way which they little expected. He knew he was expressing the feelings of all the brethren of the Ewell Lodge when he said they were all deeply grateful to Bro. Greenwood for what he had done.

Bro. Lamb returned thanks for "The Grove Lodge—the recommending lodge," and Bro. A. Rule, 500, P.M. 262, Irish Constitution, held in 2nd Battalion, 20th Regiment, for "The Visitors;" and the other toasts having been proposed, honoured, and responded to, the brethren concluded the evening with the Tyler's toast, and then returned to town.

ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

The members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, who have on several occasions shown that they have a ready hand and willing heart to work in the sacred cause of charity, gave fresh proof of their unabated anxiety in this direction on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., when they gave a performance at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, on behalf of the Masonic Charities. While inaugurating and carrying out the scheme on their own account, the officers and brethren must acknowledge the exceedingly hearty support which they received from the brethren of nearly all the sister lodges in Liverpool, without which they could not have hoped to secure the success which attended their efforts on this occasion, even in the face of bad times, the dull season, and numerous opponents in the benefit field. The performance was under the distinguished patronage of His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Bernard Hall, Esq.; Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. W.L.; the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, D. Prov. G.M. W.L.; the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. E.L.; the Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire, Present and Past; Bro. W. Robinson, Mayor of Salford; Bro. J. P. McArthur, Mayor of Bootle; and others. The lodge last year gave a performance at the Amphitheatre, which realised £100 in aid of the Decoration Fund of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and as there was a numerous attendance on this second occasion, it is hoped that a substantial sum will be realized towards the benefit of Charities which are the "glory and the beauty of the Craft." A grand Masonic overture, conducted by Bro. Round, No. 1609, played by a very full orchestra, and the National Anthem, inaugurated the programme, after which Buckstone's always welcome comedy "Married Life" was played by a strong cast, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lynx being played by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609, and Miss E. Rainbow; Mr. and Mrs. Coddle, by Bro.

W. J. Constantine, P.M. 1609, and Miss E. Rudd; Mr. and Mrs. Dismal, by Bro. F. J. Stimson, 1609, and Miss M. Weiss; Mr. and Mrs. Youngusband, by Bro. H. C. Sidney and Miss F. Courtenay; and Mr. and Mrs. Dove, by Bro. W. J. Hammond and Mrs. Lindo Courtenay. The comedy, which was most admirably played, was followed by a grand vocal and dramatic entertainment, in connection with which choice items were given by Bros. Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; G. Martin, 1609; Dixon and Petrie, 1609; Professor Woodhead, J. P. Bryan, C. Waterson, Muir, H. Ashmore, Messrs. Keeling, Austin, Lewis, and Calder. Apologies were made for Bros. E. Saker and Harry Jackson, the latter, who was detained by business, giving two guineas for the Charities. The whole entertainment was greatly enjoyed, and frequent applause and numerous encores were given during the evening. Bro. J. Atkinson, J.W. 1609, the honorary Secretary of the performance, deserves special praise for his exertions in carrying out the arrangements, and he was enthusiastically aided by a staff of Stewards who are brethren connected with the Dramatic Lodge, amongst whom may be named Bros. W. Savage, I.G.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; J. M. Boyd, J. Shrapnell, J. Renney, J. Pycr, J.D.; W. Sanderson, W. Avann, and others.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, January 2, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Fimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
United Strength, Red Lion and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER

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THE FREEMASON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1879.

Christmas.

CHRISTMAS is here once more with all its sacred and social associations, and seems to bid us welcome once again as we journey on amid the cares and troubles of life. Christmas is an old friend to us all, and we always, if we are rightly constituted beings, hail its appearance with pleasant sympathies and pleasing memories. It is a period of religious association, domestic reunion, and social festivity all combined, which seems to speak full-voiced ever in most attractive tones to our worn and wearied humanity year by year. Remembering what Christmas proclaims from age to age, its message of peace, brotherhood, and goodwill, it seems to accord so thoroughly with every portion of our Masonic lore that words are useless to proclaim its blessedness, its reality, its appropriate teaching, and its elevating memories. Indeed, it is not so much to dilate upon Christmas, or to moralize on Christmas, that we pen these lines to-day, but simply to offer to all our readers and friends, and our kind patrons, many of them far, far away, our heartiest aspirations for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to them and theirs. Wherever Masons are found there the *Freemason* is read, and with this our Christmas number we are anxious to convey our most "heartily good wishes," as well for this festive season as for the new year, to all who peruse our pages or support our efforts to diffuse a sound, a readable, a healthy Masonic paper. To all associated in happy homes to-day, when the scattered surviving members of the family have gathered once again in time round the "old hearth stone," whether old or young, we tender our sympathetic congratulations and our warmest hopes that as Christmas Day, 1879, is leaving them in health, happiness, and peace, so their onward career in 1880 may be dimmed by no cloud and marred by none of the storms or tempests of life. As on Christmas Day they assemble from all quarters round the family dinner table or the Christmas Tree, may all of undimmed felicity be theirs, and with light hearts, rejoicing strains, and general greetings, and kinder memories, may they hail the precious hours of a transient Christmas season. A few years make a great havoc in loving circles and happy families. Some are missing, some are far away; those who constituted our pride and our grace are perhaps lying in their graves, and when we close up our ranks we see how many of our dearest comrades are missing, for the roll-call tells that, alas, they cannot be here to answer to their names or join in our harmonious and harmless revelry. Christmas has always two voices for us—a voice of cheeriness and sadness; a voice bidding us rejoice, a voice bidding us reflect. And we shall best enjoy the good things of our gay and genial gathering if we remember two points, most Masonic both in utterance and reality, that some are not so blessed as we, and that Christmas inevitably recalls to us the loved and the lost. But we do not wish to seem to sermonize or moralize to-day. We have thought it well thus lightly for the moment to touch upon obvious truths and solemn duties and sacred associations and tenderest memories, and we wish, with all unfeigned sincerity, to our readers for themselves and their families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Christmas Freemason.

OUR Publisher has thought that a Special Christmas *Freemason* might be acceptable to our many readers at home and abroad. We feel sure that in this respect his expectations will be realised and his anticipations rewarded. Wherever the *Freemason* reaches on this wide earth to-day, wherever it is read, and liked, and cared for, as we have often flattering tokens and pleasant reminders, we trust that the Christmas Number will be Masonically hailed and kindly received. Indeed, we have ourselves no doubt whatever of its seasonable form and its opportune appearance, and therefore it is that the publisher wishes to commend it to-day to all his friends and patrons, as containing not only what is needful for the Masonic reader and student, but what is pleasing, amusing, and edifying to the general public. The *Freemason* is, of course, primarily and mainly intended for Freemasons, and "bright" Freemasons too; but at this special season of the year, the publisher very wisely conceives, in our opinion, that it may be made "for the nonce" equally acceptable to the members, old and young, of all Masons' families, and that even the outside world may be pleased and profited by its careful perusal. And so once more he begs to call the attention of his readers to this his Christmas number of his widely circulated *Freemason*, and asks for it the friendly criticisms of non-Masons, and the warm support of all Freemasons, not only up and down Great Britain, but everywhere where Lodges exist, Masonic principles prevail, and the good old banner of Masonry holds out its pleasant folds to friends and foes. The publisher begs to thank his many kind friends for their original tales, whose merit, from a literary point of view, is not a little striking, and also his Masonic contemporaries, such as the *Key-stone*, *Masonic Advocate*, and *Voice of Masonry*, from whom, "pace" their fraternal permission, he has ventured to reprint a few interesting stories for his Christmas number.

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BY AN OLD MASON.

It has often struck me, in Masonic meetings, how very wonderful are two facts connected with Freemasonry, namely, its Antiquity and its Universality. I need not here dilate upon the former, for fear of making my little communication too prosy; and the more so, as I wish to illustrate the latter by a little incident of which I was an eye-witness, and which, though it happened many, many years ago, is as vividly impressed upon my tenacious memory as if the scene and the persons depicted were only of yesterday.

Someone has said, "As we grow old we forget, and oblivion steals gradually from a weakened memory the things that were;" but for my part, I find to-day how very retentive is the "silent warder of the mind" of old days and scenes and friends—how loth to forsake them and reluctant to part from them. And so I am able, in these friendly pages, to "point the moral and adorn the tale" by the narration of a fact, as clear, as certain, and as undoubted as anything well can be which is governed by the laws of human testimony as evidence.

Yes, the universality of Freemasonry is a wonderful thing, look at it which way you will, for there is Freemasonry in its mysterious adaptations and secret organizations "cropping up" from beneath your very feet, in the most unlikely places and in the most distant realms. Amid nations civilized and barbarous, among

the houseless tribes of the desert, and the dwellers of crowded cities; there it is unmistakably, permanently, vitally, apparently testifying of that remarkable period in the world's history which we term to-day the "time of the mysteries," and which links us distinctly with the patriarchal ages and antediluvian truths! Of course, there is also the operative sodality side to this great feature of Universal History, and a most striking phenomenon it is, too, and the two combined make up that "perfect whole" of the real true history of Freemasonry, without which, perhaps, its wondrous annals at first sight appear to some an embarrassing enigma or a childish paradox.

It has been long known to many travellers that in the East especially, there lingers a secret fraternity, very much akin to Freemasonry, if not altogether identical, now, in aim and practice, but which has this great peculiarity, that it preserves the same great landmarks of Universal Freemasonry as we do, and we in England and they in the East are able, by the mysterious laws of Recognition to make ourselves known to one another. This fraternity exists equally among the Arabs and the Druses, the Turks and the Egyptians, the Maronites and the Ausayric, and extends all over Africa, and is to be found as well in the Sahara as at Fez and Mogadore.

Some years ago, when a very young Mason, and that is why the incident made so deep an impression on my mind, I went over from Gibraltar with a large party of English ladies and officers to Tangiers. Tangiers, as some of my readers well know, is in the Straits of Gibraltar, and once belonged to us, being part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza, wife of King Charles II. It was afterwards abandoned by us. It is a curious town in some respects, and has an interest for travellers even to-day. Just before our visit to Tangiers, several outbreaks of fanaticism had occurred in Tangiers on the part of the "santons," or holy men of Africa, towards all Europeans—not English especially, but rather all "unbelievers," and our then respected Consul-General, Sir J. D. Hay, had officially warned the garrison to be very careful not to offend any of these unfortunately dirty and repulsive representatives of a dominant belief, when on casual visits or shooting excursions. One of the favourite proceedings of these aroused Mohammedans, aroused by the mere presence of an unbeliever, was to "spit in his face," and then to raise the people by accusing him of "insulting the religion of the Holy Prophet!"

"Mashallah!" as they say themselves, this was a very fine position of affairs. So, after many injunctions to be very careful, we started in high spirits for Tangiers.

The day was cloudless and the sea tranquil (which it is not always in these straits), and we soon made our "run" over to Tangiers, where we were met by the politest of consuls, and, after repeated good advice from him, and a "soldier" given us to take care of us, we started in a broiling sun to see Tangiers. Oh! happy days of youth. To-day, when we who survive are weak and shivering old men, what a bright memory of stalwart youths and gay and gracious dames comes before me as I write.

We held a "council of war" what we were to do, and the first point determined upon, especially by the ladies (dear, self-willed creatures that they are), was to see the mosque. In vain "caution" was preached and "danger" was pointed out—see it they would. So "Allons, enfant de la patrie," we said, and away we went.

"Beware," said Sir J. D. Hay, "of a santon." The writer of this was leading the joyous party, whose laughter made the staid soldier stare, and did not raise us, I fear, in his opinion, when we came full upon the mosque, and I saw to my horror a santon, sitting close to the door, counting his chaplet, for there are chaplets in the East as well as in the Roman Catholic Countries. Even the soldier seemed uneasy.

All of a sudden, I remembered the statement I had had from good authority, and, stepping forward, unperceived by the party, I made a Masonic sign to him, known to all my readers, dropping a small golden dollar piece into his lap! To my intense delight—he answered it, and made a bow with his head, and then without raising his head any more, he remained in a bowed attitude, and allowed the party and myself to file peacefully into the Mosque.

When we came out he was gone. The soldier was so astonished that he kept staring at me and him. And thus it is, believe me, explain it as we will, the Freemasonry is everywhere to-day! May we not see a great personage said of old, according to our tradition when we consider the actual existence of Freemasonry and realise its mysterious influence in the world, and position in all countries at the present time? "Oh, mighty brotherhood! oh, wonderful!"

The Ghost of Marney Castle.

THE CASTLE.

MARNEY Castle was a gloomy but magnificent ruin, lying on the borders of the New Forest. It had been practically uninhabited for years, with the exception of a few rooms in one of the farther wings, which had been fitted up for Lord Marney for shooting purposes. The remainder of the castle was a wonderful but discordant ruin, inasmuch as until the beginning of this century it had been occupied, and so had been repaired and restored. Thus you saw the debased ideas of the Caroline and Georgian period commingling with the older aspect and character of Mediæval architecture. Marney Castle had two courts—the outer and the inner. The outer, which was separated by a castellated wall and a moat from the village green, was almost entirely in ruins. In the inner court on one side were the rooms which still were occupied, and on the other was a great armoury connecting itself with an immense banquet hall, which again communicated with the eastern side, in which some old panelled rooms, as I said before, still were used from time to time. Under the great armoury were vaults, which no one had penetrated into for years, and as these vast structures were not professedly kept in repair, and many of the windows were blown in, and all the furniture and armour had long since gone to adorn Lord Marney's other place, Streighton Hall, in Wiltshire, they were as sad and desolate as well could be, dreary and disconsolate beyond description.

But such was the great castle which dominated the village of Marney, and of which, for the purpose of my story, I have given a sufficient description.

THE LEGEND.

Now this great castle had a legend, which was firmly believed in by the peasantry for miles around, and if not believed in by the upper classes as fully perhaps, it was said so deprecatingly and hesitatingly. The truth was, I believe, that everybody credited it, but did not like to admit it; for, say what we will, such is the innate credulity of man, that he is ready to believe anything, however incredible, *per se*. And in this, our age, we have witnessed the strange paradox or rampant absurdity that, whereas some affect to disbelieve the supernatural element of the Bible, simply because it is supernatural, they will believe greedily in any imposture of table-rapping or so-called spiritualism, and swallow with avidity the nauseous lies of the impostor, the swindler, and the charlatan!

But to the legend itself. A very wicked Lord Marney had a still more wicked wife. She was what someone has called an "out-and-outer," for she was credited not only with every possible crime, but even with witchcraft itself! Her main idea was to make herself as odious to the others generally, and particularly to her husband, as well could be! Accordingly, she led him a miserable life. She brought into the Castle a Confessor, who was said to be addicted to the "forbidden art." She fitted up a laboratory in one of the lower vaults to which she had access by a private passage, and there she carried on what the people about, in undertones, declared were her "sorceries and her devilries." At last, one day, the patience of her lord was exhausted. He found her preparing some horrible "philtre" or broth, and, supposing it was for himself, he drove her before him with a fearful iron belt, striking her until she screamed again,—until she jumped into the lake, and so ended her wicked life and the misery of the neighbourhood. The Church would not bury her, and so she lay in unconsecrated ground. Lord Marney lost his life before the walls of Ascalon.

Such was the legend; and the superstition of the neighbourhood had added to it the belief that the unquiet spirit of that most unquiet woman walked in the great hall or long gallery, uttering piercing shrieks, which were supposed to be still inflicted by the iron belt of Lord Marney. Indeed, such was the strong persuasion of all in the immediate vicinity that none would venture into the great hall or armoury at night, and as the family, for some reason or other, had left Marney Castle about the beginning of the century, under peculiar circumstances of haste and anxiety, it was further generally believed that to some such appearance might be attributed the non-residence of that noble house. With the exception of an occasional visit for shooting, even the rooms which still were inhabited were seldom visited, and it was stated that nothing but extra wages induced old John Hall and his wife Ann to keep them in order.

An explanation had been tendered by a bold constable officer that the alarm in the beginning of the century had been created by smugglers, but this explanation was generally scouted by the lovers of the marvellous as most unworthy of acceptance; and at the time my story opens the belief in the White Lady of Marney was widespread and firmly held.

THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE GHOST.

Mr. Goldsworthy had written to say that he was coming for the night, and therefore Mr. Goldsworthy, a respectable man, had gone over to see him, and to see that all the necessary and comfortable arrangements were made for his following day. Mr.

Goldsworthy lived a few miles distance from Marney, in the New Forest, and therefore drove over in his dog-cart, meaning to return home for his supper at nine; but as he often went from place to place, and from farmhouse to farmhouse, in his long rounds, his family never expected him after nine.

He reached the castle in the early afternoon, having dined at a friend's, "en route," and, putting up his horse in the stable, knocked at the door, which, after some time, was opened by old Hall.

Mr. Hall was evidently in a most uneasy state. "What's the matter, Hall?" said Mr. Goldsworthy. "Nothing, sir; nothing, nothing," stammered the old man.

"Ah, but there is something," replied the astute steward; "I see it by your manner and voice."

"Nothing, sir; nothing, nothing," again repeated Hall, in a tremble.

"Come, Hall, out with it," said Mr. Goldsworthy, laughingly; "you've seen the ghost!"

"I—I—I—sir," said Hall; "no, sir, but my missis has."

Mr. Goldsworthy burst out laughing.

"Where is your old woman?" he said, at last; "let's hear her wonderful story."

But when the old woman appeared she would say nothing. She only shook her head, and declared that her husband was an "old goose." It suddenly flashed across the steward's mind that there was a trick in all this, and he determined to try and find it out. So having dismissed the subject, apparently, and gone through the rooms, and seen that the fires were lighted, and the beds aired, and the servants' rooms got ready, and that the provisions were ordered in, as the cook and others were expected in the morning, he asked old Mrs. Hall to give him some tea; and after tea he quietly told her that, as he had some accounts to make up for Lord Marney, he would sleep there for the night.

Much to his astonishment the old woman seemed delighted, but she said nothing. And so, selecting a small panelled bedroom at the end of the passage nearest the old gallery, he lighted a pipe, took out his papers, and set to work. At nine Mrs. Hall brought him up a couple of mutton chops and a jug of Marney beer, and, with a bit of cheese, he made a very good supper, the old lady having offered him a curious old black bottle, which, she said, was one of many in the cellar, for old Hall had once been the butler, and still kept the keys, and which same bottle turned out to be Schiedam. Mr. Goldsworthy made himself a comfortable "night-cap," and at ten o'clock, as was his wont, turned in.

He was woke after some hours by a sort of grating noise. As he had a repeater, he struck it, and it sounded two. All of a sudden a door in the panel seemed to open, and a woman in white, uttering a shriek, appeared, and then vanished. There was a creaking of locks and as of chains, and then all was still again.

Poor Mr. Goldsworthy had fainted away. In the morning he was in a very depressed condition, and the old woman said triumphantly to her husband, "I said nothing yesterday, but I knew he would see her." When Lord Marney was told the story, he said, "It is quite clear to me that old Goldsworthy drank too much Schiedam."

THE SECOND APPEARANCE OF THE GHOST.

WHEN Mr. Goldsworthy got home next day, his family was not slow in finding out that something had happened. His eldest daughter, Julia, who was his favourite, soon extracted from the agitated Goldsworthy what had really taken place. She had engaged herself to the Reverend James Morley, the Curate of Marney, and, as he was staying at the house, she went at once to him for "spiritual" consolation. He was a very worthy young man, with too great a trust in his own powers of argument and persuasion, which were more limited in other people's opinion than he would have liked to think or to know. But he was not without "pluck," and so he volunteered to go and call on Lord Marney, and offer to sleep in the same room, as he felt sure that it was a gross imposture or Satanic agency.

Julia naturally objected on principle to this encounter of her "young man" with the "Woman in White," but her scruples were overruled, for, as Mr. Morley said heroically, "he had his duty to perform." Therefore, bold in a good cause, he started to pay his respects to Lord Marney and offer to endeavour to solve the mystery.

No sooner had he reached the castle, and seen Lord Marney, and told him his mission, than Lord Marney, who treated the whole affair as an excellent joke, and whose ladies were coming that very evening as well as some young officers from London, asked Mr. Morley to stay, and ordered Mr. Goldsworthy's room to be prepared for his reception. There was a sardonic smile on old Mrs. Hall's face when she heard the news, and she said, "I warrant me, the parson won't like the Lady in White when he sees her." Lord Marney told all his guests, when they arrived, the story, so that Mr. Morley was for once a hero. He was petted and pitied alternately, and when they all separated for the night Lord Marney said, "If you want help, Mr. Morley, wake up these idle nephews of mine, or my son, who will immediately come to your aid."

The Curate went to his room about half-past eleven or a quarter to twelve, and having looked carefully round the room and tapped the panelling to try if there was a secret door, after commending himself to God's protection, he went to bed. He had slept for some

time, when he, too, was woke by a grating noise, and then again, all of a sudden, a door in the wainscot was thrown open and a female figure in white, shrieking loudly, appeared in the room of the startled Curate. The Curate knew nothing more until he opened his eyes and saw daylight streaming in through the windows. He got quietly up, examined the walls again carefully, and, finding nothing (by this time he had become comparatively composed) sat down and wrote his statement of what he saw until oblivion overcame him!

When he descended to breakfast his pale looks assured the company that something had happened, and when, after breakfast, Lord Marney asked him to come into his little study, and when the door was closed, he again asked him what he had seen, Mr. Morley showed him his statement, which made Lord Marney smile—for he believed that the young men, and perhaps the young ladies, had played a trick on a timid Curate.

Finding that the Curate was anxious to get home, he soon after let him go, expressing his conviction to his family that he had been frightened by old Goldsworthy, or perhaps by a trick!

"A trick," said Lady Lucy, his favourite daughter; "who could or dared play such a trick here, papa?"

Captain St. Denis, a gay Guardsman, who was present, said he had a mind to try and find out the ghost, and as Lord Marney's nephew, Charles Marney, offered to keep him company, it was settled that, without saying a word about it to the servants, these two should occupy the chamber after twelve.

THE THIRD APPEARANCE OF THE GHOST.

At twelve precisely, Captain St. Denis and Charles Marney proceeded to the haunted room. They took with them some cigars and B. and S., and two good sticks. They made a close examination of the room, but could discover nothing, except that two panels seemed to give, on minute inspection, a more hollow sound than the others.

"This, then, is the door," said Captain St. Denis, and he tried to open it, but all in vain.

One o'clock struck, and still the two young men sat talking and smoking. Soon after one, Charles Marney said, "I'm very sleepy, and will lie down on the bed," and soon after went to sleep; and Captain St. Denis, tired of keeping awake, soon followed his example.

The next thing Captain St. Denis remembered was finding himself surrounded by a flash of light, Charles Marney calling out, and a woman in white shrieking loudly, staring at them both. The unearthly appearance which had so unmanned Charles Marney seemed for the moment to have paralysed the bold Guardsman, for, before he could collect his scattered thoughts, a clanking of chains and a creaking of bolts were heard and the vision had disappeared, and they were both in utter darkness.

"By George," said Captain St. Denis, "we are in for it. Yet, after all, I believe it is a hoax."

A solemn voice was heard to say, "Madman, on the peril of your life, be silent," and then all was again quiet as the grave.

When Lord Marney heard the story in the morning he shook his head, and, leaving Marney in a few days, has never since returned to visit it. Captain St. Denis, who married Lady Lucy, never likes the subject mentioned; Charles Marney still turns pale when Marney Castle is mentioned; and the White Lady is a forbidden subject of conversation in the Marney family.

I am speaking of some years ago. Probably now these terrors have passed away from their minds, for, as science and civilisation spread their wholesome sway each year, more and more, "some dear delusion fades and dies." You will not wonder that all these events combined to create a deep impression in the neighbourhood of Marney Castle, and increased the belief of the "Woman in White."

L'ENVOI.

NOTWITHSTANDING the universal belief in the county of the ghost, there were those who had their doubts; but still, as credulity has its fanatics as well as unbelief, for some time, at any rate, he was a bold man who ventured to dispute the three appearances of the White Lady of Marney Castle. Indeed, I believe nothing would ever have shaken the more educated from their belief, or, rather, their doubts—and many firmly cling to the ghost still, despite everything—had not a curious trial at the county assizes induced many people to think, after all, that the White Lady of Marney Castle was a substantiality in the flesh, and therefore no ghost or spirit at all.

A trial before the Lord Chief Justice for "coining" took place, and the county police, assisted by some of the police of Scotland Yard, had broken up one of the most desperate gangs of smashers which had ever troubled either the metropolis or the provinces! It was then I made acquaintance with Detective Robinson—Inspector I believe he is now—who had been sent to assist the county police. After the trial I was talking to him of the ghost story.

"Ah," he said, "I think I can give you a clue to the Lady in White. Why, she was the wife of that chap we got fourteen years for."

"His wife," I said; "but how then do you account for her appearances and her screamings?"

"Well," he replied, "in this way. No doubt she dressed herself for the part, and it was their game to keep that portion of the castle free from intrusion, for they had, in those old vaults, a splendid place for their practical operations. When we were examining the old

castle, we found a staircase from the vaults, which led up to a panelled room, the door of which was fastened outside by rusty chains and bars."

"Yes, but you know," I said, "the legend that the wicked Baron beats her for her intense wickedness, though, if the legend itself be true, he and she were six of the one and the half dozen of the other."

"Well," said Inspector Robinson, "it's all plain sailing after all. No doubt Jimmy, for that is what we always called Dodds, did beat his wife, and no doubt she really screamed when he beat her. The night, or rather the morning, those two officers saw her, he had been simply strapping her, and probably followed her upstairs, and no doubt her screams were real and piercing. Ah, sir, she's a bad one! Her name is Margaret—she goes by the name of Ramping Meg, and she has given me more trouble than a half-dozen men! She tried Jimmy very hard."

"And," continued the inspector with a gravity which impressed me deeply, as if he felt what he said, "there is no such aggravating thing for a man as a knagging woman. I know it against the law, and the Lord Chief Justice would say that it's a 'gross illegality and a grave impropriety,' but for all that, though you need not repeat what I say, there are some women for whom nothing on earth will do but a little judicious 'strap-oil.' Meg was the White Lady, and had these two young officers not been so scared by her screams and her white dress, the ghost would have been found out long ago. We don't believe in ghosts at Scotland Yard. The only ghost I ever saw was one who would walk into other people's bedrooms, but as that ghost always took articles of jewellery away, we took her at last. She was a fine, fat, bouncing ghost when we took her!"

"Well," I said, "you see they'll still believe in the ghost in the country, and so many to this hour declare that the 'White Lady walks in the ruins of Marney Castle.'"

"De Gustibus."

By BRO. S. POYNTER, P.M. AND TREAS. BURGONNE 902,
P.M. AND FOUNDER ATHENÆUM 1491.



PRIMA VIRUMQUE CANO, and as I propose carolling on a congenial subject, I mean to tane up lustily. The arms I sing about are offensive weapons, *ex: gr:* a knife proper grasped dexter, a fork proper, argent, displayed sinister; and the man I warble of is "a man and a brother," and wears a lambekin apron across that portion of his anterior anatomy which patrons of the P.R. term, or used so to phrase it, "below the belt." My brother, I am about to moralise musically upon you in "the fourth degree;" I mean to apply my title to you in its most material and even vulgar sense. I do not propose to discourse of the attribute of taste in its æsthetical or moral application; that is to say, I am not about to be didactical on the modern renderings of the famous proverb which runs in English—"Every one to his taste, as the old woman said when she kissed her cow," and in French—"Chacun à son goût." No; my psalm shall be of palpable physical enjoyment; the tangible sensation communicated to the animal palate; the enjoyment that is experienced in the actual reception, mastication, and deglutition of good food and drink. And why not? We have poetical authority for asserting that "good wine is a good creature," and the resplendent genius who is responsible for this proposition has not disdained to expatiate also upon "flawn and custards," and honest "beef and mustard." Another poet assures us that—

"In the Spring a livelier Iris changes on the burnish'd dove;
In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

And it seems to the mind of a writer whose feet, like Thackeray's, have been "under the mahogany of many men," that there is the same touching fitness of idea existing between Christmas and feasting that Tennyson and Shakespeare establish between youth and amorousness, and that the earlier poet also ascribes to the association of old age with covetousness.

Touching old age, was the "swan of Avon" quite accurate when he described the senile one in the immortal recapitulation of humanity's scenes as "sans taste?" I confess I have not yet qualified to give an opinion founded upon personal experience on this knotty question, but I am, alas! in process of doing so. I remember that once, many years ago, an octogenarian Alderman, with his serviette well tucked under his chin—as you see his predecessors represented in Hogarth's picture, "Master Goodchild elected Sheriff of London is entertained by his Company"—challenged me to join him in iced punch. His Worship's mouth was very full of callipash and callipee, almost too replete to enable him to gasp out, apoplectically, "Stick to the table, young sir—stick to the table; it's the only pleasure that lasts to the end—lasts to the end." I suppose the *gourmand* in that other picture of Hogarth's—in that pitiable state after the surfeit of oysters, you remember—held the same creed—but there, "something too much of this," as Hamlet says.

We have, all of us, been taught that Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; and probably, from the very invention of the order—and by its invention I mean from the very inception of the idea of formulating a cult from the practice of operative Masonry—some

method of communicating notions of rectitude, combined with technical skill, was desiderated by the craftsmen. From the necessity so experienced, I assume ritual originated, and I do not think it at all improbable that the most convenient opportunity for communicating the moral lessons this ritual was intended to convey, and at the same time perfecting the ritual itself, was found in the intervals when master and foremen and workmen assembled together for necessary refreshment after—or in the intervals of—labour. By imperceptible degrees—by a process extending over a long period—this mode of communicating instruction would develop or degenerate—call it which you please—into the easy and convenient practice of some learned and skilled brother discoursing, or reading in monologue, for the instruction and presumably the entertainment of his companions, while they recruited exhausted nature, the lector finding other opportunities for taking his necessary refreshment. This system, we know, prevailed in monastic communities. It was, until comparatively recent times, the practice in our Universities, and in the Inns of Court. In each of the latter to this day a reader is appointed once a year, and although his office has become a sinecure, he enjoys the *kudos* of beholding, at the end of his year of nominal services, his armorial bearings emblazoned on a panel in the hall of his legal *alma mater*. Most of us remember how the monastic lecturer is introduced by Longfellow, when the monks "are merry in hall, when beards wag all," and

"The reader droned from the pulpit,
Like the murmur of many bees,
The legend of good St. Cuthbert,
Or St. Basil's homilies"—

at that great feast, when the fathers toasted the whole of the hagiology, one by one—a bumper and no beel taps for each—and how my lord the Abbot succumbed at the last, and was found to have quietly departed for the "land o' the leal," as Lady Nairne has it; and how the hearty roysterers improved the occasion by improvising a canonization on the spot—

"But not for this their revels
The jovial monks forbore,
For they cried, 'Fill high the goblets,
Let us drink to one saint more!'"

A companion to this story is a yarn told by Sir Walter Scott, somewhere, of the astonishing composure evinced by an old Caledonian toper at the sudden death of one of his convives—we will call him "the laird o' Cairngorm." A party who had spent "a very wet evening," separating in the small hours of the morning, one of the number observed that a guest appeared to be sleeping, and remarked a very peculiar pallor upon his face. "Cairngorm's unco' gash," he whispered to his neighbour. "An' weel he may be," was the reply; "he's been gane these twa hours; I saw him pass awa', but I deed na' leeke to deesturb guid company."

I need not say that in College and University life, while the system of commons is still maintained, its accompaniment of the droning lector has become obsolete. Thoughtful observers have long been convinced of the moral utility of "keeping commons;" and there is extant a strong and not unreasonable proposition for those seats of learning where this mode of educational association is still practised, while there is an equal and equally not unreasonable prejudice existing in the minds of many against those institutions where this method of fitting their alumni for the battle of life by wholesome attrition with their fellows and future co-labourers has never been adopted, or has been allowed to fall into disuse. As to readers, their nominal appointment as such is not unfamiliar to us in certain ecclesiastical establishments of this day, in the pulpits of which those monologists constantly appear, although to modern minds in this connection the difference between a preacher and a reader is rather less explicable than the distinction between a crocodile and an alligator.

Something of the same feeling of veneration for ancient usages, I venture to assert, exists—notwithstanding how philosophers may theorise—among the convivial observances of Freemasonry. The day, thank Heaven, has long passed by when it behoved a brother to seriously buckle on his armour and defend the beloved Craft from the vulgar charge that it was only an excuse for feasting, for gormandizing, for indulgence in alcoholic excess. Excesses, either in meats or drinks, are now—and the fact is universally recognised—very much the exception rather than in any degree the rule in Masonic "refreshment;" while, on the other hand, slackness, slovenliness, inaccuracy, or lukewarmness in the performance and rendering of the beautiful "working" and ritual are also as conspicuously infrequent. We have nothing to apologise for, but little to defend; the charges involved in that little we may perhaps be sometimes put to vindicate, but the answer need be but brief, and I certainly do not propose to excite the ridicule of my readers by donning harness to repel the sprinkles of penny squirts.

There are so many things it is cheap and easy to laugh at. I personally enjoy the annual procession of Lord Mayor's Show, and shall continue to do so, call you it gimcrack gingerbread never so much. Perhaps to me it has some occult meaning, and its gilding goes deeper than the surface; but I am not necessarily a dotard because your ocular organs have not the same focus as mine. I roar at two or three pantomimes every year, and the spectacle of a fat, apoplectic looking middle-aged gentleman, choking with laughter until the tears run down his cheeks, once or twice per annum—at Mr. Clown purchasing a pound of butter in order to grease the pavement before the cheesemonger's door,

so that, when that honest tradesman emerges, his slithery slide may culminate in an undignified sprawl—may be contemptible to you, dear reader; but then I may see in it "excellent fooling," and reflect, if permitted to philosophise over so puerile a subject, that it may not be altogether unwise to be sometimes for a brief minute or two in this world of woe "even as a little child."

And so with other things. When I dine, as I frequently have the honour of doing, with my noble friend the Right Honourable Geoffrey Plantagenet Fitz-Urse Stangate, Earl of Lambeth, Viscount New Cut, and Baron of Pedlar's Acre, K.G., etc., etc., I do not expect that exalted nobleman to take wine with me—it isn't done in society now, you know; that's information for you, dear reader, isn't it? I do not feel slighted if, in the presence of the two solemn be-faced ones, upright behind my chair, my noble host does not give his curiously cut *tasse* a knowing cock, and audibly announce that he "looks towards" me, or affectionately preface his draught, *à la Gamp*, with "here's wishin' you luck." I am perfectly aware that I can imbibe as much or as little as I please at my lord's mahogany, and that the decorous plain—the champagne—I mean the country not the liquor—"the lie of the land," to use a Cambridgeshire term—of talk in decorous subdued tone, will not be disturbed by acclivities of heartiness and volcanic eruptions of expressions of friendliness, affection, and goodwill. I say, I take my right honourable friend as I find him; I accept a sort of aristocratic pot-luck, as it were; I accommodate myself to princely circumstances, because I am not proud and don't pretend to look down upon peers of the realm, as some folks do. But then I also am found equal to the situation in a Freemason's lodge, and I do not, and I will not, denounce the continuance of the old hearty fashion of "Waes hael," of demonstrating openly the hospitality we are delighted to extend, the affection we are happy to be able to feel when we brethren meet, and amicably—and I hope we always all of us do so amicably—break bread together.

"Turkey and chine," "Roast beef and plum pudding," "Rum punch and sparkling hock!" "What an eulogiser of *gourmandise* you are!" I think I hear some of my readers exclaim. Read between the lines, my friends, and you shall see that this panegyric implies a deep concern for the good fellowship in its higher sense which these tangibilities symbolically represent. The glass of wine that I take at refreshment after labour with a brother whom I have never seen before, constitutes the recognition of the value of one of the great principles of our fraternity, emblematises the great virtue, whether displayed by savage or by civilised man, the ready and cheerful practice of hospitality. Again, over that glass of wine, sipped at the same moment with the friend of your heart, expressive eyes meeting in sympathetic glances, how many dear memories may not be evoked, our many tender chords may not be restruck—sounded anew? Nay, more. We of the esoteric can afford to admit that sometimes it may be derisively asked—even of us—*Tantæ animis celestibus ira?* but how often—do we not know, brethren!—how often an answer to this sneer is at lodge refreshment anticipated by a flask of Marcobrunner, quenching the flames of wrath as effectually as Captain Shaw's new India-rubber hose pipes squirt out the fire in an incandescent Metropolitan shop. Jones and Green eye the table-cloth between them as the lists, the tourney field—which, indeed, it is in the sense of being bounded by the selvages of the napery—wherein they two meet, not unwilling, to exchange wordy blows and tongue-banging battle, so far as the W.M. will allow them, and to reap up that old affair about the—well, never mind what—but somehow the pair of eyes of one of the combatants twinkles over the tall green flasks in the interval between soup and fish; and those sparkling orbs by chance, looking across the intended battle-ground, encounter another pair twinkling, by no means antagonistically, but contrariwise, opposite. "With you, old boy!" stammers Jones, the fierce foe, hesitatingly to Green, the implacable enemy. Retorts Green, the I. E., heartily, and as if immeasurably relieved, to Jones, the F. F., "With all the pleasure in life, brother Jones; what shall it be, hock or sherry?" and imagination need not be accused of being very extravagant if you fancy you can read, inscribed on the diaper, *Amantium ira amoris redintegratio est*, or, think you hear, in the clink of the weapons of these two doughty combatants—I mean in the clink of their encountering goblets—our good old English ballad rendering of Terence's famous adage, "The falling out of ancient friends renewing is of love."

"So mote it be!" And here let me conclude. I had purposed, gentle reader, to point out to you that our after dinner speeches, the which are not without their uses—let a flippant generation say what it will—uses of exhortation, of encouragement, of admonition, of explanation, are the survivals of the ancient fashion of employing an orator to "improve the occasion" of refection, but I forbear. *Rien sacré pour un vapour*; and if, as we have seen lately, even that—if not venerable, at all events, grave and solemn—institution, the wedding breakfast—is not sacred from the flippant sneer of the cynic, how can we expect that an apology for post prandial discourse "across the walnuts and the wine" will be gravely, or even patiently received? So, hoping that I have achieved the great success in composition indicated by that eminent literary authority, Mr. Samuel Weller, as "pullin' up short, and then you makes 'em wish for more," I very fraternally and respectfully bid my readers farewell and "Waes hael," and wish them all and each "A very merry Christmas, and a happy, prosperous New Year."

His Five Mothers-in-Law.

MOST husbands and wives, if we may credit all they say, find it difficult to live in the same house with a mother-in-law, but Old Sol B— (as he was commonly called), of Boston, dwelt in peace and comfort for several years with five ladies bearing that relation to him. When I first knew the old gentleman he appeared to be about fifty, but was in reality about sixty-eight, and had a charming wife who was then twenty-six, and two lovely children, a boy and a girl, one seven the other five. His children by his first wife were all married, and some of his grandchildren were also married, and themselves had children older than Mr. B—'s two youngest.

On the first day of my visit at his pleasant home, not many miles from Boston, as I took my place at the dinner-table with Mrs. B—, I was surprised to see five old ladies come into the room together, and to be introduced to each of them in succession as follows: "My own mother, Mrs. B—, senior; my next mother, Mrs. Henry; my third mother, Mrs. James; my fourth mother, Mrs. William; my fifth mother, Mrs. John."

Mrs. B—, senior, who seemed the youngest of the old ladies, laughed aloud at my look of consternation—a melodious laugh for one of her years—and everyone smiled but Mr. B—, who invoked the blessing with his usual air, and led the table-talk on indifferent topics. That evening, in the parlour, young Mrs. B— gave us some music, and the old ladies retired early, one after another, the "own mother" going last, when she was tenderly assisted upstairs by her son. On his return Mr. B— said to me, with a smile of amusement: "I see that you are, as the ladies say, 'dying to know' what all this means. I purposely did not tell you that I have five mothers-in-law, because I always like to see the effect produced by my household on other people. You, for instance, live so differently, all alone; how do we appear to you?"

"Harmonious and happy; but I have seen you together only a very short time. What is your every day experience?"

"Much the same, especially since my dear wife came into our household. I had all the old ladies when she arrived."

"But where did you get them all; they cannot all belong to you?"

"Yes, every one of them. I have four mothers-in-law, and as my own mother is my wife's mother-in-law, of course that makes five mothers-in-law in our house. Now, as my wife is just going to her little ones' nursery, I will tell you about my old ladies."

"When I married my first wife, her mother, who was a widow, came to live with us. She was a good creature, and had seen pretty hard times, having supported herself by school-teaching and sewing for several years, and she seemed greatly to enjoy my comfortable home—I was always a thriving man of business. So one day I said to her, 'Now, mother, there is no reason why you shouldn't make your home with us always while you live; you can bring your own furniture if you choose, or you need not; the room you now occupy shall be your own always, and, beside what my wife may do, I will give you fifty dollars a year for your clothes (that was an ample sum for a woman to have all to herself in those times). And if sometimes you are displeased, you must go to your room and put it out alone, and only join us again when you feel pleasant. For I won't be worried, and least of all will I have my wife worried by anybody. Now, mother, what do you say?'"

"She only said, 'You are a good man, Solomon B—, and the Almighty will reward you, and I thank you from my heart. I will do my part.'"

"So I never had any trouble with her."

We all lived together twenty years, and then my wife had an attack of pneumonia, and died; and soon after that my own mother was left a widow, and came to live with me. My mother is only sixteen years older than I am, and, being so lively and smart, she seemed quite like a younger sister to mother Henry, and they got on easily together. But after a while, when the children were all about grown, I got so lonesome that I coaxed a real, nice, sensible lady of Philadelphia, not handsome, but just as good as gold, to marry me. I told her all about my old ladies, and found she had two mothers living with her—her own mother and her husband's mother. They had neither of them any property, but she owned a house, and took boarders in it to support them all.

"Well, I made the same proposition to her old ladies that I made to my mother-in-law, and they both agreed. Then I went home and built an addition to my house, and soon brought my second wife and her mothers there. We had some occasional pouting at first, but I always held two points without yielding—I was the master in my own house and would never let anybody worry my wife. So, pretty soon, my four-in-hand learned to travel smoothly together."

"Ah, me! I looked forward to a happy old age with that dear wife, but in two years she was killed by a railway accident. I was with her on the train and was badly hurt, lying for weeks in a state of unconsciousness. When I recovered my dear wife's grave was green. I felt so bad and my health was so poor that I did not care for a woman again until all my children were married, and I was left alone with my four old ladies. Then I met a pretty little romantic widow, husband and oldest child died of contagious fever, three who was 'so sorry' for me. She wrote poetry and painted pictures, and was dying all the while of con-

sumption, that scourge of our city; and I thought as she had a struggle to take care of herself and her husband's mother, I would smooth her passage to the grave.

"So I married her and her mother—I mean—well, you know what I mean. I treated her mother-in-law just as I did the other old ladies, and that wife lived seven years after all. I made her so happy that she adored me, and we had the sweetest baby you ever saw! Oh, what a lovely creature that child was—a little angel! She lived only three years, and then faded away. But I have several beautiful pictures of her, painted by her mother."

"And did you have no trouble with that mother-in-law?"

"Not while her daughter-in-law lived; she was always taking care of her sick child and grandchild. But when Emma was gone, and all seemed quiet again, the old lady wanted to marry me!"

"What! Emma's mother-in-law?"

"Yes. She was a handsome woman still, and she knew it; about my age, and no relation whatever; so she set her cap at me."

"And that made a commotion in the house?"

"Well, yes. Yes, it did. I never knew my mother to get into a real rage till then. She was mad! She told me to go right off and get a young wife—the younger the better! Then I got mad. I stormed away at all my old ladies together; threatened to break up housekeeping and turn them out upon the world, away from the pleasant home which they had enjoyed so long that they really believed to be theirs. Finally I declared I would leave them in it, to fight like Kilkenny cats, while I would live at an hotel in the city. And I kept my word. I lived at one hotel after another, but always went home on Saturday nights to go to church the next morning as usual, and take my old ladies for a drive in the afternoon as usual, so that the neighbours should not be gossiping about us. How good they were to me then! They lived together like a nest of kittens. But my mother assured me that peace would not last long if I lived at home without a wife; so when I met a pretty little orphan girl who had not a relative in the world, I told her all about my affairs, and the sweet creature, with tears of pity in her eyes, consented to marry me and be good to my old ladies. And she has kept her word, both letter and spirit, and I am thankful that life has given me so many blessings."

The story is from life, excepting that I have changed all the names. Sol B— has been dead some years; the will he left was as just and manly as his other acts.

A Wife's Appeal.

THE Wise people—those who manage their neighbours' affairs in theory much better than they do their own in practice—shook their heads in solemn conclave when Mr. Hepworth married the second time, but an added shade of venom was in their councils when the village paper noticed, in flowery paragraph, the birth of a son and heir at the great house. She was very beautiful, and many had thought it a great sacrifice when she married a man as old as her own father, yet in her sweet humility she only prayed to be worthy of the love bestowed upon her.

A low knock at the door aroused her, and rising to her feet, she answered the summons.

Upon the threshold stood a woman, a few years older than herself, who led by the hand a handsome boy, who had seen two summers only.

The woman was poorly dressed, in a shabby mourning, but the child wore dainty white garments.

"Did you wish to see me?" Mrs. Hepworth asked, smiling upon the child.

"May I come in?" was the woman's question in return.

"Certainly. You look tired."

The stranger accepted chair, and looked sadly round the room.

"Everything is altered," she said, in a mournful voice. "Perhaps I had better stayed away. Mrs. Hepworth, you have heard of Clarice Manderson?"

"I have not," was the reply. "I am almost a stranger here. We have been travelling ever since I was married, until a few months ago."

"And you never heard of me?" said the stranger, the tears rising in her eyes. "Then my errand here is indeed hopeless. If, in his new happiness as your husband, my father never even spoke of my name, it is useless to hope he will forgive me."

"Your father? Mr. Hepworth your father? He told me he had lost his only daughter."

"Not that I was dead; I was lost to him by my own disobedience. You love my father?"

Just a smile, proud, happy and tender, answered her.

"Then you will understand me," said Clarice, "when I tell you I loved my husband better than father, home or duty. Father would not hear of our marriage and sternly forbade me to speak to Lucien Manderson, assuring me that he was a fortune hunter, a gambler, and unworthy of my love. When the letter imploring forgiveness was returned to me by my father, with a few brief words casting me from heart and love, my husband proved what I had so fondly hoped was false. He had married the only child and presumed heiress of Hepworth, the millionaire, and found himself burdened with a penniless wife. I spare you the history of the four years of married misery that followed. Then my months later, on the very day this boy was born. I heard of my father's marriage. I returned here, hoping for pardon: but the house was shut up. When you

came, I determined to make one more effort for forgiveness, hoping you would plead for me. Oh, by your love for your child, plead for me. Think if he was an outcast from his father's love, sorrowing, and penitent, and begging of a stranger the gift of his birth-right!"

"If my prayer will keep you here, Clarice, you shall not leave your father's house again. Mr. Hepworth is in the library, and I will speak to him at once."

She waited a moment to bathe the traces of tears from her face, and came again, smiling, to the anxious group.

"Cheer up, Clarice," she said, bravely. "What is your little boy's name?"

"Stephen. It was the name of my brother who died. My first boy was called after my father."

"Stephen," said Mrs. Hepworth, opening her arms. "Come here, darling, and kiss your grandmother."

The child sprang at once to the lovely grandmother, kissing her again and again.

Putting him into his mother's arms the young wife lifted her own baby from its cradle and left the room.

In the darkly-furnished library, Mr. Hepworth was leaning back in his arm-chair.

A light step roused him from his reverie, and his wife stood before him.

Her husband opened his arms to caress both, and laughed, as he said:

"Oh, those mothers! Do you suppose, Madame, that babies are admitted into the sanctums of legal gentlemen?"

"I do," said the mother, "if the legal gentlemen have the additional honour of being their papas."

"Did you know, Harold," said Meta, her lip quivering slightly, as she felt the deep import of her words, "that this is my birthday, and you have given me no gift?"

"You are impatient, little wife," he answered, thinking of the costly bauble that was to come without fail by noon.

"But I would like to choose my own gift," she persisted.

"What can I give my rosebud that she has not already?"

"Does your office include the power of pardon?" she asked, her sweet face pallid with earnestness.

"In a limited degree it does," he replied. "But dear one, I shouldn't like it to be known that I had shown clemency to a criminal upon your solicitation. You would be constantly annoyed by the loving relatives of scamps and rogues trying to move me to pity through your intercession?"

"But this is not a case of roguery, Harold—only a true penitent; one who erred in extreme youth, was led from a path of duty by a love as warm and true as our own, but mistaken. Oh, dear husband, do you not know for whom I would plead? Cannot you guess for whom I would beg your pity and forgiveness?"

"Clarice," he asked, hoarsely, "who has told you of her?"

"She has come herself to seek your forgiveness."

"She is here?"

"Yes. You will forgive her? For the sake of our own boy, Harold, let this be a home for her and Stephen."

"Stephen!" he cried, starting.

"Her son. Her husband is dead. She is widowed, poor and lonely. Let her return to your home and your love, Harold!"

There was a moment of silence, and the mother softly carried the strong, right hand of her husband in her own until it rested upon the head of the babe in her arms.

He looked down and said:

"I will grant your birthday wish, Meta. Take me to Clarice."

With a tender, loving kiss upon the hand that still rested upon her child's head, Meta led the way back to her pretty sitting-room, where Clarice waited the result of her errand.

As she heard the steps coming across the wide hall toward the room where she was seated, her agitation became too great for patient waiting, and she stood up, holding her child by the hand, her breath coming in quick, panting sobs, her eyes dilated with suspense, and her whole figure quivering with intense emotion.

It was this eager, flushed face that met the father's eye as he opened the door—the face of the child to whom he had given the entire strength of his love for years.

He forgot her waywardness, her disobedience, and the six years of absence.

He remembered only that she was his only daughter, the child of his dead Clarice, and he opened his arms, with a smile that carried love and forgiveness to the sore heart.

There was a cry of—

"Father, dear, dear father!"

And they were folded fast in each other's arms, while Meta drew wondering Stephen into an inner room and closed the door.

Not even for her ears, she felt, were those first words of reconciliation.

It was not long that Stephen was withheld from his grandfather's kiss, for father and daughter alike turned to the gentle influence that had united them once more.

The gossips are divided in their opinion as to the exact amount of hatred and jealousy existing between the young widowed daughter and the young wife at the great house, but it would be quite beyond the power of their narrow minds to understand such true sisterly love as exists between Clarice Manderson and Mr. Hepworth's second wife.

The Ghostly Compact.

"Can such things be,
And overcome us like a summer's cloud,
Without our special wonder?"—*Macbeth*.

IN the beautiful suburbs of the grand old city of London lived the happy and affluent family of the Pherwells. The father had been a successful merchant, and retired with his gains into the country, whither he took his wife. Their two sons' pretty residences were near them, where they had gathered round them small families. It is of these two we wish to treat more especially. They were twins,

"The one so like the other
As could not be distinguished but by names,"

and they have attained the age of twenty-five years. One is an eminent engineer, and the other a noted bookseller. From the cradle it had been hard to distinguish which was which, and they had always evinced a remarkable affection for each other. If it had not been for a slight mark on Hubert's shoulder (who was generally considered the elder), they would hardly have been able to have told him from Harry. Their parents had always been proud of their similarity, and had done all they could to preserve it, dressing them alike, parting their flowing black locks, in the same manner, and giving each of them the same instruction. The neighbours all marvelled at them, and they were general favourites, all agreeing they never saw two brothers so loving and kind. Thus they were brought up, and as they became older, instead of growing dissimilar, they seemed to get more and more alike, and many were the mistakes and ludicrous blunders made by their friends. Hubert would answer for Harry, or Harry for Hubert, and they were eternally getting mixed, until they almost thought of re-naming them. At school they did each other's lessons, got into one another's scrapes, and received each other's favours. One day Hubert broke a slate, and Harry got caned for it; the next day Harry knew his lesson the best, and Hubert got the marks. If Harry asked for a holiday, Hubert was sure to get it, and if Hubert had the headache, Harry was bound to be let off his lessons. Thus they were always confounded, and their schoolfellows called them "the boy and his shadow," though they didn't know which was the boy and which was his shadow. At the end of the session Hubert was at the head of the school, and the master congratulated him, but presented the prize to Harry.

The difficulties only increased when they left school, and were both placed in the book trade. But it was soon found impossible for them to work together; they were always making mistakes in orders from conflicting instructions. Imagine one of them bringing a bottle of ink filled with sand, and the other splashing ink over a valuable document. They really could not exist in the same place, and as it was absolutely necessary for them to be separated, Hubert was apprenticed to the hard life of an engineer. Even then they would be met in the streets, and the bookseller confidently asked his opinion upon technical points of machine construction, while the young engineer was similarly favoured with large orders for books; or some particular friend would meet the wrong one, and tender him the sovereign he had lent him, with an apology for forgetting it. It was well they had no secrets, or they would certainly have leaked out.

Singularly enough, at about the age of twenty, they became acquainted with two charming girls "as like as two peas," and also twins. They were named Cora and Constance Souvenir, and by a sort of simultaneous sympathy, became very much attached to Hubert and Harry Pherwell. But, though they sincerely loved, neither of them could tell which one had gained his or her affections. This complicated state of things could last no longer, and to avoid evident confusion and endless mistakes, Hubert married Cora, and Harry, Constance. Yet blunders still occurred, and Harry would meet Cora and give her his instructions, while Hubert would upbraid Constance with going out with her severe cold. The families were so attached to one another that they furnished their houses alike in every particular, and each imitated the other in anything new, and if Hubert were to subscribe to some charity Harry would too; or if Constance bought a new shawl Cora would do the same; so that you could never tell whose house you were in. This was all very well in its way, and certainly unique, but extremely puzzling, and they, at least, found it necessary to separate, in spite of their bosom friendship. Before doing so, the brothers made a solemn compact between themselves. They had always studied the same books, and even took an interest in each other's trades, and one of their favourite studies had been that of "Animal Magnetism," or "Sympathetic Influence," and "Spiritual Visitation." They had read many authentic accounts of dear friends being visited by the spirits of departed ones, and they determined to enter into an agreement between themselves. It was this: whoever died the first was to appear to the other in the spirit, if possible—even though he had to pass through imminent danger to do it, and they solemnly agreed to keep their vow. Hubert then exchanged his situation for one in Glasgow, and bade a tearful adieu to his brother and family.

So mutual was their attachment, and such an effect had their compact, that they both had horrible dreams that night, and simultaneously wrote to each other. The following letters show the similarity of their

thoughts, a little differently expressed according to their trades:—

"Glasgow.

"Dear Harry,—We arrived all safe and well, and my little wife is considerably better; but last night I had an awful dream that has made me feel very uneasy. I know not what it portends, but it has caused me to be very anxious about you. I did not exactly see you, but dreamt that the mechanism of my life was thrown adrift, and that no earthly power could put it together again. Perhaps it is only a foolish idea, but write immediately and say if you are all right. The house we have secured seems to be a very nice one.—Much love to all yours, from yours very expectantly,

"HUBERT.

"P.S.—In haste. I will write again soon."

"London.

"Dear Hubert,—I hope you arrived all safe and well, and that your charming wife is better. Last night I had a terrible dream, which has quite unnerved me. I know not what it means, but feel very concerned for your sake. Your wraith did not appear, but everything seemed to have gone wrong, and got unbound, so that it was impossible to be put right again. I upbraid myself with it as a foolish idea, but let me know at once if all is well. I hope you have succeeded in getting a comfortable home. Much love to you and yours, from your very anxious brother,

"HARRY.

"N.B.—I have not time for more, but will write further."

Each on receiving these letters was astounded that they should both be similarly affected and write in the same tenor, and attributed it to the powerful influence of "sympathetic magnetism." Here was, indeed, corroboration of the mysterious principle, and now they felt satisfied that should anything happen to either of them the other would be immediately apprised. All their friends "pooh-poohed" the notion, but the brothers devoutly believed in the existence of this power.

Hubert soon established himself in Glasgow, and his situation was worth much more than the one he had held in London. Hardly a day passed but he had a letter from Harry, relating his success in business, or some London news; and he regularly wrote back again with a similar purpose from Glasgow.

Nothing of importance occurred until one foggy morning. Hubert was walking as usual to the works, but was in unusually depressed spirits. He could not tell why, but he felt that some calamity was close at hand, and he shuddered as he tried to shake off the feeling, and failed. Nothing had gone wrong; his wife and family were in their usual health, and nothing had arisen to cause discontent. He left them lovingly, and had no fear on their score. His business, too, was more prosperous than ever, and seemed on the increase. The news from London had been favourable that morning, and his breakfast had been good. All was well except himself; what could be the reason? he asked himself. True, the weather was dull and foggy, but something more than dullness oppressed his mind. He was thinking of his brother, and how he should feel if he died first, and his spirit appeared to him. The thought seemed to be haunting him, and he could not dismiss it. Was it some premonitory warning? He imagined his brother was following him, and that he should soon see his spirit, and he shivered with affright at the thought. He hardly dare look round from fear it should meet his gaze. Suddenly, he straightened himself, and said, "Fool, fool! why torture yourself with these fearful baby fancies! away with them! and he hurried onward. But no sooner did he turn his head round, than there, in the mist, but plain and distinct, was the form of his brother walking at his side. Horrors! then his brother was dead. There was his figure, perfect as in life, following him, looking fixedly at him with his face ghastly pale! He tried to escape it, but it noiselessly, and without any exertion, followed him. He stood still, and it became stationary at exactly the same moment. He felt himself in the presence of the supernatural, and, notwithstanding all his theories, he was afraid. In broad daylight, too; it was no spectre of the imagination—no simple hallucination. No; there, plain enough, was the departed spirit of his poor brother, perfect in every delineation as he had last seen him, and his forebodings had not been false. Perhaps he has passed through intense agony to appear thus to me and fulfil his compact. Coward and ingrate that I am, I will speak to it."

These were his thoughts as he perspired from every pore, and he imagined the spirit wore a reproachful countenance. In a husky, hollow voice he hoarsely said, "Are you dead?" But his voice was buried in the fog, and no answer was returned, the figure remaining as still as ever. "Speak!" he cried, but the sound seemed to cling to him, and never reach his brother. Intensely excited, he took a step forward; the figure retreated. He quickened his speed; the spectre did likewise. He rushed wildly at it, and clutched the hedge, whilst his brother vanished through it! This brought him to himself, and made him think. It was no phantom of the brain. No, it was too real for that. It was certainly the spirit of his brother, who must have at that moment departed this life. Was it not according to the agreement?

These thoughts tormented him, and he was now filled with grief for the death of his brother. The fog now lifted, and left the earth fair and beautiful, but it had no delight left for him. A labourer trudged past him with shuffling, noisy tread, and reminded him of the material world. But he had just come from the presence of the immaterial. He hurried home as though

in a dream. He related the event of the morning in a tone of horror to his wife, who could not help believing with him that his brother Harry was dead. He prepared to depart immediately, and telegraphed his intention to London, but could not wait for a reply, as the express was ready to start. Oh, the strange thoughts that filled his brain as he was swiftly hurled along, but seemed to himself to be hardly moving at all. Where was his brother now? Was he in a state of coma, or unrest, or bliss? Oh, that the spirit might have spoken to him and revealed his situation. But such was impossible; he felt that it bordered upon the unknowable—the eternal.

Such harrowing thoughts occupied him the whole way, and he wondered if he should soon follow his beloved brother. He has at last arrived, and he mournfully hurries to the house, but what sounds greet his ears? dancing and music? and his brother's house one brilliant blaze of light? What can it mean? Are they keeping an Irish "wake" over his brother's body? He is bewildered, and rubs his eyes; no, he is not asleep. He hastens to penetrate the awful mystery, when, who should meet him at the door but his brother Harry himself!

"Well, my boy, how are you, and what's the hurry?"

Harry asked, jovially.

But the revulsion was too great for Hubert, and he fell down insensible. His brother, astonished and alarmed, procured immediate assistance. Nothing, however, could arouse him, and he was placed into a bed in a lethargic state, under the constant care of his brother. The doctors could not understand it. Harry telegraphed to his sister-in-law for his brother's reason for coming in such haste, and received the particulars in the morning. He was astonished at the extraordinary news, and could not comprehend it. Hubert showed signs of improvement, though at the same time symptoms of fever, and still remained unconscious. Harry could not help pondering over the vision Hubert had seen, and wondered if it portended his or his brother's death. He revealed the matter to the doctor, who, after careful consideration, explained the cause. It was this: Hubert had certainly seen the spectre, but it was his own shadow or reflection perfectly mirrored, and he and his brother being exactly alike, he had, under the circumstances, taken it for his brother's wraith. Such phenomena were a rare occurrence, and only happened in fogs, and then only under very peculiar conditions. It was one of these that had deceived Hubert, and his present illness was owing to the excitement he had experienced. The feelings he had gone through were enough to shake any man's nerves.

His illness lasted a long time, with periods of delirium, and at one time the doctors despaired of his life. But under the careful nursing he received from his poor little wife and friends, he slowly recovered, and the doctors advised a long sea journey as requisite to bring him back to health. He was very much altered, and almost worn to a skeleton, and there was no longer that striking resemblance between him and his brother. Cora, too, had altered greatly, and change of air and scene was quite as necessary for her health. Hubert had had the whole mystery explained to him, and, ashamed, he no longer believed in "spiritual visitation," and Harry quite concurred with him. Consequently, when they parted the vow was no longer mentioned or believed in, and Hubert and his family sailed in the *Alexandrine* for Australia.

Eighteen months had passed away, and Hubert had again arrived in London; but not the same Hubert or the same Cora. Travel had made a strange alteration in them. They were perfectly brown, and had become very stout, but were healthy and strong. They had been to Africa, Australia, and America, and it had this astonishing effect. When they got to their brother's residence nobody recognised them, and Harry and Constance could hardly be convinced that the two portly persons were once mistaken for themselves. There was now no danger of mistaken identity; climate and its effects had completely rubbed off all resemblance. Hubert's tour had quite restored him, and he, with his wife, had acquired an insatiable love of travel into foreign countries. He had no longer a situation, but his late employers offered him a tempting one with their agents at Bombay, and Hubert could not resist accepting it. There he rapidly succeeded, and increased his wealth; but the climate did not agree with him, and after six years of it he died of the fever so fatal to Englishmen. His distressed wife and children embarked for England, and Harry did not receive the news of his brother's death until three months after.

What Masons Taught in Days of Yore.

THE Grammar rules instruct the tongue and pen,
Rhetoric teaches eloquence to men;
By Logic we are taught to reason well,
Music has charms beyond our powers to tell.
The use of numbers numberless we find,
Geometry gives measures to mankind,
The heavenly system elevates the mind.
All these and many more
The Masons taught in days of yore.—*John Lockie*.

Swooped by a Sign;

OR, THE WRECK OF THE CUMBERLAND.

A MASONIC STORY.

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CHAPTER THE FIRST.

"The bubbling and loud-hissing urn
Throws up a steamy column."—*Chaucer.*"Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come."—*Byron.*

"GOOD morning, my dear," said Mr. Richmond, as he entered the breakfast parlour and received his usual morning salute from his daughter, "Good morning. I see the letters are in; are there any for me?"

"Oh yes, papa, there are two or three for you, and only one for me," replied the young lady, as she handed her father those addressed to him.

"We will discuss their contents and our breakfast at the same time," said he, seating himself at the breakfast table. After invoking a blessing upon the meal, he leisurely opened the epistles and gave a hasty glance at their contents, putting aside those of a business nature; retaining one, he remarked to his daughter, "This letter is from your aunt, accepting of our invitation for Christmas."

"I am so glad aunt's coming," replied the young lady; "I was afraid she might have pleaded her late illness as an excuse. My letter is from Harry, saying he intends coming home in time to hear you preach on Christmas day, and—taste my pudding after the sermon."

"I suspect the pudding, or the maker of it, will have stronger attractions for him than my sermon," said her father; then, seeing his jocular remark had caused her, "blushing like the morn," to avert her head, he added, "however, I am glad old Harry is coming home again; it is but two short years since he went away, and yet it sometimes looks like ages."

This last remark of her father's found a ready response in the heart of the daughter, and for a brief period they were both silent, as their thoughts carried them back to the past. Presently the silence was broken by the clergyman asking, "By the way, Grace, does Harry say by what ship he sails, and when?"

"Oh yes, papa. He says—let me see," said she, referring to the letter; "he says, 'I have secured my passage home on board the Cumberland, which sails on the tenth, so I'm bound to be home long before Christmas.'"

"He can't very well be home long before Christmas if he sailed on the tenth; but, I suppose, he means a few days before. Well, if he sailed on the tenth he ought to be more than half way home now, as this is the fifteenth. We may expect him next week. You'll see to getting a room ready for him, I suppose."

"Of course, papa, you know I always attend to the household arrangements."

"Very well, my dear, and now we have finished breakfast, I'll go into the study and write some letters and have a peep at the *Times*, and when you have attended to the household arrangements aforesaid, you know where to find me if you feel inclined for a walk." Saying which he gathered up his letters and papers, and left the room.

The conversation with which we open our story took place at Grassvale Rectory, between Mr. Richmond, the rector, and his daughter Grace. Before going further, it will be necessary for us to describe the individuals who form "the head and front" of our little narrative.

The Rev. Reginald Richmond was the younger son of Squire Richmond, of Appletree Park, Cidershire. The estate, while it supported the squires of former days in somewhat luxurious style, had by subdivision, as each succeeding heir had been blessed with large families for the education and maintenance of which the estate had to be taxed, dwindled down to a comparatively small inheritance. Reginald's father had had six children, four daughters and two sons, all of whom had to be provided for. The elder son went into the army, while the younger, who was of studious habits, took holy orders after his University career, and after a probationary experience, as curate in charge, in a populous and poverty-stricken locality, he was presented to the incumbency of Grassvale. Mr. Richmond was what is called "middle-aged" before he married, nor did he enjoy his marital life for very long, for his wife died a year or two after their union, leaving him an infant daughter. The little Grace, by her winning ways and affectionate disposition, had almost filled her mother's place in her father's heart, and as she grew up she strove to supply it in the house by attending assiduously to household matters, and particularly to her father's comforts. In person she was rather *petite*, in temperament cheerful and good natured, and in manners lively and engaging. Her features were regular and pleasing without being beautiful, although by most of the young men about Grassvale she was considered a rare beauty, and no wonder, for her frank and genial nature won the hearts of all, and there were few amongst the poorer classes in the parish who did not think she was as beautiful as an angel, as she was useful in her ministrations. Many a hearty "God bless her" was uttered from the hearts of the villagers, as she tripped past their cottages on some errand of charity.

The aunt, whose letter announced her intention of spending Christmas at the Rectory, was Mr. Richmond's youngest sister, who had been left a widow with one son, some years previous to the date of our story. She had married a wealthy merchant of the name of Warburton, whose estate of Grassvale Grange was in the immediate neighbourhood of the Rectory. Her son Harry and his cousin Grace had been playmates when children, and it is not surprising that the childish affection they then felt for each other should have strengthened and developed, as they grew up, into a warmer and more lasting passion. Harry would have married his cousin when his collegiate course was finished, but Mr. Richmond suggested that, before settling down at the Grange, he should travel and see a little of the world; accordingly, for the last two years he had been rambling in the New as well as the Old World, picking up ideas of men and things from his own point of view, instead of trusting to the smoked glasses or rose-coloured spectacles of others. During his absence, the widow, finding the Grange too large and too dull for her residence, with his approval as heir to the estate, let it to an officer who had come over from India on furlough with his family, she herself residing occasionally at the Rectory, but for the most part in London.

Harry, when he left home on his travels, was a strapping, well-built fellow of about two-and-twenty, with fair complexion and laughing blue eyes. At college he was a noted athlete, famous at running, boating, and cricket, but he was more noted for another quality among his fellow-students, and that was his coolness or *sang froid* in any danger or difficulty, which had earned for him the sobriquet of "Old Harry."

The letter which we have seen had been received from him was from America, where he had been sojourning for the last year, and his intimation of returning home indicated to his cousin, with whom he regularly corresponded, that he was coming to claim her and settle down on his own estate. Although this was not expressed in the letter in so many words, yet it was understood, and the Rector, when he retired to his study, could not help feeling a slight pang at the prospect of soon losing his darling. The only objection he had to the match was now overcome, for, when Harry had asked her hand of him, the father pleaded her youth, she then being under twenty, but he promised that if they were both of the same mind after two years' separation he would give his unqualified consent; that period was now at hand, and the father could not but feel a pang of sorrow at the approaching loss of his daughter, whose bright smile and cheering presence had been to him and his house a ray of sunshine since his wife's untimely death.

When Mrs. Warburton wrote accepting the invitation to Grassvale Rectory she little knew at the time that her son purposed being there too, for her letter had been written and dispatched before she received her son's. When she read her son's letter she knew well what his coming home meant, and looked forward to his marriage with every satisfaction and pleasing anticipation; for she loved Grace as her own daughter, and felt that pride in her and her son which only mothers can feel in the happiness of their children. About a week before Christmas, a few days earlier than she intended at first, she went down to the Rectory, so that she might be present when her son arrived and assist in giving him a welcome home. We will not tire our readers with the conversations between Grace and her aunt in anticipation of the long-looked-for event; to them the one engrossing topic was—Harry. It was no matter what commenced the conversation, or how foreign any stranger might think the subject was to what it led to—the weather, the washing, the doctor, the dinner, the decorations, the poultry, the pigs—in fact, whatever they began to talk about ended always in the inevitable—Harry. They wondered if he had changed much in appearance during the three-and-twenty months he had been away, wondered what he was doing at that moment, wondered how many more miles he had to travel, wondered at what hour he would arrive, and if they would actually expect him when he did come, or be taken by surprise at last—in fact, they wondered a good many things which could not be satisfactorily answered or settled until the arrival of the expected one. They had counted the days, but now they summed up the hours, the hours flew by, and they were fain to allow a day or two longer for the arrival of the ship with its long-looked-for freight—that freight being composed, to them, of one individual only—Harry.

In answer to their frequent inquiries and numerous surmises at Harry's non-arrival, Mr. Richmond told them to have patience, for it was nothing unusual at this season of the year for a vessel to be several days overdue, owing to adverse winds and dense fogs which generally prevailed, which answer, while it silenced them for a time, did not altogether satisfy them, for their wonderings and questionings recurred at more frequent intervals as time sped on.

CHAPTER THE SECOND.

"O, I have passed a miserable night!

O Lord, methought what pain it was to drown!
What dreadful noise of water in mine ears!
What sights of ugly death within mine eyes!
Methought I saw a thousand fearful wracks—
A thousand men that fishes gnawed upon."

Shakespeare—"King Richard III."

THE year was fast wearing away, and now it wanted but three days till the great Christian festival came round. The scene is the same as the former one—the

breakfast-table at the rectory, but the company is increased by one, viz., Mrs. Warburton, the rector's sister, and they were discussing, as usual, the expected arrival of Harry.

"I wonder if he'll be here to-day; I declare I'm getting quite anxious about him," said Mrs. Warburton.

"Master Harry will have to look sharp now," said the rector, "or else he will let Christmas get here before him."

"We counted upon his being here several days ago, so he can't be very long now, can he, aunt?" somewhat illogically reasoned the niece addressing her aunt; then seeing the rural letter-carrier pass the window she exclaimed, "Oh, here's the post; perhaps he brings us news!" and rushing from the room, she had opened the front-door before the postman could ring. Returning almost immediately she said, as she ran her eye over the addresses on the covers in her hand to see if she could detect the fond familiar handwriting. "What a lot of letters there are this morning, papa," and then, in a tone of disappointment, "but they're all for you!"

"Are they, indeed, my dear," remarked he, glancing at the correspondence she placed before him; "and to judge from the appearance of most of them, I think they will prove, on opening, to be begging letters or circulars from cheap wine merchants. But would you not like to see the papers?" added he, and suiting the action to the word he tossed over a number of newspapers and magazines towards the ladies, who, selecting what they fancied most, opened, and began to read in silence, seeing the rector was busily engaged in opening and perusing his correspondence. Suddenly both father and daughter were startled by a piercing scream from the older lady, followed by the words, "My child! my child!" Before they could collect their thoughts or run to her assistance she had fainted away. Placing her upon a couch, they endeavoured to restore her to consciousness, but without success. The clergyman, therefore, despatched a messenger for the doctor, and while continuing his efforts to restore his sister, he wondered in his own mind what could have caused the sudden fit. Associating the exclamation she had made with a newspaper she had dropped by the side of her chair, he picked it up, and, glancing rapidly over the summary of news, read the following:—

"The steamship Cumberland, from New York to Liverpool, some days overdue, is reported wrecked off Cornwall."

Running his eyes over the columns as an experienced newspaper reader generally does, he soon lighted upon the announcement, in large type, under the head "latest news," of "The foundering of the Cumberland off the coast of Cornwall; loss of crew and passengers." Grace was too much concerned about her father to observe her father, who, subduing his agitation as much as he could, leant upon the table to steady himself while he read the following particulars:

"We regret to announce that we have received the following telegrams from our correspondent in Cornwall with the news of the foundering of a large vessel which, there is too much reason to fear, is the missing Cumberland:—Last night, about eleven o'clock, the coastguard brought word to the life-boat station that repeated firing had been heard out at sea as if from a vessel in distress. The crew of the life-boat lost no time in proceeding in the direction indicated, but owing to the very heavy sea and dense fog were unable to fall in with her, and, after rowing about all night, returned this morning without any tidings of the ill-fated vessel, for there can hardly be any doubt as to its fate on such a coast and in such a night." Then followed a long description of the vessel; her age, tonnage, and capabilities, with other particulars furnished by the owners, and then in another column, just squeezed in at the top as the paper was going to press, was the following:—

"LOSS OF THE CUMBERLAND.

LATEST PARTICULARS.

BODIES WASHED ASHORE.

"Word has been brought to the coastguard station by a messenger from Bleakpoint that bodies have been washed ashore there, along with a number of broken pieces of timber and spars. He brought with him a broken piece of board, on which was painted 'ERLAND,' evidently a portion of one of the ship's boats, and there can scarcely be any doubt that it belonged to the Cumberland, from New York to Liverpool, now overdue. The bodies have been taken to the church to await identification and inquest." On perusing the above, Mr. Richmond quietly folded the paper, and, without a word to his daughter, for he could not trust himself to speak, or even look at her, he went straight to his study, where, falling upon his knees, he gave vent to his pent-up feelings, and poured forth his sorrow at the feet of the Great Consoler. We will leave him in his solitude and sorrow.

Grace found she had her hands full that day in attending to her aunt and obeying the doctor's instructions. He had considerably told her to pay no attention to her ravings, for over anxiety for her son, added to the delicate state of health she had been in for a considerable time past, had evidently affected her mind. This to some extent allayed the fears which had arisen in her mind in consequence of her aunt's sudden illness, and the extraordinary remarks she made. The poor lady, when she regained consciousness, alternately laughed and cried, and talked of going to see her dear boy, whom she wouldn't let them drown; she would alternately caress her niece, and ask her not to leave her, and then scold her for not going to save her son from the cruel waves. Under the influence of a composing draught which the doctor had administered she at

last fell asleep, and the doctor insisted upon Grace going at once to her own room and taking a little rest, as she was harassed and agitated, and would be unfit, he said, to wait upon her aunt if she did not have sufficient rest and repose. Her father, too, added his persuasions to those of the kind physician, and alluded very tenderly to his sister's illness, and her over anxiety about her son, reminding his daughter that we were all in the Lord's hands, whose very word the winds and the storms obeyed, and that nothing could occur but at His pleasure. From this she had obtained some crumbs of comfort, for the bare thought of the loss of her lover, which was suggested to her by her aunt's ravings, added to her own fears for his safety on account of his non-arrival, made her wretched and miserable, and when she retired to rest she could not sleep for hours, as the idea of drowning was ever present in her mind. When at last she did fall asleep, her slumber was far from refreshing, as she dreamt of wrecks and drowning men, and again and again she thought she saw her Harry struggling for life with the cruel waves. Next morning she was so weak with prostration of mind and body that the doctor positively forbade her rising; he would see that her aunt was properly attended to, so she was not to be anxious on that score. Going to her father, he informed him of his daughter's state, and cautioned him not to say a syllable about the loss of the vessel, and to warn the servants not to allude to it.

"Do you consider Grace in a serious state of health?" asked the anxious father.

"Well, I would not exactly pronounce her health to be serious, but she is in such a low nervous state, that if she were to hear of this untoward news, it might affect her very seriously."

"I am very sorry to hear you say so," said Mr. Richmond, "but for the present you have relieved my mind; and my sister, you think she is progressing as favourably as can be expected?"

"Decidedly, for she unfortunately read the news, and we can scarcely expect her to recover from the stroke very rapidly; she is, however, calmer this morning, but still very agitated. It is a providence that Grace is unable to attend her; her continual allusions to her son would throw the girl into a fever."

"There is not much more to be gleaned from the papers this morning; there are suggestions that the vessel may not be the Cumberland after all, but some other ship—the Northumberland, for instance, or some vessel from Sunderland, the fragments of the name applying equally to the one as the other."

"Quite right, quite right; the news is by no means certain, and before your daughter is in a fit state to hear the news, there will be some more authentic information. I myself believe it is some other vessel than that Harry was aboard."

"You are more sanguine than I am; perhaps the nature of your profession leads you to be so, as faith and hope tend greatly towards the curative power. You wish your patients to have faith in you, and you naturally inspire them with hope; these virtues, along with the exhibitions of the proper remedies, complete the cure."

"Yes, with God's blessing," added the doctor. "Certainly," said the clergyman, "I meant that to be understood. Well, I trust your surmises may be correct, and that this vessel, which has undoubtedly gone down, is not the Cumberland."

"I fervently hope so, but without doubt some vessel has been wrecked, some lives lost, and doubtless many a home made desolate by the catastrophe. Poor souls! what a reception to meet with on their return to their native shores after, perhaps, a prolonged absence! A Cimmerian night, a driving gale, an angry sea, a treacherous coast, a watery grave!"

"Ah! poor souls, indeed, at such times it requires a firm faith in Him to believe that these calamities are for our good, and that these chastisements may be blessings in disguise. We cannot judge Him from our own standpoint, for we know 'His ways are not our ways,' and 'none shall say unto Him what doest Thou?' or, as Cowper has beautifully expressed it,

* Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face."

Then, after a pause, during which he seemed to be struggling with his feelings, he added, "poor Harry! poor Harry! But not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done."

"Ah, poor lad!" said the doctor; "I always liked Harry, he was so free, so generous, and so brave. I hope he has not met his fate; our sympathies, however, must be with the living."

"True," replied the doctor, "and my heart bleeds for my sister and my daughter."

"I can well believe that, but you must bear up in presence of the ladies; and, remember, on no account must you let your daughter know, either directly or indirectly, of the loss of this vessel and the supposed death of Harry till I give you leave to tell her. As for the mother, you may comfort her in any manner you please, but avoid the subject as much as possible."

"I place myself in your hands entirely, my dear doctor, and will be guided by you in the matter."

"Well, I advise perfect rest for both patients. In the meantime I would also caution Mrs. Warburton's maid and your daughter's attendant not to broach the subject. The news has spread all over the parish, and the gossips are full of it. I was questioned a dozen times about it this morning on my ride over here, and any injudicious tattle reaching my two patients upstairs might seriously endanger their lives. So much for the

treatment of the ladies; now for yourself. You look ten years older within the last two days; this won't do. You must not brood so much over this business, my dear fellow, but set about some active work; go, dig your garden, it will be rather hard with the frost, by the way; or, better still, go down to the church and assist them there with the decorations; help weave the garlands, strip the holly, or something or other, and don't leave all the work to be done by your curate and half a dozen ladies; the change and occupation will do you much good."

"Thank you for your advice; I'll follow it."
"That's right. I'll look in again this evening to see how you are all getting on." According to promise he called the same evening, and found his patients certainly no worse, and the rector much more cheerful.

Next morning there was a decided improvement in Grace, thanks to the doctor's care and skill. She had had a good night's rest, and although she still felt a considerable amount of languor and lassitude, she was, on the whole, so much better that the doctor advised her to endeavour to get up during the day. "This is Christmas Eve, you know," said he, "and it would be very cheerless for your father to dine alone; he might begin to take melancholy fancies into his head, like some other fellow I know, and that would be a pretty business on Christmas Eve, wouldn't it, my dear? Take my advice, and go down to dinner; your presence will cheer him, and you yourself will be all the better of his company."

Grace, like a loving daughter and dutiful patient, followed the worthy doctor's advice, as will be seen if the reader will kindly turn to the next chapter.

CHAPTER THE THIRD.

"With such compelling cause to grieve
As daily vexes household peace,
And chains regret to his decease,
How dear we keep our Christmas Eve!"

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"Rise, happy morn; rise, holy morn;
Draw forth the cheerful day from night;
O Father, touch the East and light:
The light that shone when Hope was born."
Tennyson—"In Memoriam."

In the course of the afternoon Grace rose and went downstairs, and, to the delight of the household, so far resumed her domestic duties as to give sundry orders and make certain arrangements connected with the economy of the establishment which had always come under her own immediate superintendence. By the advice of the doctor she was not allowed to wait upon her aunt; and her father entertained her during the afternoon by reading selections to her from some of his favourite authors. They dined earlier than usual, as the rector had to go to the church that evening to superintend the finishing of the decorations, and afterwards attend the practising of the new anthem by the choir; and before going he partook of a cup of tea in company with his daughter. As they were sitting, enjoying the social meal by the cheerful light of the fire, quietly conversing, they were startled by the sudden sound of wheels upon the frozen gravel in front of the house, and almost before either could exclaim, "Who can that be?" which they did simultaneously, there was a violent ring at the door bell; and Grace, her heart bounding with hope, rushed to the window, and, looking out, for the blinds had not been drawn, caught a glimpse of a figure entering the porch. The outer door opening at the same moment the light of the lamp in the hall shown upon the individual, and revealed him distinctly to the young lady, who rushed to her father, exclaiming, "Oh papa! papa! it is he! It is Harry!"

"I would to God it were, my child; but no, it cannot be. You mistake, or the darkness deceives you."

"No, indeed; there is no mistake—but why do you tremble so?"

"I—I cannot tell, a sudden faintness; hush, here comes some one."

The door opening at the same moment a young man rushed unceremoniously into the room, and caught the young lady out of the arms of her father, murmuring, "Grace! Grace! my own!" as he warmly embraced her.

"Oh Harry! Harry!" was all she could say as she leant her head upon his shoulder, and sobbed in the fullness of her joy.

"Harry! Bless my heart! exclaimed the rector, when he had recovered from the first shock of surprise and found the use of his tongue.

"I beg your pardon, sir; I scarcely observed you," apologised the young man.

"But tell me Harry, how did you escape? Was the Cumberland not lost after all?"

"Lost! ah, yes! But did you not receive my telegram?"

"Telegram? No, there has been no telegram."

"Why, you ought to have had it several hours ago. As soon as we reached the port and heard of the loss of the Cumberland I telegraphed at once to my mother in London, and to you, knowing what a state you would be in, supposing me to have been on board."

"Well, I assure you we have never received the message."

While he was speaking there was a knock at the door of the apartment, which the rector answered, and was handed a paper by the servant, who told him that the messenger waited in the kitchen. Going up to the fireplace he caused the coals to blaze brightly so that he was able to read the following:—

From H. Warburton, Liverpool.		To Rev. R. Richmond, Grasdale Rectory, Appleton, Cidershire.		
Arrived	to-day	safe	and	well
Just	heard	of	wreck	of
Cumberland	fear	you	have	given
me	up	for	lost	will
follow	by	first	train	and
be	with	you	this	evening

"My telegram, by Jove!" said Harry. "Well, upon my word, that's the latest idea out; a fellow bringing his own telegraphic despatches! I picked up a poor fellow tramping slowly along the road, about a mile and a half from here, and gave him a lift in the dog-cart I hired at Appleton. I asked him if he had far to go, and he answered 'To the Rectory,' so I've no doubt he and the messenger waiting below are one and the same."

"Was the Cumberland lost, then?" asked Grace, tremblingly.

"It was, my dear!" answered her cousin; "not a soul escaped; at least, it is believed that the whole of the crew and passengers were drowned, none having turned up as yet."

While he was speaking he felt the little form of Grace trembling violently, and, but for his supporting arm, she would have fallen, having swooned on hearing of the narrow escape of her lover. "Water, quick!" he cried, placing her gently on the couch; "she has fainted with excitement!" And the rector bringing it immediately from the sideboard, they bathed her temples, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing her restored to consciousness. When she fully comprehended her situation, and felt her Harry's arm about her, and heard his cheery voice address her in sympathetic tones, she fell on his neck and relieved her heart, which had been for many days past over charged with anxiety, in refreshing tears.

Mr. Richmond, thinking it better to leave them alone, stole quietly out of the room, and, bethinking himself of his sister, whom they had entirely forgotten in the excitement of the moment, betook him to her apartment to communicate to her the joyful tidings. He found her, though much prostrated by grief and anxiety, comparatively tranquil. Speaking to her cheerily, he said he hoped she would soon be well again, and expressed a belief that she would find herself able to dine with them on the morrow—Christmas Day. At this the lady sadly shook her head, and, as if to change the subject, asked how her niece was.

"Much better—in fact, I may say quite well again," answered Mr. Richmond, watching the effect of his words upon his sister, as he added deliberately, "I left her downstairs with a friend, much happier than she has been for some time."

"A friend with her, and happier! Surely she cannot be so heartless as to receive visitors as such a time!"

"Well, I would not say she was heartless; her reception of him proved the contrary, I think."

"Him! Oh, I understand; you allude to the doctor."

"No, no, not to Dr. Goodman; but to one who will do her more good than the whole medical faculty put together. In fact, a visit from him would do you a great deal of good, too, I'm certain."

"You talk in enigmas, Reginald; I really cannot understand you. You know there was but one the sight of whom would have done me good; but he is—he is." She would have said "He is dead!" but her tongue refused to utter the word, for her grief broke out fresh and prevented her utterance. Her brother then seized the opportunity of saying, "Nay, Margaret, do not give way so; you only imagine that he is dead, you have no proof that he was drowned. You saw the report of the wreck of a vessel, on board of which you believed Harry to be; is it not possible that he might have been saved; try and think so if you can."

"No! no! no! I cannot! I know, Reginald, you ask me to believe this out of kindness."

"Well, suppose he never was on board the ill-fated vessel; suppose he has arrived safely in England; and suppose, if you can, that you will see him very soon."

"Do not torture me; you mean it in kindness, I know, but it is cruel to ask me to suppose anything of the kind. I wish, indeed—I wish I could—but I cannot! There can be no hope! oh, my poor, poor boy! and here the mother's grief broke out afresh."

"Well, Mag, Grace can believe that it is all possible; I will send her to you, and perhaps she will be able to inspire you with some of her faith, hope, and happiness," saying which he left the room and unceremoniously disturbed the lovers in a delightful *tete a tete* by sending Grace at once to her aunt, cautioning her not to tell her of Harry's arrival too suddenly. He had some difficulty in restraining the young man from accompanying her to prove by his presence that he was perfectly safe. Grace had informed her cousin that his mother was not in London but with them, and at that moment was suffering from overanxiety on his account; and she had begged him not to see her till Mr. Richmond should think her fit to stand the interview. Harry therefore curbed his impatience until he should be summoned into his mother's presence.

When Grace entered her aunt's room she flung herself into her relative's arms, and then in tears gave vent to her overwrought feelings. The elder lady, thinking that her agitation proceeded from grief, en-

deavoured to soothe her. But Grace told her that she was perfectly happy, that they all would soon see Harry, as he had promised to dine with them on Christmas Day.

"My child, my child! calm yourself; I know poor Harry was to dine with us on Christmas Day, as he purposed, but God has ordered otherwise; we shall never see him more."

"Yes, indeed, we will aunty, I know we will see him, and he will dine with us to-morrow; he is not dead, I know he is not."

"My poor child, has the shock been too great for you and unhinged your reason?"

"No, dear aunt, my reason, if affected, is not by grief, but by joy."

"Oh, poor, poor girl!" said the aunt, stroking the young lady's hair in evident sympathy at her mental aberration.

"But, aunty dear, I tell you I know he is safe; I know he has arrived in England and that he will dine with us to-morrow—see! here is a telegram from him."

The mother snatched at the document, as a drowning person is said to snatch at a straw, and almost devoured it with her eyes. Eagerly she read the few words that were written there, and over and over again she read them until at last she comprehended their import, then, clasping her hands together, she exclaimed with intense fervour, "My God, I thank Thee!" and buried her face in the pillow. Grace then quietly left the room, and allowing a short interval to elapse, returned with Harry. Knocking gently at the door, they were bade "Come in," but Grace remained outside while Harry entered alone. As she retired she heard a cry of "Mother!" and a gladsome exclamation of "My child!" But, as she wisely considered the meeting too sacred even for her presence, we will follow her example and not disturb its sanctity.

Christmas morning dawned bright and frosty. Through the night there had been the smallest possible fall of snow, just sufficient to freshen up the face of nature and make it look Christmas-like. Grace, looking as bright and as happy as the morning, was down early, and declared her intention of going to church, to which the doctor did not object as he found her, when he called that morning, as well as she had ever been in her life. He had been apprised by the Rector of the sudden turning up of Harry the evening before, for the worthy clergyman could not keep the joyful news to himself, but called upon his friend and physician with the good news when he went to the choir practice. The doctor, in his gladness, could not keep it to himself either, but went to the sexton, and giving him a sum of money told him to pay the bellringers for an extra half-hour's pealing after they had rung in Christmas; he also sent his servant with an abundance of refreshments for the men from his own cellar, so that they might not lack the means of making merry on the occasion.

Grace and Harry walked down to the church alone that morning—to the end of their lives they will never forget that walk—the hedge-rows were sparkling with rime and the tiny crystals of frozen snow were sparkling and scintillating in every direction, making the earth beautiful with their brilliancy; but whether it was the glittering of the frosty gems, the exhilarating effect of the air, their own supreme happiness, the happy holy feeling Christmas morning always brings to rightly constituted minds, or a combination of all these, it is not for us to say, but that Christmas morning's walk to church was indelibly impressed upon their minds, and come summer or winter, heat or cold, fair weather or foul, it will never be effaced.

The service was, of course, admirably suited to the frame of mind of our friends, and in his sermon the Rector, who was unusually eloquent that day, omitted not to enjoin upon them the practice of that heavenly virtue charity, with which they were to temper their reasonable thankfulness and mirth.

When Harry and Grace left the church they found most of the congregation waiting to say a word of greeting and congratulation, and not the least sincere in their welcome and good wishes were a number of the poorer parishioners, amongst whom Grace had been wont to minister, who pressed forward to shake hands with the cousins, wish them a merry Christmas and "God bless 'em." A kind word of recognition or enquiry as to the state of their bodily health, with a shake of the hand, sent many a poor old soul home brimful of happiness.

The dinner at the Rectory was quite a family affair; the only exception being Dr. Goodman, who, being a bachelor and a very old friend, was invited as he had been for many years to partake of their Christmas fare. Mrs. Warburton, although unable to go to church, was sufficiently recovered to come down to dinner, and the Doctor expressed his opinion that now she would get stronger every day and would require no more of his services. Dinner over, the conversation which had been fitful and desultory, naturally turned upon the great event of Harry's return.

"You have never yet clearly explained to me how it happened that you did not sail in the Cumberland after you had taken your passage in it," said the Doctor, addressing the lion of the day.

"Oh, it was simply this way. I happened to be taking an evening walk along the quayside thinking that on the morrow evening I would be far out to sea, when suddenly I heard a scream and a splash as if someone had fallen into the water. Slipping off my coat and boots I jumped in as near as I could to the spot the sounds seemed to come from, and perceiving someone struggling in the water I swam to the place and got hold of a child who had accidentally fallen off the quay and was being carried out by the current. Several boats put off to our assistance; the child was

placed in one in which were its frantic friends, and I was hauled into another and soon got pretty stiff with the frost. There was a considerable crowd gathered by the time we landed, and I had scarcely got on shore than I was claimed by one individual whom I had never seen before. 'It's all-right, lads,' he said, 'the stranger's a friend of mine, and I guess you'd better leave me to take care of him. Here's your coat, brother, slip into it; I'll carry your boots; now sharp's the word,' saying which he took my arm and ran me as fast as possible to a house at no great distance off, opened the door with a latch key, hurried me up to a bedroom, and without giving me time to speak or protest, stripped me and dexterously rubbed me all over with coarse towels until from feeling half frozen I glowed with pleasant warmth. 'Now then,' said he, stripping the bed with the greatest celerity, 'jump in between the blankets and I'll fix you allright in a minute.' After covering me up he left the room, and in a few minutes returned with a huge goblet containing what he called 'a slap-up cocktail and no mistake,' which he insisted on my drinking. I was like a child in his hands and felt I must obey him in everything, so I swallowed the draught and remember nothing more till I awoke. It was sometime before I could recall my scattered ideas, but about the first thing I recollected was that I was to have sailed that day in the Cumberland. Jumping out of bed I seized my watch, which was lying on the dressing table, looked at it, but it was either run down or stopped by the water; my clothes I found nicely dried and folded, so performing a hasty toilette I rang the bell and asked what time it was of the attendant. 'It is past three o'clock sir, but I will get you a cup of coffee or anything else you would like sir; the doctoor is out just now, sir, but will be home to dine at six.'

"But I can't wait for the doctor or anyone else. I must—"

"All-right sir, I know sir, must be hungry. I'll fix you up a chop in no time, sir."

"It is not my eating I am telling of, but I must catch the steamer for England; she was to sail at noon, and I have already taken my passage in her."

"Then I guess you'll not sail in her, as she would slip when the tide served."

"This was what I feared; however, there might be a chance of her being detained an hour or two, and taking rather an unceremonious leave, I told the attendant I would write to the Doctor and thank him. In my hurry it did not occur to me that I did not even know the Doctor's name, and slipping a sovereign into the attendant's hand, I rushed down to the docks only to find the vessel gone some two hours before. Feeling considerable annoyance and chagrin I wended my way back to the house, which was not difficult to find, and noticed the name upon the door-plate, Dr. Washington J. Brown. The servant, upon my ringing the bell, saluted me with 'Ah! I guessed you'd be too late, them liners are pooty punctual; but there's no time lost sir, I've got yer lunch or yer breakfast ready to bring up; I got it ready so as not to keep you waitin'. Step into the dining-room and I'll have it up in no time.' I need scarcely tell you that I did ample justice to the meal, which I had scarcely finished when the Doctor returned. 'Well, how are we do to-day? none the worse of our bath I reckon,' said he, giving me a peculiar grasp of the hand, and then added in an undertone, as if to himself, 'Ah! not as I thought;' then he said aloud, 'well—yes—pulse good.' I of course thanked him heartily for his kindness, and explained who I was and my situation. His comment, as he helped himself to an enormous cheroot and pushed the box across to me, was this—'Sorry you missed the boat, but guess you'll get another to take you home before Christmas.' Then as he passed a light he looked askance at me, and at last gave vent to the following extraordinary remark, after emitting a double column of smoke from his nostrils, 'I guess stranger you've took me in consid'able; you're not what I took you for. How ever did you come to do it, and so natural too?'

"I really do not understand you," I said; 'I really don't know who or what you took me for, you gave me no time to explain—'

"That's allright as far as that goes; I'm glad I was able to do you a good turn, although it ain't much, only you might ha' got friz if I hadn't a run off with yer; but what puzzles me is how you came to give the sign of distress as neatly as if you were in a lodge, and you no Mason!"

"Sign of distress! I gave no sign of distress that I know of."

"Oh, but you did, and that brought me to your side quicker'n anything. You weren't in a fit state to examine last night, but I find out now you're not a brother. I guess I'm sold."

"I really am very sorry," I said.

"Well, if you are, say no more about it; but take the first opportunity of putting things right by becoming a Freemason, and when you get far enough advanced to know the sign of distress you'll know how I made the mistake last night.' I promised to think over it and to write to him should I ever become a Mason. I spent a day or two very pleasantly with my new friend, and another vessel sailing that same week, I took passage in her. The Doctor saw me off, and his last words were, 'Don't write till you sign yourself, Yours fraternally.'"

"My advice too," said Dr. Goodman, when Harry had concluded, "I'm an old P.M., and as I can vouch for you, I'll get you duly proposed whenever you make up your mind." It is almost needless to add that Harry and the American doctor regularly correspond, and that Harry distinctly remembers how he gave the sign of distress.

Harry's narrative was given with a quiet modesty that greatly charmed his hearers. He made the incident of saving the life of the child a subordinate feature, dwelling principally upon the peculiarities of the American doctor and his faithful servant; but had it not been for his gallantry and courage in saving the life of a fellow-creature, he himself would have perished in the luckless vessel in which he had arranged to sail.

Before concluding this little narrative, there is one circumstance we must mention. It is not the marriage of our friends, Grace and Harry, dear lady readers, that of course, took place in due time amidst great rejoicing, but we think our story would be incomplete if we omitted to narrate that Harry, in his happiness, did not forget those who were less happy, and, in thankfulness for his very providential escape, sought out and privately succoured, before he had been many weeks in England, some of the most destitute families whose only support and stay had perished in "The Wreck of the Cumberland."

Hannah.

THE Hannah of many long, long years ago comes before me as I write out this story to-day for my good friend George Kenning and the Christmas *Freemason*. Her portrait at sixteen is most charming to contemplate, and that striking face, with its inexpressible and unextinguishable grace, is almost speaking in the reality and power of its vivid contour. I think I see her even now; I fancy that I can hear her speak in her melodious voice of old, and the ancient witchery supervenes, and I feel as I once felt, and as many others like myself felt, humble captives in her golden chains. Look on that picture with me for a moment; you see at once what character there is in that vision of grace and youth and freshness, in that very "Beauté du Diable," of which *Mons. le Baron* likes to talk. And as there is a little history attached to that pleasant portrait, which appears to lighten up the dim and dusty surroundings of an old bachelor's den, I will try and tell it to you, kind readers, now, as it is both a suitable and reasonable tale for the Christmas number of the *Freemason*, to which I wish all prosperity, as a dignified and genial representative of true Freemasonry, both in its national and cosmopolitan character.

Will it surprise you to hear that Hannah was never married? Why not? you will ask. Pray listen; rather kind patrons read on; if you are sentimental, get your pocket-handkerchiefs ready; if you are not, well, then never mind; don't do anything of the kind, that is all!

Hannah More was the only daughter of a very worthy squire, Thomas More, and his good wife Mary More, born at Harden, who lived in an old house called Shenley Grange, in a certain good county nameless for the nonce. It was a curious old-fashioned Manor House, with its moat and its clift hedges, and its peacocks and its peahens, and its black oak and its tapestry, and its old hall and its broad staircase. It was a pleasant place of old, for relatives and friends and visitors, and its stately rafters have often echoed back the words of gaiety and the tones of love, and all those many-voiced utterances of joy and sorrow, grief and glee, love and hate, which make up the common tenour of our earthly and domestic life.

Shenley Grange was, indeed, to many a sojourner like myself, a harbour of refuge and a very pleasant loitering place; for, in addition to the warm welcome always of the kindly old folk, Hannah was a special attraction to many, and I'm not wrong in adding the most genuine friend to all. She herself was an heiress in a double capacity, in that she had inherited a considerable amount of both landed and personal estate from her old aunt and godmother, Miss Hannah Harden, whose homely name she bore; and then she was the Squire's only daughter, and would take, as the lawyers say, as the "next tenant in tail," the whole of her good father's broad acres. Failing her, however, the estate descended to the heir male of her father, the son of her first cousin. For her uncle, Jasper More, had predeceased her father, and his only son had also passed away, leaving a little boy and a widow to lament his early loss.

But in those days we little thought of such things. Hannah was with us, Hannah was amongst us, Hannah was active, blooming, graceful, trusting, tender; and the only question that interested us then was who should win the warm heart and claim that "fascinating party" (as our young men say), as his own, and only as his own. Ah! vain often are the hopes of youth, idle its painted "chateaux en Espagne," its happy bubbles, and its golden dreams. We seek, but we find not; we ask, but we have not; anticipations are seldom realised, and even fruition, when it does come, if ever it does come, hardly ever rewards the longings and the fears, the struggles, the weariness of years.

Among the many visitors who used to "make sunshine" in the rooms and gardens of the Grange was the son of a neighbour of the Mores, Charles Chelsey. He came from an old family fallen in worldly condition, and his father, an old soldier, had had much to contend with in respect of a large family and a small income. All that was left of the once large possessions of the Chelsey's was a small cottage, or rather manor farm, called Chelsey Lodge, in which the old colonel, with his half-pay, his wife's modest income, and the interest of a small sum in the Funds, had weathered the storms of life since the days of his old campaigning were over.

He was a kind and cheerful old man, who farmed a little, rode a little, and idled a little, and was fond of his rubber of whist, his pipe, and his glass of port wine. And thus, with an amiable family and small means, he had solaced himself amid the freaks of fortune in a position of worldly wealth, humbler far than those of many of the male and female Chelseys whose portraits still adorned the pannelled walls of the unpretending manor farm. Much of the old Chelsea land had been purchased by the Mores, though Chelsea Court itself had long since disappeared from the face of the earth and from the memory of man. One never knows here, and one never shall know, what is the secret of personal sympathy or individual interest, the "raison d'être" of those undying links of attachment which bind us closely to one another here. Why was it, for instance, that Hannah, with all her charms and prospects, should "take up" so distinctly and decidedly with Charles Chelsey, a lieutenant in a marching regiment? It seemed odd that when many a good match was to be found by that fair but wayward maiden, she should unequivocally avow her predilection for a young man who had nothing but his good looks and his good sense to recommend him.

However, so it was, and I, who tell this story, like many more, could only admit that, though Hannah was always kind and pleasant to us all, she was still more pleasant, and still more kind, when that gay "sub" was singing duets, or playing croquet, or even riding an old hunter of his father's at her side, with a pluck and a courage which were the theme of much honest admiration. For, curiously enough, in those days, though we were all rivals, we were all friends. Whether it was Hannah's simple grace or loyal truth which swayed us all alike I know not, but even the admitted favoritism of that self-willed young woman for that good-looking young representative of the British army was looked upon by us all, if a fact, simply as a fact, and after all only the "Fortune de la Guerre."

What Hannah's parents really thought of her choice I never heard, but at any rate they never interfered, and Lieutenant Chelsey came and went, and went and came, always welcome, ever smiling, the gayest of the gay, the happiest of the happy. But sunshine and blue skies do not always last for ever here, as we all of us well know, and the placid sea, still as a "millpond," may, ere long, be lashed by "half a gale" into stormy billows.

All of a sudden, as we remember, the Crimean war broke out in 1854, and Lieutenant Chelsey's regiment, one of the finest regiments of our fine army, went away for Varna. Poor Hannah! I remember well that change, so marked, that at once came over that sweet face and that happy grace. Hannah became even more touching and interesting than before in her stillness, her sadness, her anxiety. For she did not affect to conceal how much she felt the separation, how much she feared for what might be.

Well, Alma was won, and Lieutenant Chelsey was Captain by brevet, and good news came by each mail, and Hannah's radiant face after one of those long and loving letters was a thing to see, to realise, and to remember. Then came Inkerman and Balaklava, and sorties and skirmishes, and still all was well, happily for poor Hannah. I shall never forget when the news arrived of the attack on the Redan, and the failure, and the long list of killed and wounded. One of the first names that I saw was that of Captain Chelsey. Who told Hannah the dreadful news, or how she became acquainted with the fact, I never heard. Indeed, we were all afraid to call at Shenley Grange for some time, knowing well that there are some heart-wounds which time itself can never heal here. And then, all of a sudden, we heard that the Mores had gone to the South of France, thence to Italy and Algiers and Malaga and the Isle of Wight. And after a long, long time two old people came back alone, in deepest mourning, to Shenley Grange, to die one after another, and to be buried in the old More mausoleum, but she they loved so much, and who was so bound up with their innermost life, is lying, not in her own land amid the resting place of her fathers, but in a peaceful grave which she chose for herself at the east end of a little country church, so that the early gleams of the golden sun light up the grassy mound which covers her! Captain Chelsey's soldier's grave can still be seen in the "Vale of Gloom."

Thus are we all scattered in life and in death, and, as Mrs. Hemans sang so well of old, in her "Graves of a Household," some are here at home, some are far away in foreign lands, some are buried in the deep ocean beds, some are lying on the bloody battle plain, and never shall they again meet face to face until we all, at last, stand before "The Great White Throne." And this is why I cherish that tender portrait of the olden past; this is why I tell this humble story in the kindly pages of the Christmas *Freemason*. Surely, in these unquiet and dissatisfied days, when all society seems "out of joint;" when, as some one has perversely said, "all love is mercenary," and "married life itself a burden and a snare," it is good for us all to realise and ponder over this old, old story of man's honest love and woman's unbought constancy, and so feel deeply how, despite the glare and glamour of the world, its tinsel and its trappings, its fripperies and its follies, all that constitutes the best happiness of human life is to be found in that fond and faithful affection of us, poor mortals as we are, which, lasting through life and ending alone in death, outlives the separations of earth and the darkness of the grave, and shall yet bloom and bare precious fruit in another and a deathless scene.

Have I written with a too serious pen? If so, kind

readers, forgive the writer, remembering the words of the Poet—

"Life is real, life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

I venture to hope that some of the many readers of Brother Kenning's number of the Christmas *Freemason* may still be touched and edified by the story of Hannah More.

I may add that Shenley Grange has passed into the hands of the widow and the boy. But a deep melancholy seems to have settled "on the spot;" at least, I thought so when I wandered, a short time back, amid scenes and rooms once so familiar, and could all but re-people the old manor house with the bright faces and the loved voices of a sadly vanished part.

The Kiss of Death.

By EMMA HOLMES.

THE great earl stood in his place of power,
And told the tale—how a Princess died;
Whilst many a silent tear was shed,
And many a haughty noble sighed.

For she was dear to the English heart
Who tended her father's dying hours;
Always ready to take her part,
And always welcome as fragrant flowers.

As the gentle nurse, we know her well
Who sat by the bed of England's heir,
In all those grave and terrible days,
When he was saved by her loving care.

When England's prayer of might went up
To the King of Heaven to save our Prince,
And the throb of sorrow from every heart
Did our love to the Throne and him evince.

And the prayer was answered, and he was saved
To show the power of the mighty God;
And the Princess Alice we loved so well
Is dead and buried beneath the sod.

We heard the pitiful tale he told
To the peers assembled to hear him speak:
How the weary mother, who nursed her child,
In her warm embrace had kissed his cheek.

In that dreadful passage of fell disease,
"Kiss me, mother!" the child had cried;
Though she had been warned of the danger there,
She kissed her boy, and sickened and died.

She could not resist the pleading voice—
The eloquent glance in the mournful eyes;
So she had given the kiss of death,
And followed her bright one to the skies.

Was ever a story so sad as this,
Of one who could not her love suppress?
The mother was killed by the young lad's kiss,
And died through giving her soft caress.

The mothers of England all mourn her loss,
And Englishmen ever will sing her praise,
For she was gracious and good and sweet;
We loved her all for her winsome ways.

Oh! widowed mother! Oh! gracious Queen!
Who rulest over this empire vast,
Remember in all thy sorrow now,
As in thy joys that are gone and past—

Thy children ever will share with thee,
In joy or sorrow, come weal or woe;
For thou hast won thy people's hearts,
And reverent love to thee we show.

Old Pyramids' Christmas Lux in the Desert.

THE moon and stars were shining with that brilliancy which can only be observed in an Eastern sky. Not a breath of wind stirred the branches of the tall palm trees under which we had halted for the night, our shelter being a deserted mud hut in the midst of a knot of palms. My friend Foster, our engineer, and myself, with two Arab dragomen, comprised our party within, whilst five Arab donkey boys were without.

It was Christmas Eve; and no wonder, after a very frugal meal, as we sat around the wood fire smoking our "tehabouks" and sipping very indifferent coffee, that our thoughts and conversations should revert to our homes and friends in Old England—anecdotes and tales of past times and pleasures spent at this festive season in years gone by. A glass of toddy was brewed and quaffed to the health of the absent ones across the sea; and, at the time when all at home were in the height of their Christmas enjoyments, we wearied travellers were about to court sleep on the floor of our temporary abode.

A long donkey ride across the hot sandy desert had been sufficient to cause a curtailment of our impromptu festivities. Haasan and Ibrahim had already stretched themselves across the doorway, and preparations were soon made for our sleeping accommodation, which consisted of a single rug for each, whereon to wrap our tired limbs.

It was decided to keep watch in turns, and to my lot fell the first part of that duty. The wood fire had burnt low, and as we had no other luminant, the dying embers at intervals threw out ghastly shadows upon a small black travelling-case, in which was deposited a large sum in gold, the proceeds of the sale of several engines and pumps which we had been fixing on the banks of the Nile, some distance up the country. Our revolvers lay ready for immediate use (such precautions being necessary), for, although we were some distance from an Arab village, we were in close proximity to Bedouin encampments, some of which we had passed on our way.

The stillness of the night was at times broken by the screeching of the stork and the barking of wild dogs, while now and again large flights of wild ducks cast a dark shadow upon the sandy plain.

My companions slept soundly, and the dreariness of the situation caused my thoughts to run into some rather unpleasant channels. Momentarily, I conjured up all kinds of horrible scenes. I called to mind having seen one of our donkey boys in conversation with some Bedouins, and recollected hearing one of the latter say "sekeen" (knife), and the boy impressively used the words "keteer felors" (much money). I pictured to myself an agreement made between the boys, who were bivouacing a little distance from the hut, and the wild Arabs, to attack us with a strong hand and murder us for the sake of plunder. The ease with which this could be accomplished in that lonely spot, without the least chance of being traced, and the improbability of the perpetrators being brought to justice, was so apparent that its occurrence seemed in my imagination to become a certainty.

I stepped over the prostrate forms of the two natives into the open plain, disturbing a pack of hungry dogs who had been sniffing around us, and whose howling formed a kind of accompaniment to the wash of the water rolling down the distant Nile.

I visited the lads, who were sleeping soundly beside their wearied donkeys.

The cool night air tempted me to stroll a short distance from the hut, and, in doing so, I put to flight a number of birds of the quail species, startling me with the "whirr" of their wings. Almost immediately afterwards the tall figure of a Bedouin, carrying his gun across his shoulders, appeared striding with measured steps towards me, evidently in search of such game as I had just disturbed. Fearing that I had unintentionally deprived him of his chance of securing his game, thereby have aroused his anger, I took good care to get within earshot of the sleepers before he approached too near. As soon as he had arrived within speaking distance, I accosted him in Arabic, "Missa-alkher" (good night), and, to my agreeable surprise, he answered courteously, "Lelitikum Sideh" (good night to you all).

When, however, he had disappeared I could not help associating his presence with some such arrangement as I had before fancied. Why should he wish good night to all? Did he know that I was not alone? Perhaps he was one of a gang in possession of some knowledge of our treasure, and had been sent on to reconnoitre.

I had by this time worked myself up into an excitable state, when, suddenly, the "tinkle, tinkle, tinkle" of donkey bells smote upon my ear. Surely, thought I, this must be the main body of robbers. Although by no means a coward, I did not care to defend our mud castle single-handed; I therefore felt justified in arousing my companions. Gently shaking Foster's arm, he, in a moment, assumed a sitting posture, and grasped his revolver. The alarm was silently passed to the others, and our dragomen were put on the alert, in order, if possible, to distinguish the class of enemy we should have to contend with.

We listened a few moments, when voices were audible, although we could not ascertain whether they were natives or Europeans; then there was silence for a few moments.

Presently the small aperture in the mud wall, which served as a window, was darkened by a passing figure. In a moment our firearms were directed to that spot, and we were quite ready to receive the next intruder with a volley, when, fortunately, before we had the opportunity afforded us for so doing, we heard, in a somewhat familiar voice, "I'm sure this must be the place;" and another, even more familiar, replied, "I hope they're not gone on further, as I should like the old boy to spend Christmas with us."

It took but a short time to proclaim our presence and to drag the suspected robbers inside our shelter. Fresh wood was piled, and a bright fire revealed to us the welcome faces of three of my best friends, who had ridden over from a village in which they were stationed on learning of our whereabouts from a donkey-boy whom we did not further require, and who was returning homewards through the village instead of the route we had traversed.

After a short rest, and just as day was breaking, our donkey-mounted cavalcade started for the hospitable (though wooden) dwelling of our friends.

As we passed through some Arab villages, we hailed the dwellers with "Christian's Awake," though not one of them could appreciate the glad song, or even understand its meaning. It might have been the feeling that we were so near the land that gave rise to the subject of our song which gave so much earnestness and heartiness to our caroling.

We were minus the holly and mistletoe, nor had we the contents of the proverbial Christmas hamper, but our friends made ample provision for our enjoyment, and, with the aid of various concomitants, we were enabled to drink the old toast, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year" to all friends at home.

Beauty in the Beast.

FANNY, what odd-looking tower is that, rising above the trees yonder?" I had only just arrived on a visit to my late schoolmate, Fanny Stannard, and was as yet unacquainted with the neighbourhood.

"That? Oh, that is the Beast's Castle," replied Fanny, absorbed in braiding her chestnut-brown hair, while her equally brown eyes gave a mischievous glance between their dark fringes.

"The Beast's Castle! What a strange name!"

"Oh, I don't say that that is the real name of the place. I believe it was properly christened Charnwood; but I call it the Beast's Castle, on account of its owner—a hateful, misanthropic old wretch, who lives there alone, and hunts everybody off his land."

"For shame, Fanny!" remonstrated her mother. "Don't notice what she says, Louise. Mr. Marsden is a most respectable gentleman, though somewhat eccentric. He spends very little time at Charnwood, and, being unsocial, is not popular."

"He's away now, thank goodness," said Fanny. "Somewhere in Germany or Switzerland; and if you would like to see the place, Louise, we will walk over there some evening soon. The grounds are worth seeing—such lovely sequestered nooks, and open sunny places, and a dear little stream running through a ravine—all rock and moss and waterfall."

"But will they allow us to trespass? Don't anybody live there in Mr. Marsden's absence?"

"Nobody but an old couple, to take care of the place, and they know us, and don't object to us, so long as we don't climb the trees, or steal the fruit, or break the 'scrubbery,' as they call it. The common rabble, however, are not allowed to enter, so we shall not be interrupted or disturbed."

A day or two after, accordingly, Fanny and myself walked over to Charnwood. It was not quite a mile distant, and the path led across delightful green fields and meadows.

The great house stood considerably back from the road, heavy and sombre, with one end surmounted by an odd-looking tower, in which, as Fanny assured me, the Beast was accustomed to sit and watch for trespassers on his estate.

There was a terrace in front, bordered by a heavy stone balustrade, which reminded one of a rampart; and, although despite an air of dignity and importance, the aspect of the mansion was not pleasing.

So, instead of approaching, we turned off by a little pathway which led to a terraced walk on a slope overlooking the ravine of which Fanny had spoken.

A delightful spot, truly, with graceful beeches drooping above the walk, and a clear stream below, alternately flashing and darkling in and out among the mossy rocks, and everywhere fragrant thickets of vines and wild flowers growing.

With the delight of a city-bred girl who loves nature, I threw off my hat and silently drank in the beauty around me.

Fanny reclined upon a bed of moss, and, looking upward, murmured snatches of poetry:

"His hoary arms uplifted he,
And all the broad leaves over me
Clapped their little hands in glee,
With one continuous sound."

"I say, Louise, isn't it a pity that all this beauty should belong to that cross, selfish Beast? Of course, he hasn't the soul to appreciate it; but why should he be such a dog in the manger as not allow it to be enjoyed by others? It is the loveliest spot in the country for picnics and walking-parties; yet no one is allowed to enter here—on cross that fence on the other side of the stream—on penalty of being 'prosecuted to the utmost extent of the law.' In my opinion it is simply a sin."

"How do you know that Mr. Marsden, whom you abuse so, hasn't the soul to enjoy his beautiful property? Do you remember that the Beast in the fairy tale, despite his unprepossessing exterior, possessed a gentle and chivalrous spirit?"

"Oh, fairy-tale heroes are of course different from people. Now—good gracious! what is that?"

There was a sudden rustling in the bushes on the other side of the stream, and immediately a great Newfoundland dog bounded out, rushed up the bank to where we were, and commenced a short bark while frisking around us.

I screamed, while Fanny took up a stick, prepared to bravely defend herself.

"Where does he come from?" she cried, looking around. "Who does he belong to? His master must be somewhere near."

"That dog belongs to me, ladies," said a man, stepping out of the thicket opposite, and leisurely preparing to cross the low stone wall. "He is perfectly harmless, and is only expressing his friendliness, and desires to make your acquaintance. Pray excuse him."

"And who are you, if you please, sir, who take the liberty of trespassing on this place in company with a big, fierce dog like that?" inquired Fanny, authoritatively.

"I beg pardon, but was really not aware that I was trespassing," he replied, pausing on the other side of the fence.

"But you are trespassing. This is private property, sir," she said, with dignity.

"I am very sorry," he said wistfully. "I am a

harmless artist, and have already commenced a sketch of this spot, which I am anxious to complete—there, beneath those roses, just where the water falls over that rock."

"An artist? Oh, of course that makes a difference," Fanny responded, graciously; and, after an instant's hesitation, in which her glance measured him from head to foot, she added, "I think you may come across—provided you show us the sketch."

"Thanks! With pleasure."

He came up the bank, opened his portfolio, and took out a half-finished water-colour drawing, over which Fanny, who herself possessed some skill in the art, went immediately into raptures.

"How beautiful! What bold, effective touches! And the water, and the perspective. I can't conceive how so few lines can produce so much effect. But this is a thing which my master asserts a woman can never learn. We haven't the moral courage to handle a pencil boldly, he says."

"Permit me to say," remarked the gentleman, with a bow and a demure expression, "that if you handle a pencil with half the boldness and freedom that you did that weapon," glancing at the stick which Fanny had dropped, "there could be no lack of courage, either moral or physical."

Fanny bit her lip, coloured, and gave him a doubtful look.

"I wonder if he means to be impertinent?" she whispered to me.

"Certainly not. I am sure he is a gentleman."

"Yes—I suspect he is, despite his coarse gray clothes and big straw hat. Across the stream I thought him a rustic, and that is why I spoke so—so rudely to him. I suppose he is paying me off. Probably he takes me for some stray milk-maid or hay-maker."

Upon these cogitations the gentleman broke with a courteous offer of his portfolio, if the ladies would care to look over the contents.

We eagerly accepted it, and emptied the whole into our laps.

"I had no idea that so many pretty studies could be made out of this little ravine," Fanny said. "Have you made a sketch of the Hall?"

"Not yet; I should like to do so, with your permission."

"Oh, I'm not the owner," she returned, laughing and blushing, "the place belongs to a Beast; but, as he isn't at home, I daresay you may venture to the castle without danger of being eaten alive."

"A Beast?" said the artist, looking up from his sketching.

"I call him the Beast."

"Fanny!" I remonstrated.

"Well, he deserves the name—such a cross, misanthropic, selfish, stingy, disagreeable fellow as he is."

"Do you mean Mr. Marsden? I have heard that is the name of the owner of this estate."

"Yes, that is his family name," she replied, carelessly.

"What is the appearance of this monster, if I may inquire?"

"I have seen him but once, about two years ago, and that fortunately at a distance. He limps, and is hump-backed, and has immense green goggle-eyes, perfectly round, and he sets his dogs upon us—blood-hounds I have heard they were—because we presumed to pick a few blackberries from inside his fence. And—would you believe it?—the last time he was here he shot at and wounded a poor child who had innocently strayed within his boundaries! You need not look incredulous, Louise; I have heard it from the boy's own mother—a poor woman of the village."

"A Beast, truly," said the artist, gravely pointing his pencil. "Has he a family?"

"Of course not. Who would marry him?"

"Some women do marry even such monsters as he for the sake of wealth—and such a place as this."

"Such are not worthy the name of women. For my part I would starve to death before I would become Mrs. Beast," said Fanny, with energy.

"Not if he went down on his knees to you every day, and said, 'Beauty, will you marry me?'" inquired the gentleman, demurely, looking up into Fanny's pretty, half-laughing, half-hangry face.

"No, not even then; though I confess I should like such a home as his. However, if it were mine, I should set about improving it."

"How so?"

"Why, I should make the house more pleasant and cheerful-looking. I would clear away some of the ivy, and knock over that hideous tower, and also the grim battlement which they call a terrace; and I would out an opening here in the woods, so as to get a view of the distant mountain scenery; and I would have friends to enjoy it all with me. In short, I would make sunshine and happiness all about the place."

"I dare say you would," he remarked, thoughtfully, with a quick look into Fanny's animated face, which brought a blush to her cheek.

He wasn't exactly a handsome man, but we observed that his dark gray eyes were very earnest and expressive, and his smile rarely sweet.

Fanny remarked upon this, as, after bidding him good evening, and accepting a choice little sketch, of which he begged her acceptance, we walked slowly homeward across the fields.

"We'll come some other time to see the house, Louise," she said, "when we won't be troubled with stray artists. Some of them are down here every summer, for this neighbourhood is famous for picturesque scenery. I wonder what is the name of our new acquaintance. Wish I had enquired. I think I'll get

Brother Tom to call on him, and, if he likes, invite him to our house. You see I want him to show me the secret of some of those wonderful effects in his sketches."

A week passed, and we neither saw nor heard anything of our artist friend. One day, in visiting the village, we stopped at the hotel, which was post-office as well; and Fanny inquired of the post-master whether there were any artists staying at his house this summer. There had been two, he said, but they were both gone; and I fancied I detected a shade of disappointment on my friend's bright face, and I wondered that she, who was not at all what is called impressible, should have become so much interested in this stranger on a first interview. But then, as she had remarked, "he looked as though he were poor and not happy; and he was, besides, a genius, as one could see from his sketches."

On our way home from the village we passed near Charnwood, and Fanny proposed that we should go up to the house, and get Mrs. Cox to show us the library and family pictures.

The place looked, on a nearer view, more sombre than at a distance. No one was visible, and nothing moved about save some poultry and a peacock, which was dearily sunning himself on the stone terrace. There were plenty of roses in bloom, and Fanny, in passing, gathered one or two. No answer being given to our repeated knocks at the side entrance, Fanny opened the door and looked in.

"There isn't a soul here," she said; "but I hear some one moving in the library at the end of the passage. I suppose Mrs. Cox is there." She tapped at the door within which we had heard the noise.

"Come in!" said a voice, and we entered.

Entered just within the threshold, and there stopped short. For, seated at a table covered with books and papers, was a gentleman—the artist whom we had met in the ravine.

On seeing us he arose.

"Dear me!" said Fanny, colouring, "I really didn't expect to find you—to find any one here. I was looking for Mrs. Cox."

"Mrs. Cox has gone to carry the haymakers their dinner. Will you permit me to entertain you until her return?" he said courteously.

"But—I did not know you were acquainted here. Are you sketching the hall, or copying the pictures?" said she, looking around.

"Not exactly. Only taking a list of the books."

She appeared still more puzzled.

"I see," he observed, "that you are surprised at finding me here, and lest you should take me for a burglar, I must explain. I am the owner of this gloomy castle—the Beast, of whom you have heard so much."

Her face became the colour of the roses in her hand.

"Are you really Mr. Marsden?" I inquired.

"That is my family name," he replied, glancing at Fanny.

"We did not know that you were at home," Fanny promptly responded, in an injured and indignant tone. "And if you are really Mr. Marsden, I consider your conduct in not telling us so when we first saw you as—*extremely strange*, to say the least of it!" with severe emphasis.

"Is it so extraordinary, Miss Stannard, that I should have hesitated to introduce myself as that dreadful monster of whom you expressed such horror? Would not you ladies have feared my devouring you alive, there in the lonely woods?"

I looked at Fanny and she looked at me. At first she bit her lip and tried hard to preserve her haughty look, but a sense of the ludicrousness of the situation overcame us, and we both broke into a laugh.

"Mr. Marsden," said she, "I know you will never forgive me, therefore I won't ask forgiveness."

"On the contrary, Miss Stannard, I owe you thanks. You have led me to see what a selfish and unamiable character I am."

"But you are not the man whom I saw two years ago, and described to you as the—*the owner of this place*."

"I think I am the same. I had met with an accident, and was using a crutch, which gave me, I don't doubt, an awkward, hump-backed appearance; I also wore blue glasses—*blue*, not *green*, if you please, Miss Stannard; and I must also most humbly plead not guilty to the charge of having set blood-hounds on your track. If I remember aright they were two small terriers—I love dogs, and have a number of them—and my shouting was merely to call them back, fearing you and your companions would be frightened by their harmless barking. It is true that I once shot at a clump of bushes where I fancied a hare was lying, and unfortunately shot a brace of partridges which had already been trapped by one of our poaching village boys, who, on seeing me, had hastily sought that place of concealment. I hope you will exonerate me from the wish or intention of taking the life of that *innocent child*."

"Oh, pray don't remember all the foolish things I said!" pleaded Fanny, looking distressed.

"You said some wise things, I assure you. I have been considering your suggestions, and have concluded that I shall be a happier as well as a more useful man if I adopt them, and let some sunshine into my house and life. I have been too much of a recluse, perhaps—less from choice than circumstances—but not quite the Beast that you imagined, ladies."

"I thought that you had done with these allusions," said Fanny, sharply.

"I wished only to remark that, now that Beauty has condescended to visit my castle, I am in hopes that the evil spell may be broken, and I become a transformed being."

He said this with such an air of demure gravity, mingled with latent humour, that it was impossible not to smile. Fanny, however, tossed her head as we rose to depart.

"I see you have stolen my roses," he observed; "but I will be generous, and beg your acceptance of more."

So we each went away with a lovely bouquet in remembrance of our visit to the Beast's castle.

I was only eighteen at the time, yet I could see plainly how this affair would end. I know Mr. Marsden would call to see us—as he did—and how he and Fanny would like each other more upon acquaintance—as proved the case; and when I brought my visit to a close I was as certain of the eventual result as though it had been already settled and arranged.

I went to Europe not long after for a six months' sojourn, and before my return I received from Fanny a letter, in which she said:

"You would hardly know the castle now, nor the dear old Beast, so entirely are they transformed, and it all came of his saying, 'Beauty, will you marry me?' and my replying, 'Yes, Beast—yes!' So we are very happy, and want you to hasten back and share in our happiness."—*Saturday Night.*

The Road Agent.

By CHARLES D. HILDRETH.

My route, which was the only road between the town of Ireton and Chester, lay for thirty miles through an almost unbroken wilderness. The track had been badly cut to pieces by recent rains, and my progress was much slower than was either safe or pleasant. Sunset found me still many miles from my destination, and I began to reflect on the probability of a night's lodging in the woods in no very comfortable frame of mind.

My horse stumbled so constantly in the increasing darkness that I was forced at length to allow him to pick his way at a slow walk. I had arrived at a particularly rough part of the road, and halted to make sure that no pitfall lay hidden in the obscurity beyond, when a form sprang out of the bushes and stood beside me. In the dull light I could perceive that it was a small, slightly built man, clad in shabby garments, with a broad slouched hat concealing his face, and that he held a pistol in unpleasant proximity to my head.

"What do you want?" I asked, with what composure I could muster.

"Your money," was the answer. "Fling it down in the road and ride on."

The voice was singularly sweet for a man—a ruffian at that—and there was a tremor in it that belied his threatening air.

"The man is a coward," I said to myself; then aloud, "Suppose I refuse to comply with your very reasonable request, what then?"

"I shall blow your brains out," was the reply.

"Throw me your money, and be quick about it." I raised my hand from my side as if to comply with his demand; but instead of doing so I suddenly lifted my riding whip and brought it down on the temple of my waylayer. The blow was a powerful one, and he rolled under my horse's feet without a sound.

Springing from my saddle to grapple with him, I found him prostrated and insensible, with the blood flowing copiously from an ugly wound in the forehead.

In the act of lifting his head upon my arm, his hat fell off, and a coil of luxuriant brown hair fell over my arm. Much astonished at this, I bent over the lifeless body, and beheld a pale, beautiful face, with small, delicate features, whose expression, even in unconsciousness, was that of mingled sadness and despair. My assailant was a woman, young, and bearing traces of refinement about her, despite her rough male attire.

After a little search I discovered the weapon with which she had threatened me. It was an old pistol, broken and unloaded. With an impulse that I did not stop to question, I thrust it in my pocket. Then I turned to examine the wound I had inflicted. It was a slight one, but would leave a life-long scar upon her temple.

What should such a woman be doing in this desolate region? What crisis of misfortune had driven her to an act so dangerous and unwomanly? There was no time to reflect upon the matter, for she stirred slightly, and a faint moan of pain came through her pale lips.

With a sense of deep remorse for the violence I had done the poor girl, I bound up her wound with my handkerchief and slipped a good portion of the money I had about me into the pocket of her coat. I felt that her need of it must be desperate indeed.

After a moment her eyes opened, and she gazed wildly round.

"What has happened?" she said confusedly. "Where is my father?"

Then she gazed at me wonderingly.

"Oh, I remember," she cried, in a heart-rending accent. "Oh, sir, if you knew why I did it! Let me go to my father—pray, pray, let me go!"

"You shall," said I soothingly; "I will take you to him, for you are not able to walk alone. Poor child! it was a mistake, and I was very brutal. Say no more, but lean on me."

She obeyed in silence, and, slipping my horse's bridle over my arm, I lead her down the road until she paused before a miserable hut, whose battered aspect and unlighted windows gave sorrowful evidence of the poverty of the inmates.

As I released her she suddenly seized my hand, and gazing up into my face appealingly, broke into a passion of tears.

"I understand you," I said. "No one shall ever know what has occurred to-night from my lips. No wrong has been done except through my hasty violence; that I hope you will forgive. Now go to your father."

Waving my hand in farewell, I sprang upon my horse and rode away.

Cautious inquiry in the next town elicited the fact that the hut I had seen was occupied by an old man of the name of Windsor and his daughter Julia. They had come from the East some three years previous, and had evidently seen better days. Even now, miserably poor as they were, they preserved a dignified aristocratic seclusion, so that their neighbours knew little about them, and cared less. How they lived my informant could not guess. The father had been in feeble health for a long time, yet the daughter, a fragile, delicate girl, had found the means to support him.

I had learned one of those "means," and I went away from the town with a deeper respect for Julia Windsor than I had ever felt for a woman.

Two years later found me permanently established in New York. I had nearly forgotten my adventure with the road agent, and should have forgotten it altogether but for the old pistol, which I still retained.

One evening during a reception at the house of a friend, I observed among the guests a lady whose face seemed strangely familiar to me. Where I had met her before I could not remember; but there was something in her appearance that I recognized rather by the heart than the mind.

On inquiring who she was, I learned that she had lately returned from the West with her father, who had experienced several reverses of fortune some years before, but had recently regained his property. Her name, they told me, was Miss Lee.

I had never known any one of the name, yet I certainly knew her. While I was puzzling myself for a solution of the mystery, one of the heavy braids which covered her forehead fell aside, and I saw a small red scar upon her temple. Then I knew her—it was my would-be robber, Miss Lee or Julia Windsor; I could not be mistaken in her identity.

As may be readily imagined, I was not long in seeking an introduction to her. If, on her part, she recognized me, she maintained her composure admirably. A small red spot, rising in her cheek and fading instantly, was the only sign of anxiety that I could detect.

If I had thought her beautiful in her ugly male attire two years before, I found her doubly so now. The expression of care and grief had passed out of her face, but it had left its traces in her soft eye and in the tremulous outline of her mouth. An air of quiet thoughtfulness—the repose of a soul heavily chastened with sorrow—had a supreme charm for me.

I had not been sitting near her ten minutes before it became painfully apparent to me that my solitary life was a very cold and selfish one. This beautiful girl had lived and loved and suffered for another. If her experience had been a sad one, it had likewise been noble. Somehow my adventure with her that memorable night seemed to give me a right to her regard. Perhaps it was because I had never forgotten her, and that the simple memory of her had kept her always close to me.

Be that as it may, when I left her that night it was in a very unhappy frame of mind. Emotions had been aroused in me that would not be put asleep again. For the first time in my life I knew what love meant—love for a large-hearted, noble woman.

I had hoped that I had secured the means of a familiar intercourse with Miss Lee, by which I might be enabled to enlarge my acquaintance with her. But I soon found that I was mistaken. Converse with her I might, but never freely. Enter her house when and so often as I choose, but her sympathy not all. She seem to hold me firmly at a distance. With all my efforts I could not even establish a cool friendship between us.

Did she remember me, then, and hate me for my knowledge of that one dark event in her past history? It seemed so, indeed. Yet was she blind? Or was it because, while sacrificing herself for her father's sake, I had inflicted the wound whose scar she would carry to the grave? Either way I was supremely unhappy.

Six months elapsed before I summoned up the courage to put her feelings towards me to the test. One afternoon I entered her presence firmly resolved to declare my love for her and abide the result. I could not be more wretched than I was, and my love might at least teach her to respect me.

She was alone when I entered. Something in my face must have alarmed her, for she arose hastily, and would have left the room had I not called her back.

"Julia Windsor," I said, calmly, "will you hear me?"

"That is not my name," she faltered, turning very white.

"No; but it was your name that night in the Far West, when you pointed a pistol at my head and demanded my money. Do you remember that night?"

She had no reply for a moment, but stood with her face averted; then she suddenly turned and confronted me with a gesture of contempt.

"Yes, I do remember," she answered, passionately. "Am I likely to forget it while this, inflicted by your hand, remains?" She pushed back her hair and laid

her finger upon the scar upon her temple. "You struck me down, but to pay me for my wound you left your money in my pocket. It saved my father's life—for that I thank you. But you may cancel all. Go tell the world what you know. Wake the tongue of slander against me. Say that once upon a time I lived in abject poverty under an assumed name, and to succour a perishing father I robbed passengers upon the road in male attire. I do not fear you."

"You need fear nothing," I answered, quietly, "except that I shall love you too much for your noble sacrifice."

"Love me!" she echoed, looking at me suddenly with filling eyes. "I thought that you despised me for my unwomanly action."

"Then you wronged me deeply," I returned, approaching and taking her hand. "My remembrance of that night is full of admiration and respect. Since I have known you intimately I have learned to love you, how truly I have no words to say."

"But I threatened you with a pistol," she answered, demurely.

"It was harmless," I returned, smiling. "I kept it—I have it at home now."

"Do you remember the handkerchief with which you bound my head?" she asked, shyly. "More faithful to the spirit of that night than you, I have always kept it near me. I have it now."

"Julia," said I, earnestly, "answer me truly, why?"

"Because," she returned, lifting her soft eyes to mine, "I loved you from that hour. When I saw you again my love took new strength, and though I felt that you despised me, it remained unshaken, as it shall to my dying hour."

"My darling," I said, stooping to kiss her upturned face, "on that night you robbed me of more than my purse. You made wholly yours my heart, my life, my future happiness."

The Lebanon Robin.

By SAVARICUS.

[According to the *New York Tribune*, a robin lately paid a visit to the Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ontario:—"It perched itself on a rail opposite the pulpit, sang aloud when the people sang, was silent during prayer, but while the minister preached it chirped occasionally, as if to encourage him, remained until the congregation was finally dismissed, and then flew away."]—



ROBIN! Bird of ancient story,
I sing of thee, 'tis to thy glory.
Thy ways are quaint, as tales of yore
Do truly tell in fairy lore.
When our dear Lord was crucified,
The crimson stream thy breast then dyed;
In pity thou didst pluck a thorn
From out the crown by Jesu worn;
A sacred sign we see in thee,
Memento grave of Calvary's tree.
Thy music hath a solemn tone,
A dirge-like sound of one alone;
Thy name to goodness, love, and grace,
Is fitly linked; the human race
With chaste emotion speaks of thee,
Thou feathered friend, so spry to see.
What heartless tale of cheerless woe
That happened many years ago
Has such a sympathetic hold
As that of thee, so often told?—
Of ruffians twain, and uncle bad,
And "Children in the Wood," so sad.
A tale to read, with sobs and sighs,
To tender hearts and weeping eyes:
How Robin Redbreast, it doth state,
The children found, left to their fate,
All dead and cold upon the ground,
And strewn them with the leaves he found.

In nursery rhyme poor Robin's killed
By sparrow bold, who was self-willed;
And all the birds that clave the air
Came mourning to his funer'! there.

A modern tale I now will tell,
Of Robin Redbreast, loved so well:—
In Lebanon's commodious church,
Where saint and sinner scripture search,
This pious bird, with saint-like ways,
Betook itself to render praise:
There, perched on rail, with plumage gay,
It sang its little soul away;
But silent was when pastor prayed;
Its thrilling notes were timely stayed.
The good discourse, we're glad to find,
Was orthodox, and to its mind;
It gave assent, looked at the preacher,
And nodded like a human creature—
Nay, more: its chirp was gently heard
At head the first, again at third.
The sermon o'er, with grace of heart,
The bird devoutly played its part;
It stayed to see each empty pew,
Then pinions spread, and onward flew.

How Tom O'Flaherty Married the Widow.

TOM O'FLAHERTY the subject of this most veracious tale, was a Major on half-pay in Her Majesty's army. I need not mention the distinguished regiment to which he belonged, as it has nothing to do with our story; but I simply mention the fact that he was an "old soldier!" the life—and almost the pet—of his mess and regiment, the "soul of honour," and the child of mirth, blessed with good health and a fine brogue and a decent competence. He was one of the most cheery and pleasant "mates" a man could own—as good a specimen of an officer, a gentleman, and a friend, as you could find—as someone has put it—"in a day's march." Whether he was wanted for a cricket match or an eight-oar, whether he was required to "stand by" a friend or help a lady in a crush or a scrape, whether you sought his company, his advice, or his intimacy, he was alike agreeable to know, and one emphatically of the right sort. As Lieutenant Dawkins liked to say, he was "such deuced good foarm," that no one ever could be ashamed either of his looks or his companionship. He was a fine, good-looking fellow in himself, and boasted a moustache and a beard which had long been the admiration, and even envy, of countless beardless "subs" and unhirute heroes. And then, when you add to this that he was one of the most sincerely kindly, gallant, and loyal of men, who never deserted his friend and never turned his back upon his foe, and while full of fun and harmless gaiety of heart, was both serious and sentimental, and well read and well informed, the portrait before my readers is, I think, a pleasant one "for all," and the character I have sought to pourtray is invested with something even of the heroic.

Yet, strange to say, this good-looking major had remained unmarried, and, stranger still, some of his friends asserted loudly and boldly (a few female consins especially) that he never would marry. Indeed, it was once averred by his intimate crony and companion, Dr. Finucane, that Tom had been heard to say he would rather "lead a forlorn hope, or face a battery, or make a rush at infuriated Zulus, than have to encounter the serious responsibilities of married life or the angry reproaches of an incensed "faymale." And as Dr. Finucane was a married man of long standing and great experience, his unmarried brother officers always used to say there must be some reason in Tom's objections and Finucane's shakes of the head. It was the one thing the doctor resented to be asked after Mrs. Finucane. Whether it was that Tom was afraid of crying babies or heavy bills; whether it was he feared to face a female partner for life, or dreaded a matrimonial *tête-à-tête* deponent sayth and knoweth not; but this one fact was clear and certain, and patent to all as any fact can be in this sublunary scene, that at the mature age of forty-eight our friend was still unmarried.

When our story opens, Tom had for some time been the guest of his old friend De Visme, in his comfortable ancestral Manor Hall, and who was, as a prosperous squire and M.P., and Master of the Beaulieu Hounds (for Beaulieu Manor was Charles de Visme's habitation), delighted to welcome his old captain once again.

As a gay lieutenant in other days, Charles De Visme, M.P., like many another "good man and true," had vowed eternal friendship to that warm-hearted and pleasant "Paddy," whose deeds of gallantry in the field, and whose cheery sociability in barracks, and whose many good qualities of heart and head had endeared him to his brother officers, one and all, from the stiff old colonel down to the youngest and lightest-hearted subaltern. And so, one evening, when host and guest were sitting in the comfortable panelled dining room, and the old butler had thrown another log on the fire and replenished their glasses with good old port (mark that), Charles de Visme opened out her heart to his friend.

A fair postess in other days wrote some pleasant lines, which linger with me still, and which describe the situation so well that I must impart them to my readers:—

"Before a blazing fire,
Within an armchair snug,
His hands upon his bosom crossed,
His feet upon the rug;
His brow without a wrinkle,
And his heart without a load—
There sat a gallant gentleman,
The master of the node.

"He and his friend together
Had hunted all that day,
And o'er some very old port wine
Had washed all care away;
And o'er their sport conversing,
They sat them *tête-à-tête*,
And settled in their own wise heads,
'The ladies will be late.'"

For the truth was that Mrs. De Visme, a very charming and agreeable hostess, and her lady friends—including Mrs. Malcolmson, a very graceful widow, and one or two young men, brothers and consins—had gone off to a juvenile ball, from which the Master of the Hounds and Tom O'Flaherty had begged to be excused.

"Tom," said Charles de Visme, after a little pause, during which the smoke from their cigarettes seemed to wreath itself about them, "I wonder, old fellow, that you don't marry and settle. Henrietta was only saying

to me yesterday (Mrs. de Visme, kind reader,) that it was such a pity that you hadn't a good wife, as no one could see you without wishing to know more of you, and no one could know you without liking you a great deal; and you know I always have a high opinion of my wife's good sense, to say nothing of her good looks. Now, old boy, listen to me. She and I have a little plan of our own. Why should you not marry Mrs. Malcolmson, that most agreeable widow, and become the squire of Combe Manor (for everything is in her own power), and live close to us for the rest of your life. By George, what fun it will be to see you a squire, with six thousand a-year, the most agreeable of hosts with the most kindly of wives. Why, we will have all the old fellows down here, and what pleasant gatherings we will have. Tom, let me speak seriously to you. I once laughed at matrimony like Eversley, or feared it like you do, or was disconcerted at its responsibilities like old Finucane; but I have come to find what it is to have a good wife, one who cares for you, loves you, likes you, is never in the way, never bothers you, never gets you into a mess, but is the best of friends, the truest of mates, and the most conscientious of advisers."

"Ah," replied Tom, "my dear Charles, your eloquence is as remarkable as your port; but, to say the truth, the advice you give is, I feel, indeed, very sound, yet the very word 'matrimony' always seems full of warning and peril to me. The charms of yon fair widow are great, but the liberty of bachelorhood is, in my eyes, a greater blessing, inasmuch as the probabilities and possibilities of matrimonial life always seem to me to counterbalance its attractions and its desirability. You will remember poor Michael O'Connor, the Captain of our Grenadier company. Until he was married, no happier mortal could be in Her Majesty's dominions, but after that he met that famous dragon whom he afterwards espoused, no more wretched spectacle of manly depression can be seen on this good earth of ours!"

"Never mind Mike," said Charles De Visme, "or any other illustration of matrimony. There is no rule, old fellow, without its exception, and you certainly are not likely to be a 'green goose,' or a 'mournful example.' Just listen for a few minutes. Mrs. Malcolmson is, as your eyes have told you, I rather suspect, pretty well already, a very charming person indeed. She is not only most well-to-do, but she is a woman of great cultivation and a most kindly and sociable being. If I am not mistaken, she is much impressed with your 'pleasant presence,' my dear Tom, and a little perseverance is only necessary on your part to carry off the prize from so many admirers and competitors. It is quite clear to me that she will have nothing to do with old Poulter, the rich but stupid Squire of Poulterby. He must go back, poor lonely widower that he is, to his broad acres and his prize pigs. Neither will she give any encouragement, wise woman as she is, to Sir Clement Newcomer, whose ancestors date from Richard the Second, at any rate, and Mounsey Hall must still remain for the present without a fair mistress; for the Baronet, though an excellent man, is a great bore. Neither has that good-looking vicar, Mr. Moleworth, the slightest chance, Broad Churchman as he is in all respects, for Mrs. Malcolmson told my wife in confidence that she would not marry a 'parson,' under any circumstances; and as for my rattling cousin, Harry de Visme, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, the truth is he will have to marry a certain Miss Carlton, an old flame of his, so that his incessant flirtation with that *debonnaire* widow must shortly cease. Therefore Tom, our own old Tom of old, screw up your courage, my boy, to the proposing point, and, like one of our own 'boys,' who were never known to flinch, march forwards! Widows, like women generally, like a little 'pressing,' and so let me live to congratulate you as a neighbour in our good county, and 'possessing one of the most prepossessing wives a man can boast of.'"

We need not pursue this touching dialogue further, deeply interesting as it is, further than to say that it seemed to make a visible impression on the cheery "major," and we must leave its result to the *dénouement* of this story.

It was observed by all next day, that for some reason or other the fair widow and Tom were thrown, accidentally of course, very much together. He was admitted to the ladies' sitting room after breakfast, when he sang a duet with Mrs. Malcolmson for the evening's entertainment. When they went to the dairy, he was with that most agreeable woman, who explained to him the whole process of butter making. After luncheon she rode with the party to her own stately mansion, of which she did the honours, and where all the company had tea, and in the evening, after sitting next to her at dinner, and making himself very pleasant to her, he was by her side nearly the whole evening.

Two days after they acted charades, and one of the charades was "matrimony."

"Ah," said the widow, archly, to Tom, "I wonder you are going to act to-night, for they say you are afraid of the married state."

What Tom's reply was no one ever knew, it was delivered *sotto voce* in the conservatory. Charles De Visme always declared that Tom kissed the widow; Mrs. De Visme declared, with a gleam in her eyes, that she would uphold her friend's unimpeachable propriety.

But be this as it may, very soon afterwards the public papers announced the marriage, and great was the rejoicing of Tom's many friends. Tom is now the best of husbands, squires, magistrates, fathers, the cheeriest of the cheery, and the happiest of the happy. He has constant visits from his old friends, and the tone of conversation at the "Mote" is very military indeed. Do any of the readers of the Christmas *Freemason* ask what is the moral?

Is it not plain enough? If any young man is hesitating on the brink of matrimony, fearing to take the plunge, and really has the chance of obtaining a good wife, do not let him vacillate between two opinions, but, like Tom O'Flaherty, make himself happy for life, either with the female of his choice, the woman of his heart, or some agreeable and pleasant widow who is possessed both of virtue and competence, and is not a mere adventuress, but a true and loving woman. Be bold, I say, and fear not!

Christmas.



CHRISTMAS comes once more to-day,
With song and carol and roundelay.
Christmas once again is here,
With pleasant memories, soft and dear;
As round the hearthstone of old days
We gather still from far and near.

If some are missing from our feast;
If some, from earthly cares released,
Are wanting to complete our score,
And tearful memory counts them o'er;
Ah! well-a-day! we all then say,
On earth we see them nevermore!

This is that twofold solemn tone which flings
A calm refinement on mirth's glad strings,
And in our Christmas revels nigh,
Touches our gladness with a sigh,
As we think of those no longer seen
When joy and merriment ask reply.

There is the soft face, calm and clear,
Whose presence cheered us many a year;
There is the grace, so glad and fair,
Which of old could charm us everywhere.
All, all, are fled, and we alone
To sounds of revelry repair.

Ah! memory, ever dear and true,
Which takes us back, kind hearts, to you,
Still whispers in our hearts your name—
Your gentle goodness—your growing fame,
And cheers us with the hope all bright
That you are saved from care or blame.

Ah! Christmas time, as upward swells
The merry chime of your sweet bells,
As songs and chants tell of the hour
Of joyous Faith's consoling pow'r;
I feel for one a solemn thought
Of faded scenes, of faded flower.

But silent, be, poor heart, and still,
Let pleasant faces with fragrance fill
These precious moments as they fly,
And youth's gay banter sound on high,
And bid all hail to Christmas day,
Which, in kind humour, hasteneth by.

Miss Dorothy's Thanksgiving.

By HELEN M. WHITNEY.



CAN'T see that I have much to be thankful for,' grumbled Miss Dorothy to herself, as she carefully polished the parlour stove, using, perhaps, a trifle more "elbow grease" than was absolutely necessary. "Of course, I always return thanks when I say my prayers at night and morning, that I'm kept well and out of trouble; but as for any special cause for thankfulness, I can't see it." Miss Dorothy didn't know she was talking slang, or she would have altered the construction of her last sentence. "I've half a notion not to cook any dinner to-day at all! The turkey and things will keep, and there's cold sweet potatoes, and a whole pumpkin pie, and here's—yes, here's a pan of pork and beans that I baked day before yesterday, and haven't scarcely tasted yet." Miss Dorothy had finished blocking the stove now, and was examining the contents of a little walnut cupboard that did duty as a pantry. "There's not much fun cooking a Thanksgiving dinner, anyhow, when there's nobody but me to eat it."

Here she glanced into the little old-fashioned looking-glass that hung over the cupboard, and heaved a sigh, as she thought of how different things would have been if she had not refused Jack Farris when he asked her to marry him, and if Jack had not taken her at her word and hurried off to China without giving her a chance to explain that, although she had said no, she had meant yes. She was pretty Dolly Digby then, and, though she had many other offers of marriage, somehow the memory of Jack Farris' blonde moustache and dark eyes always came between her and the eligible bachelors and widowers who sought her hand. And so it happened, that though ten long years had passed away, still she was Miss Digby, or rather, Miss Dorothy, as she was called by the village folks, both old and young.

"There's no one but myself to cook for now, though," she repeated to herself, with another sigh and another glance at the little mirror. Suddenly, this line of Scripture flashed into Miss Dorothy's mind: "The poor

ye have always with you," and a faint blush suffused her somewhat faded cheek.

Just at this juncture a timid knock sounded on the door. At Miss Dorothy's invitation to enter, a little girl came timidly into the room. The child's dress of faded calico was both short and scant, and her little hands looked blue with cold. Her hair hung in tangled yellow curls over her shoulders, and her eyes showed signs of recent tears. "O, Miss Dorothy," she said, with a half-sob, "Mamma said we couldn't have any dinner to-day, 'cause she's sick, and Bessie hasn't got any money to buy any with."

"The poor ye have always with you!" Miss Dorothy thought again. "Come here, Minnie," she said, drawing the child to her. "Will you stay here and eat dinner with me? I'm going to have turkey, and mince pie, and ever so many nice things besides. Would you like to stay and eat dinner with me?" she asked again, having suddenly come to the conclusion that cold pie and baked beans would not do for a Thanksgiving dinner at all.

Minnie's eyes sparkled, but a wistful look shone in them, as he asked, "Will mamma and Bessie have some too?"

Miss Dorothy made another sudden resolution. "Yes," she said; "mamma and Bessie shall have some, too! But we must get dinner all ready first," she added, and in an incredibly short time a fire was roaring in the little cooking stove, the turkey was spluttering in the oven, and Miss Dorothy was busily rolling out the flaky pie-crust which was destined to entomb some of the richest mince-meat any prudent thanksgiver would wish to taste.

A hungry tramp, fortunately for himself, happened along, and was made the happy recipient of the cold beans, pie, etc., upon which Miss Dorothy herself had half intended to dine.

Little Minnie was helping and hindering her hostess all she could, and had already taken the edge off her own appetite by the consumption of a huge slice of fruit cake, which was frosted and ornamented with plump, home-made cupids, done in icing, and also stuffed as full of plums as was King Arthur's "bag-pudding" so justly celebrated in nursery lore.

At last, the huge turkey lay on his back, crisp, and brown, and savory. The pies looked ready to melt in one's mouth. The table was spread, the dainty service of china, and cut-glass, and here and there a bit of rare, old silver, setting off the turkey-red cloth and snowy napkins to great advantage. The turnips and squash were done, the plum-pudding was still steaming and spluttering over the fire. The celery was crisp and green, and the cranberry sauce and the currant jelly were quivering in cut-glass bowls of rare and antique pattern. Now, Miss Dorothy donned her wine-coloured merino dress, fastened up her hair with a high-backed silver comb, and pinned around her neck a ruffle of filmy white lace. She had already brushed out Minnie's long yellow curls, and tied a pretty blue ribbon round the child's head. Taking a large japanned tray, she spread over it a white towel and proceeded to arrange upon it the invalid's portion of the thanksgiving dinner. A china plate, which held a generous slice of the turkey's breast, was flanked by dishes of vegetables, saucers of currant jelly and cranberry sauce, sections of pie, both mince and pumpkin, and a slice of the fruit cake, with one of the over-grown cupids perched upon it. In addition to the well-laden tray, she carried a pitcher of hot coffee, enriched by real cream, for Miss Dorothy kept a cow. "If Mrs. Willis is too sick to eat it all, it will do for the children, afterwards," she thought as she spread a towel over the tray, and with Minnie at her side, crossed the street and knocked at the door of a very plain frame house.

Bessie, a pretty girl of fourteen, opened the door. She stared in astonishment at the unexpected visitor, but Miss Dorothy walked straight to the invalid's bed-side. "Mrs. Willis," she said, "I want to beg you to let Minnie and Bessie come and help me eat my Thanksgiving dinner; you know I'm all alone, and it will be a real charity to let them come. And to save time and trouble, I've brought your dinner along," and having placed the tray on the table beside the bed, she drew off the towel which covered it, and displayed the tempting viands.

At this unexpected kindness poor Mrs. Willis seemed to have lost her voice entirely, but she clasped Miss Dorothy's hand, and looked the thanks she could not speak. At this moment Miss Dorothy felt how much more blessed it was to give than to receive; but to make the favour seem as slight as possible, she turned away, carelessly and quickly; turned, to find herself confronted by a stranger, a man six feet high, with dark, handsome eyes and a blonde moustache.

"Dolly," cried the apparition, eagerly holding out his hand.

"Jack!" cried Miss Dolly, blushing to the roots of her hair, but giving her hand to be clasped in his.

Mrs. Willis suddenly found her voice. "Why, Miss Dorothy!" she asked "how did you come to know my cousin Jack?"

Miss Dorothy blushed again, and stammered, but Jack came to the rescue and told the whole story.

Afterwards, with Minnie and Bessie, he accompanied Miss Dolly to assist in disposing of the thanksgiving dinner; and it is but reasonable to suppose that the hostess was not sorry she had changed her mind about dining on the "cold vittles," as she had at first intended.

That night, as Miss Dorothy gazed upon the diamond engagement-ring which sparkled on her finger, she could scarcely decide which to be most thankful for: that Jack had come home, rich, handsome, and as much in

love with her as ever, or that, through the grace of Providence, she had been enabled to read aright the simple text, "The poor ye have always with you."—*The Voice of Masonry.*

Under the Mistletoe Bough.

EMMA C. VOGELGESANG.

"HEAR, dear," said Aunt Lucy, wiping the moisture from her glasses, "what a time Christmas is! For the last six weeks there have been bits of silk and worsted, scraps of this and ends of that scattered all over the house. I wonder if the anticipation is not more pleasant than the reality."

Aunt Lucy and Uncle John had a large, comfortable home, in a pretty place, and never spared any effort to make it pleasant for guests. At Christmas time, particularly, relatives and strangers shared the most bounteous hospitality.

Aunt Lucy, though "aunt" only in name, was, as my little sister described her, "the darlingest woman," who always made one feel comfortable and perfectly at home, while Uncle John was as full of fun as a boy, and always led in our sports.

Their two daughters, Nellie and Gertrude, were as different as two girls could be, Nellie, the eldest, being tall, pale and quiet, with light hair and dark blue eyes, but Gertrude was small and dark, always in mischief and always saying something she did not mean to say or meaning something she did not say, a splendid match for her roguish brother Will.

The next morning after my arrival I skipped into the sitting-room in time to see Nellie thrust some work hastily in her pocket, while she sang in a careless voice, "I love to hear the ringing of Christmas bells ajar."

"I do not believe a word of it," said Gertrude, laughingly, "not a word Nellie Brooks, else you would not be so cool and indifferent to all that is going on. Just think of it, only one day more until Christmas, and so many coming, so much to do. Oh Nellie, do wake up and get just a little excited to keep me company!"

"Will has promised to put me up a mistletoe bough, and—"

"Yes, so I did," said Will, bobbing his head in at the doorway, "and, by the way, you can expect Robert Leicester here to-day. I met him at Lowpoint, and he said Christmas was such a bore; some one always expected something he did not want to give, and he always expected something he wouldn't get, so I invited him here to while away the dull time. A bean for you, May," he said, with a comical wink at me, "a lord from the Sandwich Islands; you will want to fix your cap, put on your best bib and tucker, and look your sweetest."

"Is he from the Sandwich Islands?" I asked, innocently.

Gertrude laughed but Nellie looked annoyed. "He is from the West Indies, a perfect gentleman, educated and refined, but rather odd and easy, and we take advantage of his good humour," she said, with more than usual animation.

"Now Nellie," said Gertrude, "did you not say there was a lazy climate in the land of his birth, and you thought it must have infected the people, and then the boys tell such stories about his being out of money and asking loans, and when you remember, May, that he has a splendid education, is a good musician, and has brains enough to really do something great in the world if he would only apply himself to work, that at times he has almost nothing; and yet in spite of all everybody likes him, you can judge that he is quite an uncommon mortal, but he would share his last cent with one in need, so I do not know but that the good and bad are equal. Lord Magnifico we call him, and I am so glad he is coming, aren't you?"

"The more the merrier," you know, and he makes fun enough for a dozen," said Nellie.

"I wonder if I can get him to compose some music for my rhymes—"

"At your service, ladies; without a doubt you can have what you wish, Miss Gertrude." A careless, easy tone, a slight drawl to the words, a careless easy-looking fellow, too. "I beg your pardon, ladies, for coming in so unceremoniously," he said, "but Will told me to walk right in and put my traps on the centre table for ornaments, or hang them on the chandelier, as I chose."

"We are very glad to see you," Nellie said, in her quiet, earnest way, and Gertrude, chasing away the annoyed look, burst out with, "What a surprise! Did you drop from the moon or come on a telegraph wire?"

"Neither, Miss Gertrude; I am indebted to the steam cars and a fast horse for the pleasure of being here, but I promised Will to return immediately and examine his new firearms, and, as they are indisputable arguments in his hands, I am afraid of rousing his anger, so if you will excuse me I will take a short leave of absence."

"Do you think he heard what I said?" asked Gertrude, when the door had closed after him. "What is the next scrape I will be in? We did not introduce you either. Nellie! Nellie! where were your thoughts? You know I am never expected to do anything right."

"Never mind," I said, "there will be plenty of time, and I do not think it will make any difference to him."

I cannot tell what my first impression of Robert Leicester was. He was not handsome, and I did not think he was either good enough or smart enough for Nellie; and yet, as Gertrude said, "in spite of all,"

liked him." His fun was irrepressible, and his wit bubbled up like a spring in the wild wood. He had a keen edge to his tongue, too—a bitter sarcasm—which he never used, however, except on rare occasions; and no speech of Nellie's could ever provoke anything but a pleasant reply.

"Do you believe in ghosts?" he said to me the first day I met him.

"Ghosts? No. How could I?"

"Well, I have seen one," he said, "and seeing is believing they say."

Whether it was only a sell for me, or whether he believed it, I could not tell. I looked straight into his eyes, and he looked straight into mine without smiling or moving a muscle. "Will it scare you to hear a ghost story?" he asked.

"Oh no," I said, "for no matter how strange, I know it can be explained by perfectly natural causes."

"Well, I will tell you. There was a little tumble-down shanty, in a grove quite near my father's place, that bore the name of being haunted. Nothing in the world could have induced a negro to go near the place at night, or in the daytime either for aught I know. One evening, three of us, eager for excitement, set out for the old place. 'De Debbil's dar, shua. Massa Robert, don't you go. Ise seen the light of the sulphur he carries mor'n once; you'll shua get kotched,' said one of the servants, rolling his eyes with fright.

"We laughed at his warning and started off. It did not take long to reach the place, and there was only one room below with a pair of rickety old stairs leading to a loft above. It was unsafe to ascend the stairs, so we halloed and shouted and told the ghost, if there was any ghost there, to come down and see us; but nothing made its appearance, so we just put out our lights and concluded to wait. We saw nothing, heard nothing, until, I think, it was sometime after midnight, I heard a whirring sound in the loft above. I gave my friend nearest me a nudge. 'Do you hear that, Al?' I whispered, but he did not answer. I saw something white come down the old staircase so lightly and easily they did not even creak; then I gave each of the boys a decided nudge, but neither moved a muscle. 'Heavens!' I thought, 'are they scared to death?' I had heard of people dying from fright. Miss May, you see how straight my hair now is; before that night it was curly, horror made it perfectly straight."

He looked at me so gravely and earnestly, and I looked so inquiringly at him that I am sure I must have appeared idiotic.

"It was coming nearer and nearer, and making a mournful sound," he continued. "I yelled to the boys if there was any breath in them to get a light, and then Joe raised up, but his hand shook so, the matches fell to the floor. I felt it touch me. I was frantic. I seized a match, had a light, and, Miss May, as true as I live, there was—as nice a looking cat as you ever saw."

The laughing that followed—the jests at my expense—I shall never forget; and to this day I am asked to give the "natural causes" for a cat ghost.

Will put up the mistletoe in the farthest corner of the library, "for safety," he said. I never go into that room during the holidays, it is too far from where the cooking is done, so I know I am safe.

Christmas Eve came with Christmas Eve sports, and the wildest set of school children could not have acted worse than we.

During the evening, I do not know how it came about, some of us were drawn into a discussion about Governments, and Mr. Leicester made some pointed remarks against American policy and American government, and spoke grandiloquently, to use Gertrude's term, of "Her Majesty the Queen" and "Her Majesty's Dominions." If there is one thing more than another that will rouse Nellie's anger it is a word against her country, and that evening she defended it with more than usual spirit. I watched him sharply as she made her keen retorts, but could not detect a shade of anger or annoyance. He waited until she had spoken, then walked leisurely to another part of the room, and in a few moments was singing a rollicking song of love, nonsense, and fun.

Nellie left the room before he had finished, and I knew he was going in search of her as soon as he went to the door. He looked in the parlour but she was not there, so he went quietly to the library, and there, under the mistletoe, the flush all gone from her cheeks, was Nellie, sitting in Aunt Lucy's easy chair. Before she was aware of his presence Robert Leicester was seated beside her. "Do you think all I am good for is to create laughter for some people and aggravate others?" he asked in a quick, passionate tone. "Oh Nellie, don't think me so utterly worthless and good-for-nothing; give me the right to prove to you that I can be a defender and supporter!"

I do not know what she said, but I know he asked her if it was not legal to claim a forfeit, and she granted the right to his claim.

The organ pealed out the grand music to—

"Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing;
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King."

We wished each other good-night and a merry Christmas, with laughing and hand-shaking, and then, Aunt Lucy, Nellie, Gertrude, and I held a meeting just by ourselves. Why was I in that meeting? Oh, I forgot to tell you I helped Will to put up the Mistletoe Bough, and—well, we had a double wedding in June; and Nellie married, not a true and loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen, but a naturalised American citizen.

I cannot see anything easy or careless about him now, "all owing," he says, with one of his merry laughs, "to the engagement I made with Nellie under the Mistletoe."—*The Voice of Masonry.*

A Friend and a Brother.

It was half-past five o'clock one dreary November afternoon that in a little cottage on the Harrow road a woman was sitting, in widow's weeds, in the small library or study, and in great grief! Sundry articles of dress scattered here and there seemed to point to the fact that some event had taken place that day special and trying, inasmuch as they were all black. Two children—a boy and a girl—were sitting on stools by the fire, poor little things, with their arms interlaced, and their thin white faces and tearful eyes were very mournful accessories to the reality of that sombre little room.

The truth must be told! Poor Mrs. Hilton was a young widow who had buried her husband that day, cut off in the very prime of manhood, and rising yearly in the confidence of his employers. Humanly speaking, there is no doubt, had his life been spared, he would in another twelve months have been a partner in the house. But, alas! such are the ups and downs of life, its melancholy vicissitudes and its most trying scenes! When all seems progressing happily with us and ours, when the sky is serene, when no storm is apparently impending—in a moment comes one of those fitful gusts of human trouble (like as you may have seen on our English lakes) and bears us down, and swamps and capsize the little bark in which all our choicest cargo was consigned. Nothing is so sad for us to realize how many mourners abound amongst us; how many loving hearts are sobbing bitterly, while the sights of Vanity Fair glare out so boldly, and excitement, laughter and frivolity, pleasure and gaiety, hold, as it were, an hourly revel! I do not wish to colour my canvass too highly, but great are the contrasts of life, always wonderful, often inexplicable.

And thus was it with Mrs. Hilton. She had lost her husband after a short, sharp illness—a bad attack of typhoid fever, and she found herself, after some years of unmingled happiness (except for one drawback, to which I shall advert later), a lonely woman upon earth. The husband of her youth and love was gone! She should listen for his manly step, hear his cheery greeting no more. Ended for her here below were happy hours of domestic peace and affection, as theirs had been a most happy home, and with similar tastes and simple joys, theirs had been a real heart-union, crowned with the full and golden enjoyment of home affection and conjugal sympathy. She had nothing left her but her two bright children, Maggie and Harry, who had been a source of joy as well as delight to her husband and herself.

Here was, indeed, a dark time and a trying dispensation, but Mary Hilton had been well brought up, her religious principles were firmly fixed, and as she had been taught to believe that there is no cloud without a "silver lining," and that behind a "frowning Providence" the Most High "hides a smiling face," she had that consolation in her moments of heartfelt anguish and trying tribulation, when all seemed "against" her here, which never fails those, be they who they may or where they may, those true-servants of God—I mean who put their trust in Him.

The evening of the funeral, a sincere friend, Mrs. Marston, looked in for a few moments, and added her homely but sincere mite of sympathy to what is often even unavailing in its best form at such times—the loving condolence of those who, heart to heart and soul to soul, share our joys and sorrows, our bright days and our dark days here on earth!

As she left she said, "By the way, Mary, two friends of poor Harry have intimated a wish to see you to-morrow, as they have a little communication to make to you."

"Two friends of Harry," replied the poor widow. "What can they have to say to me? I cannot see them, or anyone else, at such a time, except my very dear friends."

And as she said this, she returned to her room sorrowing, for the thought suddenly supervened she had quarrelled with her own immediate relations on her marriage, and her friends were simply those of her husband, who had but few.

The next morning her husband's solicitor called, who came to tell her, which he did with much kindness, that he feared that there was but little to come to her.

"Your husband has left a will in your favour," he said, "of all he died possessed of, and has left you sole guardian of the children, but when the liabilities are paid which he incurred for his brother, whose affairs are very complicated, there will be nothing left for you but this house and furniture, which are, luckily, your own, and about sixty pounds a year. Some day, perhaps, we may get something from his brother's estate," he added, "but for the present, with the exception of a small balance at the bank, after the funeral expenses are paid, we can find nothing coming to you which will not be swept away by these demands, which, luckily for you, in one sense, your husband's savings will pay off and leave enough for all expenses. Indeed, I may have a small balance to hand over to you. But that is all."

Poor woman! what a sad reality was before her now; what an awakening from the bright anticipations and golden dreams of early hours of married happiness! For herself she cared little, but what were to become of her children, and children, too, of such promise?

And so the next day passed in sadly recurring and anxious thoughts for the future, which a few kind visits of her husband's relatives served somewhat to allay

and lessen. But one thing she did observe, which was this: though they were all full of present sympathy they none of them seemed to look on to the future, and those who did say anything seemed to assume that her husband had fully provided for her. They say "sorrow is selfish," but I have sometimes thought that condolence is often more selfish still, as that, ignoring the sufferer's position, it affects to pride itself on a Spartan virtue of resignation, which may be of stoic or philosophic school, but actually has little of true religion in it.

In the evening came a knock at the door, and Rhoda announced that "two gentlemen, Mr. Mitford and Mr. Petworth, wished to see Mrs. Hilton particularly, as very valued friends of her lamented husband."

The widow's first resolution was not to see them, but when Harry said, "Oh, Mr. Petworth is the gentleman who called to take our dear papa with him to lodge, a week before he was taken ill, Mrs. Hilton said at once, 'You are quite right, Harry, darling; I had completely forgotten that. Ask them to come in, Rhoda!'"

And soon after they were ushered in, with sympathy in their manner, and both in mourning, and the widow, without speaking, but with a wave of her hand, asked them, as it were, to sit down.

They were both men in the prime of life, well dressed, and most gentlemanly in deportment, and after casting a most kindly and beaming look on the two children, and speaking most deferentially to Mrs. Hilton, they thus began.

"Dear madam—or rather, dear sister, we should say, we have been deputed by the Lodge of Friendship, of which our lamented brother was an active and worthy member, to offer to you the expression of our heartfelt sorrow, and of our deep sympathy for your irreparable loss. We have also been desired—for our Lodge meeting took place after our respected brother's funeral—to offer to you some material assistance in this your time of great personal anxiety. Brother Lacon, your solicitor, has told us of your position, and the Lodge has requested us to say that it begs to offer you instant help, and will take upon itself the education of your two children, either in such way as you deem best, or by obtaining admission for them into our admirable Institutions. We do not wish to trespass upon your time and affliction." And after bowing to poor Mrs. Hilton gracefully, and shaking her hand warmly, they most kindly patted the poor little children's heads, who were sobbing out, and bowed themselves out of the room, leaving a small envelope on the table. When poor Mrs. Hilton had courage to open it she found a cheque for fifty pounds.

"Ah," she said, "Freemasonry, then, is a real thing. It seeks to assist the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to reverence God and love man."

But, as if the excitement was not to end that evening, shortly after, Rhoda entered and said "a lady wished to see Mrs. Hilton."

"A lady," said the widow, who was now crying too; "what lady?"

"She would not give her name, ma'am," said Rhoda, "but she is a lady, and in a carriage."

"Let her come in," said Mrs. Hilton.

"Yes, I will come in, Mary," said a clear voice, not without, however, a little tremble, hearing which poor Mrs. Hilton turned pale and stood still. "I am your aunt Mary, after whom you were called. Poor dear Mary, and these are your children;" and taking them in her arms she kissed them warmly, and then kissed Mary Hilton herself. "When we last met, my dear," she said, "you and I did not agree about your marriage, and we have never met since. But, hearing of your great affliction, and feeling that I may, after all, have been wrong, I have come to offer to you again my home and my heart, and I am only very sorry now that I have not been able to come to you before. I have, as you know, no children. I shall adopt yours."

What a change in a few short moments! Wonderful are the ways of Providence! Need my readers be told that poor Mary's troubles soon ended as far as earthly anxiety was concerned. Her sadness and her separation from one she loved and cherished have never left her.

To day, when she is peaceably prosperous in her old house again, when her boy is doing well at the University and her daughter is the ornament of the household and the pride of her good old aunt and herself, she often talks gratefully of that true fraternity of Masonry which did not forget a brother's widow in her dire grief and need, and she truly believes both in the mission and reality, the good and need of Freemasonry. A splendid "loving cup" graces the board of that good Lodge of Friendship, which had not lost sight of the golden rule, to practise what it professed!

Clarissa.

By A YOUNG MAN AND MASON.

I AM a young man and a young Mason, and I do not quite see why I should not have my say, especially in the Christmas *Freemason*, the more so, as I am told Brother Kenning wants a tale or two, and the stories I see in the *Freemason* and *Magazine*—when I do see them—are generally written by old men—a little too old for my taste and my money!

I made a joke at the Griffin Club, which I think I ought to put down first of all. Brother Pattle, of the "Iber" Lodge, was saying that Brother Kenning wanted some tales. "Ah, then," I said, instantly, "he will be a Bashaw not of three tails, but of many tales." Wasn't it good?

I said before I was a young man. Well, I know a young woman; she is my "particular mate," and her name is Clarissa. It is an odd name, but she had an aunt, a sentimental old maid, who had read "Clarissa Harlowe" (a story which I have never read), and so had that good looking and agreeable party called Clarissa. I call her Clary—she is so jolly. But the truth is, like all our young women, she knows such a lot! She's always talking of things I never heard of! She reads all sorts of books, and is quite "easy" with professors and all that sort of people. But I am always in awe of a professor. I once went up for the army, and I got "spun" by a Professor of something, so I have always gone in against professors ever since. Only think, he asked me to spell Constantinople! How could a "fellow" be expected to spell Constantinople?

But to return to Clarissa. Clarissa and I are going to marry some day, only just at present my governor won't give us enough to live upon! He says that we ought to live on much less than Clarissa says is necessary for two people to get on with. Clarissa says that it is nonsense to expect people to eat cold meat, even with salad; it's only a make-shift.

The governor says, when he married they used to have cold meat and salad continually.

Clarissa says she must have a nice little house.

The governor says that we must wait.

And we do wait.

But as Clarissa remarked the other day, "It's awfully slow waiting."

Clarissa's an awfully clever girl. I think she is just one of the best looking girls you ever saw; and then she is so cheery—nothing puts her out. She got thrown in the park the other day, and all she said was "I hope my back hair did not come down."

Fancy my feelings when I saw her thrown in Rotten Row. But the worst of it all was that a young man I don't like, and she does, was the first to help her up—and she was so civil to him. I did not get over it for several days!

I sometimes begin to think that, perhaps, it is as well that we don't marry. Marriage is a great lottery, it's a heavy trial; and then women's tempers are so uncertain! On the whole, I think one is just as well unmarried; indeed, I think, you cut yourself out of a good many things when you do get married. So I said to Clarissa the other other day—

"Heigho!" I said, "I wonder if we ever shall get married?"

"Oh," she replied, as quick as lightning, "Don't you want to get married?"

"Well," I said, "I don't see any chance just yet."

"Very well, sir," she said, "then it's all off between us."

You'll hardly believe it, that the very next day I heard at the Griffin Club that she had been "going on" for three weeks with the young man who had picked her up in the park.

What was I to do? So I consulted my friends and made up my mind to have it out with her.

So I went to tea.

(N.B.—If you want to have a row with your "engaged," always have it at tea; you don't spoil your dinner.)

She was looking uncommonly well, and she was so wonderfully "got up." And lo! and behold! there was that fellow who picked her up in the park close to her chair. So I pretended not to see him, but I commenced a tremendous flirtation with a girl I knew she disliked very much. That brought her to! The moment she saw that it was too much for her feelings; as she said afterwards, "she could stand anything but repulsion."

We made it up that evening, and, dear editor, we are going to be married the week before Christmas, and I will send you a bit of our wedding cake.

It's a beautiful affair—with two doves, all white sugar, pecking hard at each other. Is this typical of our married life? I hope not. Adieu. Ta, ta, dear boy.

How I Proposed to Matilda Moggs.

By THEOPHILUS TOMLINSON.

I AM a very old boy now, or else I should hardly dare to tell this "over true tale" in even Brother Kenning's Christmas *Freemason*. Indeed, I have been rather induced to narrate it by a persuasive "plant" on the part of my friend Pilkington, W.M. of the "Amphibious," that famous lodge which delighteth in "Fish Dinners" and "Roederer."

He said to me the other day, "Tomlinson, I know you can write. Don't I remember that touching lecture you gave on the 'Pros and Cons of Matrimony,' which had this great effect, it pleased the women and the men equally. Oh, astute Tomlinson! Brother Kenning wants a story for his Christmas *Freemason*, and, as I

said to him the other day, 'You know, my dear boy, the man who can write the story for you;' and the same is yourself, most erudite Theophilus." Thus adjured, as the great Roman poet hath it, I plunged in "mediis res," and have written out this little domestic legend of the past for the Christmas *Freemason*.

As I remarked before, I am now an old boy—I may add, a very old boy—that is to say, I eschew late hours and moonlight walks. As *Præd* sung of old:—

"I never wish to raise a veil,
I never raise a sigh,
I never tell a tender tale,
I never tell a lie;
I never wander forth alone
Upon the mountain's brow;
I weighed last winter seventeen stone—
I'm not a lover now."

No, the sympathies and fears of old age are now mine in fruition and perfection, and that is why I think I am safe in telling the story which follows these introductory lines.

Matilda Moggs was the only daughter of my much-esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. Moggs. What "old Moggs," as he was irreverently called, had been I never knew, nor did I know any one who did. He was in some respects as mysterious as the Sphinx, as inscrutable as Junius, as dark as the man in the Iron Mask. He talked of everything, and knew most things well. He was quite an authority on "Stocks," and "Shares," and "Limited Companies," and "Co-operative Stores"; on plays and operas, on the "French Actors" and the English stage; and, above all, he was most knowing on wine, coals, and cigars! Whether he had been a "T. G.," or a "commission agent"; whether he was a prosperous stockbroker or a retired millionaire; whether he had much money in mines and minerals, oil and tobacco, spelter or corn, long cloths or short clothes, was a complete enigma. To say the truth, it mattered little to me then, and it matters little, I fancy, to you, kind readers, to-day.

He kept a good house and a better table. He was famous for his judicious entrées and his good wine. Mrs. Moggs was always smiling. He was always entertaining. And then—and then—there was Matilda, the charm of Woodbury Lodge for many a long day, and the cynosure of numerous anxious young men, who mixed up their admiration of Matilda, without much loss to their peace of mind, with intense anxiety about her prospects, and what the old boy meant to "settle" upon her.

In those days, when I was slim, active, and well dressed, and my tailor regarded my waist with complacency, and not as now, when he says, sadly, with a perceptible rise of his eyebrows, "forty-two three-quarters," I was a neighbour of the Moggses, always well received by the old people, and a great friend of Matilda's.

She called me her "dear friend," and wrote to me as her "dear friend," and was, in all respects, most artless, sympathetic, and confiding! And, to say the truth, Matilda was a very pretty girl in those days. I fancy now that she is a fat, comfortable, unsentimental-looking middle-aged (elderly?) female, who likes a good dinner, and has always, when she goes to bed at night, a glass of warm—well, "capillaire and water!"

"But then, oh then! and memory rises up before me," sighing and suing," so to say, I was (as I believed) the favoured suitor as well as the "dear friend" at Woodbury Lodge. I always sat near to Matilda; she always had a "sotto voce" speech, a kind glance, and a warm pressure of the hand for me, and I was basking, as Swinburne says in one of his fine classical ballads, on the

"Roseate sea and sunbeam of hope."

I think it is where he describes Venus rising in diluted attire from the sea. Venus Anadyome—Venus without much clothes—"ana," without; "dyomene," clothes. So I thought it all very pleasant, and, like a contented philosopher, smiled serenely on the scene.

No doubt it is sometimes difficult to know what a woman really means. A German courier I once met used to say "dat de most difficult matter he had ever to do wid in life, was to know wat was de real minds of de womans." For, as he used to put it, "you see, mein herr, de woman's naturally artful, and she never will exactly tell you wat she wants and wat she tinks. De woman like de little mysteries, and whenever she has to decide between two or three gentlemen, she very often does not care for any one of dem, but will take up wit a fourth."

The axiom of that travelled Confucius I found to be true as regarded my own Matilda. I had seen numerous young heroes pay attention to the "heiress," as she was called, without fear and without emotion.

But all of a sudden, one evening I found that a change "had come o'er the spirit of my pleasing dream."

I walked up to Woodbury Lodge, as was my wont, and when announced by old Timmins, the butler, with his customary suavity of reception, found that for once Matilda was cold and retiring. I soon perceived the reason of the change.

For some time past, a youth named "Podbury" had been a frequent visitor at the Moggses. He was a rising young solicitor, and had some amusing qualifications for a party, among others, that of conjuring. I had heard my Matilda laugh at bad puns and Joe Miller's jests. I had seen her interested in second-hand performances of Herr Herbyhisky's legerdemain, but I had said to myself, Matilda is young; Matilda is gay; Matilda is thoughtless; but how can

she prefer the monkey-like tricks and insane jests of a seventh-rate Joe Miller to the conversation of a man of mind? But to-night Matilda was literally living on Poddy's words and tricks, so we called him. She seemed to have no eyes nor ears for anything or anyone else.

Mrs. Moggs, kind soul, had a few words of comfort for me. Old Moggs said something sarcastically (his wife was not near) of woman's fickleness and folly. But I remember well leaving Woodbury Lodge sad and savage, disgusted with womankind in general, and Matilda Moggs in particular, and rather wishing that football was in season, and that I might, as the captain, be heading the rush against the elate and elastic Podbury.

So, turning the idea in my mind, I determined to "clinch" it by proposing to Matilda herself forthwith, and asking her to be mine and only mine, and so cut out the prematurely confident representative of an uncurrent six and eightpence.

Accordingly, the next morning, dressing myself with great care, and, I may say, greater taste, I wended on my way to Woodbury Lodge. Admitted by old Timmins, with a sort of grin on his face—which I did not then understand—I was ushered into the drawing room, where I only found Mrs. Moggs. Whether it was that that good old dame had any suspicion of my unexpected appearance, or of my "get up," I knew not, but, after her usual hearty greeting, and saying that Matilda was in the conservatory, she sidled out of the room. Accordingly, I made for the conservatory, where I found Matilda, in a most becoming dress and a broad straw hat, tending her camellias with the greatest grace and solicitude. From the smile with which she greeted me I might have guessed, donkey that I was, what her response would be. But then, kind readers, men in love are always donkeys, that is, more or less. And so, after a little preliminary chatter, I came to the point nearest to my heart.

I fear that I did not say it properly or with due effect, or as it should be said, for Matilda only laughed and said, "Oh, Mr. Tomlinson, I never thought you cared for me" (and cruelest cut of all) "or thought of such things. I always supposed that as you said you were not a marrying man, and were merely my friend—my dear friend; and, if nothing else prevented me accepting your too flattering offer, I may as well tell you, in confidence, that I accepted Mr. Podbury's offer last evening, and my father and mother have given their approval." Mrs. Moggs used to say her Matilda was "all soul." I think my readers will agree that my Matilda was "all candour;" and though it was humiliating to be circumvented by Podbury, I had nothing to do but to look amiable, speak sweetly, and beat a retreat.

I need hardly continue this personally depressing narrative, nor would my readers wish me to add to the "anguish of my soul," or revive for a worthy brother Mason these painful memories of the past from the dusty recesses of his scriptore. It is but fair to add that since that time I have had several "fair friends," who took my advice and presents, but always threw me over at the last, and that I am still a dull and crabbed old bachelor, whose last idea is to advertise for a "domestic sewing machine."

When I saw old Moggs, he told me so different a story that I think it well to record it here, "truth" being one of those Masonic attributes for which Freemasons are always famous. I dined with him a few days after the interesting episode I have so fully detailed, when Matilda had gone on a visit to a maiden aunt of her Walter's, from whom he (sordid wretch) had "expectations."

"You see," said old Moggs to me confidentially, when we two were "in camerâ" alone and cheery, "Podbury dined the evening before you came, and he drank a lot of Roederer, 'Simpkin,' as my cousin from India calls it. You know, or at least there is no use concealing it now, he has been 'very bad' about Matilda for some time. He says, and she says, and the old girl says, it was 'love at first sight.' I don't believe it a bit. Old Podbury is a queer old fife, and has a keen eye for himself, for, you will hardly believe it, we had scarcely been three minutes together in private conclave, when he asked me what I was going to settle on Matilda. But never mind that" (my old friend used to wander a little in his conversation), "the fact is young Podbury 'popped the question' that very night in the conservatory." Here I started, and here the old rascal's face got red with laughter. "They tell me, Tomlinson, he was in the conservatory when you proposed, and heard all you said."

My readers will enter into my feelings. But as my friend offered me a glass of 1820 port—I was able to drink port in those days—I thought it better to treat the whole matter as a dignified philosopher.

And so I replied, assuming a very stately air and attitude, "Ah, well, Moggs, there is no promising how these affairs turn out. I admired your charming daughter deeply, and I am anxious to maintain a close connection with my old friends, but, as Horace has it, 'Sic fata non voluerunt,' and it is not to be. Let us still remain friends, and may Mr. and Mrs. Podbury be happy. Let us drink their health, and may you live to see the 'olive branches round about your table.'"

Could I say less, oh sympathetic young man? and could I say more, oh tender-hearted young woman?

I feel here that I shall rise in the opinion of my readers by my candid avowals and my explanatory peroration.

And if I be still unmarried, what then? As the old German courier used to say, "you never quite know what a womans is, or what a womans will be."

The Yule Log and the Christmas Tree.

THE YULE LOG.



Are sitting round the fire, dear hearts, all true and kind,
The friends we love are with us, though some are left behind;
And as the yule log flickers and its ashes flick and fade,
We feel the havoc in our ranks old Time has surely made.

But let us still be happy, and let us hope and trust
That those we miss so deeply, whose bright memories never rust,
Are in all rest and peace, while we in happiness to-day
Are marching on our journey and passing on our way;
And then the sparkling Yule Log can clearly tell us all
Of tender love and truth mid the trials which befall.

And all those scenes and mysteries which make up our short career
Still serve to call to memory kind the absent and the dear.

Oh! Yule Log of the heart, we welcome thee once more,
As hope grows dim, and friends are gone, and life grows older evermore.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

What sounds are those which greet my ear?
What are those shouts of joy,
Which nerve, in accents full and clear,
To make me once more a boy?
Why, 'mid that blaze of startling light,
And 'mid those shouts of youth,
And 'mid those fairies fair and bright,
I am young again in good truth.

Oh, Maggie, Minnie, Polly,
Bright Effie, Jane, and Fan;
Oh laughing Susie, Eva, Molly,
Gertrude and Mary Ann!
What mean you by your winning ways?
What want you with your eyes?
This scene recalls some happy days,
Soft visions,—How time flies!

And oh, you cheery heroes;
And oh, you happy boys;
What happy thoughts King Christmas throws
Over your radiant joys.
For yours are gifts of gladness,
And as if echoing from above,
Banished all care and sadness,
Yours is the revelry of love.

May all happiness attend you
In the year which lies before;
May nought of evil harm you,
In to-morrow's evermore.
But like as now you gather round,
In joy your Christmas Tree,
May all of happiness abound,
Dear child, for thine and thee.

A Student's Gal.

By SAVARICUS.

IN the days of Burke and Hare, resurrection men and tales of their doings were prevalent. London, we all know has grown very considerably during the last fifty years. Within this period what I am going to relate occurred.

In a village on the borders of Epping Forest, close to the highway, exactly opposite to the churchyard, were two small cottages. Each cottage was occupied by a man. The two men were seldom seen by day, and then only when driving a fast trotting black nag, well harnessed to a lightly-built market cart. These men were apparently always together, and oh! such men, rough spoken, shaggy looking, of surly mien.

One night, if any person had been on the look out, the horse and cart with three persons in it might have been seen leaving the back of the cottages and making its way to the high road, where it was driven towards London. After half an hour's hard driving it was brought up in front of a roadside inn at Stratford. Two of the men alighted, leaving the third, who occupied the middle of the seat-board.

The two men who alighted, after looking about in all directions, went into the public-house, evidently for the purpose of getting a "refresher," which, in this case, meant ardent spirits. Whilst they were absent a passer-by saluted the individual seated in the cart with the usual "good night." Receiving no answer, he turned his head and spoke again; a light streaming through a hole in the window shutters of the house shone on the face of him in the cart, and this face was so pallid—deadly-white, death-like, that the passer-by

was fain to stop and ask the owner of it if he was ill, saying, "Are you ill, sir." Receiving no reply, he stepped nearer, and repeated his question; still getting no answer he ventured to get on the step of the cart. One glance revealed the truth; it was a dead body dressed as a man, and fastened to the seat in a sitting position. "The resurrection men," he muttered, and forthwith got into the cart, cut the cords, and removed the body, placing it at the side of the house. Then he removed the top coat from it, put it on himself, and took up the body's position in the cart.

The men very soon made their appearance, and looking to the right and left, one said to the other, "All right, Jack," to which the other responded "All right." The one addressed as "Jack" went to the off-side, and got into the cart taking the reins, the other got up at the near side.

The trio were comfortably jogging along, when the supposed body fell slightly, but stiffly, on one side against the man who was not driving. He jerked it up with his shoulder, and then it (the body) went over to the other side and leant against the driver. He very roughly jerked it back, and it fell rather heavily against the other man, who, in a quaking kind of way, stammered out, "Jack, I'm ble-e-est, if this fellow ain't warm."

The assumed dead man replied, in a voice most sepulchral, "Yes, and so would you be, if you had come from where I have."

Almost before the sentence was finished the daring body-snatchers jumped clean out of the cart; and the presumably resuscitated man took up the reins and drove off. The horse and cart were not claimed.

Not many years ago the occupants of the cottages had occasion to remove the floorings, and there, sure enough, beneath were human bones plentifully strewed about. The custom of these resurrectionists had been to wait and watch for interments; then crossing the road at the dead of night they proceeded to the new-made grave, disinterred the body, and concealed it in the cottage cellars. The next thing to do was to successfully convey it to a London hospital or anatomist's dissecting room. The facts made known by this short tale will tell the reader of one of the methods adopted, and how it terminated.

MARK MASONS.—Those entrusted with the restorations of St. Mark's, Venice?

"John, did you find any eggs in the hen's nest this morning?" "No, sir; if the old hen laid any she has mislaid them."

DOGERRY, (*City Press*), understands that a good-looking man is hired to stand at the entrance to a much vaunted spirit store in the City, and smack his lips violently at intervals. It must be very dry work.

"Is this Trafalgar-square?" asked a gentleman up for the day, with his wife on his arm. "Yes." "And was it here," inquired the wife, "where the Battle of Trafalgar was fought?" This is a positive fact.—*May-fair*.

ON a certain American railroad, a young man put his head out of the carriage window to kiss his girl good-bye, when the train went ahead so rapidly that he kissed an aged African female at the next station. This is supposed to be the fastest time ever made on a railway train.

A SACRAMENTO lawyer remarked to the court: "It is my candid opinion, Judge, that you are an old fool." The judge allowed his mildly beaming eye to fall upon the lawyer a brief moment, then, in a voice husky with suppressed emotion, said: "It is my candid opinion you are fined \$100."

AN ubiquitous reporter rushed into the sanctum recently and breathlessly exclaimed, "I've just seen something that I never saw before, and, alas! shall never see again!" He spoke sadly, and the moisture of a tear began to glisten on his cheek. "What is it?" we exclaimed; "whence! why! speak!" "Ah, boys," he said, "I've seen the first of December, 1879." He has taken his hat home for repairs.

A YOUNG lady was sitting with a gallant Captain in a charmingly decorated recess. On her knee was a diminutive niece. In the adjoining room, with the door open, were the rest of the company. Said the little niece, in a jealous and very audible voice, "Auntie, kiss me too." Evidently something bad just happened. "You should say twice, Ethel, dear; two is not grammar," was the immediate rejoinder.

POPULAR FAVOUR.—How Colorow, the Ute chief, leading in the present war, came to be deposed and superseded is thus explained. Colorow, enraged at something, came to Governor M'Cook's office, presented a revolver, and said, "M'Cook liar!" The Governor went on writing. "M'Cook—liar!" said Colorow. M'Cook continued to write. "M'Cook—liar!" shouted the chief. M'Cook would not look at him. By this time Colorow had concluded that there was no fight in the Governor, and allowed the hand holding the revolver to drop to his side. The move was a fatal one. In an instant M'Cook seized his wrist, knocked the weapon away from him, and, catching the astonished Indian by the neck, kicked him downstairs and out into the street, where there were a number of Utes standing about. With great tact M'Cook pointed to the prostrate and humiliated form of Colorow, and, turning to the Utes, said: "No man to lead braves. Colorow an old woman. Get a man for a chief." Then, turning on his heel, he walked upstairs. The next day the mortified Utes deposed Colorow.—*New York Tribune*.

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